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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 9 OCTOBER, 1883.

1. OPENING OF THE SESSION:—The House met at Twelve o'clock, at noon, pursuant to a Proclamation of His Excellency the Governor, bearing date the tenth day of September, 1883.

Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

The Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, read a copy of the said Proclamation, as follows:—

"NEW SOUTH WALES, } Proclamation by His Excellency The Right Honorable LORD AUGUSTUS
"to wit. } WILLIAM FREDERICK SPENCER LOFTUS, Knight Grand Cross of
"(L.S.) } the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, a Member of Her Majesty's
"AUGUSTUS LOFTUS, } Most Honorable Privy Council, Governor and Commander-in-Chief
"Governor. } of the Colony of New South Wales and its Dependencies.

"WHEREAS the Parliament of New South Wales now stands prorogued to Tuesday, the eighteenth day of September instant: Now I, LORD AUGUSTUS WILLIAM FREDERICK SPENCER LOFTUS, in pursuance of the power and authority in me vested as Governor of the said Colony, do hereby further prorogue the said Parliament to Tuesday, the ninth day of October now next ensuing: And I do hereby further announce and proclaim that the said Parliament shall assemble for the despatch of business on the aforesaid ninth day of October next, at twelve o'clock at noon, in the buildings known as the Council Chambers, situate in Macquarie-street, in the City of Sydney: And the Members of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly, respectively, are hereby required to give their attendance at the said time and place accordingly.

"Given under my Hand and Seal, at Government House, Sydney, this tenth day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-three, and in the forty-seventh year of Her Majesty's Reign.

"By His Excellency's Command,
ALEX. STUART.

"GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!"

2. ELECTORATE OF PADDINGTON:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that upon the passing of a Resolution during the late Session declaring the Seat of William Joseph Trickett, Esquire, a Member for Paddington, vacant, he had issued a Writ for the election of a Member to serve in the room of Mr. Trickett; and that such Writ had been duly returned with a certificate endorsed thereon by the Returning Officer of the election of William Joseph Trickett, Esquire.

Mr. Trickett then, having taken and subscribed the Oath, and signed the Roll of the House, took his Seat as a Member for Paddington.

3. ELECTORATE OF THE GLEBE:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that during the recess Sir Wigram Allon had resigned his Seat as Member for The Glebe, and that, in accordance with the direction of the 17th section of the Electoral Act of 1880, he had issued a Writ for the election of a Member to serve in the room of Sir Wigram Allon, and that such Writ had been duly returned with a certificate endorsed thereon by the Returning Officer of the election of Michael Chapman, Esquire.

Mr. Chapman then, having taken and subscribed the Oath, and signed the Roll of the House, took his Seat as Member for The Glebe.

4. TRAMWAYS DECLARATORY BILL:—Mr. Speaker acquainted the House that during the recess he had received the following Message from His Excellency the Governor:—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS
Governor.

Message No. 1.

A Bill, intituled "An Act to declare legal the employment of Steam-motors on Tramways constructed worked or maintained in pursuance of the Tramways Extension Act 1880,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal

Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

*Government House,
Sydney, 2nd June, 1883.*

5. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR:—The Usher of the Black Rod being admitted, delivered the following Message:—

“ MR. SPEAKER,

“ It is the pleasure of the Governor that this Honorable House do attend His Excellency “ immediately in the Legislative Council Chamber.”

The House went, and being returned, adjourned, on motion of Mr. Stuart, at twenty-eight minutes before One o'clock, until Four o'clock This Day.

The House resumed, pursuant to adjournment.

6. PAPERS:—

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table.—Abstracts of the Public Accounts of the Colony for the year 1882, together with the Auditor General's report thereon,—transmitted to the Legislative Assembly in accordance with the provisions of the 38th section of the Audit Act.
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Stuart laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Blue Book for the year 1882.
 - (2.) Report from the Agent for Immigration for the year 1882.
 - (3.) Annual Report from the Inspector General of the Insane for 1882.
 - (4.) Report from the Inspector of Public Charities for the year 1882.
 - (5.) Returns under the Real Property Act for 1882.
 - (6.) Return to an Order made on 13th February, 1883,—“ Works of Art purchased by the Parkes Government.”
 - (7.) Further Return to an Address adopted on 6th July, 1877,—“ Immigration”—Ships ‘ Allanshaw,’ ‘ Cardigan Castle,’ ‘ Lochec,’ ‘ Samuel Plimsoll,’ ‘ Illawarra,’ ‘ Assaye,’ ‘ Ellora.’
 - (8.) Regulations under the Fisheries Act, 1881, and Fisheries Act Amendment Act, 1883.
 - (9.) Regulations under the Volunteer Force Regulation Act of 1867.
 - (10.) By-laws under the Public Vehicles Regulation Act of 1873.
 - (11.) By-laws under the Municipalities Act of 1867,—
For the Borough of Waverley.
For the Borough of Petersham—additional.
For the Municipal District of Wentworth—amended.
For the Borough of Marrickville—amended.
For the Borough of Redfern.
For the Borough of Newcastle.
For the Borough of Young.
For the Borough of West Maitland.
For the Municipal District of Balranald.
 - (12.) By-laws under the Nuisances Prevention Act, 1875, for the Borough of Marrickville.
 - (13.) Twenty-seventh Annual Report from the Registrar General on Vital Statistics.
 - (14.) Statistical Register of the Colony of New South Wales for the year 1882. Parts 1, 2, 3, and 4.
 - (15.) Correspondence respecting Hospital Accommodation, and Position, for the City of Sydney.
- Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return to an Order made on 1st May, 1883,—“ Board of Health.”
 - (2.) Return to an Order made on 24th April, 1883,—“ Clothing for the Volunteer Force.”
 - (3.) Despatch respecting Tonnage Measurement of Italian Vessels.
 - (4.) Despatch respecting Agreement between the British and Italian Governments for the mutual relief of Distressed Seamen.
 - (5.) Despatch respecting exemption of Danish Steam Vessels from re-measurement.
 - (6.) General Abstracts of Bank Liabilities and Assets for the Quarters ended 31st March and 30th June, 1883.
 - (7.) Duty on Chocolate Dragees or Drops, and Chocolate Sticks.
 - (8.) Duty on Bacon—green, undried, or in brine.
- Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Wright laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return to an Order made on 12th April, 1883,—“ Expenditure on Harbours and Rivers.”
- (2.) Report by the Commissioner for Railways on the Railways and Tramways of New South Wales for the year 1882.
- (3.) Return to an Order made on 14th February, 1883,—“ Mr. John Fowler, C.E.”
- (4.) Return showing the amount paid by the Government during the years 1880-81-82 and 1883, on account of the Railway Department, to Wright, Heaton, & Co.
- (5.) Return to an Order made on 6th February, 1883,—“ Tramways.”
- (6.) Return to an Order made on 13th February, 1883,—“ Murrumburrah-Blayney Railway.”
- (7.) Return to an Order made on 16th February, 1883,—“ Tram-cars.”

- (8.) Notifications of resumption of Land under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act,—
 For carrying out certain Works on the road to Brown's Creek Mine.
 For a Post and Telegraph Office at Paterson.
 For Works in connection with the General Post Office, Sydney.
 For a Post and Telegraph Office at Waverley.
 For Works in connection with the Water Supply to the City of Sydney and its Suburbs (3).
 For Works in connection with a Supply of Water to the Town of Wagga Wagga.
 For Works in connection with a Supply of Water to the City of Goulburn.
- (9.) Reports of Surveyors Melrose and Miller on proposed Railway Lines from Culcairn to Germanton and Tumberumba, and from Culcairn (or Gerogery) to Corowa.
 Ordered to be printed.
- (10.) Further Return to an Order made on 19th July, 1881,—“ Reports of Railway Trial Surveyors.”

Mr. Cohen laid upon the Table.—

- (1.) Report on Prisons for the year 1882.
 - (2.) Rules and Regulations under the Matrimonial Causes Act.
 - (3.) Rules of the Supreme Court. (2)
 - (4.) Consolidated Standing Rules of the Supreme Court in Equity.
 - (5.) Despatch transmitting Extract from the *London Gazette* containing an Order in Council for giving effect to Article 4 of the Treaty between Great Britain and Tonga.
 - (6.) Despatch transmitting copy of a Letter from the Foreign Office, enclosing an Order of Her Majesty in Council for giving effect to the Treaty between the United Kingdom and the Republic of Salvador for the mutual surrender of Fugitive Criminals.
- Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Trickett laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return respecting Appointments in Postal and Telegraph Departments.
 - (2.) Correspondence respecting Postal Contract with the Orient Steam Navigation Company.
 - (3.) Agreement for regulating the Postal Relations between (1) France and her Colonies, and (2) Australia, New Zealand and Tasmania, by means of English and French Packets.
- Ordered to be printed.

7. **LAW OF LIBEL AND CONTEMPT OF COURT**:—The undermentioned Petitions praying for an amendment of the Law of Libel and the Practice concerning Contempt of Court, were presented by the Members named:—
- (1.) By Mr. Melville. From the Mayor of Plattsburg, as Chairman of a combined Public Meeting of the Citizens of the Boroughs of Wallsend and Plattsburg, held in the School of Arts, Wallsend.
 - (2.) By Mr. Cameron. From the Mayor of Sydney, as Chairman of a Public Meeting of the Citizens, held in the Town Hall, Sydney.
 - (3.) By Mr. Day. From the Mayor of Albury, as Chairman of a Public Meeting of the Ratepayers, held at the Exchange Hall, Albury.
- Petitions received.
8. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Sir John Robertson moved, That this House do now adjourn.
 Question put and negatived.
9. **DUBBO GAS COMPANY'S INCORPORATION BILL**:—Mr. Cass presented a Petition from the Trustees and Directors of the Dubbo Gas Company (Limited), praying for leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the Dubbo Gas Company (Limited) and to enable the said Dubbo Gas Company (Limited) to construct Gas-works within the town of Dubbo.
 And Mr. Cass having produced the *Government Gazette* and the *Sydney Morning Herald* and *Dubbo Dispatch* newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
 Petition received.
10. **ORDNANCE LANDS TRANSFER BILL**:—Mr. Stuart presented a Bill, intituled “ *A Bill for confirming the transfer to the Secretary of War in England from the Principal Officers of Ordnance there of certain Lands in New South Wales and for amending the Ordnance Land Act of Council 1840,*”—which was read a first time *pro forma*.
11. **THE GOVERNOR'S OPENING SPEECH**:—Mr. Speaker reported that the House had this day attended the Governor in the Legislative Council Chamber, when his Excellency was pleased to deliver an Opening Speech to both Houses of Parliament, of which, for greater accuracy, he had obtained a copy,—which he read to the House, as follows:—

HONORABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,
 AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,—

1. Important matters of administration which have occupied the time and attention of Ministers, the necessity which arose for calling Parliament together on an urgent occasion, and the consideration of the measures which are to be presented to you, have somewhat prolonged the recess, from which, however, it may be hoped that no public inconvenience has arisen.

2. A Bill for regulating the Sale and Occupation of the Public Lands will be at once submitted to you. It is a measure of such magnitude and importance that it cannot fail to engage, and I feel sure it will receive, your most serious consideration.

3. Immediately after the passing of the Inscribed Stock Act in March last, the necessary steps were taken for bringing its provisions into operation; and instructions were forwarded to London for the inscription of the Two Million Debenture Loan of 1882, in fulfilment of the promise made by the Government at the time that Loan was negotiated. It is gratifying to know that, on the public announcement in England that the Debentures could be exchanged at par into Inscribed Stock, their price immediately advanced in the market, thus clearly establishing the value placed

placed upon securities of this nature by the leading classes in Great Britain. Information has been received that a large portion of this Loan has been already inscribed on the books of the Bank of England.

4. I have also the satisfaction to inform you that, notwithstanding certain extremely unfavourable circumstances at the period when the operation was conducted, the Three Million Loan recently placed upon the London money market has been favourably received in financial circles.

5. You will be pleased to hear that the Act which was passed during last Session for the suppression of the Rabbit Pest has been already productive of beneficial results. It is satisfactory to learn that the owners of infected lands are furnishing valuable assistance to the Government in carrying out the provisions of the Act.

6. An arrangement, which you will be invited to confirm, has been made with the Orient Steam Shipping Company, by means of which increased facilities for mail communication with Europe on favourable terms and without any fixed subsidy have been secured. Arrangements have also been made with the same Company for carrying out the Immigration Service on beneficial terms, and with the double advantage to the immigrants of increased comfort and a shortened voyage.

7. Among the important measures to be submitted for your consideration will be Bills for the amendment of the Law as to Contempt of Court and as to Defamatory Words and Libel; a Bill for conferring powers of Local Government; a Bill for regulating the Civil Service; a Bill for certain alterations which have been rendered necessary in the Postal Laws; a Bill for the amendment of the Law of Bankruptcy; and Bills for various other purposes.

GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,—

8. The Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure will be laid upon the Table, and the financial condition of the Colony will be explained to you at the earliest possible period.

HONORABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,
AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,—

9. An invitation having been forwarded to my Government to take part in a Conference of Representatives of all the Colonies on the two great questions of Annexation and Federation, it has been agreed that the Conference shall be held in this city, towards the end of November. My Advisers are deeply impressed with the importance of discussing these questions in such a spirit as will conduce to the future welfare and greatness of the Colonies, and preserve unimpaired our relations with the rest of the Empire.

10. The liberal provision made for the various Public Works throughout the Colony is in course of active expenditure. The drought which has prevailed in those parts of the Colony where tanks and wells are much needed has occasioned some difficulties in procuring tenders for their construction, but the works of the greater number for which provision was made are now in progress, and tenders have been invited for most of the others. The Metropolitan Sewerage Works are being vigorously prosecuted; and the sewerage works of other parts of the Colony are being made the subject of surveys and reports.

11. The new lines of Railway which have received the sanction of Parliament are in course of construction. Since the close of the Session a further extension of the Western line to a point within 125 miles of Bourke has been opened for traffic; and the line, small in extent but of essential importance, which unites the Railway Systems of New South Wales and Victoria, has been lately opened, and is in active operation.

12. In addition to the 1,320 miles of Railway already opened for traffic, there are 548 miles in course of construction, in directions which have been fixed upon for the purpose of increasing the trade of the interior and developing the varied resources of the Colony. About 300 miles of these extensions will be completed and opened for traffic before the close of next year.

13. With the object of connecting all the principal centres of population with our Railway system, a large number of trial surveys have been directed for the construction of light railways to act as feeders to the main lines.

14. Earnest efforts are being made to keep pace with the rapidly growing educational requirements of the country. Difficulties in the way of the establishment of small schools in remote localities have been removed, and the provisions made in the Public Schools Act for the opening of High Schools to complete the curriculum of the Primary Schools, and to prepare students for the University, have been brought into operation. It is hoped that this means of higher education will speedily be extended to all the leading towns of the Colony. The propriety of establishing a comprehensive State system of Technical Education, for the improvement of the industrial youth of the country of all classes in those branches of practical knowledge which relate to their callings in life, has engaged the serious consideration of the Government. A Board of Technical Education has been appointed, and I trust their labours in this truly national undertaking will be rewarded by an abundant measure of success.

15. In commending to your serious consideration the important questions which will be immediately submitted to you, I humbly trust that the blessing of Almighty God may so attend and direct your counsels that your labours may be fruitful of lasting benefit to the community.

Mr. Humphery then moved, and Mr. Melville seconded the Motion,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to prepare an Address in reply to the Speech delivered by His Excellency the Governor on opening this Session of the Parliament of New South Wales.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Gorriek, Mr. Griffiths, Mr. Heydon, Mr. Merriman, Mr. Poole, Mr. Stuart, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

And the Committee retired to prepare the Address.

And

And Mr. Humphery having brought up the Address prepared by the Committee, the same was read by the Clerk, by the direction of Mr. Speaker, as follows :—

To His Excellency the Right Honorable LORD AUGUSTUS WILLIAM FREDERICK SPENCER LOFTUS, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, a Member of Her Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of New South Wales and its Dependencies.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

We, Her Majesty's most loyal and dutiful subjects, Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, in Parliament assembled, desire to express our thanks for your Excellency's Speech, and to assure you of our deep and unfeigned attachment to Her Most Gracious Majesty's Throne and Person.

2. The Bill for regulating the Sale and Occupation of the Public Lands will receive our most careful consideration, with the view that a sound and beneficial measure may become law.

3. The various other important measures to which your Excellency has referred will be the subjects of our anxious attention when they are laid before us.

4. We join in your Excellency's prayer that our labours may be fruitful of benefit to the Colony.

Mr. Humphery then moved, and Mr. Gorrick seconded the Motion, That the Address in reply to the Governor's Opening Speech, as read by the Clerk, be now adopted by this House.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Mr. Stuart informed the House that he had ascertained it to be the pleasure of the Governor to receive their Address in reply to His Excellency's Opening Speech at a quarter to Four o'clock To-morrow,—

And moved, That this House do now adjourn until To-morrow at half-past Three o'clock.

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House adjourned at seven minutes after six o'clock, until to-morrow at half-past Three o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 2.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 10 OCTOBER, 1883.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

ADDRESS IN REPLY TO GOVERNOR'S OPENING SPEECH:—On motion of Mr. Stuart, the Assembly proceeded to Government House, there to present to the Governor their Address in Reply to the Speech His Excellency had been pleased to make to both Houses of Parliament on opening the Session.

And being returned,—

Mr. Speaker reported that the Assembly had presented to the Governor their Address in reply to His Excellency's Opening Speech, and that His Excellency had been pleased to give them thereto the following answer:—

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN

OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,—

I receive with much satisfaction your Address, and the renewed assurance of your deep and unfeigned attachment to Her Most Gracious Majesty's Throne and Person.

I fully rely on your patriotism and wisdom in the consideration of the important measures to be submitted to you, and I fervently trust that the result of your labours will conduce to the welfare and development of the Colony, and to the happiness and prosperity of all classes of the community.

Government House,

Sydney, 10th October, 1883.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) The Three Million Loan:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Has any portion of the £3,000,000 Loan which was floated on 17th July last been expended; if so, how much, and for what purpose?

(2.) How is the balance (if any) disposed of; or if lent to the Banks, how much to each respectively?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—I would be glad to furnish the particulars required by the Honorable Member were it not that to do so would to some extent anticipate the Financial Statement, in making which I shall be prepared to give the House the fullest information on the whole subject of our finances.

(2.) Working Expenses of the Lands Department:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Treasurer,—In the reduction of the land sales revenue for 1883, has any corresponding decrease occurred in the administration or working expenses of the Lands Department, and how much?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—I am constrained to postpone an answer to the Honorable Member's question, for the reason given in answer to question No. 1.

(3.) Colonial Banks:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Treasurer,—In the quarterly returns recently published by our Colonial Banks, what proportion or percentage do the reserves bear to liabilities, and the aggregate amount of reserve in notes and coin and bullion?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The proportion of reserved profits to liabilities, as shown in the returns referred to, appears to be £16 19s. 8d. per cent.; the gross liabilities amounted to £25,153,296 10s. 3d.; and the assets, according to the sworn returns, aggregated £32,138,903 4s. 9d. The coin and bullion held by the Banks on the same date amounted to £2,875,599, but the returns furnished to the Government do not show the notes held in reserve.

(4.) Gun or Torpedo Boats:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has any order of late been sent to England by the Government for gun or torpedo boats; if so, when, how many, the dimensions, and to whom has the order been sent?

(2.) If not ordered, is it the intention of the Government to do so?

Mr.

Mr. Stuart answered,—

- (1.) No order has been sent.
- (2.) It is not the intention of the Government to send any order until they receive a report from General Scratchley, who, on his visit to England, was requested to ascertain and report upon the best kind and character of such boats.

- (5.) Mr. Knopp, Public School Teacher :—Mr. Abigail asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—Will he state the reasons that led to the removal of Mr. Knopp, Public School Teacher, from Cooma to Mittagong?

Mr. Reid answered,—I would state, in reply to the Honorable Member, that I will lay all the papers in this case upon the Table of the House not later than the day after to-morrow, and they will give the Honorable Member the information he seeks.

- (6.) Public School Teachers teaching in Sunday Schools :—Mr. Pigott asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Has any order, circular, or regulation been made or issued by which Pupil Teachers in Public Schools are prohibited from teaching in Sunday Schools?
- (2.) If any such order, circular, or regulation has been made or issued, will the Minister lay a copy of the same upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Reid answered,—No such order, circular, or regulation has been issued.

- (7.) Railway Sheep Trucks :—Mr. Lyne asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Have any steps been taken to divide sheep trucks into compartments; and if so, what?
- (2.) Is he aware that numbers of sheep are smothered in these trucks on long journeys?
- (3.) Is he aware that a few days since a number belonging to Mr. Walder, of Albury, were smothered on the journey to Sydney?

Mr. Wright answered,—

- (1.) This matter has received consideration, but as the advantage of the subdivision is questioned, no further steps have been taken.
- (2.) Yes, I am aware that sheep are sometimes found dead in the trucks on arrival, but this is represented as being due to other causes than the want of partitions in the trucks.
- (3.) I am not aware, but inquiry will be made.

- (8.) Illawarra Railway :—*Mr. Burns*, for Mr. Lackey, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What contracts have the Government entered into for the construction of the Railway line, Sydney to Illawarra?
- (2.) The names of contractors, and the amounts to be paid them?
- (3.) Are the works being carried out?
- (4.) Have the works on any portion of the line been stopped or suspended; if so, what portion, for what purpose, and under what circumstances?

Mr. Wright answered,—

- (1.) From Macdonald Town to 24 miles 18 chains, a length of 23 miles 13 chains 30 links.
- (2.) Messrs. C. & E. Millar are the contractors, at a schedule of prices.
- (3.) Yes.
- (4.) The works were suspended from the 15th mile to the end of the contract, a length of about 8¼ miles, for the purpose of surveying a suggested deviation by the valley of the Port Hacking Creek, upon strong representations made to the Minister that a better and cheaper line could be constructed up Port Hacking Creek.

- (9.) Railway Yards at Penrith :—*Mr. A. G. Taylor*, for Mr. T. R. Smith, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) The cost of the Railway yards at Penrith, including earthwork, turn-tables, and everything in connection with the erection of the yards in question?
- (2.) How many trucks of cattle and sheep have been unloaded at Penrith Station during the month of September and up to the 5th of the present month?
- (3.) The time it took to unload each consignment of cattle?
- (4.) The number of Railway officials employed at each time unloading such cattle; also the number of men employed by the consignee?
- (5.) Is it a fact that the main line was blocked for a considerable time in consequence of the defective designs of the above yards?
- (6.) Is it also a fact that the only Railway approach for passengers and traffic to Railway Station was blocked up with wild cattle for some time when unloading such cattle?

Mr. Wright answered,—This information will be laid upon the Table of the House in the shape of a Return in a few days.

3. LAW OF LIBEL AND CONTEMPT OF COURT :—The undermentioned Petitions, praying for an amendment of the Law of Libel and the Practice concerning Contempt of Court, were presented by the Members named :—

- (1.) By Mr. Fletcher. From the Mayor of Newcastle, as Chairman of a Public Meeting of the Citizens, held at the City Hall, Newcastle.
- (2.) By Mr. Holtermann. From the Mayor of St. Leonards, as Chairman of a Public Meeting of the Residents of St. Leonards, held at the School of Arts, St. Leonards.
- (3.) By Mr. Stokes. From the Mayor of Forbes, as Chairman of a Public Meeting of the Townspeople of Forbes, held at Bray's Assembly Room.

Petitions received.

4. DUBBO CATTLE SALE-YARDS BILL :—Sir Patrick Jennings presented a Petition from the Mayor and Aldermen of the Municipal Council of Dubbo, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the erection and maintenance of Cattle Sale-yards by the Municipal Council of Dubbo within the said Municipality. And Sir Patrick Jennings having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* and *Dubbo Dispatch*, newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—

Petition received.

5. PAPERS :—

Mr. Wright laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return (*in part*) to an Order made on 2nd November, 1882,—“Sydney Water Supply Works.”
- (2.) Return of Lands resumed for Sydney Water Supply Works.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Reid laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Report for 1882 of the Minister of Public Instruction upon the condition of Public Schools established and maintained under the Public Instruction Act of 1880.
- (2.) Report of the Senate of the University of Sydney for the year 1882.
- (3.) Annual Report on the Nautical School Ship “Vernon.”
- (4.) Regulations for Public High Schools.
- (5.) Amended Regulations as to days and hours of opening the National Art Gallery.
- (6.) Notifications of resumption of Land, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, for Public School Purposes, at Banks’s Meadow, Blackman’s Point, Glenfield, McDonald’s Creek, Mount Mooby, Newcastle, Parramatta North, Finch Flat, Richmond North, Sherwin’s Flat, Stonehenge, Vacy, and Wombah.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return to an Order made on 14th November 1882,—“Applications for a Mineral Conditional Purchase at East Maitland.”
- (2.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Religious and Public Purposes, in accordance with the 5th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.
- (3.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from from Sale until Surveyed for the Preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, in accordance with the 4th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.
- (4.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 4th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.
- (5.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated for the use of Pastoral and Agricultural Associations, in accordance with the 32nd section of the Act 39 Victoria No. 13.
- (6.) Abstract of Alterations in Designs for Towns and Villages, under the 22nd section of the Act 43 Victoria No. 29.

Ordered to be printed.

6. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT :—Mr. Stuart made a Statement with respect to the resignation of Sir Patrick Jennings as Vice-President of the Executive Council.
7. LEGAL PRACTITIONERS AMALGAMATION BILL :—Mr. A. G. Taylor moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to regulate and extend the rights and responsibilities of Legal Practitioners.
Question put and passed.
8. BUSINESS DAYS (*Sessional Order*) :—Mr. Stuart moved, pursuant to Notice, That, unless otherwise ordered, this House shall meet for the dispatch of Business at Four o’clock p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, “and Friday,” in each week.
Mr. Lyne moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the words “and Friday.”
Question proposed, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
Debate ensued.
Question put, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
The House divided.

Ayes, 39.

Mr. Stuart,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. See,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Holtermann,
Mr. Trickett,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Fremlin,
Sir John Robertson,	Mr. Pigott,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Poole,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Fletcher,
Mr. O’Connor,	Mr. Stephen,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. W. R. Campbell,
Mr. Griffiths,	Mr. Merriman,
Mr. Murray,	Mr. Haydon,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. McElhone,	Mr. Hugh Taylor,
Mr. De Salis,	
Mr. A. G. Taylor,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Burns,	Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Garvan.
Mr. Slattery,	

Noes, 26.

Sir Patrick Jennings,	Mr. Dangar,
Mr. R. B. Smith,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. White,	Mr. Day,
Mr. Loughnan,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. O’Mara,	
Mr. H. H. Brown,	Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Vaughn,	Mr. Badgery.
Mr. Targett,	
Mr. Brunker,	
Mr. Gill,	
Mr. McCourt,	
Mr. Barbour,	
Mr. Stokes,	
Mr. Ellis,	
Dr. Ross,	
Mr. Machattie,	
Mr. Lynch,	
Mr. Ryrie,	
Mr. Gorriek,	
Mr. Wilkinson,	
Mr. Cass,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Badgery moved, That the Question be amended by adding at the end thereof the words “and” “on Fridays the House shall not sit after Seven o’clock p.m.”

Debate ensued.

Mr. Copeland moved, That the proposed amendment be amended by omitting all the words after the word “and” with a view to inserting in their place the words “that no new business be entered upon after Seven o’clock p.m. on Fridays.”

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the proposed amendment.

Debate continued.

Question put, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the proposed amendment.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 16.

Mr. Stuart,
Mr. Reid,
Mr. Wright,
Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Trickett,
Mr. Abbott,
Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Griffiths,
Mr. Poole,
Mr. See,
Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Holtermann,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,
Mr. Dibbs,

Tellers,

Mr. Heydon,
Mr. W. R. Campbell.

Noes, 48.

Sir John Robertson, Mr. R. B. Smith, Mr. Suttor, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Bruncker, Mr. Young, Mr. O'Mara, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Fletcher, Mr. Stephen, Mr. H. H. Brown, Mr. Gill, Mr. Lyne, Mr. White, Mr. Day, Mr. De Salis, Mr. McCourt, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Targett, Mr. Hutchinson, Dr. Ross, Mr. Machattie, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Mackinnon, Mr. Withers,	Mr. Ryrie, Mr. Humphery, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Abigail, Mr. Wilkinson, Mr. Gorrick, Mr. Murray, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Garvan, Mr. Cass, Mr. Loughnan, Mr. Merriman, Mr. Dangar, Mr. Copeland, Mr. Vaughn, Mr. Pigott, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. A. G. Taylor, Mr. Combes, Mr. Badgery, Mr. Teece,
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Tellers,
Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Tarrant.

And so it passed in the negative.

Question put, That the words proposed to be inserted in the proposed amendment in lieu of the words omitted be so inserted.

The House divided.

Ayes, 44.

Mr. Badgery, Mr. White, Mr. Bruncker, Mr. Loughnan, Mr. Lyne, Mr. Gill, Mr. R. B. Smith, Mr. Purves, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Proctor, Mr. Vaughn, Mr. A. G. Taylor, Mr. O'Mara, Mr. T. R. Smith, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Fletcher, Mr. Gorrick, Mr. Humphery, Mr. Tarrant, Mr. Dalton, Mr. Wilkinson, Mr. Withers,	Mr. Machattie, Mr. Mackinnon, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Ryrie, Dr. Ross, Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Dangar, Mr. Combes, Mr. Suttor, Mr. Targett, Mr. Cass, Mr. Stokes, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. De Salis, Mr. H. H. Brown, Mr. Copeland, Mr. Day, Mr. Barbour, <i>Tellers,</i> Mr. Merriman, Mr. Roberts.
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Noes, 24.

Mr. Stuart, Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Abbott, Mr. Trickett, Mr. Young, Mr. Reid, Mr. Wright, Mr. Garvan, Mr. Heydon, Mr. McCulloch, Mr. McCourt, Mr. Hugh Taylor, Mr. Pigott, Mr. Murray, Mr. Abigail, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Poole, Mr. Holtermann, Mr. See, Mr. Henry Clarke, Mr. Teece,	<i>Tellers,</i> Mr. Griffiths, Mr. W. R. Campbell.
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And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question put, That the Original Question be amended by adding at the end thereof the words "and that no new business be entered upon after 7 o'clock p.m. on Fridays."

The House divided.

Ayes, 45.

Mr. Badgery, Mr. White, Mr. Bruncker, Mr. Loughnan, Mr. Lyne, Mr. Gill, Mr. R. B. Smith, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Merriman, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Proctor, Mr. Vaughn, Mr. O'Mara, Mr. A. G. Taylor, Mr. T. R. Smith, Mr. Bruce Smith, Mr. Fletcher, Mr. Gorrick, Mr. Humphery, Mr. Tarrant, Mr. Dalton, Mr. Wilkinson, Mr. Withers, Mr. Machattie,	Mr. Mackinnon, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Ryrie, Dr. Ross, Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Targett, Mr. Cass, Mr. Stokes, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. De Salis, Mr. H. H. Brown, Mr. Copeland, Mr. Day, Mr. Dangar, Mr. Quinn, Mr. Combes, Mr. Suttor, Mr. O'Connor, <i>Tellers,</i> Mr. Barbour, Mr. Purves.
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Noes, 24.

Mr. Reid, Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Griffiths, Mr. Abbott, Mr. Trickett, Sir John Robertson, Mr. Hugh Taylor, Mr. Pigott, Mr. W. R. Campbell, Mr. Murray, Mr. Abigail, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Poole, Mr. Holtermann, Mr. See, Mr. Henry Clarke, Mr. Teece, Mr. McCourt, Mr. McCulloch, Mr. Garvan, Mr. Wright,	<i>Tellers,</i> Mr. Young, Mr. Heydon.
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And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Main Question,—That, unless otherwise ordered, this House shall meet for the dispatch of Business at Four o'clock p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, in each week, and that no new Business be entered upon after Seven o'clock p.m. on Fridays,—put and passed.

9. PRECEDENCE OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Stuart moved, pursuant to Notice, That on Wednesday and Thursday in each week, unless otherwise ordered, Government Business shall take precedence of General Business.
Question put and passed.
10. PRECEDENCE OF GENERAL BUSINESS (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Stuart moved, pursuant to Notice, That on Tuesday and Friday in each week, unless otherwise ordered, General Business shall take precedence of Government Business; and that on Fridays, General Orders of the Day shall take precedence of Motions.
Question put and passed.
11. FORMAL BUSINESS (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Stuart moved, pursuant to Notice, That it shall be a Sessional Order of this House,—
(1.) That every Motion or Order of the Day for the third reading of a Bill to which, on the Question being put from the Chair, "Whether there is any objection to its being a 'Formal Motion,' 'or Order of the Day,'" no objection shall be taken, shall be deemed to be a "Formal" Motion or Order of the Day.
(2.) That before the ordinary business of each day shall be entered upon, Mr. Speaker shall call over the various Notices of Motions and Orders of the Day for third reading of Bills; and on any such Motion or Order being called, it shall be competent for the Member otherwise entitled to move it to have the above question put with reference thereto, and such "Formal" Motions or Orders of the Day shall be disposed of in the relative order in which they stand on the Business Paper, taking precedence of all the other Motions and Orders of the Day.
(3.) That no Debate shall be allowed upon any such "Formal Motions or Orders of the Day," or upon the further proceedings consequent on the reading of such Orders; but the House may proceed to division thereupon, without amendment or debate, as in the case of the motion for the first reading of a Bill.
(4.) That in consequence of any such "Formal" Orders of the Day having been disposed of as aforesaid, it shall not be held that the House has proceeded to the Orders of the Day upon the Business Paper so as to exclude thereafter the presentation of Petitions or the reception of Notices of Motions.
(5.) That no motion for the appointment of a Select Committee, excepting upon a Private Bill, shall be held to be a "Formal" Motion.
Question put and passed.
12. COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Stuart moved, pursuant to Notice, That, unless otherwise ordered, the resumption of the Committee of Supply shall stand an Order of the Day, as of course, on each day on which Government Business shall have precedence.
Question put and passed.
13. COMMITTEE OF WAYS AND MEANS (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Stuart moved, pursuant to Notice, That, unless otherwise ordered, the resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means shall stand an Order of the Day, as of course, on each Day on which Government Business shall have precedence.
Question put and passed.
14. TRANSMISSION OF MESSAGES BETWEEN THE TWO HOUSES (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Stuart moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Order respecting the transmission of Messages, agreed to by the two Houses during the Session of 1856-7, shall stand as a Sessional Order of this House for the present Session.
Question put and passed.
15. BALLOTING FOR SELECT COMMITTEES (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Stuart moved, pursuant to Notice, That the following Rules shall be observed as a Sessional Order of this House:—
(1.) Members balloting for a Select Committee shall place the Balloting Papers, after completion, in the hands of the Clerk of the House (or in his absence the officer acting in his stead), giving time for him to note one paper (as hereinafter mentioned) before another is presented.
(2.) The Clerk shall have before him a complete printed List of the Members of the House, and on the presentation of any Balloting Paper shall place his initials against the entry in such List of the name of the Member presenting such Balloting Paper, and the Clerk shall place such List so initialed on record with the other proceedings of the Ballot.
Question put and passed.
16. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Stuart moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Clerk of the House shall enter upon the Minutes of the Votes and Proceedings the Questions, of which formal notice shall have been given, put to the Members representing the Government in this House, and the Answers returned to the same.
Question put and passed.
17. VOTE OF CHAIRMAN OF SELECT COMMITTEE ON PRIVATE BILLS (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Stuart moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Chairman of a Select Committee on a Private Bill shall be entitled to vote on all questions in the same way as other Members of such Committee, and in case of an equality of votes exercise a second or casting vote.
Question put and passed.
18. LIBRARY COMMITTEE (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Stuart moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Library Committee for the present Session shall consist of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Burns, Mr. Combes, Mr. Griffiths, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. R. B. Smith, Mr. Tarrant, Mr. Gannon, Mr. Trickett, and the Mover, with leave to sit during any adjournment, and power to act jointly with the Library Committee of the Legislative Council, in accordance with the Assembly's Resolution of the 6th August, 1862.
Question put and passed.

19. **STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE (Sessional Order)** :—Mr. Stuart moved, pursuant to *amended Notice*, That the Standing Orders Committee for the present Session shall consist of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Pigott, Mr. Bruce Smith, Sir Patrick Jennings, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Stephen, Mr. Poole, Mr. Cameron, and the Mover, with leave to sit during any adjournment, and authority and power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to examine witnesses, and to report in any matter or thing referred to or pending before the said Committee, and to confer upon subjects of mutual concernment with any Committee appointed for similar purposes by the Legislative Council.
Question put and passed.
20. **REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE (Sessional Order)** :—Mr. Stuart moved, pursuant to Notice, That a Refreshment Committee be appointed for the present Session, to consist of Mr. R. B. Smith, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Fromlin, Mr. White, Mr. Farnell, Mr. W. R. Campbell, Mr. McLaughlin, Mr. Trickett, Mr. Purves, and the Mover, with leave to sit during any adjournment, and authority to act in matters of mutual concernment with any Committee appointed for similar purposes by the Legislative Council.
Question put and passed.
21. **MEETING OF THE HOUSE (Sessional Order)** :—Mr. Stuart moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be a Sessional Order of this House that the Bell be rung two minutes prior to Mr. Speaker taking the Chair.
Question put and passed.
22. **PRINTING PETITIONS (Sessional Order)** :—Mr. Stuart moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be a Sessional Order of this House that the Clerk of the House shall cause to be printed, as a matter of course, all Petitions received by this House (excepting Petitions for the introduction of Private Bills), unless it be otherwise ordered by the House: Provided that when several Petitions are presented substantially to the same effect, he shall cause to be printed only the one first presented, to which he shall append a statement of the number of other Petitions, the general designation of the party or parties to each, and the number of signatures attached.
Question put and passed.
23. **STANDING RULES AND ORDERS** :—Mr. Stuart moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be an instruction to the Standing Orders Committee to consider the effect upon our Parliamentary procedure of the recent changes made in the practice of the House of Commons, and generally to prepare such Standing Rules and Orders as shall appear best adapted for the orderly conduct of the Business of this House, and to report the same with as little delay as possible.
Question put and passed.
24. **CROWN LANDS BILL** :—Mr. Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to regulate the alienation, occupation, and management of Crown Lands, and for other purposes.
Question put and passed.
25. **CONTEMPT CASE AGAINST "SIDNEY MORNING HERALD" AND "ECHO"** :—Mr. R. B. Smith moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all proceedings filed in the office of the Supreme Court of New South Wales relating to the late Contempt Case against the proprietors of the *Sydney Morning Herald* and *Echo* newspapers respectively; also copies of the written judgments delivered by their Honors the Judges of the said Court in the cases referred to.
Question put and passed.
26. **CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES** :—Mr. See moved, pursuant to Notice, That Angus Cameron, Esquire, be Chairman of Committees of the Whole House during the present Session.
Question put and passed.
Whereupon Mr. Cameron made his acknowledgments to the House.
27. **FIRE BRIGADES BILL** :—Mr. Stuart moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to make better provision for the protection of Life and Property from Fire.
Question put and passed.
28. **MR. KNOPP, PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHER** :—Mr. O'Mara moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers, correspondence, &c., relating to the removal of Mr. Knopp from the position of Public School Teacher at Cooma; also copies of all correspondence relating to a Petition for the removal of Mr. Knopp from the position of Public School Teacher at Mittagong.
Question put and passed.
29. **DUBBO GAS COMPANY'S INCORPORATION BILL** :—
(1.) Mr. Cass moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the Dubbo Gas Company (Limited), and to enable the said Dubbo Gas Company (Limited) to construct Gas-works within the town of Dubbo.
Question put and passed.
(2.) Mr. Cass having *presented* this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of the sum of Twenty-five Pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to incorporate the Dubbo Gas Company (Limited) and to enable the said Dubbo Gas Company (Limited) to construct Gas-works within the Town of Dubbo,*"—read a first time.
30. **LEGAL PRACTITIONERS AMALGAMATION BILL** :—Mr. A. G. Taylor *presented* a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to regulate and extend the rights and responsibilities of Legal Practitioners,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 19th October.

The House adjourned at eighteen minutes after Seven o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 3.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 11 OCTOBER, 1883.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

DEPUTY SPEAKER'S COMMISSION TO ADMINISTER THE OATH:—Mr. Speaker reported that he had received a Commission under the Seal of the Colony, dated 11th October, 1883, and signed by His Excellency the Governor, empowering Angus Cameron, Esquire, Chairman of Committees of the Legislative Assembly, in the absence of the Speaker, to administer to Members the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance required by law, which Commission was read by the Clerk as follows:—

By His Excellency the Right Honorable LORD AUGUSTUS WILLIAM FREDERICK SPENCER LOFTUS, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, a Member of Her Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of New South Wales and its Dependencies, &c., &c., &c.

To all to whom these presents shall come,

Greeting:

IN pursuance of the authority in me vested in that behalf, I, LORD AUGUSTUS WILLIAM FREDERICK SPENCER LOFTUS, as Governor of the Colony of New South Wales, do hereby authorize ANGUS CAMERON, Esquire, Chairman of Committees of the Legislative Assembly of the said Colony, in the absence of the Honorable the Speaker of the said Assembly, to administer from time to time, as occasion may require, to any Member of the said Assembly to whom the same shall not have been previously administered, the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance to Her Majesty the Queen, required by law to be taken or made and subscribed by every such Member before he shall be permitted to sit or vote in the said Legislative Assembly.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Colony, at Government House, Sydney, in New South Wales aforesaid, this eleventh day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-three, and in the forty-seventh year of the Reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria.

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS.

By His Excellency's Command,

ALEX. STUART.

2. PAPER:—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Copy of a Minute of His Excellency the Governor and the Executive Council, authorizing the application of a certain amount from one Head of Service to supplement a Vote for another Service in connection with Lunatic Asylums,—transmitted to the Legislative Assembly under the directions contained in the 18th section of the Audit Act of 1870. Ordered to be printed.

3. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Advertising in Tram-cars:—*Mr. Cameron*, for *Mr. Abigail*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Were tenders called for the right of using Tram-cars as an advertising medium?

(2.) If so, will the Minister state the names, and amount of each tender?

(3.) The terms of lease; and is it the intention of the Minister to continue the present system of covering cars inside and out with advertisements?

Mr. Wright answered,—

(1 & 2.) Tenders were not invited for the present lease. The right was let for twelve months as an experiment.

(3.) I will lay a copy of the terms of lease upon the Table of the House to-morrow.

(2.)

(2.) Pyrmont Bridge :—*Mr. Cameron*, for *Mr. Abigail*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Are there any legal difficulties why the papers relating to the Pyrmont Bridge should not be at once laid upon the Table of this House, according to resolution carried two Sessions ago?

Mr. Wright answered,—The case is still *sub judice*, and under such circumstances it is not considered desirable to lay the papers upon the Table of the House at present.

4. PAPERS :—

Mr. Abbott laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Fourth Annual Report upon the Occupation of Crown Lands Branch of the Department of Mines for the year 1882.

(2.) Additional Timber Regulations.

(3.) Notice of the Extension of Regulations under the Diseases in Sheep Acts Amendment Act to the Tenterfield Sheep District.

(4.) Notice of the number of Dressings for Sheep whilst in Quarantine.

(5.) Proclamation in connection with the Rabbit Nuisance Act of 1883.

(6.) Return to an Order made on 27th April, 1883,—“Timber Reserves.”

(7.) Further Correspondence respecting Land taken from *Henry Halloran, Esquire, C.M.G.*, on the Parramatta Road.

(8.) Annual Report of the Department of Mines for the year 1882.

(9.) Return to an Order made on 13th February, 1883,—“Ringbarking on Crown Lands.”

Ordered to be printed.

(10.) Return to an Order made on 24th April, 1883,—“Road through Captain Vine’s Grant in Parish of Pejar.”

Mr. Reid laid upon the Table,—Notifications of Resumption of Land under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act for Public School Purposes at Bombowlee, Burra Lake, Cungegong, Donald, Greenwell Point, Hexham, Shark Creek, Square Range, and Woonona.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Trickett laid upon the Table,—Twenty-eighth Annual Report of the Postmaster General on the Departments under his control, being that for the year 1882.

Ordered to be printed.

5. LIMITATION OF ACTIONS FOR TRESPASS BILL (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Slattery*, for *Mr. Heydon*, moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to alter the law respecting remedies for Trespass to Land.

Question put and passed.

6. SYDNEY CORPORATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. O’Connor* moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to further amend the Sydney Corporation Act of 1879.

Question put and passed.

7. DUBBO CATTLE SALE-YARDS BILL (*Formal Motion*):—*Sir Patrick Jennings* moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to authorize the Erection and Maintenance of Cattle Sale-yards by the Municipal Council of Dubbo within the said Municipality.

Question put and passed.

8. ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. R. B. Smith* moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Electoral Act of 1880.

Question put and passed.

9. DUBBO GAS COMPANY’S INCORPORATION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Olliffe*, for *Mr. Cass*, moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That the Dubbo Gas Company’s Incorporation Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, with power to send for persons and papers.

(2.) That such Committee consist of *Mr. Burns, Mr. Coonan, Mr. Day, Mr. Fremlin, Mr. Humphery, Sir Patrick Jennings, Mr. Machattie, Mr. Poole, Mr. Slattery, and Mr. Cass.*

Question put and passed.

10. THE CASE OF *MRS. DAY* (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. A. G. Taylor* moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all informations tendered in writing to the Crown in incitement of the recent prosecution of *Mrs. Day* for perjury.

Question put and passed.

11. LIMITATION OF ACTIONS FOR TRESPASS BILL:—*Mr. Heydon* presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to alter the Law respecting Remedies for Trespass to Land*,”—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 19th October.

12. ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—*Mr. R. B. Smith* presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to amend the Electoral Act of 1880*,”—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 26th October.

13. ADJOURNMENT:—*Mr. McElhone* moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

14. CROWN LANDS BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of *Mr. Farnell*, *Mr. Speaker* left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to regulate the Alienation, Occupation, and Management of Crown Lands, and for other purposes.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), that the report be now received.

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The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows :—

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to regulate the Alienation, Occupation, and Management of Crown Lands, and for other purposes.

On motion of Mr. Farnell, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

- (2.) Mr. Farnell *presented* a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to regulate the Alienation Occupation and Management of Crown Lands and for other purposes*,"—which was read a first time.

Mr. Farnell then moved, That the Bill be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday, 7th November.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

- (3.) The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Farnell, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor.

Message No. 2.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to regulate the Alienation, Occupation, and Management of Crown Lands, and for other purposes.

Government House,
Sydney, 11th October, 1883.

Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

15. FIRE BRIGADES BILL :—

- (1.) The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Stuart, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor.

Message No. 3.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to make better provision for the protection of Life and Property from Fire.

Government House,
Sydney, 11th October, 1883.

Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

- (2.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Stuart, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to make better provision for the protection of Life and Property from Fire.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), that the report be *now* received.

The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows :—

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to make better provision for the protection of Life and Property from Fire.

On motion of Mr. Stuart, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

16. PARLIAMENTARY PROROGATION CURTAILMENT BILL :—

- (1.) Mr. A. G. Taylor moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to empower the Governor of the Colony to curtail the limits of a Prorogation of Parliament.

Question put and passed.

- (2.) Mr. Taylor *presented* a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to empower the Governor of the Colony to curtail the limits of a Prorogation of Parliament*,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 26th October.

17. LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY QUORUM BILL :—

- (1.) Mr. A. G. Taylor moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to regulate Quorums in the Legislative Assembly.

Debate ensued.

Question put, and Division called for,—but there being no Tellers on the part of the *Noes*, no Division could be had, and Mr. Speaker declared the Question to have passed in the *affirmative*.

- (2.) Mr. Taylor *presented* a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to regulate Quorums in the Legislative Assembly*,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 26th October.

18. CRIMINAL LAW FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL :—

- (1.) Mr. A. G. Taylor moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend in certain respects the Criminal Law Amendment Act of 1883.

Question put and passed.

- (2.) Mr. Taylor *presented* a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend in certain respects the Criminal Law Amendment Act of 1883*,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 2nd November.

19. FLOGGING ABOLITION BILL:—

(1.) MR. A. G. TAYLOR moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to abolish the practice of Flogging Criminals.
Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Taylor *presented* a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to abolish the practice of Flogging Criminals,*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 2nd November.

20. PETTY SESSIONS JURISDICTION EXTENSION BILL:—

(1.) Mr. A. G. Taylor moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to extend the Jurisdiction of Courts of Petty Sessions.
Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Taylor *presented* a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to extend the Jurisdiction of Courts of Petty Sessions,*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 9th November.

21. DISTRICT COURTS ACT FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL:—

(1.) Mr. A. G. Taylor moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to further amend the District Courts Act of 1858.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Taylor *presented* a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to further amend the District Courts Act of 1858,*"—which was read a first time.

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The House adjourned at seventeen minutes after Six o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,

Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 4.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 12 OCTOBER, 1883.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Flying Foxes:—*Mr. Melville*, for Mr. White, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to bring in a Bill this Session to eradicate Flying Foxes, now becoming so destructive to orchards throughout the Colony?

Mr. Stuart answered,—I am afraid it is beyond the power of this or of any other Government to “eradicate” flying foxes; indeed, I am at a loss to understand how flying animals can be eradicated. But, if what is meant is the destruction of flying foxes, I quite admit the importance of the matter, and the question will be considered by my Honorable Colleague the Minister for Mines, who, by some strange freak of nature, seems to be invested with the power of dealing with these destructive animals.

- (2.) North Coast Railway Survey:—*Mr. White* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Whether the Northern Coast Railway survey has been completed; and if so, what route has been decided upon?

Mr. Wright answered,—A line from Morpeth to Grafton has been explored, and the trial survey is now in progress.

- (3.) Second-class Railway Carriages for Express Trains:—*Mr. W. R. Campbell* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has he any intention of placing a second-class carriage at the disposal of passengers by express trains, as is usual in England?

Mr. Wright answered,—Not at present. It could only be done by contracting the first-class accommodation, and higher rates would have to be charged both for first and second-class if this were done.

- (4.) Resumption of Land for Road Purposes:—*Mr. Vaughn* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it the custom of the Government to resume land through private property for road purposes, and, having done so, refuse to grant any compensation for the same?

(2.) If this is so, will the Secretary for Lands take steps to remedy this grievance?

Mr. Abbott answered,—

(1.) Generally the Crown in taking roads through alienated land is merely exercising a right reserved to it in the deeds under which the land is held. Compensation has been granted in a very few cases where the right has not been reserved, as in some of the earliest grants from the Crown, and also in a few other cases which were of an exceptional character.

(2.) Answered by reply to previous question.

- (5.) Amendment of the Mining Laws:—*Mr. Gill*, for Mr. Lyne, asked the Secretary for Mines,—Is it the intention of the Government, during this Session, to bring in a Bill to amend the Mining Laws of this Colony?

Mr. Abbott answered,—It is not the intention of the Government to bring in such a Bill.

- (6.) The Financial Statement:—*Mr. Burns* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—When he proposes to deliver the Financial Statement?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—At the earliest possible period consistent with the state of the public business.

- (7.) The Three Millions Surplus:—*Mr. A. G. Taylor* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What have the Government done with the three millions surplus entrusted to their guardianship by the late Administration?

(2.) How much of this surplus now remains?

(3.)

(3.) Will the Colonial Treasurer cable these facts home to England at the public expense before the demise of the present Administration?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

(1.) I am not aware of any money entrusted to the guardianship of this Government by the late Administration.

(2.) The state of the Public Finances will be fully explained when the Financial Statement is made.

(3.) The Government will cable to England so much of that Statement as they think will be conducive to the interests of the Colony.

(8.) Lieutenant Morris :—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has a young man named Morris been appointed to the vacant Lieutenancy in the Permanent Artillery?

(2.) Is he a son of Augustus Morris, who recently conducted a so-called land inquiry?

(3.) Has he been appointed on his merits, or as a reward for the political services performed by his father?

(4.) Is he any relation, either by blood or marriage, to any Member of the present Ministry?

(5.) How old is the recently appointed Lieutenant?

(6.) Is it a fact that several Members of the Cabinet objected to his appointment, that the Premier supported it, and that eventually a compromise was come to that Morris should be provisionally appointed for a twelvemonth?

(7.) What military service has Morris seen, what decorations and medals has he to his credit, and what active fighting has he ever done?

(8.) Among the unsuccessful candidates, was there a gentleman with excellent credentials who has seen active service in the Zulu war?

(9.) Is the projected Civil Service Bill designed to meet cases of the above character?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

(1.) I feel that if I were consulting only the dignity of this House, I would have simply declined to answer questions couched in language evidently intended to convey offensive imputations on the person alluded to and on the members of the Administration, but lest my silence might be misconstrued into my having something to conceal or to be ashamed of in regard to this appointment, I desire to say in reply, that a gentleman of the name of Morris has been appointed to the vacancy.

(2.) That he is a son of Mr. Morris, who was one of the gentlemen who reported on the state of the Land Laws of this Colony.

(3.) That he was appointed on his merits, and on recommendation of the officer commanding the corps, and not for any political services whatever.

(4.) None.

(5.) In his twentieth year.

(6.) There is no truth whatever in these innuendoes; but the appointment was made conditionally that he should within twelve months pass certain examinations according to the regulations.

(7.) He has none. If he had, he would scarcely have been eligible for a cadetship, or a cadetship for him.

(8.) There was an applicant who stated that he had been in the Zulu war, but I am not aware that he produced credentials of the character alluded to.

(9.) The Civil Service Bill cannot possibly interfere with military matters. I may add, that there were several applicants of much greater age than Mr. Morris, and had the vacancy been for a senior officer, their applications might have been favourably received, if considered fit therefor. And in the first formation of the corps some degree of army experience in the mother country was looked for to aid in the formation of much that was new. But the Government considers that the corps has now reached that stage of development which makes it more suitable that the junior appointments which ought to be called, as they really are, cadetships, and not lieutenancies, should be reserved as far as possible for our colonial youth who may have fulfilled in a creditable manner these duties in the cadet corps of our public institutions, which was specially the case with young Morris, who was as a reward of merit raised to the position of colour-sergeant in the Grammar School Cadet Corps, and bears a high testimonial from the commanding officer thereof. It would be discouraging in the extreme to our youthful volunteers if it were found that all junior vacancies were shut to them and given to others.

(9.) Vice-President of the Executive Council :—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—Have any of the Lawyers on the Ministerial side of the House offered their services to fill the vacant position of Vice-President of the Executive Council?

Mr. Stuart answered,—I am not aware of the calling of any man outside of the Ministry, upon either this or the other side of the House. We are all here as representatives of our various constituencies; but I think I may answer the question in this form,—No person whatever has offered his services as Vice-President of the Council.

(10.) Banquet at Albury :—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) How many Mayors and Aldermen throughout this Colony were invited, in their municipal capacity, to the recent Intercolonial Banquet at Albury?

(2.) Were the Mayor and Aldermen of the Borough of Redfern invited?

Mr. Wright answered,—

(1.) The Mayors and Aldermen of Sydney, Wagga Wagga, and Albury were invited in their Municipal capacity.

(2.) The Aldermen of the Borough of Redfern were invited, as were other gentlemen occupying similar positions in other Boroughs, but they were not invited in their Municipal capacity.

(11.) Free Education :—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—When do the Government propose to make education in Public Schools free, as desired by this House on Mr. Teece's resolution?

Mr. Reid answered,—The matter alluded to by the Honorable Member will be dealt with in the Financial Statement.

(12.) Infliction of Corporal Punishment on Criminals:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Has an order been issued by the Comptroller General, instructing the warders in the gaols of the colony to hold themselves in readiness to inflict corporal punishment upon criminals?

(2.) Has he decided to enforce that order, or will he take steps to relieve the warders from this duty?

Mr. Cohen answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Arrangements are upon the point of completion for telling off certain officers for the duty, which will, it is believed, render it improbable that the necessity will arise for calling upon the general body of warders to discharge this duty.

(13.) Clerkships in Department of Public Instruction:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—

(1.) Is it a fact that in examinations for recent appointments to a Clerkship in the Public Instruction Service the competition was limited to pupils from Metropolitan Public Schools?

(2.) Was the competition open to the pupils of all Public Schools throughout the Colony?

(3.) What Public Schools were excluded from sending competitors, and why?

(4.) Will he state what peculiar disqualification for duties of Clerkship exists in pupils educated at Provincial Public Schools, or by private study, or in educational establishments other than Public Schools?

Mr. Reid answered,—

(1.) Yes, limited to Schools in Sydney and suburbs, the reason being that the salaries attached to the position alluded to—that of cadets—was considered too small for competition beyond a reasonable distance.

(2 & 3.) Answered by reply to No. 1.

(4.) Some of the vacant cadetships were disposed of in the manner alluded to, in accordance with the practice of the late Council of Education, which has given us some of the best clerks in the department. No slight upon other Schools was intended.

(14.) Public School Board, District No. 36:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—

(1.) Has he gazetted the Public School Board yet for District No. 36?

(2.) What are the causes of delay?

Mr. Reid answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) A Board will soon be appointed. I desire to make it as representative as possible, and the list is not quite complete.

(15.) Pyramul General Cemetery:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Has he been requested to grant a sum of £40 from the fund voted for improvement of General Cemeteries to aid the fencing of the Pyramul General Cemetery?

(2.) Has he decided to grant or refuse the request?

Mr. Abbott answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) No.

(16.) Passenger Train to Rylstone:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Does he propose to run a passengers train to Rylstone by day as well as by night?

Mr. Wright answered,—One train on this line is found to be sufficient; whether it is run by day or by night must depend upon the requirements of the postal service.

(17.) Release of a Female Prisoner:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Minister of Justice,—Has the Government decided to release the woman recently convicted at the Sydney Quarter Sessions of obtaining two shillings by a false pretence, and sentenced to one year's hard labour?

Mr. Cohen answered,—It has been decided to release the woman referred to when she shall have served three months of her sentence, in case her conduct continues good in the meantime.

(18.) Cudgegong General Cemetery:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Lands,—When will the additional Trustees for the Cudgegong General Cemetery be gazetted?

Mr. Abbott answered,—The appointment of Mr. Joseph Pitt has been notified to-day. Further information has been sought from the Honorable Member in reference to whom Mr. Norris is to succeed.

(19.) Post and Telegraph Offices, Mudgee:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Postmaster General,—Will he make provision on the Estimates for 1884 for the erection of new Post and Telegraph Offices at Mudgee, in lieu of the present inefficient structures?

Mr. Trickett answered,—The question of the sufficiency of the accommodation at the present premises for Post and Telegraph Offices at Mudgee is now being inquired into by me.

(20.) Messrs. Morris and Ranken:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) What sums of money have been applied for and paid to Messrs. Morris and Ranken, or either of them, for their supposed services in connection with the recent land inquiry?

(2.) What sums have been paid, or contracted to be paid, for special assistance to Messrs. Morris and Ranken?

(3.) What sums were paid to witnesses at the inquiry?

(4.) Will he state the names of any witnesses who gave evidence at the inquiry, or was the evidence given of a secret character?

(5.) What was the cost of printing and lithography in connection with the report?

(6.) What was the total cost of the Commission, actual or approximate?

Mr.

Mr. Abbott answered,—

(1.) No amount was applied for. It was decided to award Messrs. Morris and Ranken each £500 for their services, and that sum has been paid.

(2.) £284 16s. 11d.

(3.) About £103.

(4.) The names were not appended to the report, the fifth and sixth paragraphs of which state the reasons for their being withheld.

(5.) About £627.

(6.) The accounts were not kept in the Department of Lands. The total cost approximately was £2,015.

(21.) *Mudgee General Cemetery*:—*Mr. A. G. Taylor* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) When will the final dedication of the *Mudgee General Cemetery* take place?

(2.) When the Cemetery is dedicated, will he grant aid towards fencing and clearing the said Cemetery?

Mr. Abbott answered,—The case will be dealt with in the next abstract laid before Parliament.

(22.) *Gulgong Show-ground*:—*Mr. A. G. Taylor* asked the Secretary for Lands,—When will the dedication of the *Gulgong Show-ground* take place?

Mr. Abbott answered,—An abstract of the proposed dedication was laid before Parliament on the 10th instant. So soon as the requirements of the law have been complied with the dedication will be made.

(23.) *Mrs. Osman Day*:—*Mr. Targett* asked the Minister of Justice,—Whether he will recommend the rescission of the sentence of *Mrs. Osman Day*, the crime for which she was convicted being perpetrated under fear of personal violence?

Mr. Cohen answered,—No petition or representation having been made upon the subject, no action has been taken in the matter. I am not officially informed of the facts stated in the Honorable Member's question.

(24.) *Wallerawang Engine Sheds*:—*Mr. Targett* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Will he say why the promise made by the Honorable the Premier relative to the utilization of the *Wallerawang engine sheds* has not been carried out?

(2.) Is it intended to use the sheds for engines now working on the through traffic of the Great Western Line?

Mr. Wright answered,—

(1.) At that time it was thought that all the engines in the district could be economically stabled at *Wallerawang*, but it has been found suitable only for the ballast engine; the other engines are more economically stabled at *Lithgow*.

(2.) As far as the sheds are found to be suitable, they will be used.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Wright laid upon the Table,—Copy of Agreement made with the Tramways Advertising Company for the right of Advertising on Tram-cars.
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Cohen laid upon the Table,—Regulations for the Sale of Liquor at Railway Refreshment Rooms.
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Abbott laid upon the Table,—Third Annual Report of the Department of Lands, being for the year 1882.
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Reid laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 10th October, 1883,—“*Mr. Knopp, Public School Teacher.*”
Ordered to be printed.

3. LAW OF LIBEL AND CONTEMPT OF COURT:—The undermentioned Petitions praying for an amendment of the Law of Libel and the Practice concerning Contempt of Court, were presented by the Members named:—

(1.) By *Mr. Badgery*. From the Mayor of Cooma, as Chairman of a Council Meeting, held at the Council Chambers, Cooma.

(2.) By *Mr. Trickett*. From the Mayor of Randwick, as Chairman of a Meeting of the Randwick Municipal Council, held at the Town Hall, Randwick.
Petitions received.

4. W. F. COLLIER'S CONDITIONAL PURCHASE AT BODALLA (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Abigail* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all reports, petitions, minutes, plans, papers, or other documents having reference to *William Frederick Collier's Conditional Purchase at Bodalla*. Question put and passed.

5. LEAVE OF ABSENCE (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. R. B. Smith* moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave of absence for one month be granted to *William Clarke, Esquire*, the Honorable Member for Orange. Question put and passed.

6. AGREEMENTS VALIDATING ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

(1.) *Mr. Fletcher* moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to extend and amend the *Agreements Validating Act 39 Victoria No. 29*.
Question put and passed.

(2.) *Mr. Fletcher* presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to extend and amend the Agreements Validating Act 39 Victoria No. 29,*”—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 16th November.

7. MR. LAMONT YOUNG AND PARTY:—Mr. Day moved, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the mysterious disappearance of Mr. Lamont Young and his party at Bermagui.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Stuart, Mr. Henry Clarke, Mr. Garvan, Mr. Copeland, Mr. Melville, Mr. Levin, Mr. Burns, Mr. Moses, Mr. Barbour, and the Mover.
 - (3.) That the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee on this subject during the Session of 1883, be laid upon the Table of this House, with a view to being referred to the Committee; and that the Return to Order, on the same subject, laid upon the Table of this House on 24th April, 1883, be also referred to the Committee.
- Question put and passed.
And the Clerk having laid the Documents on the Table,—
- Mr. Day (*with the concurrence of the House*) moved, without Notice, That the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before the Select Committee on “Mr. Lamont Young and Party,” just laid upon the Table by the Clerk, be referred to the Select Committee now appointed on that subject.
- Question put and passed.
8. MR. KNOFF, PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHER:—Mr. A. G. Taylor moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the table of this House copies of all letters, papers, correspondence, &c., in connection with the attempted removal of Mr. Knopp from the Public School at Mittagong; and all papers connected with the removal of any other Teacher or Pupil Teacher from the Mittagong Public School.
- Question put and passed.

The House adjourned at three minutes after Five o'clock, until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 5.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 16 OCTOBER, 1883.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS:—Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the requirement of the Electoral Act of 1880, laid upon the Table his Warrant appointing the Committee of Elections and Qualifications for the present Session, of which the following is a copy:—

*“By the Honorable the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly
of New South Wales.*

“Pursuant to the power in that behalf vested in me, as Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, by the Electoral Act of 1880, I do hereby appoint

“Edward Combes, Esquire, C.M.G.,
“Henry Moses, Esquire,
“Richard Lennon Murray, Esquire,
“William Hilson Pigott, Esquire,

“John Mitchell Purves, Esquire,
“Atkinson Alfred Patrick Tighe, Esquire,
“Robert Lucas Tooth, Esquire,

“being Members of the said Assembly, to be Members of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications in the said Act referred to, during the present Session of the Assembly aforesaid.

“Given under my hand, at the Legislative Assembly Chamber, Macquarie-street,
Sydney, this sixteenth day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand
eight hundred and eighty-three.

“EDMUND BARTON,
“Speaker.”

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Boring Machine:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Did the Government purchase from certain parties about Gunnedah the Tiffin boring-machine now working about Gunnedah?
- (2.) What are the names of the parties of whom the Government bought the boring-machine?
- (3.) Was Mr. T. K. Abbott, P.M., of East Maitland, one of the owners of the machine?

Mr. Abbott answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Mr. R. P. Brock, of Gunnedah.
- (3.) No.

(2.) Resumption of Land at Waterloo and Botany:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Did the Government resume the 10 acres of land reserved in the Waterloo grant now belonging to the Cooper family?
- (2.) Have the Government resumed the other areas of land reserved in the grants now owned by the Cooper family about Botany and Sydney?
- (3.) Have the Government resumed the 10 acres of land reserved in Lord's grant at Botany?
- (4.) If not, is it their intention to resume the lands in the grants specified?

Mr. Farnell answered,—The Government has resumed and taken possession of an area of 10 acres from each of the following grants, viz.:—570 acres, county of Cumberland, parish of Botany, granted to Samuel Terry; 417 acres, county of Cumberland, parish of Botany, granted to Tom White Melville; 600 acres, county of Cumberland, parish of Botany, granted to Simeon Lord; 1,400 acres (Waterloo Mills grant), county of Cumberland, parish of Alexandria, granted to William Hutchinson. (3.)

- (3.) Mr. Burnett, Contractor for Bridges :—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Has the tender of a person named Burnett been lately accepted for the erection of a bridge in the Singleton district ?
 - (2.) If so, is he the person who erected bridges at Aberdeen and Jerry's Plains which were carried away by a flood ?
 - (3.) If so, is he aware that this man agreed to drive the piles 25 to 30 feet ?
 - (4.) Is he aware that the heads of the piles were cut off, that they were not driven over 10 or 11 feet, and that none of the piles exceeded 30 feet in total length ?
 - (5.) Is it not a fact that the late Government decided not to accept any more tenders from Mr. Burnett ?

Mr. Wright answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) The agreement was to drive until they would not go half-an-inch with a blow of 22 cwt. ram falling 10 feet.
- (4.) Some ; but deductions were made in many cases.
- (5.) Yes ; but four years had elapsed, and Burnett had carried out contract for Muswellbrook Iron Bridge without any grave complaint. As he was the lowest, his tender was accepted ; he will be well watched.

- (4.) Public School Teachers acting as Sunday School Teachers :—Mr. Pigott asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Will he state what circulars, orders, or regulations have been issued or made relative to Public School teachers, or persons employed in Public Schools acting as catechists, lay-readers, or Sunday School teachers ?
- (2.) Will he lay upon the Table of this House copies of all circulars, orders, or regulations having reference to the above matters ?

Mr. Reid answered,—I will lay upon the Table to-morrow the information which the Honorable Member seeks as to Public School Teachers acting as lay-readers or catechists. As to Sunday School teaching, I can only repeat my answer to the Honorable Gentleman a few days ago, namely, that no circular, order, or instruction has been issued from the Department prohibiting teachers of any grade in the Public School service from acting as Sunday School teachers.

- (5.) Carumbie Run :—Mr. Poole asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he at an early date lay upon the Table of the House a Return in reference to Carumbie Run, county of Monteaagle, showing :—

- (1.) The total acreage of the Run ?
- (2.) The number of reserves, why so reserved, and the acreage in each case ?
- (3.) The names, residences, and acreage, including the pre-leases held by conditional and improvement purchasers in each case ?

Mr. Farnell answered,—So soon as the information can be compiled, it will be laid upon the Table of the House in the form of a Return.

- (6.) Court-house at Goulburn :—*Mr. Abigail*, for Mr. Teece, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will plans and specifications be completed and tenders invited for the erection of the Courthouse at Goulburn ?

Mr. Reid answered,—Plans and specifications are in course of preparation, and the work will be ready for advertising in two or three weeks.

- (7.) Free Education :—*Mr. Abigail*, for Mr. Teece, asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—What steps have the Government taken, or do they intend taking, to give effect to the resolution of this House of the 6th February last, affirming that "the payment of fees for Elementary Education in the Public Schools of the Colony should be discontinued ?"

Mr. Reid answered,—I have already replied to a similar question, and to the effect that this matter will be dealt with in the Financial Statement.

- (8.) Mail Service between Mudgee and Green Gully :—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Postmaster General,—What excuse has he for refusing the provision needed for the establishment of a mail service between Mudgee and Green Gully ?

Mr. Trickett answered,—The Honorable Member was informed by letter on the 12th ultimo of the reason for the non-establishment of the mail service asked for. The official reports show that the number of people to be benefitted are too few, and the expense too great to justify the establishment of the service.

- (9.) Railway Siding at Sodwalls :—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he take steps to appoint an officer to do duty at the Railway Siding at Sodwalls ?

Mr. Wright answered,—The Traffic Manager has reported that at present the traffic at this Siding does not warrant the appointment of such an officer ; but inquiry will be made.

- (10.) Public School, Botobolar :—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Was the erection of a new Public School at Botobolar promised several months ago ?
- (2.) Will he state the reasons which have led to delay in fulfilling the promise ?

Mr. Reid answered,—

- (1.) Yes.

- (2.) The site was not secured until recently. Instructions were given some days ago for the erection of a suitable building without delay.

- (11.) Public School at Cooyal :—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Is he aware that the accommodation afforded by the Public School at Cooyal is far below requirements ?
- (2.) When will he order the erection of a new Public School at Cooyal ?

Mr.

Mr. Reid answered,—

(1.) The Inspector has reported that the building is too small for the number of pupils in attendance.

(2.) A new building is not necessary. Steps are being taken to lengthen the building and to provide extra furniture.

(12.) Public School, Redbank:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—Has he decided to establish a Public School at Redbank, near Mudgee?

Mr. Reid answered,—The Inspector is now making the necessary inquiries, and he has been instructed to furnish his report with as little delay as possible.

(13.) Gaoler's Residence at Mudgee:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) When will tenders be called for the erection of a gaoler's residence at Mudgee?

(2.) What is the proposed cost of the work?

Mr. Wright answered,—

(1.) Plan for residence referred to, also for converting old quarters into punishment and condemned cells, are under consideration.

(2.) The cost of the residence, including underground tank, is estimated at £1,500, and the alterations referred to at £150.

(14.) Letter-carrier at Mudgee:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Postmaster General,—

(1.) How many miles per day does the letter-carrier at Mudgee travel in delivery of the mails?

(2.) Will he make provision for the appointment of a second letter-carrier at Mudgee without delay?

Mr. Trickett answered,—

(1.) About twelve.

(2.) The official reports show that the letter-carrier is not over-worked. There does not therefore seem to be any necessity for a second carrier.

(15.) Railway Bridge at Narrandera:—Mr. Loughnan asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has an inquiry been made as to whether the Railway Bridge at Narrandera, as at present designed, will impede the navigation of the Murrumbidgee?

(2.) What is the result of the inquiry, if such has been made?

(3.) Is he aware that the "Hero" (a small steamer) arrived at Narrandera lately on a low river, and that measurements showed that if the bridge as proposed had existed she would not have been able to pass?

Mr. Wright answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) The result of the inquiry shows that the proposed bridge will, at certain heights, impede the navigation by vessels of the class now used.

(3.) The department has been informed that the "Hero" is one of the largest steamers on the river, being 24 feet when unloaded from water level to top of wheel-house. The bridge was not designed to accommodate steamers of this class; in fact, since the opening of the Railway to Hay these large steamers have scarcely ever been higher up the river than that town. If the bridge is to give sufficient headway for such steamers, it would have to be raised about 12 feet. There is no occasion, however, for vessels of this class to go to Narrandera.

(16.) Glebe Island Abattoirs:—Mr. Griffiths asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it true that he contemplates closing the Glebe Island Abattoirs; if so, at what date?

(2.) If so, what provision he contemplates making for the slaughter of live stock for the use of the citizens of Sydney and suburbs?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

(1.) Yes; about the 30th June, 1884.

(2.) A meat market for the sale of slaughtered meat is now in course of erection at the Railway Terminus, Darling Harbour, where every facility will be offered for the disposal of meat; but it is not contemplated by the Government to provide slaughtering establishments at the public expense.

(17.) Stock and Brands Branches:—Mr. Barbour, for Mr. O'Mara, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Is the money voted by Parliament for the Stock Branch, as also that of the Brands Branch, payable out of the Consolidated Revenue?

(2.) Are they paid from one and the same Vote?

(3.) What has been done with the amount appearing on the Estimates for 1883 as the salary of the Deputy Registrar of Brands and his assistant?

(4.) Are the gentlemen appointed to those positions performing the duties?

Mr. Abbott answered,—

(1.) The moneys voted for the Stock and Brands Branch (now all one Branch) are paid partly from Trust Funds, and partly from the Consolidated Revenue.

(2.) Answered by No. 1.

(3.) The offices of Deputy Registrar of Brands and chief clerk are combined, and the salary of the Deputy Registrar of Brands is now paid to the officer who fills both those positions. There is no salary on the Estimates for an assistant.

(4.) The duties of the Deputy Registrar of Brands are performed by or under the direction of the gentleman appointed to that position.

(18.) Banks's Meadow Reserve:—Mr. Fremlin asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Have the trustees of the Banks's Meadow Reserve power to prevent people removing seaweed from the beach?

(2.) Is he aware that the public are thus prevented under threat of prosecution by the said Trustees?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) The Trustees of the Banks's Meadow Reserve have the control of the land within its boundaries.

(2.) No.

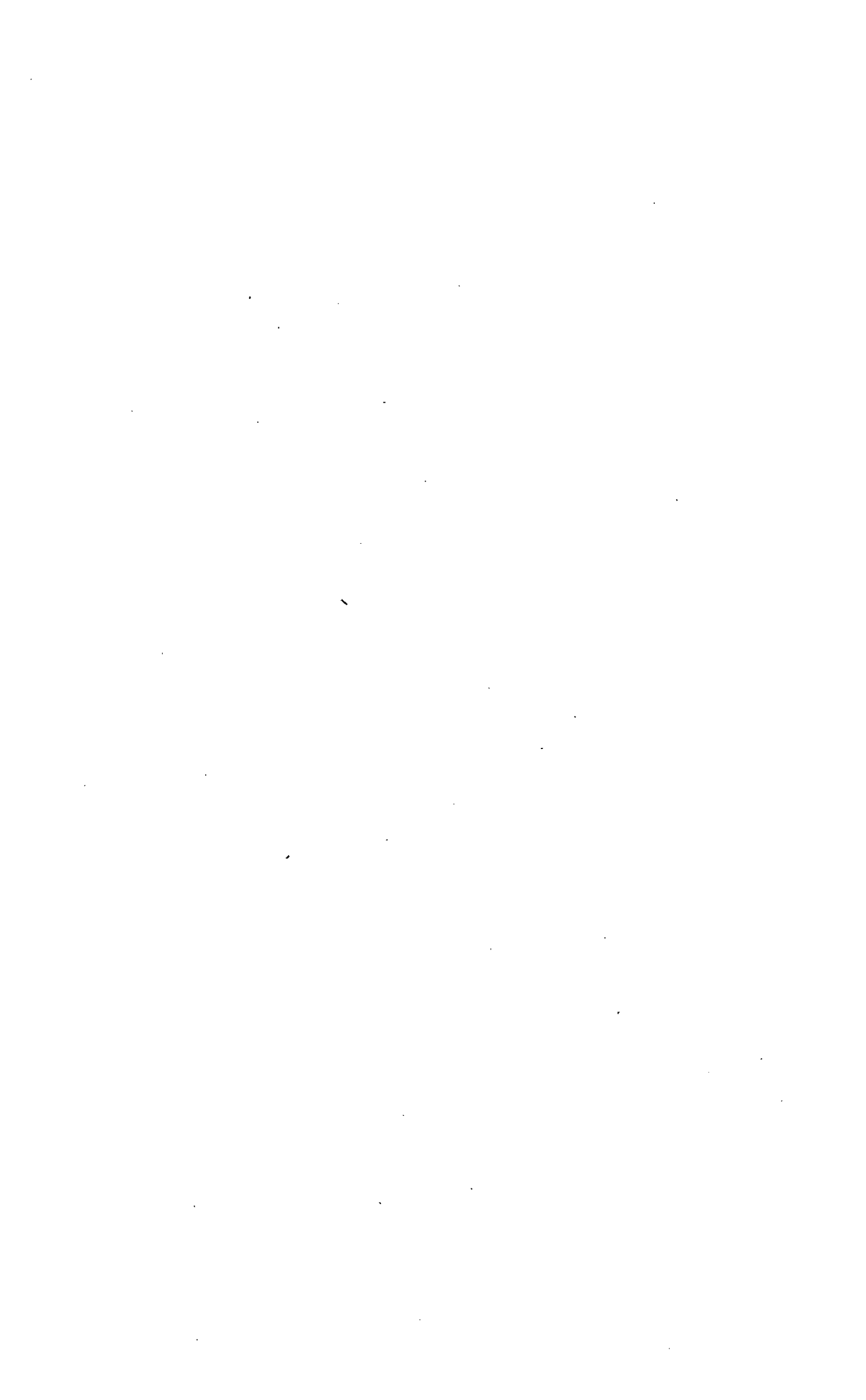
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- (19.) Weir across the Lachlan River :—Mr. Stokes asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government to call for tenders for making the Weir across the Lachlan River, near Forbes, this summer, in accordance with the plans and specifications prepared by the Government Engineer?
- Mr. Wright answered,—Designs for this work I find have been prepared, and as soon as the Estimate is before me, which will be in a few days, I will decide what course shall be pursued in the matter.
3. PAPER :—Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table,—Map of New South Wales showing territorial divisions for purposes of the Crown Lands Bill of 1883.
Ordered to be printed and lithographed.
4. LAW OF LIBEL AND CONTEMPT OF COURT.—Mr. W. J. Fergusson presented a Petition from Residents of the District of Glen Innes, representing that the Laws relating to Libel, as affecting the Press, require to be clearly defined by special enactment, and that the powers at present exercised by the Judges in dealing with charges of Contempt of Court should be so defined that the guilt or innocence of the accused should be determined by a jury, excepting misconduct within the precincts of a Court whilst a Judge is sitting; and praying that a Law dealing with these questions may be passed without delay.
Petition received.
5. ST. PHILIP'S PARSONAGE BILL :—Mr. Hutchinson presented a Petition from William Day, Esquire, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Trustees of St. Philip's Church, Sydney, to lease a certain piece of land situate in the City of Sydney, parish of St. Philip, and to apply the rents and profits thereof.
And Mr. Hutchinson having produced the *Government Gazette* and the *Sydney Morning Herald*, newspaper, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.
6. RAILWAY TO DENILIQUIN :—Mr. Barbour presented a Petition from Residents and Property-holders of the Town and District of Deniliquin, representing that the proposed Line of Railway about to be constructed from Narrandera to Jerilderie will terminate at a point distant about 44 miles from the Town of Deniliquin; and praying that steps may be taken for the continuation of the Line from Jerilderie to Deniliquin.
Petition received.
7. DUBBO CATTLE SALE-YARDS BILL :—Sir Patrick Jennings having presented this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of the sum of Twenty-five Pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to authorize the Erection and Maintenance of Cattle Sale-yards by the Municipal Council of Dubbo within the said Municipality*,"—read a first time.
8. FIRE BRIGADES BILL :—Mr. Stuart presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to make better provision for the protection of Life and Property from Fire and for other purposes*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday next.
9. WALLENDREEN RESERVE (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Abigail moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers, minutes, reports, letters, plans, or other documents having reference to the cancellation and revocation of such cancellation of the Wallendreen Reserve; also copies of the documents referring to Annie E. Smith's selection upon the said Reserve.
Question put and passed.
10. RYAN'S CONDITIONAL PURCHASE AT WAGGA WAGGA (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Loughnan moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers, letters, minutes, and all correspondence of any kind relating to the conditional purchase of Thomas Ryan, Ellen Ryan, and Anastasia Ryan, made at the Wagga Wagga Lands Office, situated in the parish of Beramba, county of Bourke.
Question put and passed.
11. REMOVAL OF LANDS OFFICE FROM WINGHAM TO TAREE (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Young moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all petitions, letters, minutes, and other papers having reference to the removal of the business of the Lands Office of the Manning River District from Wingham to Taree.
Question put and passed.
12. LICENSING ACTS AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Ouliffe moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Licensing Acts of 1882-1883.
Question put and passed.
13. ILLAWARRA RAILWAY :—Mr. McElhone moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
(1.) Copies of all correspondence, minutes, or other documents, between the Colonial Secretary and any Member of the present Government, or any other person, in reference to the proposed deviation in the Railway Line to Illawarra, as suggested by the Colonial Secretary.
(2.) Copies of all correspondence, minutes, or other documents, between the Colonial Secretary before he performed the duties of Minister for Works, whilst he was performing the duties of Minister for Works, and since then, and the Engineer-in-Chief for Railways, or any other official or person in regard to the Illawarra Railway.
(3.) Copies of any correspondence, minutes, or other documents, between the present Secretary for Works and the Engineer-in-Chief for Railways, and any other person or persons.
(4.) Copies of all plans of the proposed deviation in the Illawarra Railway, particularly showing the names of all persons who own land which the proposed deviation of the Illawarra Railway would run through.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

14. CLAIMS OF IMMIGRANTS BY SHIP "NORTHAMPTON":—Mr. Tarrant moved, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the claims of the Immigrants by the ship "Northampton" for compensation for the loss of their luggage, which was damaged by salt water whilst in the hold of that vessel after she was beached in Botany Bay.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Stuart, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Fletcher, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Spring, Mr. Garrard, Mr. McCourt, and the Mover.
 Question put and passed.
15. MR. MOORE, DIRECTOR OF BOTANIC GARDENS:—Mr. Abigail moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers, depositions, reports, legal opinions, or other documents referring to the case against Mr. Moore, of the Botanic Gardens, tried at the Water Police Court in June last by Mr. Marsh, whose decision was reversed by the letter of the Colonial Secretary which was sent to Mr. Moore, and afterwards published in the newspapers.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed.
16. PAPER:—Mr. Stuart laid upon the Table,—Return to an Address adopted on 16th October, 1883,—
 "Mr. Moore, Director of Botanic Gardens."
 Ordered to be printed.
17. CANDIDATES FOR EMPLOYMENT IN THE PUBLIC SERVICE:—Mr. A. G. Taylor moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, candidates for employment in the Public Service should not in future be required to state their religious belief.
 Question put and passed.

The House, *by consent*, adjourned at seven minutes after Seven o'clock, until *Thursday next* at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 6.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 18 OCTOBER, 1883.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Telegraph Offices at Wollar, Cudgegong, and Ilford:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Postmaster-General,—

- (1.) Has he deliberated during the recess, as promised, on the advisableness of establishing Telegraph Offices at Wollar, Cudgegong, and Ilford?
- (2.) What are the results of his deliberations?

Mr. Trickett answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) In view of the small amount of postal business transacted at the places named, I cannot see my way at present to incur the expense of establishing Telegraph Offices. The case of Ilford will, however, receive further consideration when the next extension of the Railway towards Mudgee is opened, as the business may then increase.

(2.) John Hanber's Purchase, Parish of Gallimbrine:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Lands,—Has the Surveyor appointed to appraise John Hanber's purchase of 3 acres 16 perches, in the parish of Gallimbrine, forwarded his report yet?

Mr. Farnell answered,—No; no report has yet been received.

(3.) Mr. Moore, Director of Botanic Gardens:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Has he indited, or caused to be indited during the past six months, any letters of condolence to any Civil Servant dealt with by the Stipendiary Magistrates?
- (2.) In the case of the Director of the Botanic Gardens, did he express his dissent from Mr. Marsh's decision?
- (3.) Did he do so without consulting Mr. Marsh, and on the recommendation of the defendant's Counsel?

Mr. Stuart answered,—I have already laid upon the Table the whole of the correspondence alluded to, and have nothing further to say about it.

(4.) Court-house Buildings at Mudgee:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is he aware that the Court-house Buildings at Mudgee are in a sad state of disrepair?
- (2.) Will he give orders to rectify this?

Mr. Wright answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) A tender for the necessary repairs has been received, and the recommendation of the Colonial Architect on the matter is under consideration.

(5.) Police Quarters at Rylstone:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Has the erection of the new Police Quarters at Rylstone been commenced yet?
- (2.) If not, when will they be commenced?

Mr. Wright answered,—

- (1.) No.
- (2.) A plan for stone buildings has been prepared, but before approving of it I have instituted inquiries which are now being made as to whether bricks cannot be obtained in the locality.

(6.) Public Works in Electorate of Mudgee:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has he caused provision to be made in the Estimates of 1884, as promised, for the following works:—

- (1.) The improvement of the Rylstone-Bylong Road?
- (2.) The fencing of dangerous portions of the Hill End-Bathurst Road?
- (3.) The improvement and repair of the Botobolar Road?
- (4.) The erection of a bridge over the Weddin Creek?
- (5.) The repair of the streets approaching the Railway Terminus at Rylstone?
- (6.) The repair of the streets approaching the Railway Terminus at Mudgee?

Mr.

Mr. Wright answered,—

(1.) Noted on Draft Estimates.

(2.) Will be provided for as far as possible from Road Vote.

(3, 4, and 5.) Noted on Draft Estimates.

(6.) Yes, for one continuous line of street. I may add, that I am not aware of any promise having been made in the cases referred to.

(7.) Railway, Singleton to Newcastle :—Mr. Gould asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) How many times during the past six months the train timed to leave Singleton at 11.30 a.m. for Newcastle has been delayed, and how long on each occasion?

(2.) Will he cause steps to be taken to provide for the more punctual departure of that train in future?

Mr. Wright answered,—

(1.) This train has been delayed on eighty-one occasions during the period mentioned. It was delayed thirty-three times for 10 minutes and under; eleven times over 10 minutes and under 20; seven times over 20 minutes and under 30; four times over 30 minutes and under 60; twice over 1 hour and under 2 hours; twenty-three times over 2 hours and under 3 hours; once for 3½ hours.

(2.) Yes. Additional engine power has been provided for this line, and, it is believed, will have the effect of ensuring the more punctual running of the train referred to.

(8.) Inspection of Mineral Leases :—Mr. W. J. Fergusson asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Will he cause an inquiry to be held by the various Wardens throughout the Colony to ascertain the amount expended by lessees on each mineral lease issued by the Department within the first three years of the lease, as provided for in the 56th section of the Mining Act?

(2.) If so, will he cause some competent person to inspect each lease and attend the inquiry on behalf of the Crown, the same as done on inquiries into conditional purchases?

Mr. Abbott answered,—

(1.) Where there is any report sent to the Department of the non-fulfilment of the conditions of the lease an inquiry is always held before the Warden.

(2.) It has not been deemed necessary to make the appointment suggested.

(9.) Glen Innes Gaol :—Mr. W. J. Fergusson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will tenders be called for the erection of the Glen Innes Gaol; and will he state the cause of the delay?

Mr. Wright answered,—So soon as the question of site has been determined, which is now under consideration.

(10.) Railway Refreshment Room between Murrurundi and Armidale :—Mr. W. J. Fergusson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Have any steps been taken to provide a Refreshment Room on the Great Northern Railway Line between Murrurundi and Armidale; if so, can he say when the public will be able to avail themselves of it?

(2.) Is he aware that passengers getting into the train at Armidale at 10 a.m. cannot obtain any kind of refreshment whatever till they reach Murrurundi at 4.30 p.m.

Mr. Wright answered,—

(1.) Yes; a Refreshment Room is to be provided at Werris Creek, and tenders for the work will be invited in about a fortnight.

(2.) Yes; but steps are being taken to have this remedied.

(11.) The Prickly Pear :—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Mines,—Is it his intention to introduce a Bill this Session for the destruction of the prickly pear plant; if so, when?

Mr. Abbott answered,—Yes, as soon as possible. I have just received the first proof from the printer.

(12.) Railway Trial Survey, Muswellbrook to Cassilis :—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Will he give instructions to have trial survey of a Railway from Muswellbrook to Cassilis made via Denman, as well as by the route of the line as it is being surveyed?

(2.) Will he also give instructions to have the survey to Cassilis continued on to Coolah?

Mr. Wright answered,—

(1.) Denman is on the Hunter River, about 14 miles south-west of Musclebrook. The survey now being made follows the Hunter for about 7 miles towards Denman, and then turns in a westerly direction towards Merriwa. To pass through Denman will require the survey of a deviation which would add 4 or 5 miles to the route now being surveyed.

(2.) This matter will receive early consideration.

(13.) Permission to erect a Wharf at Newcastle :—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Was permission granted to Cowlshaw Brothers, or any other persons, to erect a wharf at North Shore, Newcastle, fronting land being part of the estate of the late Dr. Mitchell?

(2.) Was any objection made by Mr. Morehead, or any other person; if so, by whom, to the granting of the same before permission was given to build the wharf?

(3.) Has Mr. Morehead, or any other person, requested the Colonial Secretary, by writing or otherwise, to cancel the permission given to Cowlshaw Brothers to erect the wharf as above; if so, has he requested any of his Colleagues to cancel the permission given to Cowlshaw Brothers?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

(1.) Yes, as by notice in the *Government Gazette* of 4th May last.

(2.) Yes, by Mr. Morehead.

(3.) Mr. Morehead called on me and personally explained the views which he holds, that it would be more desirable to have a Government wharf on the principle adopted on the south side, and I am submitting his views to the Harbours and Rivers Department for consideration.

(14.)

- (14.) Custom-house Building:—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it the intention of the Government to carry out the present Custom-house Building, by additions to it, on to the land used as a road for the past fifty years fronting the Custom-house?
Mr. Dibbs answered,—I am informed that the additions to the Custom-house will not, when completed, interfere with any part of the ground in use by the public during the past thirty years. The present enclosure is temporary, and the road is not interfered with.
- (15.) Carriage of Railway Rails:—Mr. Poole asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) Will he say what rate per ton per mile is charged by the Traffic Department for the carriage of rails for the extensions?
(2.) What rate per ton per mile has been charged to the Lithgow Valley Iron Works Company for the like service?
Mr. Wright answered,—
(1.) The rate for short distances is 4d. per ton per mile. For such a distance as Nyngan, for instance, the charge averages a fraction over 3d. per ton per mile.
(2.) The Lithgow Valley Iron Works Company has not forwarded rails to the extensions. For rails sent to Sydney the charge made has been for iron coming from the manufactory. Miscellaneous rate, 1d. per ton per mile.
- (16.) Public School at Keepit:—Mr. Gill asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—When will tenders be called for the erection of the Public School at Keepit?
Mr. Reid answered,—The plans and specifications have just been completed, and when they have been approved tenders will be at once invited.
- (17.) Railway to Inverell:—*Mr. Cameron*, for Mr. Proctor, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) Has he received a report from Mr. Hogg as to the practicability of constructing a Railway from Mother-of-Ducks to Inverell, or from Uralla to Inverell?
(2.) Did Mr. Hogg recommend a trial survey of either of these routes?
(3.) Is it the intention of the Government to obtain a trial survey of either or both of these routes before deciding upon the question of constructing a Railway from Glen Innes to Inverell?
(4.) And if so, when will the trial surveys be proceeded with?
Mr. Wright answered,—
(1 & 2.) No such report has yet been submitted to me.
(3 & 4.) The matter is under consideration.
- (18.) Road from Walcha Road Station to Walcha:—*Mr. Cameron*, for Mr. Proctor, asked the Secretary for Mines,—
(1.) Have applications been made by Messrs. Crawford, Sutherland, and Sweeney, for compensation for losses sustained by resumption of land for road from Walcha Road Station to Walcha; if so, when?
(2.) How much has been offered to these applicants?
(3.) When will the claims be paid?
Mr. Abbott answered,—
(1.) Yes; by Mr. Crawford in February, 1882; and by Messrs. Sutherland and Sweeney in March, 1883.
(2.) The applications for compensation for loss of land cannot be dealt with until the Attorney General has advised upon a similar case now under reference to him. As to compensation for fencing, Mr. Crawford is not entitled to any, as his fences enclosed Crown Lands and reserved roads; but the sums of £11 18s. to David Sutherland, £14 14s. to George Sutherland, and £20 6s. to Michael Sweeney, have been awarded for fencing the road where it passes through their enclosures.
(3.) The Treasury was authorized to pay the amounts on 13th March, 1883.
- (19.) Mr. Anthony Joseph Cavanagh, J.P.:—*Mr. Cameron*, for Mr. Proctor, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Upon whose recommendation was Anthony Joseph Cavanagh, of Armidale, appointed a Justice of the Peace?
(2.) Are recommendations for the Commission of the Peace submitted to the Police Magistrates or Police Authorities in the various districts, and was Anthony Joseph Cavanagh recommended by either of these?
Mr. Stuart answered,—
(1.) Upon the recommendation of A. Richardson, Esq., of Armidale.
(2.) No.
- (20.) Vote for Agricultural Societies:—Mr. Wilson asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) How much of the Vote for Agricultural Societies remains unexpended?
(2.) How many Societies have received their share for the year?
(3.) How many have not?
Mr. Stuart answered,—
(1.) £3,246 15s. 9d.
(2.) Nineteen Societies.
(3.) Forty-seven Societies; but applications are constantly coming in, and no doubt all this will be absorbed.
- (21.) Railway Carriage on Goods between Albury and Wagga Wagga:—Mr. Day asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) What are the maximum rates charged per ton by rail on 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th-class goods respectively from Albury to Wagga Wagga?
(2.) What are the maximum rates charged respectively on the same class of goods from Wagga Wagga to Albury?
(3.) Is there any good reason why these rates should be higher from Albury to Wagga than from Wagga to Albury?
Mr.

Mr. Wright answered,—

- (1.) 1st-class, 40s. 0d.; 2nd-class, 49s. 3d.; 3rd-class, 67s. 9d.; 4th class, 87s. 9d. per ton.
- (2.) 1st-class, 26s. 8d.; 2nd-class, 32s. 10d.; 3rd-class, 45s. 2d.; 4th class, 58s. 6d. per ton.
- (3.) Yes.

(22.) Railway Trial Survey, Grafton to Morpeth:—Mr. Young asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) How many Surveyors are now employed on the trial survey for Railway Line, Grafton to Morpeth?
- (2.) To what point had the survey party reached at date of last report?
- (3.) At present rate of progress when is it likely that this survey will be completed?

Mr. Wright answered,—

- (1.) One Surveyor only, who is working from Grafton towards Morpeth.
- (2.) The survey had reached a point about 32 miles south of Grafton at the end of last month.
- (3.) It is not intended to continue this survey with one Surveyor only. Additional Surveyors will be employed on this work on the completion of the surveys of several authorized trial lines.

(23.) Recreation Ground for Tinonce:—Mr. Roberts asked the Secretary for Lands,—Was a portion of land granted or approved of as a Recreation Ground for the township of Tinonce on or about 20th July, 1879; if so, will he take steps to have it placed in the hands of Trustees for the purpose referred to without delay?

Mr. Farnell answered,—An area of 100 acres has been dedicated. Trustees will be appointed when nominated.

(24.) Site for Agricultural Society's Purposes at Wingham:—Mr. Roberts asked the Secretary for Lands,—Has a portion of land been granted or reserved near the township of Wingham as a site for an Agricultural Society's purpose; if so, will he take steps to have it dedicated without delay?

Mr. Farnell answered,—Instructions have been issued for the survey of 25 acres for the purpose, and upon its receipt the necessary steps for the dedication of the land will be taken.

(25.) Rylstone Public School:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—Have the repairs to the Rylstone Public School, sanctioned six months ago, been completed yet?

Mr. Reid answered,—Plans and specifications of a class-room, a weather-shed, and repairs, are now ready, and tenders will be invited without delay.

(26.) Crown Lands Office, Gulgong:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he take steps to establish a Crown Lands Office at Gulgong, as requested many months ago?

Mr. Farnell answered,—The matter remains in abeyance pending legislation, to which effect the Honorable Member was informed on the 16th August last.

(27.) Police Station, Windeyer:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Has the contract for the erection of a verandah to the Police Station at Windeyer been entered into yet?
- (2.) If not, what is the cause of the delay?

Mr. Wright answered,—

- (1.) No.
- (2.) Tenders for the work were received some time since, but being considered too high, the Police Magistrate was asked on the 19th ultimo to obtain fresh offers, which have not yet been received.

(28.) High School at Mudgee:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—What steps has he taken towards the establishment of a High School at Mudgee?

Mr. Reid answered,—I have to state, in reply to the Honorable Member, that no steps have yet been taken towards the establishment of a High School at Mudgee.

(29.) Post Office, Waverley Station, on the Crudine:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Postmaster General,—When will he establish a Post Office at Waverley Station, on the Crudine, as petitioned for some months back?

Mr. Trickett answered,—Pending a report from the Postal Inspector, who has not yet been able to visit the locality, I have decided to establish a Receiving Office at the place named as a temporary measure.

(30.) Diamond Drill for Albury:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Mines,—On what terms has a diamond drill been allowed to the people of Albury?

Mr. Abbott answered,—An application has been made by the Hawkesview Gold-mining Company at Albury for the use of a diamond drill, and one will be supplied upon the same terms as in the case of any other applicants, viz., those published in the *Government Gazette* of the 3rd of February, 1882.

(31.) Provisional School at Clarke's Creek:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Have a number of residents at Clarke's Creek, near Windeyer, petitioned for the establishment of a Provisional School in that locality?
- (2.) Has he based his refusal on the score that the site indicated is not sufficiently distant from the Windeyer Public School?
- (3.) Is not the country to be traversed by the school children mountainous; and if so, will he consent to a relaxation of the rule?

Mr. Reid answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Yes. I may add, that the site of the proposed school is also only 3 miles from the Provisional School at Campbell's Creek.
- (3.) The Inspector states that there are no serious natural difficulties in the way.

- (32.) Drillmaster for Mudgee Schools:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—Is it his intention to provide a Drillmaster for the chief Schools in the Mudgee District?
- Mr. Reid answered,—No. In view of the expense, it is not considered desirable to appoint a Drill-instructor. The Teachers are required to instruct the pupils in drill.
- (33.) Bridge across Meroo Creek:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it his intention to make provisions on the Estimates of 1884 for the erection of a Bridge across the Meroo Creek?
- Mr. Wright answered,—No, as the local officer reports that there is a good ford, and the traffic is very small.
- (34.) Instruments for Flogging Prisoners:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) How many cat-o'-nine-tails have been imported by the present Government, and how many birches?
 - (2.) What was the total cost of these importations?
 - (3.) Where were they imported from, and how have they been distributed?
- Mr. Cohen answered,—None of the instruments referred to have been imported by the present Government.
- (35.) Allandale Railway Platform:—Mr. Gould asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Has a porter been recently placed in charge of the Allandale platform on the Great Northern Railway?
 - (2.) What was the gross amount received at such platform during the year 1882, specifying that from inward and outward goods and coaching traffic respectively?
 - (3.) What has been the cost of the siding, goods-shed, and additional platform accommodation, recently provided at that platform?
- Mr. Wright answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) The following amounts were received:—Inward goods, £30; outward goods, £51; inward coaching, £125; outward coaching, £121.
 - (3.) The cost to end of August last was £621 6s. 4d.
- (36.) Instruction in Gunnery and Fortifications:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has the Government any intention to take advantage of the offer of the Imperial Government to send to the Colonies Officers of the Royal Artillery competent to instruct in the more advanced forms of gunnery, fortifications, and defence, an offer which has been availed of by all the Colonies but New South Wales?
- Mr. Stuart answered,—The Government does not at present see the necessity for making an arrangement of the kind referred to.
- (37.) Railway Refreshment Rooms at Werris Creek:—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Referring to my question and the Premier's reply thereto (see Votes and Proceedings 1st May, No. 58) stating tenders would be called for Werris Creek Railway Station Refreshment and Accommodation Rooms,—Will there be any objection to state the cause of the long delay in calling for such?
 - (2.) Are the plans and specifications ready, and when will tenders be invited for the erection of these buildings?
- Mr. Wright answered,—
- (1.) The plans for this work had to be put aside for a time in consequence of more pressing work having to be attended to.
 - (3.) The plans are now ready, the tracings are being prepared for lithographing, and tenders will be invited for the work in about a fortnight.
- (38.) Railway from Orange to Forbes:—Mr. Dalton asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Whether tenders have yet been called for the construction of the first section of the Railway, Orange to Forbes?
 - (2.) If not, when will they be called; and does he know of any impediment to their being called for at once?
- Mr. Wright answered,—
- (1.) No.
 - (2.) Every exertion is being made to call for tenders as far as Molong at an early date.
- (39.) Deniliquin Licensing Bench:—Mr. Barbour asked the Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the Deniliquin Licensing Bench refused to grant licenses to hotel-keepers in sparsely populated districts at the reduced fees provided for by the Amending Act?
 - (2.) Did they give as their reasons for such refusal that those who were at the required distance ought to pay the full fee as well as those who were at a shorter distance?
 - (3.) Will he require them to reply whether these houses, with a limited trade, are able to pay the highest license fee?
- Mr. Cohen answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) The Bench assigned several reasons for their decision, and among others they report that they considered the applicants were quite able to pay the full fee.
 - (3.) This question is answered by the preceding reply to No. 2.
- (40.) Court-house and Lock-up at Manila:—Mr. Gill, for Mr. Levien, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Have the plans been prepared for the Court-house and Lock-up at Manila; if so, what is the cause of delay in calling for tenders; and when will tenders be called for the erection of these buildings?

Mr.

Mr. Wright answered,—A plan for the Court-house has been prepared and referred for the consideration of the Minister of Justice. The Lock-up has been omitted in consequence of the Inspector General of Police having reported it unnecessary.

- (41.) Public School at Milliwindi :—*Mr. Gill*, for Mr. Levien, asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—Have the plans been prepared for the Milliwindi Public School, near Keepit; if so, when will tenders be called for its erection?

Mr. Reid answered,—Yes; tenders have this day been invited for School Buildings at Milliwindi, near Keepit.

- (42.) School at Upper Manilla :—*Mr. Gill*, for Mr. Levien, asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—Have plans been prepared for the School at Upper Manilla; if not, when will they be prepared; and when will tenders be called for the erection of this building?

Mr. Reid answered,—Plans are in course of preparation, and when they have been approved of tenders will be invited without delay.

- (43.) School Buildings at Dungowan :—*Mr. Gill*, for Mr. Levien, asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—When will tenders be called for the proposed new School Buildings at Upper and Lower Dungowan, and will the Minister have immediate action taken as to the erection of these much-needed buildings?

Mr. Reid answered,—Upper Dungowan: A School site at this place has just been approved, and the necessary steps towards its conveyance are now being taken; the plans of the buildings will be prepared with as little delay as possible. Lower Dungowan: A tender for the School Buildings was accepted on the 11th of this month.

- (44.) Pavement in Front of Post Office, Forbes :—*Mr. R. B. Smith*, for Mr. Stokes, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has the state of the pavement in the portico of the Post and Telegraph Office, Forbes, been brought under his notice?

(2.) Has he up to the present received notice of an action pending for injuries received by a resident through the state of the pavement referred to?

(3.) Is he aware that the Members for the district have brought this matter under the notice of the Works Department six times, orally or written, pointing out the necessity for immediate action?

Mr. Wright answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) No such communication has been received.

(3.) No. A report and estimate for new flooring have been furnished, and are now under consideration.

- (45.) The Barwin River :—*Mr. Dangar* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it intended to place a sum of money on the Estimates to snag and clear the Barwin River from Walcott to Brewarrina and Bourke, in a similar manner to grants voted for other portions of this river?

(2.) Has the Engineer for Harbours and Rivers furnished his report in the matter; if so, the nature thereof?

Mr. Wright answered,—

(1.) The matter will be considered when the Estimates are before me.

(2.) The Engineer-in-Chief has suggested that the subject should be considered when the Estimates are being dealt with, which, as I have stated, will be done.

- (46.) The Three Million Loan :—*Mr. Garvan* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that in connection with the prospectus of our late Three Million Loan the following paragraph was published :—“The revenues of the Colony of New South Wales alone are liable in respect of this stock, and the dividends thereon, and the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom, and the Commissioners of Her Majesty’s Treasury, are not directly or indirectly liable or responsible for the payment of the stock or of the dividends thereon, or for any matter relating thereto?”

(2.) Who authorized such paragraph, or by whose authority was it published?

(3.) Has the Government or the Agent General taken any action in the matter, or is it purposed to do so?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—Yes; the paragraph was published by the authority of the Government, as part of the prospectus of the Three Million Loan, which was announced to be negotiated in the form of “Inscribed Stock,” and its publication is strictly in compliance with the terms of the 19th clause of the Imperial Statute 40 and 41 Vic. cap. 59, known as the “Colonial Stock Act of 1877,” which provides that every declaration of the Inscription of Colonial Stock in the United Kingdom, and every document connected therewith shall contain the statement above referred to, under a penalty not exceeding £50.

- (47.) Opening Goulburn-street :—*Mr. Withers* asked the Secretary for Mines,—In view of the serious inconvenience at the present time to vehicle traffic in Oxford-street,—Will the necessary instructions be given for Goulburn-street being opened with the least possible delay?

Mr. Abbott answered,—The necessary steps to open Goulburn-street are being taken. The Government has had a valuation made of the property that will be affected by the extension, and has agreed to pay the compensation; but the street being within the City of Sydney, the extension must, under the provisions of the Act 43 Victoria No. 3, be carried out by the City Corporation, and that body has accordingly been asked to extend the street as speedily as possible.

2. ADJOURNMENT :—Sir John Robertson moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

3. **LAW OF LIBEL AND CONTEMPTS OF COURT** :—The undermentioned Petitions, praying for an amendment of the Law of Libel and the Practice concerning Contempts of Court, were presented by the Members named :—
- (1.) By *Mr. Cameron*, for Mr. Fletcher. From the Mayor of Hamilton, as Chairman of a Public Meeting of Citizens held in the Council Chambers, Hamilton.
 - (2.) By *Mr. Cameron*, for Mr. Fletcher. From the Mayor of Waratah, as Chairman of a Public Meeting of the Residents held in the Municipal Council Chambers, Waratah.
 - (3.) By Mr. Hutchinson. From the Mayor of Leichhardt, as Chairman of a Public Meeting of Ratepapers held in the Council Chambers, Leichhardt.
 - (4.) By Sir John Robertson. From the Mayor of Tenterfield, as Chairman of a Public Meeting of the Inhabitants held at the School of Arts, Tenterfield.
- Petitions received.
4. **WALGETT ENGLISH CHURCH AND PARSONAGE LAND SALE BILL** :—Mr. Dangar presented a Petition from the Trustees of the Church of England at Walgett, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable Thomas Clark, Richard Kirby Thompson, and Arthur Gray, Trustees of certain land situate in the Town of Walgett, to sell the same, and provide for the application of the proceeds thereof.
- And Mr. Dangar having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* and *Walgett Mail*, newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
- Petition received.
5. **PAPERS** :—
- Mr. Reid laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) Return to an Order made on 12th October, 1883,—“Mr. Knopp, Public School Teacher.” (Mittagong Public School.)
 - (2.) Correspondence as to Teachers of Public Schools acting as Local Preachers or Lay Readers.
- Ordered to be printed.
- Mr. Stuart laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) Further Return to an Address adopted on 6th July, 1877,—“Immigration”—Ship “Smyrna.”
 - (2.) Statistical Register of the Colony of New South Wales for the year 1882. Parts 5 and 6.
- Ordered to be printed.
- Mr. Cohen laid upon the Table,—Annual Returns under the 103rd section of the District Courts Act of 1858.
- Ordered to be printed.
- Mr. Trickett laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) Notification of reduction of charges for Telegrams to Tasmania.
 - (2.) Regulations regarding the Telephone System.
- Ordered to be printed.
6. **UNIVERSITY EXTENSION BILL (Formal Motion)** :—Mr. Reid moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable the University of Sydney to grant additional Degrees, and Certificates in the nature of Degrees, and for other purposes.
- Question put and passed.
7. **DECEASED PERSONS ESTATES BILL (Formal Motion)** :—Mr. Cohen moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for the better administration of the Estates of Deceased Persons, and for other purposes.
- Question put and passed.
8. **PUBLIC WATERING-PLACES BILL (Formal Motion)** :—Mr. Abbott moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to regulate Public Watering-places and to protect certain Reserves from trespass.
- Question put and passed.
9. **LAND BOILERS INSPECTION BILL (Formal Motion)** :—Mr. Dibbs moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill for the inspection and regulation of Steam-boilers employed on land, and for other purposes in connection therewith.
- Question put and passed.
10. **SEAMEN'S LAWS AMENDMENT BILL (Formal Motion)** :—Mr. Dibbs moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to further amend the Seamen's Laws Consolidation Act of 1864.
- Question put and passed.
11. **RAILWAY STATIONS AND PLATFORMS (Formal Motion)** :—*Mr. Abigail*, for Mr. Gould, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—
- (1.) The names of all Stations on the Railway lines of the Colony on the 31st December, 1882, at which the gross earnings did not exceed £1,000 for that year, and the lines on which they are situate, specifying in each case the amounts respectively received from inward and outward goods traffic, inward and outward coaching traffic, the gross amount so received, the number of employes engaged, and the amount paid in salaries and otherwise.
 - (2.) The like information in respect of all platforms having a porter in charge.
 - (3.) The dates when such Stations were established, and platforms had porters placed in charge, with the like information as to the receipts, &c., for the twelve months immediately preceding and following the establishment of such Stations, and the placing of porters in charge.
- Question put and passed.
12. **APPRAISEMENT OF RUNS IN THE DARLING, ALBERT, AND WARREGO DISTRICTS (Formal Motion)** :—Mr. Quin moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return of all Runs appraised during 1883 in the Darling, Albert, and Warrego Districts, showing the area appraised, and the estimated number of sheep such Runs will carry in their natural state ;

state; and also where claims for extension of lease in virtue of improvements have been granted, the estimated number of sheep such Runs will carry in their improved state, showing the appraiser's name in each case.

Question put and passed.

13. GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Abigail*, for Mr. Gould, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—
- (1.) The number of tickets issued at all Stations north of Singleton by the up-mail train on the 14th of August last for Singleton.
 - (2.) The number of tickets issued at all Stations on the Great Northern and North-western Railways to Singleton on the 15th and 16th August last, the amount of revenue derived therefrom, and the additional expenditure incurred in connection therewith.
 - (3.) The daily average number of tickets issued at the various Stations between and inclusive of Newcastle and Murrurundi to Singleton from the 1st of January, 1883, to 12th August, 1883, and the amount of revenue derived therefrom.
- Question put and passed.
14. DUBBO CATTLE SALE-YARDS BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Sir Patrick Jennings moved, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) That the Dubbo Cattle Sale-yards Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, with power to send for persons and papers.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Badgery, Mr. White, Mr. Day, Mr. Cass, Mr. Melville, Mr. Dalton, and the Mover.
- Question put and passed.
15. PRISONERS FLOGGED IN DARLINGHURST GAOL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. A. G. Taylor moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of the depositions, minutes, papers, &c., in the cases of all prisoners flogged in Darlinghurst Gaol during the recent recess for breach of prison discipline.
- Question put and passed.
16. PUBLIC WATERING-PLACES BILL:—Mr. Abbott presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to regulate Public Watering-places and to protect certain Reserves from trespass*,"—which was read a first time.
- Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
17. SEAMEN'S LAWS AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Dibbs presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to further amend the Seamen's Laws Consolidation Act of 1864*,"—which was read a first time.
- Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
18. UNIVERSITY EXTENSION BILL:—Mr. Reid presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable the University of Sydney to grant additional Degrees and Certificates in the nature of Degrees and for other purposes*,"—which was read a first time.
- Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
19. FIRE BRIGADES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Stuart moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
- Debate ensued.
- Question put.
- The House divided.

Ayes, 40.

Mr. Stuart,	Mr. Bruce Smith,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Trickett,	Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Olliffe,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Butcher,
Mr. De Salis,	Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Dalton,
Mr. Vaughn,	Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Heydon,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. W. J. Fergusson,	Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Quin,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. R. B. Smith,	Mr. Holtermann,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. Gould,
Mr. Griffiths,	Mr. Mitchell.
Mr. A. G. Taylor,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Camcron,	
Mr. White,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Slattery.

Noes, 3.

Mr. Proctor.
Tellers,
Mr. Day,
Mr. McElhone.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Stuart, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Wednesday next.

20. LICENSING ACTS AMENDMENT BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Olliffe, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Licensing Acts of 1882-1883.

Mr.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported from the Committee a Resolution, which was read as follows:—

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to amend the Licensing Acts of 1882–1883.

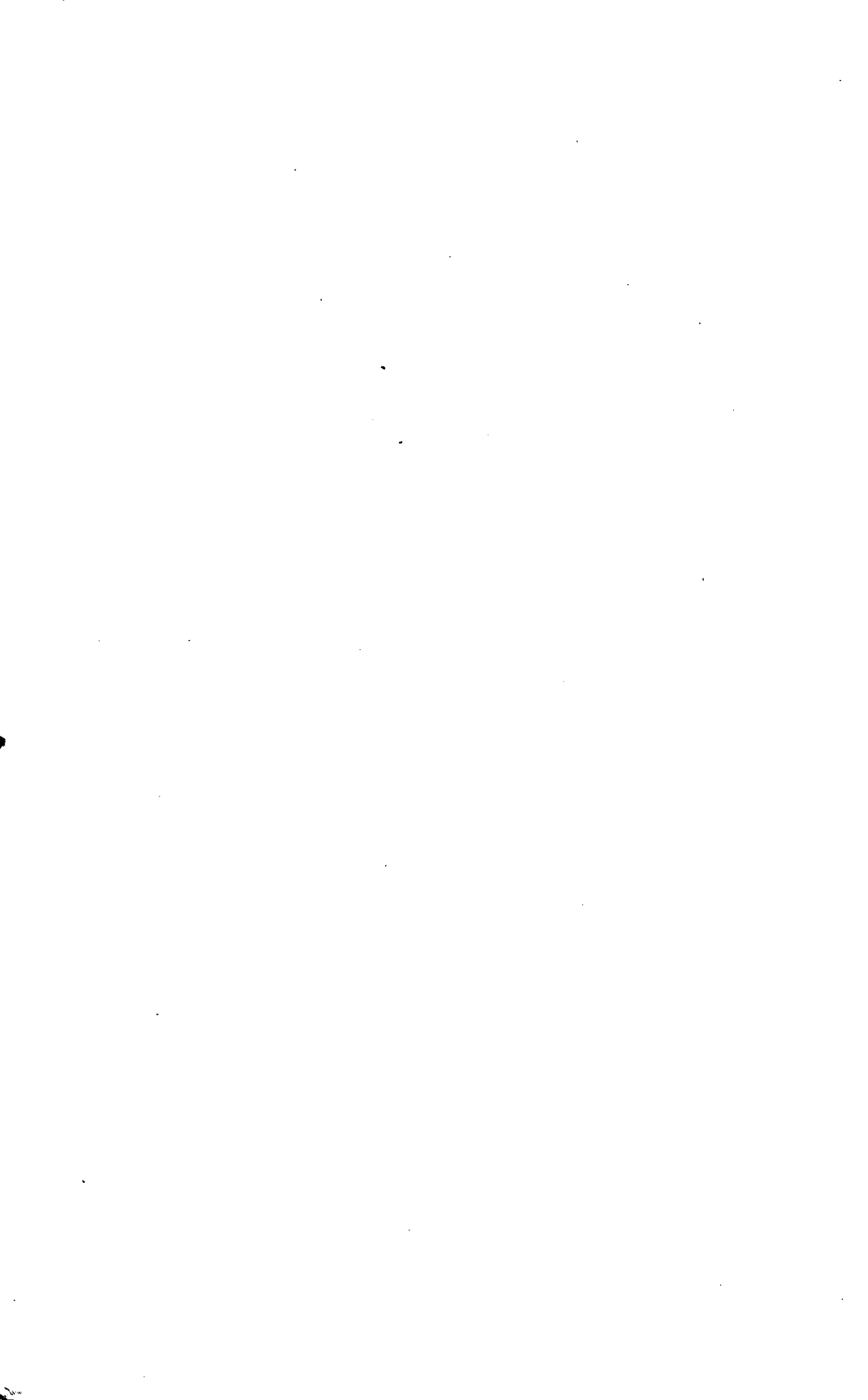
On motion of Mr. Olliffe, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

(2.) Mr. Olliffe *presented* a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to amend the Licensing Acts 1882–1883*,”—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 30th October.

The House adjourned at four minutes after Ten o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 7.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 19 OCTOBER, 1883.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Court of Petty Sessions, Windeyer:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Minister of Justice,—Will he make provision for the establishment of a Court of Petty Sessions at Windeyer?

Mr. Cohen answered,—So far as I am able to see, no urgent necessity exists for the establishment of a Court of Petty Sessions at Windeyer.

- (2.) Road from Crooked Creek across the Piambong Road:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Mines,—Has the application of the inhabitants of Crooked Creek for a right of way been granted yet?

Mr. Abbott answered,—An application for a road from the Crooked Creek across the Piambong Road was received and forwarded to the District Surveyor in August last. When report is received, the propriety of granting the Road will be considered.

- (3.) Police Magistrate, Rylstone:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Minister of Justice,—Has the time arrived yet for the appointment of a Police Magistrate at Rylstone?

Mr. Cohen answered,—In my opinion the time has not yet arrived for the appointment of a Police Magistrate at Rylstone.

- (4.) School at Tabrabucca:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—Has he given orders yet for the erection of a new School at Tabrabucca, and for a supply of additional furniture?

Mr. Stuart answered,—This matter has not yet been settled, pending a report which is expected to arrive in a day or two.

- (5.) Vegetable Creek Mining Reserve:—Mr. W. J. Fergusson asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Is he aware that large areas of land are being conditionally purchased under the 19th section of Land Act of 1861 within the Vegetable Creek Mining Reserve?

(2.) Is it a fact that the Attorney General has given an opinion that the Reserve in question was not legally made; if so, will he state if he intends taking any immediate steps to prevent any more of the land within the so-called Reserve from being alienated?

Mr. Abbott answered,—

(1.) The Vegetable Creek Tin-mining Reserve is of great extent, embracing portions of the land districts of Inverell and Tenterfield, in which during the present year the following mineral conditional purchases have been applied for, viz.: Inverell, 31 selections, embracing 1,645 acres; Tenterfield, 28 selections, embracing 2,612 acres. In so far as these have been found to interfere with the Reserve referred to they have been declared void.

(2.) A question as to the legality of the Reserve in question has been brought under the consideration of the Attorney General, but has not yet been finally advised upon.

- (6.) Discharge of Railway Workmen:—Mr. Fletcher asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it true that a large number of men have been discharged from the Railway works of late?

(2.) Will the Minister state the number that have been and are likely to be discharged, and the reason for so doing?

Mr. Wright answered,—

(1.) Yes.

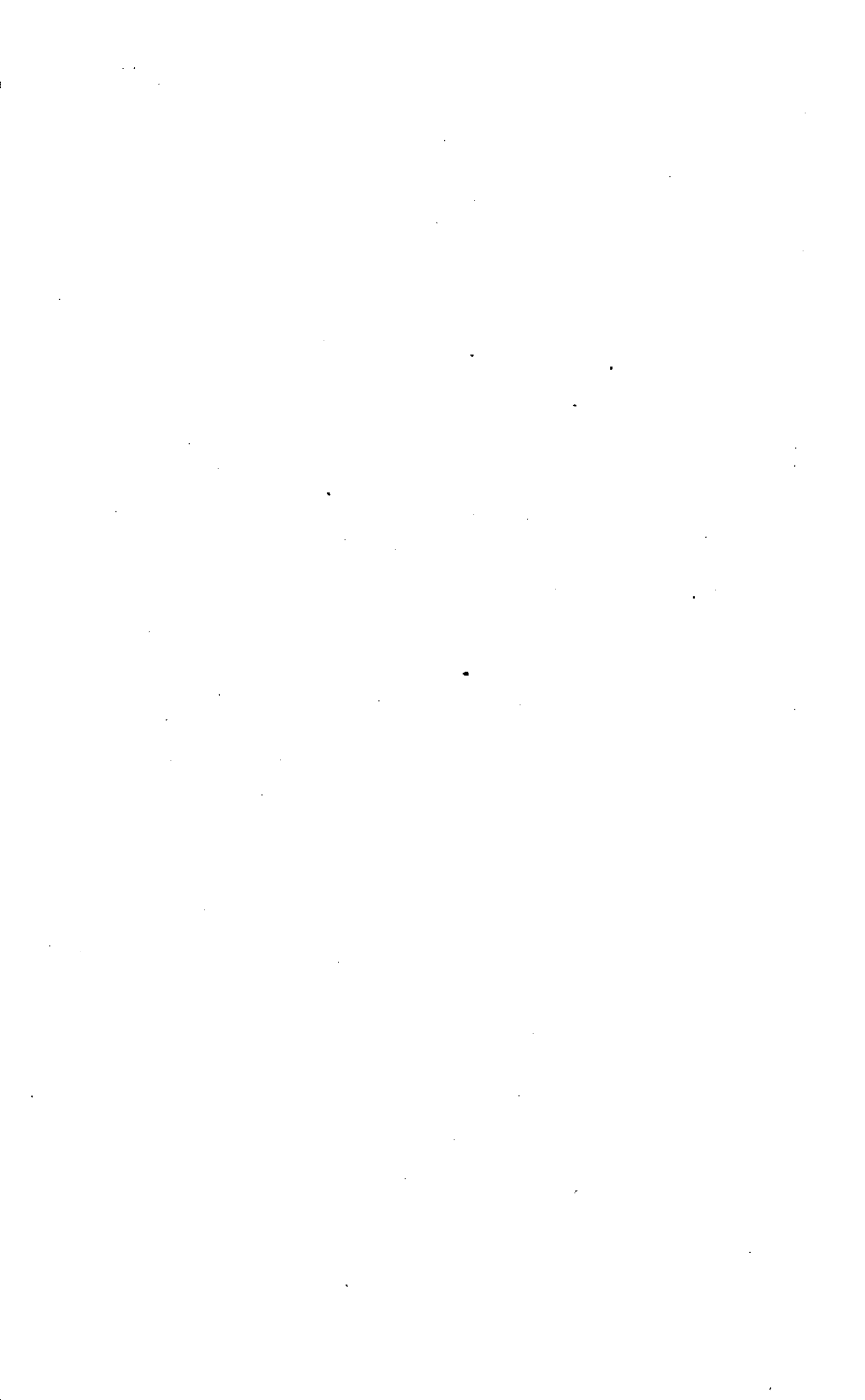
(2.) The services of 255 men, engaged in various capacities and at different points on the Great Southern and Western, as well as on the Great Northern Lines, have recently had to be dispensed with, and it is expected that the Department will have to dispense with the services of about 150 more. This step has had to be taken in consequence of the necessity which has arisen of postponing the carrying out of all works except those of pressing necessity, in order to prevent the vote for working expenses for the current year becoming prematurely exhausted. I may add, that it has been found necessary to pursue a similar course in previous years. (7.)

- (7.) Prison Labour in Mudgee Gaol :—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Minister of Justice,—
 (1.) Has he made inquiry, as promised, into the working of the competitive system of prison labour in Mudgee Gaol ?
 (2.) What reforms has he instituted in connection therewith ?
 Mr. Cohen answered,—Yes. The employment of prisoners on industries after the usual prison hours has been discontinued. Instructions have been given against officers canvassing for orders in the town, although the gaoler reports that he was not aware of any officer having so canvassed. Directions have been given against the accepting of miscellaneous small jobs that can otherwise be done in the town. Out-door work for townspeople has been discontinued.
- (8.) Field of Mars Common :—Mr. McCulloch asked the Secretary for Mines,—
 (1.) Have any licenses to cut timber on the Field of Mars Common been issued to persons in the employ of the contractors for the Homebush to Waratah Railway ; if so, under what Act are the licenses given ?
 (2.) Is it his intention to allow any more timber to be cut under the licenses so issued ?
 Mr. Abbott answered,—
 (1.) Yes ; 25 Victoria No. 2, 39 Victoria No. 13, and the Regulations framed thereunder of the 24th September, 1878, and 20th February, 1883.
 (2.) No ; as there is no timber on the Common of the size prescribed by the Regulations. The contractors have been so informed.
- (9.) Road between Stroud and Dungog :—Mr. White asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Are steps being taken to improve the road between Stroud and Dungog ; if so, what amount is to be expended in connection with the crossing on said road, connecting these old townships ?
 Mr. Wright answered,—Yes, inquiry will be made ; the exact amount cannot be stated.
- (10.) Public School at Sawyer's Point, Karuah River :—Mr. White asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—
 (1.) Whether requests and petitions from time to time have not been sent in to establish a Public School at Sawyer's Point or Aliceton, Karuah River, Port Stephens ?
 (2.) Whether the Inspector was aware when he sent in his last report that the population at the Saw Mills and Oyster Industries fluctuated, and that the attendance would be at an average from thirty to forty children ?
 Mr. Stuart answered,—
 (1.) Yes.
 (2.) The Inspector was aware that the population fluctuated, but at the most favourable time there has been no prospect of an average attendance exceeding fourteen or fifteen.
2. COHEN'S ESTATE BILL :—
 (1.) Mr. Burns presented a Petition from Lewis Solomon, the surviving Trustee of the Will of the late Michael Cohen, deceased, representing that Cohen's Estate Bill, which was introduced into this House during the Session of 1883, and passed through several stages, was interrupted by the close of the Session ; and praying that leave may be granted to proceed with the said Bill during this present Session.
 And the 65th Standing Order of this House permitting of the prayer of the Petitioners being entertained,—
 Petition received.
 (2.) Mr. Burns presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable the Trustees of the Will of Mr. Michael Cohen deceased to sell certain land in Park and Castlereagh Streets Sydney and to make provision for the investment of the proceeds thereof*,"—which was read a first time.
 (3.) Bill then, on motion of Mr. Burns, read a second time.
 Ordered that the committal of the Bill stand an Order of the Day for Friday, 2nd November.
3. DULHUNTY v. MOSTYN (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. A. G. Taylor moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House a copy of the information in the case *Dulhunty versus Mostyn*, investigated at the Wellington Police Court during the recent recess.
 Question put and passed.
4. ST. PHILIP'S PARSONAGE BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Hutchinson moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable the Trustees of St. Philip's Church, Sydney, to lease a certain piece of Land situate in the City of Sydney, parish of St. Philip, and to apply the rents and profits thereof.
 Question put and passed.
5. MR. FRANCIS MACNAB, OFFICIAL ASSIGNEE (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Griffiths moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence between the Registrar of the Insolvent Court, Chief Commissioner of Insolvent Estates, the Chief Justice, the Minister of Justice, and Mr. Francis Macnab, Official Assignee, in reference to payments by the latter into the Treasury of moneys realized in Insolvent Estates.
 Question put and passed.
6. PRICKLY PEAR DESTRUCTION BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Abbott moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the eradication of the Prickly Pear.
 Question put and passed.
7. FENCING BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Abbott moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to regulate the erection and maintenance of Dividing Fences and to provide for the erection of Gates.
 Question put and passed.

8. **ST. PHILIP'S PARSONAGE BILL** :—Mr. Hutchinson having *presented* this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of the sum of Twenty-five Pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled “*A Bill to enable the Trustees of St. Philip's Church Sydney to lease a certain piece of Land situate in the City of Sydney parish of St. Philip and to apply the rents and profits thereof,*”—read a first time.
9. **POSTPONEMENTS** :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—
 (1.) Legal Practitioners Amalgamation Bill; second reading,—*until Friday, 2nd November.*
 (2.) Limitation of Actions for Trespass Bill; second reading,—*until Friday next.*
10. **LAND BOILERS INSPECTION BILL** :—
 (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill for the inspection and regulation of Steam-boilers employed on land, and for other purposes in connection therewith.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
 Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), that the report be *now* received.
 The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows :—
Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill for the Inspection and Regulation of Steam-boilers employed on land, and for other purposes in connection therewith.
 On motion of Mr. Dibbs, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
- (2.) Mr. Dibbs *presented* a Bill, intituled “*A Bill for the Inspection and Regulation of Steam-boilers employed on Land and for other purposes in connection therewith,*”—which was read a first time.
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
11. **ADJOURNMENT** :—Mr. Stuart moved, That this House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed.

The House adjourned at fifteen minutes after Five o'clock, until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 8.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 23 OCTOBER, 1883.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Site for Benevolent Asylum:—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that he has decided to allow the Trustees of the Benevolent Asylum to purchase the land they proposed to purchase at Redfern for a large sum of money?
 - (2.) Is there not a large area of Government land at Randwick, about 40 acres, which the said Trustees could get, and which is suitable for the purpose?
 - (3.) What claim or title have the Trustees got to the present site of the Benevolent Asylum, and was any promise ever made to convey the said land to them?
- Mr. Stuart answered,—
- (1.) It is not.
 - (2.) There is.
 - (3.) I understand that the dedication of the site on which the Benevolent Asylum at present stands was approved of by the Government of the day, but no deed of grant appears to have been issued.
- (2.) Railway Trial Surveys:—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What new trial surveys of extension of Railways have been ordered by the present Government, or intended to be?
- Mr. Wright answered,—City extension, St. Leonards to Pearce's corner (re-survey); St. Peters to Liverpool; Grafton to the Tweed River, via Casino, Lismore, and Byron Bay; Uralla or Kentucky to Inverell; Muscleshbrook to Cassilis, via Merriwa; Narrabri to Moree; Perth (Great Western Railway) to Rockley; Mudgee to Coonamble (to accommodate, if practicable, the townships of Gulgong, Cobbarah, and Mandooran); Dubbo to Forbes; Forbes to Wellington; Forbes to Wilcannia; Dubbo to Werris Creek; Dubbo to Coonamble; Coonamble to Walgett; Werris Creek to Wellington; Girilambone to Cobar; Nyngan to Cobar (re-survey); Cobar to Wilcannia; Goulburn (or 3rd Breadalbane Plain) to Crookwell; Gundagai to Tumut; Wagga Wagga to Tumberumba; Bowral to Robertson, via Burrawang; Tarrago to Braidwood; Culcairn to German-ton; Culcairn to Corowa; from Cemetery near Kiama to Jervis Bay; Eden to Bega.
- (3.) The Three Million Loan:—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the Government had made arrangements to float the late Loan of Three Millions through the Bank of England?
 - (2.) If so, is it a fact that on hearing of this arrangement Mr. Shepherd Smith, Manager of the Bank of New South Wales, or the Directors thereof, gave the Government notice that unless the Three Million Loan was floated through the Bank of New South Wales that Bank would dishonor the Government cheques, and that the Government could remove or close Government Accounts?
- Mr. Dibbs answered,—My answer is "No" to both questions of the Honorable Member.
- (4.) Amended Mining Act:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Mines,—In the event of the Land Bill escaping shipwreck, do the Government intend to venture on an Amended Mining Act?
- Mr. Abbott answered,—I am not able to answer hypothetical questions.
- (5.) Mining on Private Property:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Mines,—Has he drafted a Bill yet to permit and regulate Mining on Private Property?
- Mr. Abbott answered,—No.
- (6.) Police Quarters at Wollar:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Have tenders been called yet for the erection of additions to the Police Quarters at Wollar?
- Mr. Wright answered,—No; plan for the building has been prepared, but further action is postponed waiting result of inquiries as to site.

(7.)

- (7.) Cheshire and Knoblanche's Lease for a Copper-mine:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Mines,—When will Messrs. Cheshire and Knoblanche receive their lease for the Copper-mine near Cudgegong?

Mr. Abbott answered,—The application is now before the Executive Council for approval, and if approved the lease will be prepared without delay.

- (8.) Saddles made in Mudgee Gaol:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Are saddles made in Mudgee Gaol and sold to the inhabitants?
- (2.) Are saddles made in Darlinghurst Gaol?
- (3.) Or Parramatta Gaol?
- (4.) Or Bathurst Gaol?

Mr. Cohen answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) No.
- (3.) No.
- (4.) No.

- (9.) Road near Curban:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has he taken any steps for the repair of the road near Curban?

Mr. Wright answered,—It is not known what road is referred to. There is a new road near Curban not yet formally opened, but no application has been received for its repair.

- (10.) Cooyal Road:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Has the report of the Surveyor respecting the re-survey of the Cooyal Road been received yet?
- (2.) If so, does it not endorse Mr. Surveyor Herborn's survey?

Mr. Abbott answered,—I am informed by the Surveyor General that the Department is not able to identify the road referred to in the question of the Honorable Member.

- (11.) Surgical Instruments for Mudgee Hospital:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he make provision on the Estimates of 1884 for an unconditional grant to the Mudgee Hospital for the purchase of surgical instruments, as done in similar instances heretofore?

Mr. Stuart answered,—The sum of £100 will be placed upon the Estimates for 1884 for this purpose for the consideration of the Committee of Supply.

- (12.) William Russell's Application for Land in the County of Roxburgh:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) How many months have elapsed since William Russell applied for 2 acres in the parish of Mead and county of Roxburgh?
- (2.) Has any reply yet been sent to Russell?

Mr. Abbott answered,—

- (1.) Not one month. The deposit required, upon an application, was forwarded on 5th instant and credited at the Treasury on 8th instant.
- (2.) Yes; he was told on 9th instant that no decision could be arrived at until a report upon his application was received from the Surveyor General.

- (13.) Stock Road to Railway Station, Mudgee:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Mines,—Has he decided on providing a road to the proposed Mudgee Railway Station for the special use of stock?

Mr. Abbott answered,—No provision has been made under the Parish Roads Act to establish driftways, nor is there any other Act by which such roads can be established. Inquiries will be made from the owners of the land to ascertain upon what terms they would allow such a road to be made.

- (14.) Bayly Public School:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Is he aware that the accommodation at the Bayly Public School is inadequate for the attendance?
- (2.) Will he take steps to make the accommodation adequate?

Mr. Reid answered,—

- (1.) The building is represented to be sufficiently large for the number of pupils in attendance, but is a very poor structure.
- (2.) Yes, when a suitable site has been selected. The settlement of the question has been delayed through a disagreement among the residents. I hope to cause a speedy settlement of this matter.

- (15.) Bridge over Snowy River at Buckley's Crossing:—Mr. Badgery asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Has a site been decided upon for a Bridge over the Snowy River, at Buckley's Crossing?
- (2.) When will tenders be called for?

Mr Wright answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) As soon as plans can be prepared—in about a month.

- (16.) Railway to Tarrago:—Mr. Badgery asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) When will the Railway be opened to Tarrago?
- (2.) When will tenders be called for a further extension?
- (3.) If the cause of delay is work on the upper end of line, will he invite tenders to Queanbeyan or Michelago?

Mr. Wright answered,—

- (1.) Probably at end of November.
- (2.) The necessary drawings are being prepared as rapidly as possible, and tenders will be invited immediately after their completion.
- (3.) Tenders will probably be invited for the next section to Michelago.

(17.) Public School at Berridale: Mr. Badgery asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—When will sufficient school buildings be provided for the proper accommodation of the children attending the Public School at Berridale?

Mr. Reid answered,—Instructions have been given for the erection of a new School Building at this place.

(18.) Shipping Seamen at Newcastle:—*Mr. Merriman*, for Mr. Abigail, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it true that on or about the 6th of this month the Shipping-master at Newcastle allowed five seamen who had deserted from the British India Steamship Company's steamer "Nawshera" to sign articles for the colonial steamer "Birksgate," without producing discharge or license to ship, as required by the Seamen's Laws Consolidation Act of 1864?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—I applied to the Shipping-master at Newcastle in reference to the statements contained in the Honorable Member's question, and I received the following explanation from Mr. Hannell, which I will now read:—

Sir,

Shipping-master's Office, Newcastle, 18-10-83.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 17th instant.

It is not true "That on or about the 6th of this month the Shipping-master at Newcastle allowed five seamen who had deserted from the British India S.S. Co.'s steamer 'Nawshera,' to sign articles for the colonial steamer 'Birksgate' without producing discharges or licenses to ship as required by the Seamen's Laws Consolidation Act of 1864."

It is a fact, and which can be verified, if necessary, by the records and documents of the Shipping-master's office at Newcastle, that not one seaman of the "Nawshera" has, with the Shipping-master's knowledge or consent, engaged either in "Birksgate" or any other vessel up to date.

The Shipping-master finds, on examination of work done on the 6th instant, that the "Birksgate" engaged fourteen men, eight of whom had discharges; the remainder were granted licenses to ship by that officer, who, on questioning said men, found from their statements, combined with that of the master of "Birksgate," and vouched for by the word of the ship's agent, that they had arrived at Newcastle in "Birksgate," and had been working on board of that vessel for some days. No record of their having deserted from any ship could be found, and that the Shipping-master, acting on the power vested in him under the 33rd clause of Seamen's Laws Consolidation Act 27 Vic. No. 13, granted them licenses to ship; each seaman previous to receiving such license signed his name in the register-book kept for that purpose and preserved in the Shipping Office.

No deserters were reported to the Shipping-master from "Nawshera" until 12th instant, or six days after "Birksgate" engaged her crew. On comparing deserters' names from "Nawshera" with those to whom the Shipping-master granted licenses to ship on "Birksgate," not one of the same can be found to compare, and, in point of fact, not one of these deserters' names can be traced as having passed through the Office at all.

Duplicates of "Birksgate's" articles of agreement, showing the names, signatures, and number of men shipped on that vessel on 6th instant, discharges, and licenses to ship granted for such men, together with the signatures of men to whom licenses were granted, and register-book of deserters, containing the names of deserters, with date of such desertion from "Nawshera," are in the Shipping-master's possession.

It may be stated, when the "Birksgate's" men were being engaged, a fireman, who had just been paid off from her, claimed from the master the sum of 12s. for a man who was about to ship, which demand was indignantly refused, and a request made by the master to know by what right or authority such a fee was asked for. The seaman who had been discharged stated that he was a Union Delegate, and that he had authority from that body to collect 12s. a head from every seaman who shipped, and in the event of the seaman not having the money (which was the case in this instance) the master of the ship would then have to pay it. On the master of "Birksgate" refusing to comply with the request said seaman became very insolent, and on being informed that no fee of the character he had mentioned was permitted to be asked for in the Shipping Office, from which he was requested to withdraw, he left, taking the man with him who was about to sign articles, and vowing vengeance against master of "Birksgate" and the officers of this Office, the former of whom he told "he would have his ship stuck up for men in Sydney, as she was in Adelaide some time ago."

The above, no doubt, accounts for the enclosed paragraph, and will tend to throw some light on the question asked by Mr. Abigail in the Legislative Assembly.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

C. H. HANNELL,

Shipping-master.

The Under Secretary, Finance and Trade, Sydney.

(19.) Liverpool Court-house:—*Mr. W. J. Fergusson*, for Mr. McCulloch, asked the Minister of Justice,—When will the Liverpool Court-house and premises be put in proper repair?

Mr. Cohen answered,—The building will be inspected in the course of a few days, in order to ascertain what repairs are required.

(20.) Public School at Dural:—*Mr. W. J. Fergusson*, for Mr. McCulloch, asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—

(1.) Is he aware that the accommodation provided for Public School purposes at Dural is altogether inadequate?

(2.) When will the new building be erected on the land long ago resumed for the purpose?

Mr. Reid answered,—

(1.) No; the building now used as a school-room is large and in fair condition. The residence, however, requires repairing, and steps are being taken to carry out the work.

(2.) It is not intended to erect new buildings, but to continue the lease of the premises for three years.

(21.) Governor's Residence at Sutton Forest:—*Mr. McCourt* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the alterations and additions to the Governor's Residence at Sutton Forest, for which £10,000 was voted last Session, be carried out?

Mr. Wright answered,—The preparation of the necessary plans is waiting information as to the kind of building and accommodation that will be required.

(22.) Uniform for Railway Employés:—*Mr. McCourt* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Have the uniforms for guards, porters, shunters, and others engaged on the Railways been supplied for the present year; if not, when will they?

(2.) Is he aware the Traffic Manager has issued an order that these men must appear in uniform on duty, and that the nature of the work some of them perform is such that one suit of clothes in the year is not sufficient?

Mr.

Mr. Wright answered,—

(1.) On the Southern and Western Lines delivery will commence on the 31st instant, and continue at the rate of 200 suits per month until the contract is completed. On the Northern Line the uniforms have been received from the contractor, and as soon as the number-badges are received the uniforms complete will be supplied to the men.

(2.) It is a rule of the Department that all men should appear in uniform while on duty. It has recently been decided that two suits of uniform will be supplied each year in future instead of one.

(23.) Classification of School Inspectors :—Mr. McCourt asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—

(1.) The names of all the District Inspectors and Inspectors who have obtained their present classification by examination?

(2.) Is it the intention of the Minister to require all the Inspectors, if any, who have not so obtained their classification to maintain their positions by examination, the same as Teachers are required to do?

Mr. Reid answered,—

(1.) District Inspectors : T. Dwyer, D. S. Hicks, W. H. Johnson, James M'Creddie. Inspectors : J. S. Jones, W. M'Intyre, G. O'Byrne, M. Willis, G. Thornton, C. J. Pitt, L. Blumer, W. Nolan, H. M'Lelland, J. A. Fletcher.

(2.) No.

(24.) Railway to Robertson :—Mr. McCourt asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will a survey of the routes of the proposed light Railway to connect Robertson and other portions of the Wingecarribee District with the Southern Railway be commenced?

Mr. Wright answered,—At an early date.

(25.) Mr. Sladen, School Attendance Officer :—Mr. McCourt asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—The amount of travelling expenses paid to Chief Attendance Officer Sladen, and what was the nature of duties performed when so travelling?

Mr. Reid answered,—

(1.) The travelling allowance to the Principal School Attendance and Payments Officer is :—
(a) 10s. per diem, when travelling outside a radius of 2 miles from head office and returning the same day ; (b) 25s. per diem when on a journey which necessitates absence from head quarters at night. When, however, the cost of conveyance exceeds 10s. per diem, an allowance to cover such excess is paid. The nature of the duties performed when so travelling are : To inspect records of work performed by School Attendance Officers, to instruct School Attendance Officers in necessary matters connected with their work, to initiate legal proceedings, and generally to ascertain how the compulsory clauses are being worked in the districts.

(26.) Salaries of Police Magistrates :—Mr. McCourt asked the Minister of Justice,—Will he consider the necessity of increasing the salaries of Police Magistrates in country districts, so as to enable those gentlemen to maintain the dignity and independence of their important positions?

Mr. Cohen answered,—The subject shall receive due consideration when the Estimates for the ensuing year are being dealt with by the Government.

(27.) "Consultations" or "Racing Sweeps" :—Mr. McCourt asked the Colonial Secretary,—Does the Government intend to take steps to prevent or regulate what are known as "Consultations" or "Racing Sweeps"?

Mr. Stuart answered,—The Government considers that the matter alluded to is, although perhaps within the letter, against the spirit of the law; and their attention will be directed towards it when legislation on the whole question can be dealt with.

(28.) Waverley Tram-line :—Mr. Butcher asked the Secretary for Public Works,—If it is his intention to introduce Penny Sections on the Waverley Tram-line from Queen-street Junction to the Tea Gardens, and from the Tea Gardens to the Terminus?

Mr. Wright answered,—No, it is not intended to introduce penny sections as suggested.

(29.) William Hughes :—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Did William Hughes, lately a Policeman, lately retire from the Police, with the right to be paid a pension?

(2.) Is it not a fact that he served about twenty-five years in the Police Force?

(3.) Did not his long service entitle him to retire on a pension of over 4s. per day?

(4.) Was he paid a gratuity of £192 instead of a pension?

(5.) Are not Policemen entitled to retire on a pension after a certain period of service; if so, will he state the reason why Hughes did not receive a pension instead of the gratuity of £192.

Mr. Stuart answered,—

(1.) I am instructed that Hughes was discharged from the Service on the 20th December last; he had no right to a pension, being only 44 years of age.

(2.) He performed Police duty for twenty-two years, and was for two years on half-pay without doing anything.

(3.) No.

(4.) He was awarded a gratuity of £195.

(5.) Police are allowed pensions when they reach 60 years of age, but not when they are considerably younger and able to work for a livelihood. The fund it is said would be inadequate to bear such charges.

(30.) Cases of Attempted Rape :—Mr. McElhone asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Has his attention been called to a case of attempted rape tried at Orange, and reported in the *Western Advocate* of 17th October, wherein the Police Magistrate and J. Torpy adjudicated?

(2.) Is he aware that the Justices of the Peace inflicted a fine of £10?

(3.)

- (3.) Has his attention been called to two cases tried by Messrs. Brown and Glanville, Justices of the Peace, of attempted rape, and in which fines of £5 were inflicted ?
- (4.) The particulars of case tried before Messrs. Brown and Glanville, as reported in a Shoalhaven Paper given by me to the Colonial Secretary ?
- (5.) Will he state if steps have been taken to call the Justices of the Peace mentioned to account for their conduct ?
- (6.) Will he consult the Attorney General with the view of filing a Bill against the parties last mentioned ?

Mr. Cohen answered,—My attention was not called to the case alluded to in the first and second of the Honorable Member's questions until his questions were brought under my notice, but inquiry is now being made into the matter. With regard to the third and fourth questions, I may state that reference is now being made to the Justices of the Peace mentioned, with a view to obtain reports from them on the subject. When reports have been received from the Magistrates alluded to, I will then consult the Attorney General as to what steps shall be taken.

- (31.) Planting Trees in Municipalities :—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Have Municipalities legal authority for planting trees on the public paths or roadways within Municipal boundaries ?
- (2.) If not, will the Government introduce a Bill to legalize the same ?

Mr. Stuart answered,—This being a matter of legal interpretation, I am not able to reply. The matter will be considered under the Local Government Bill, which the Government hope to be able to introduce this Session.

- (32.) Telegraph Station at Albury :—Mr. Day asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will tenders be invited for erection of new Telegraph Station at Albury ?

Mr. Wright answered,—Plans are being prepared and will be completed as soon as possible, when tenders will be invited.

- (33.) Fencing in front of Court-house, Albury :—Mr. Day asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will tenders be called for fencing in front of the Court-house at Albury ?

Mr. Wright answered,—Plan, specification, and estimate have been prepared, and the work will be carried out as soon as funds are available.

- (34.) Revenue of Municipalities :—Mr. Humphery asked the Colonial Secretary,—When will the Return as to the revenue of Municipalities, called for on the 13th February last, be laid upon the Table ?

Mr. Stuart answered,—The Return is in course of preparation, but owing to the delay in getting replies from the different Municipalities, I fear it will be some time yet before the Return can be completed.

2. HUTCHINSON ESTATE BILL :—Mr. Burns presented a Petition from Richard Hutchinson Roberts, Esquire, a Trustee of the Will of William Hutchinson, deceased, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable William Matthew Hutchinson Gibbons, Richard Hutchinson Roberts, and Arthur Huffington, or other the Trustees for the time being of the Will of William Hutchinson, deceased, to sell certain land and houses in York-street and Clarence-street, in the City of Sydney, and to provide for the application of the proceeds thereof.

And Mr. Burns having produced the *Government Gazette*, the *Sydney Morning Herald* and *Evening News*, newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.

3. WINDSOR GASLIGHT COMPANY BILL :—Mr. Slattery presented a Petition from Henry McQuade, Esquire, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Windsor Gaslight Company, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Windsor Gaslight Company (Limited) to construct Gasworks within the Town of Windsor.

And Mr. Slattery having produced the *Government Gazette*, the *Sydney Morning Herald* and the *Hawkesbury Chronicle*, newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.

4. LAW OF LIBEL AND CONTEMPTS OF COURT :—The undermentioned Petitions praying for an amendment of the Law of Libel and the Practice concerning Contempts of Court, were presented by the Members named :—

(1.) By Mr. Humphery. From the Mayor of Ulladulla, as Chairman of a Public Meeting of Residents of Ulladulla, held at the School of Arts, Milton.

(2.) By Mr. Cohen. From the Mayor of West Maitland, as Chairman of a Public Meeting of the Inhabitants, held at the Council Chambers, West Maitland.

(3.) By Mr. Humphery. From the Mayor of Broughton Creek and Bomaderry, on behalf of the Ratepayers, and approved of by the Council, at a Public Meeting.

(4.) By Mr. Tarrant. From the Mayor of Kiama, on behalf of the Kiama Municipal Council.

(5.) By Mr. Tarrant. From the Mayor of Gerringong, on behalf of the Gerringong Municipal Council.

Petitions received.

5. RAILWAY STATIONS, SIDINGS, AND BRIDGES (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Poole moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Tabulated Return showing how the money voted for alterations and additions to Railway Stations, sidings, and bridges on existing lines has been expended for the years 1881 and 1882 ; together with the accommodation given in each case, distinguishing those works carried out by contract, and the amount in each case from those carried out by day labour.

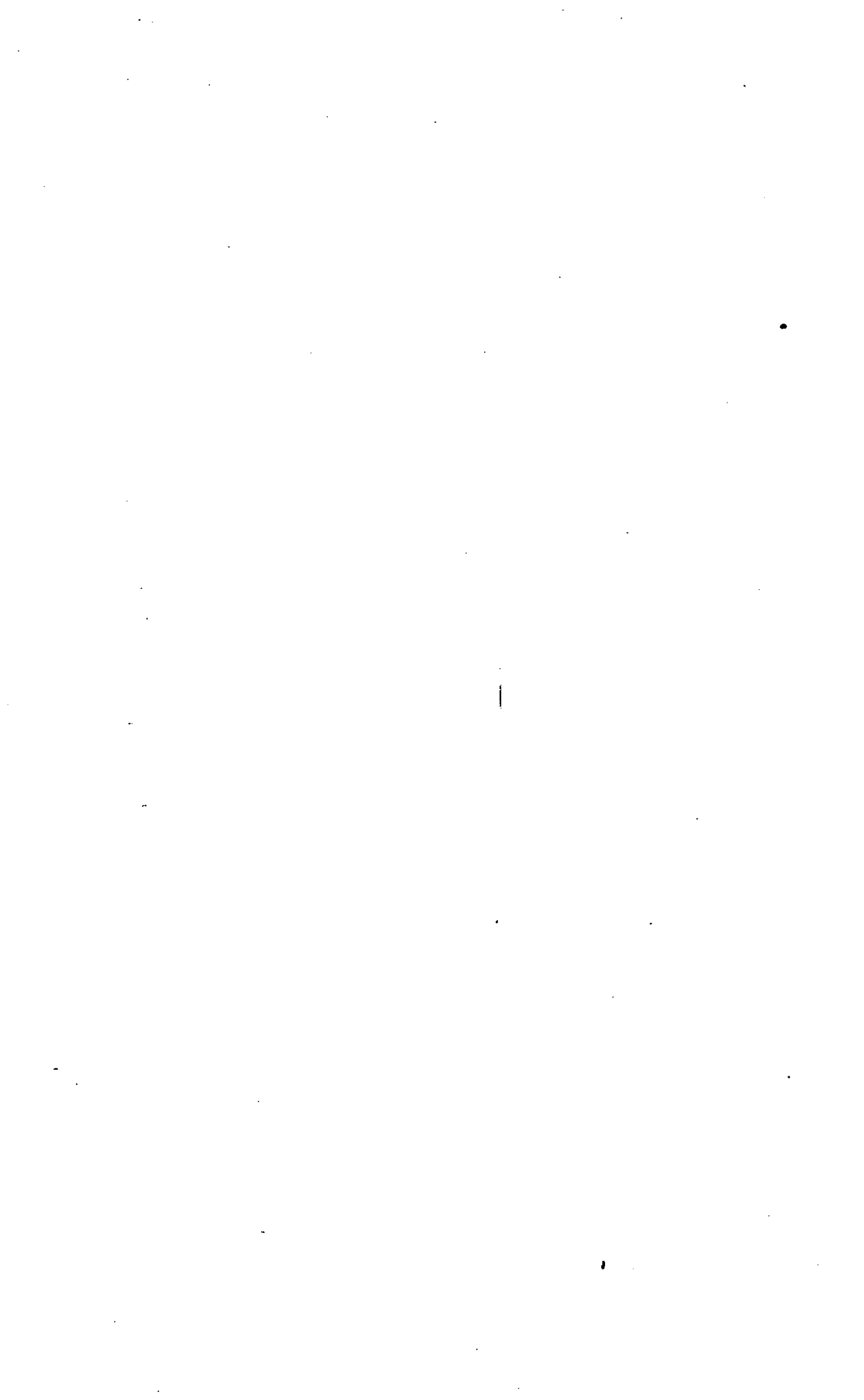
Question put and passed.

6. MITTAGONG PUBLIC SCHOOL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. McCourt moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a copy of the evidence taken by Mr. Inspector M'Creddie with regard to certain charges made against one of the teaching staff of Mittagong Public School; also all minutes with reference thereto.
Question put and passed.
7. ARMIDALE POLICE COURT RECORDS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Proctor moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all letters, papers, and other documents having reference to the refusal of the Police Magistrate at Armidale to permit the reporters of the local Papers or other persons to inspect the Police Court Records at Armidale.
Question put and passed.
8. MR. DONNELLY, ROAD SUPERINTENDENT (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Proctor moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all complaints against Mr. Road Superintendent Donnelly, of Armidale, especially relating to his management of the roads in the district, letting works without calling for tenders, and as to his employment of maintenance men; and also copies of all reports, letters, and papers in reference thereto.
Question put and passed.
9. LAND TAKEN FROM MR. HENRY HALLORAN BY THE BOROUGH OF ASHFIELD (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Combes moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all further correspondence between Mr. Henry Halloran, C.M.G., and the Government, on the subject of the Freehold Frontage Land and Ornamental Trees on the Parramatta Road taken from him without compensation by the Ashfield Borough Council in virtue of a Government Notice.
Question put and passed.
10. IMMIGRATION (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Garrard moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all minutes, letters, pamphlets, and other papers that have passed between the present Government and the Agent General in reference to Immigration; also copies of all pamphlets issued by the Agent General relating to the same.
Question put and passed.
11. WALGETT ENGLISH CHURCH AND PARSONAGE LAND SALE BILL (*Formal Motion*):—
(1.) Mr. Dangar moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable Thomas Clark, Richard Kirby Thompson, and Arthur Gray, Trustees of certain land situate in the town of Walgett, to sell the same and provide for the application of the proceeds thereof.
Question put and passed.
(2.) Mr. Dangar having presented this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of the sum of Twenty-five Pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable Thomas Clark Richard Kirby Thompson and Arthur Gray Trustees of certain land situate in the Town of Walgett to sell the same and provide for the application of the proceeds thereof*,"—read a first time.
12. LIABILITIES FOR NUISANCES LIMITATION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—
(1.) Mr. Garrard moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Law relating to Nuisances caused by Trades and Factories.
Question put and passed.
(2.) Mr. Garrard presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Law relating to Nuisances caused by Trades and Factories*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 16th November.
13. REGISTERED NEWSPAPERS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. R. B. Smith moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return of all newspapers registered in the Supreme Court of New South Wales under and by virtue of the provisions of the statute 8 George IV. No 2, printed and published in the Colony, together with the names of the proprietors, editors, printers, and publishers, as well as their sureties, the place or places where printed and published, also the respective dates of registration.
Question put and passed.
14. MINERAL CONDITIONAL PURCHASES REPEAL BILL (*Formal Motion*):—
(1.) Mr. W. J. Fergusson moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to repeal the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, and the Acts amending the same so far as relates to Mineral Conditional Purchases.
Question put and passed.
(2.) Mr. Fergusson presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to repeal the 25 Victoria No. 1 and the Acts amending the same so far as relates to Mineral Conditional Purchases*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday next.
15. ST. PHILLIPS PARSONAGE BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Hutchinson moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That St. Philip's Parsonage Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, with power to send for persons and papers.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Burns, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Garrard, Mr. George Campbell, Mr. De Salis, Mr. Humphery, Mr. Roberts, and the Mover.
Question put and passed.
16. PAPERS:—Mr. Stuart laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Fourth Annual Report of the City of Sydney Improvement Board.
(2.) By-law of the Borough of Tamworth.
Ordered to be printed.

17. **PURCHASE BY THE GOVERNMENT OF A TIFFIN BORER**:—Mr. McElhone moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
- (1.) Copies of all correspondence, minutes, &c., between the Minister for Mines and any residents of Gunnedah, or other persons, in reference to the purchase of the Tiffin Auger or Borer lately purchased by the Government; also the like as regards any correspondence, minutes, &c., in reference to the purchase thereof between the said parties and any Government official.
 - (2.) The names of the parties who had an interest in and sold the Tiffin Borer to the Government, and the price paid for the same.
 - (3.) The daily cost of working the Tiffin Borer, and the total amount expended by the Government for the working of the same since its purchase, and the daily rate of wages paid to each person, cost of horse feed, &c.; also showing the number of holes bored, and the names and place of residence of the parties on whose properties holes were bored, and the amounts paid for same, and the names of the parties who have paid for boring holes for water, &c.
- Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
18. **THE THREE MILLION LOAN**:—Mr. McElhone moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence, minutes, &c., between the Colonial Treasurer, or any member of the Government, or official thereof, and Mr. Shepherd Smith, Manager of the Bank of New South Wales, or any official of the above Bank, in reference to the floating of the Three Million Loan lately floated in London, more particularly as regards any letter or notice sent by the Bank of New South Wales to the Colonial Treasurer, or any member of the Government, or Government official, regarding the floating of the Three Million Loan by any Bank other than the Bank of New South Wales.
- Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
19. **MESSRS. T. R. SMITH AND Co.**:—Mr. Melville moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return of all moneys or amounts of moneys owing by T. R. Smith and Sydney Smith, trading as T. R. Smith & Co., auctioneers, which were owing by the said firm to the Government for demurrage, and the amount or amounts allowed as refund to them or any other person so indebted up to July this year.
- Question put and passed.
20. **WOLLONGONG AND KIAMA HARBOUR WORKS**:—Mr. T. R. Smith moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—
- (1.) The amount expended in constructing and maintaining Wollongong Harbour and Wharfs to 30th September, 1883.
 - (2.) The number of vessels trading there from 1st January to 30th September, 1883.
 - (3.) The amount collected for harbour and wharf dues for same period.
 - (4.) The amount expended in constructing and maintaining Kiama Harbour and Wharfs to 30th September, 1883.
 - (5.) The number of vessels trading there from 1st January to 30th September, 1883.
 - (6.) The amount collected for harbour and wharf dues for twelve months ending 30th September.
- Question put and passed.

The House adjourned at twelve minutes before Seven o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 9.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 24 OCTOBER, 1883.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Bridge across Wilbetree Crossing:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he make provision on the Estimates for the ensuing year for the erection of a Bridge across Wilbetree Crossing, near Mudgee?

Mr. Wright answered,—As the cost of this Bridge with approaches is estimated at £4,000, and the Commissioner for Roads reports that its erection is unnecessary, as there are many other bridges in the vicinity, it is not the intention of the Government to make provision for it in the Estimates for the ensuing year.

- (2.) Water Supply for Mudgee, Gulgong, and Hill End:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Apart from all question of the prospect of a Local Government Bill,—When will the Government take steps to provide water supplies at Mudgee, Gulgong, and Hill End?

Mr. Wright answered,—I beg to inform the Honorable Member that, apart from all question of the prospect of a Local Government Bill, the Government is unable at present to enter upon the construction of any more water Schemes. Those already in hand will more than absorb the balance on the Vote for Country Water Supplies. The matter will, however, be considered when the Loan Estimates are being dealt with.

- (3.) Compensation to Mr. Curran and Mr. M'Donough:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Mines,—Has he decided yet as to the amount of compensation to be awarded to Mr. Curran and Mr. M'Donough, of Cooyal, for depriving them of a large diagonal slice of their wheat paddocks?

Mr. Abbott answered,—The claims of Messrs. Curran and M'Donough, on account of deviations made in the road from Mudgee to Munghorn, were sent to the Public Works Department (at whose request the deviations were laid out) on the 17th instant, and the matter is now under reference to the local officer of that Department.

- (4.) Appletree Flat Gold-field:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Has he taken steps to gazette the unsold Crown Lands in the parishes of Bara, Dungaree, Arthur, and Devale, as extensions of the Appletree Flat Gold-field?

(2.) Will he do this before the squatter interested has time to manipulate the best portions of these auriferous lands?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) No unnecessary delay has occurred.

- (5.) Assistant Clerk of Petty Sessions, Mudgee:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Minister of Justice,—When will an Assistant Clerk of Petty Sessions be appointed at Mudgee, as has been done at Dubbo?

Mr. Cohen answered,—The subject shall receive due consideration when the Estimates for the ensuing year are being prepared.

- (6.) Separate Cells for Prisoners:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Minister of Justice,—Will he take steps to make separate cellular accommodation an essential of imprisonment, as suggested by the Comptroller General?

Mr. Cohen answered,—The subject shall receive the careful consideration of the Government.

(7.)

(7.) Dietary Allowances in Asylums and Gaols:—Mr. Gould asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) What are the dietary allowances to the inmates of the Pauper Asylums at Liverpool and at Hyde Park?
- (2.) What are the dietary allowances for the inmates of the principal Gaols in the Colony?
- (3.) What is the average cost per head for food at Liverpool and at Hyde Park Asylums, and that at the principal Gaols in the Colony?

Mr. Stuart answered,—As a reply to this question would extend over several pages, I will have it compiled in the form of a Return and laid upon the Table of this House, if the Honorable Member wishes it.

(8.) Lake Macquarie:—Mr. Gould asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What amounts of money have been expended upon the opening of Lake Macquarie during each of the last five years?

Mr. Wright answered,—I will presently lay upon the Table a Return giving the information asked by the Honorable Member.

(9.) Railway Engine-drivers, Guards, and Porters:—Mr. Gould asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Whether, in the event of engine-drivers, guards, and porters, on the Railway Line being required to work extra hours, they are paid for such extra work in addition to their regular pay, or are required to lay idle during regular hours subsequent thereto and lose payment in respect of such idle time; if so, will he consider the propriety of paying these men for such extra time and keeping them at work during regular hours?

Mr. Wright answered,—Engine-drivers are paid extra when required to work beyond the number of hours fixed, viz., fifty-five per week. If the men in the Traffic Branch are required to perform extra work which is not within their regular hours of duty they are paid for it. Should guards—and they are the only men in the Traffic Branch who sometimes have a broken day—remain idle during part of their time of duty, to meet the exigencies of the traffic, they are not paid for it; but the total hours on duty are in no case excessive. It is not possible to prevent broken time, and as the men have shorter hours at other times to compensate for it, it is not considered that they are entitled to extra pay.

(10.) Nepean Waterworks:—*Mr. A. G. Taylor*, for Mr. T. R. Smith, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) The date of resumption of Mr. F. Weston's land for the Nepean Waterworks?
- (2.) What was the amount of compensation allowed?
- (3.) The date when paid?

Mr. Wright answered,—

(1.) It is presumed that the case referred to is that of Mr. F. J. Weston. The date of the resumption herein was the 13th October, 1882.

(2 and 3.) A notice of valuation has not yet been served in consequence of a misdescription in the notice of resumption. A new notification is being prepared, and will be issued shortly, when the claim will be speedily dealt with. In the meantime it is not expedient to disclose the amount of the valuation, which of course may be subject to modification under the circumstances stated.

(11.) Mrs. Osman Day:—Mr. Levien asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Did he receive a letter from Sir Alfred Stephen, the Lieutenant-Governor of this Colony, with reference to the evidence given by Mrs. Osman Day when her husband was prosecuted for bigamy?
- (2.) Did Sir Alfred Stephen request the Attorney General to take action for perjury against Mrs. Day?
- (3.) Will he state the purport of the letter received by him from Sir Alfred Stephen, and also the purport of his reply, if any?

Mr. Cohen answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2 and 3) Sir Alfred Stephen, on the 11th August, invited the attention of the Attorney General to a newspaper report of the case of one Osman Day, in which it was stated that the first wife of this person, on his trial for bigamy, denied her identity and her marriage with the prisoner. Sir Alfred Stephen pointed out that it seemed to him that immediate attention to this case was necessary, because of the "Criminal Law Amendment Act" having for the first time allowed the wife of a prisoner to appear as a witness for or against her husband, and that the first example of a provision intended to aid in the elucidation of truth was that of a wife perjuring herself to screen the man with whom she was a conspirator. Sir Alfred Stephen's information was directed by the Attorney General, who had no previous knowledge of the case, to be sent to the Inspector General of Police, with the ordinary intimation that proceedings should be taken against Mrs. Day. The letter of Sir Alfred Stephen was simply acknowledged, and he was informed of the initiatory proceedings taken.

(12.) Mr. Stuart's Mineral Conditional Purchases:—*Mr. Levien*, for Mr. McElhone, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) In what year or years did Mr. Alexander Stuart take up Mineral Conditional Purchases near the Illawarra Railway line, Nos. 1 and 2, of 320 acres each; No. 3, of 315 acres; No. 80, of 259½ acres; No. 21, of 320 acres; No. 44, of 320 acres; No. 40, of 320 acres; No. 41, of 100 acres; No. 42, of 50 acres?
- (2.) In what years was Sir John Robertson Minister for Lands from 1861 up to 1883?
- (3.) What amount of money has been spent in improvements on the above Mineral Conditional Purchases, and will he send an officer to report on the nature and value of above Mineral Conditional Purchases, specially stating if the improvements are in connection with coal-mining?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) In the years 1874, 1875, and 1878.

(2.) In the years 1861, 1862, 1863, 1865, 1866, —, 1870, 1881, and 1882.

(3.)

(3.) The expenditure in mining operations upon the land in question, or upon adjacent land held in conjunction therewith, was found to exceed £2 per acre. An officer was sent to report on the nature and value of the expenditure in question, and the usual certificates were issued under his report.

(13.) Reformatory for Juvenile Criminals:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has the Government caused an inspection to be made of land suitable for the erection of buildings as a site for a Reformatory for Juvenile Criminals of the Colony?

(2.) Do the Government intend to make provision at an early date for the establishment of such Reformatory?

Mr. Stuart answered,—Yes; the matter is at the present time engaging the attention of the Government.

(14.) Public School, Parramatta North:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—

(1.) Is it true that many young children attending the Public School at Parramatta North are taught in a tent and weather-sheds?

(2.) When is it the intention of the Government to invite tenders for the building of the Public School at Parramatta North on the land resumed for such purpose many months ago?

Mr. Reid answered,—

(1.) As a temporary measure, some of the children are.

(2.) Tenders for a new School are about to be invited.

(15.) Lock Hospital:—Mr. Merriman asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to form a Lock Hospital at Monecliff, Miller's Point?

Mr. Stuart answered,—This matter has not yet been decided by the Government, but its consideration will form part of the general scheme of the Government with regard to Hospitals.

(16.) Site for Hospital near Flagstaff Hill:—Mr. Merriman asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it a fact that the Government intend purchasing a site for the erection of a General Hospital near Flagstaff Hill?

Mr. Stuart answered,—I have no hesitation whatever in saying that it is not the intention of the Government to resume land for a General Hospital in the neighbourhood of Flagstaff Hill, though it may resume a site for a Hospital for special purposes.

(17.) Postal Contract with the Orient Company:—Mr. Young asked the Postmaster General,—To what extent has the quantity of mail matter sent *via* San Francisco decreased since the agreement has been made with the Orient Company?

Mr. Trickett answered,—Only one mail has left *via* San Francisco since the agreement with the Orient Company came into operation. That mail, which left Sydney on 4th October, carried 11,544 letters, 161 books, and 14,316 newspapers. The September mail carried 13,631 letters, 367 books, and 16,904 newspapers. The August mail carried 14,021 letters, 386 books, and 17,754 newspapers. The July mail carried 12,517 letters, 351 books, and 15,400 newspapers.

2. LAW OF LIBEL AND CONTEMPTS OF COURT:—The undermentioned Petitions praying for an amendment of the Law of Libel and the Practice concerning Contempts of Court, were presented by the Members named:—

(1.) By Sir John Robertson. From the Mayor of Hill End, as Chairman of a Public Meeting of Citizens, held in the Council Chambers, Hill End.

(2.) By Mr. Wilkinson. From the Mayor of Balranald, as Chairman of a Public Meeting of Citizens, held at the Masonic Hall, Balranald.

(3.) By Mr. Wilkinson. From the Mayor and Aldermen of the Municipal District of Hay. Petitions received.

3. PAPERS:—

Mr. Abbott laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on the 18th October, 1883,—“Appraisement of Ruins in the Darling, Albert, and Warrego Districts.”
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Reid laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 23rd October, 1883,—“Mittagong Public School.”
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Wright laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Report of Mr. Scott, Locomotive Engineer, on observations made by him during his visit to England and America.

(2.) Statement showing the amount expended annually upon the opening of Lake Macquarie, from September, 1878, to October, 1883.

Ordered to be printed.

4. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by the Ministers named, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

By Mr. Abbott.

Public Watering-places Bill:—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,

Governor.

Message No. 4.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to regulate Public Watering-places, and to protect certain Reserves from trespass.

Government House,

Sydney, 24th October, 1883.

Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

By

By Mr. Dibbs.

Land Boilers Inspection Bill:—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor.

Message No. 5.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill for the Inspection and Regulation of Steam-boilers employed on Land, and for other purposes in connection therewith.

Government House,
Sydney, 24th October, 1883.

Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

By Mr. Trickett.

Postal Contract with the Orient Steam Navigation Company:—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor.

Message No. 6.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with the maintenance of Steam Postal Communication between Sydney and England by steamers of the Orient Steam Navigation Company, Limited.

Government House,
Sydney, 19th October, 1883.

Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of the Whole on the subject.

5. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS:—

(1.) *Maturity of Warrant reported*:—Mr. Speaker reported that his Warrant appointing the Committee of Elections and Qualifications for the present Session, laid upon the Table on Tuesday, 16th October, 1883, not having been disapproved by the Assembly in the course of the three next sitting days on which the Assembly met for the despatch of business, had now taken effect as an appointment of such Committee; and intimated that it was therefore open to Members of the Committee to be sworn at the Table by the Clerk, in accordance with the 59th section of the Electoral Act of 1880.

(2.) *Members Sworn*:—Henry Moses, Esquire, and William Hilson Pigott, Esquire, came to the Table and were sworn by the Clerk as Members of the Committee.

6. POSTAL CONTRACT WITH THE ORIENT STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Trickett moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the following Resolutions:—

(1.) That this House approves of the contract made by the Government with the Orient Steam Navigation Company (Limited), providing for a Mail Service once a fortnight to and from Sydney and England, payment to be made at the following rates on the mail matter conveyed, viz.:—

For letters twelve shillings per lb.

„ packets one shilling „

„ newspapers sixpence „

And on the conditions specified in the letter of the Manager in Australia of the Company aforesaid, dated the 23rd August, 1883, and laid upon the Table of this House on the 9th October, 1883.

(2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor. Question put and passed.

7. DEFAMATORY WORDS AND LIBEL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Abbott moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Law respecting Defamatory Words and Libel. Question put and passed.

8. MINING UNDER LAKE MACQUARIE (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Gould moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing the names of all persons to whom permission has been granted under section 28 of the Mining Act of 1874 to mine for coal and other minerals under the waters of Lake Macquarie and the tributaries thereof, and under any commons or reserves within 5 miles of the shores thereof, the area in respect of which such permissions have been granted, the dates when granted, the terms and conditions and restrictions (if any) under which the same have been granted. Question put and passed.

9. SYDNEY UNIVERSITY (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Cameron moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—

(1.) The number of Professors engaged at the Sydney University, their names, and the particular subjects taught by each.

(2.) The salary paid to each Professor, and the amount received by him from students fees during the past twelve months.

(3.) The amount paid by students attending the various classes, and the manner in which such money is apportioned.

(4.) The length of each term of vacation during the year.

(5.) The number of lectures delivered, and the average time occupied by each.

(6.) The number of students at present attending lectures at the University.

Question put and passed.

10. HUTCHINSON ESTATE BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Burns moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable William Matthew Hutchinson Gibbons, Richard Hutchinson Roberts, and Arthur Huffington, or other the Trustees for the time being of the Will of William Hutchinson, deceased, to sell certain land and houses in York-street and Clarence-street, in the City of Sydney, and to provide for the application of the proceeds thereof.
Question put and passed.
11. WINDSOR GASLIGHT COMPANY BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Slattery moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable the Windsor Gaslight Company (Limited) to construct Gasworks within the Town of Windsor.
Question put and passed.
12. MINERAL CONDITIONAL PURCHASES (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. W. J. Fergusson moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return giving the date of each Mineral Conditional Purchase made since the 1st January, 1870, the land office made in, the area of each, the name of the applicant, date of declaration received, and nature of improvements; name of person who inspected improvements, and nature of his report; date of transfers of same, and name of transferee, distinguishing additional from originals, also specifying all that have been declared void, and grounds of voidance.
Question put and passed.
13. HUTCHINSON ESTATE BILL:—Mr. Burns having *presented* this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of the sum of Twenty-five Pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable William Matthew Hutchinson Gibbons Richard Hutchinson Roberts and Arthur Huffington or other the Trustees for the time being of the Will of William Hutchinson deceased to sell certain land and houses in York-street and Clarence-street in the City of Sydney and to provide for the application of the proceeds thereof*,"—read a first time.
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15. PUBLIC WATERING-PLACES BILL:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill read,—and, on motion of Mr. Abbott, discharged.
Ordered, that the Bill be withdrawn.
16. SEAMEN'S LAWS AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Dibbs moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Dibbs the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.
17. FIRE BRIGADES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

The House adjourned at fourteen minutes before Twelve o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 10.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 25 OCTOBER, 1883.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Hill End Public School:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—Have the repairs and additions to the Hill End Public School been completed yet?

Mr. Reid answered,—No; tender for the work was accepted on the 11th instant.

- (2.) Public School at Tallewang:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—Has he given orders yet for the erection of a new Public School at Upper Tallewang?

Mr. Reid answered,—Yes, and the plans are now under consideration.

- (3.) Land Office at Oberon:—Mr. Merriman, for Mr. Targett, asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he appoint Oberon a place to establish a local Land Office?

Mr. Farnell answered,—It does not appear that there is any necessity for a Crown Lands Office at Oberon; the final decision in the matter is, however, remaining in abeyance pending legislation.

- (4.) Wallerawang Cemetery:—Mr. Merriman, for Mr. Targett, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) What is the reason of the delay in dedicating the Cemetery at Wallerawang?

(2.) Will he take steps to remedy the present state of affairs?

Mr. Farnell answered,—The case will be included in the next abstract of proposed dedications laid before Parliament.

- (5.) Over-crowding Public Buildings:—Mr. Cameron asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to take any steps during the present Session to deal with the subject of over-crowding, &c., in Theatres and other places of public amusement?

(2.) Is the Colonial Secretary aware that over-crowding is carried on in some of the principal Theatres to a great extent; and will he have any objection to consult the Honorable the Attorney General to ascertain whether it cannot be put a stop to?

Mr. Stuart answered,—This subject has been under the consideration of the Government, and now waits the final report of the Royal Commission upon the matter, which, it is expected, will be shortly completed. I hope that within a short time the Government will be able to ask the House for such powers as will enable us to take whatever steps may be necessary to secure the proper protection of life in case of accident occurring from such over-crowding.

- (6.) Sydney Female Refuge and Convent of Good Samaritan:—Mr. Poole asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Will he say what is the area of the land occupied by the Institutions situated in Pitt-street South known as the Sydney Female Refuge and Convent of the Good Samaritan?

(2.) Was this land either granted, purchased, or leased from the Government; if so, when?

(3.) If not, will he at once institute proceedings for the recovery thereof?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

(1.) The area of the land at present occupied by the Female Refuge is 2 roods 31½ perches. The area occupied by the House of the Good Shepherd is 3 roods 1-1/5th perch.

(2 and 3.) No; it is held on sufferance. Compensation is to be allowed for the buildings when the land is required by the Government.

(7.)

(7.) Wright, Heaton & Co.—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Does the firm of Wright, Heaton & Co. do the whole of the carting, or part of it, for the Colonial Stores Department?
- (2.) If so, what is the amount of carting paid to or due to the firm of Wright, Heaton & Co., for carting for the Colonial Stores in Government Departments?
- (3.) Is not Mr. Wright, the Secretary for Public Works, a member of the firm of Wright, Heaton & Co.?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

- (1.) Yes, a part of the carting.
- (2.) I am unable to answer this question without a period of time being fixed.
- (3.) I only know Mr. Wright as the Secretary for Public Works, and not in his private or business capacity.

(8.) Mr. S. Gray's Selections within Reserve in Parish of Sutherland.—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands,—In reference to the Act of 19th December, 1881, to legalize certain Selections, were lots 11-14, 15-42 and 43, of 250½ acres in all, in name of S. Gray, within Reserve No. 21, notified 15th March, 1875, parish of Sutherland, county of Cumberland,—Is the Reserve No. 21, as above, near the Illawarra Railway, and does such Reserve contain a deposit of coal?

Mr. Farnell answered,—Yes, the Reserve is near the Railway, but I am not aware that it contains coal.

(9.) Mr. Stuart's Mineral Conditional Purchases.—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) What are the names of the joint owners of the land with Mr. A. Stuart through which the proposed deviation of the Illawarra Railway was to run?
- (2.) Is the Attorney General, W. B. Dalley, one of the joint owners with Mr. A. Stuart of the mineral conditional purchases through which the deviation of Railway to Illawarra or Wollongong was to run?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

- (1.) The four portions through which the deviation of the Illawarra Railway alluded to passed were conditionally purchased by Messrs. Alexander Stuart, James Meehan, Alexander Stuart, and William Hamilton, respectively, and are now held by Messrs. Thomas Walker, T. A. Reddall, Thomas Walker, and William Hamilton, respectively.
- (2.) No.

(10.) The Land Bill.—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) On how many Runs in the Central District, as proposed by the Land Bill, can a selector get a block of 2,500 acres; and in what districts, counties, and parishes can a selector get 2,500 acres in one block?
- (2.) Will he, before the second reading of the Land Bill, have maps prepared showing the area of Crown Land available on each Run in the proposed Central District, together with the counties and parishes in which the Runs are situated, and in how many cases on each Run 2,500 acres can be selected in one block; and will he lay these plans or maps upon the Table of this House, and have them distributed among Members before the second reading of his Land Bill?
- (3.) If a man holds a 40-acre conditional purchase, measured according to the regulations of the Land Law, what is the total measurement in chains and yards round the four sides of a 40-acre conditional purchase?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

- (1.) It cannot at such a short notice be stated in how many Runs the area could be obtained, but it will be possible to obtain the maximum area in the majority of the counties within the Central District.
- (2.) I regret that it will be impossible to do so in so short a time.
- (3.) The measurement of the four sides of a conditional purchase of 40 acres without frontage and in a square block is 80 chains, or 1,760 yards. With frontage and depth, per regulations, the total measurement would be 133 chains 34 links, or 2,933½ yards.

(11.) Dismissal of Railway Workmen.—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it a fact, as stated by the Secretary for Public Works in reply to Mr. Fletcher, that 255 tradesmen and working men have been dismissed, and that 150 are about to be dismissed, from Government employ, as the Vote they are paid out of is likely to run short before the end of the year?
- (2.) Are not the Votes out of which the Civil Servants are paid likely to run short before the end of the year?
- (3.) How many persons have the present Government appointed as Rabbit Inspectors, Forest Rangers, Sheep Inspectors, and Conditional Purchase Inspectors, and to other offices since they accepted office; and what is the total amount of salaries which will have to be paid per annum to persons appointed to the Civil Service since they took office?
- (4.) Are not working men's and Civil Servants wages voted by this House before any of them are entitled to be paid?
- (5.) Is it likely that any more working men than the numbers given above are likely to be dismissed before the end of the year?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

- (1.) I am not aware of such.
- (2.) No.
- (3.) This question will be best replied to by a Return, which will be prepared and laid upon the Table as soon as possible.
- (4.) As a rule, but some are paid out of Loan Votes without special details.
- (5.) I am not aware of any such contingency as likely to arise.

- (12.) Telegraph Office at Armidale :—*Mr. Cameron*, for *Mr. Proctor*, asked the Postmaster General,—
Was a sum of money voted for the erection of a Telegraph Office at Armidale; if so, when will tenders be called for the work?

Mr. Trickett answered,—A sum of £3,000 was voted on the Estimates for 1883. Plans will shortly be ready, when tenders will be invited for the work.

- (13.) Public School Buildings at Armidale :—*Mr. Cameron*, for *Mr. Procter*, asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—

- (1.) When does the time for completing Public School Buildings at Armidale expire?
- (2.) Is he aware that at present the walls have only been erected, though more than twelve months have elapsed since tenders were accepted?
- (3.) At the present rate of progress, when is it likely the work will be completed?
- (4.) Is it proposed to enforce compulsory attendance with the present inadequate school accommodation at Armidale?

Mr. Reid answered,—

- (1.) 28th July, 1884.
- (2.) The brickwork was completed on the 19th September, and the roof is now being put on.
- (3.) It is expected that the Buildings will be completed within the contract time.
- (4.) It is proposed to make immediate additional accommodation of a temporary nature pending completion of new premises.

- (14.) Girls School at Albury :—*Mr. Levin*, for *Mr. Day*, asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Has any report been received by the Department as to the dilapidated state of the fencing enclosing the new public building lately erected for a Girls School at Albury?
- (2.) Has anything been done, or will anything be done, towards erecting a new fence or repairing the old one; if so, when?

Mr. Reid answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Steps are now being taken with a view to effect such improvements as are necessary.

- (15.) Glebe Island Abattoirs :—*Mr. McElhone* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What amount of revenue was derived from all sources from Glebe Island Abattoirs and plant, &c., for the year 1882?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—£9,442 15s. 4d.

- (16.) Orient Steam Navigation Company :—*Mr. McElhone* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the Government has agreed to remit all pilot and harbour dues and tonnage charge to the Orient Steam Navigation Company?
- (2.) If so, what will be the total yearly loss to the revenue by these allowances being made to the Orient Steam Navigation Company?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

- (1.) Yes; in the agreement with the Orient Steam Navigation Company for the conveyance of mails the same concession is made as that which has long subsisted with the Pacific Mail Company, namely, that in both cases there shall be an exemption from pilotage, tonnage, light-house, harbour, and dock dues, but not from wharf dues or wharfage.

- (2.) I have referred this question to the Collector of Customs, who makes the following report :—

The positive loss to the revenue by the concession, if confined to mail contract fortnightly boats, will be represented by about £750 per annum, being harbour and light dues and harbour removals.

The loss on pilotage can only be approximated for the reason that masters of steamers may become exempt from pilotage rates by passing an examination. Some of the Orient line ship-masters are exempt.

If the boats are rendered exempt by the concession, the masters, exempt or otherwise, will no doubt take pilots, and such service rendered would represent about £2,600 per annum in addition to the harbour and light dues.

The above does not include dock dues.

I do not know what is meant by the word "tonnage," unless it refers to wharfage and tonnage rates levied under 44 Victoria No. 8.

The San Francisco steamers do not berth at a Government wharf, and therefore no claim has been made for such dues. The Orient boats berth at the Circular Quay, and unless clearly defined, the word "tonnage" may be held to apply to wharf accommodation, and for that the Company pays the Government.

I may add that the Orient Company have leased for three years a berth at the Circular Quay, for which they have agreed to pay the Government rent to the amount of £2,500 per annum, the Government receiving all wharfage dues.

- (17.) Evening Lectures at Sydney University :—*Mr. Cameron* asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—Have any steps been taken to establish a course of Evening Lectures at the Sydney University?

Mr. Reid answered,—A short time ago I communicated to the Senate of the Sydney University my cordial approval of a proposal to establish Evening Lectures in connection with the University, and requesting to be favoured at an early date with the views of the Senate upon this important matter. I have received a letter from the Senate, promising to communicate with me upon the subject at an early date.

- (18.) Reserve fronting Whaling Road, North Shore :—*Mr. Merriman*, for *Mr. Levien*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Has the Minister received a petition asking him not to sell a Reserve fronting Whaling Road and Careening Cove, adjoining *Mr. E. Lord's* property?
- (2.) Has *Mr. E. Lord* made application to the Minister for the purchase of this land, and is it the intention of the Minister to entertain same?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Yes, with a special right of resumption if the land or any portion of it is hereafter required for road purposes.

- (19.) Public School at Quipolly Creek :—*Mr. Merriman*, for *Mr. Levien*, asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—Have the plans been prepared for the Quipolly Creek Public School; if so, when will tenders be called for the erection of same?
Mr. Reid answered,—Plans and specifications are now being prepared, and it is expected that they will be completed in a few days. When they have been approved of, tenders will at once be invited.
- (20.) Lock Hospital :—*Mr. Tarrant* asked the Colonial Secretary,—
 (1.) Is he aware that a Lock Hospital for the treatment of females is urgently required in this City; if so, will he take immediate steps to have the building at Miller's Point intended for that purpose, and for which provision was made upon the last Estimates, opened as a Lock Hospital?
 (2.) Is he aware that the Medical Adviser to the Government considers the building eminently suitable for the purposes of a Lock Hospital, and urges that it should be used for such purposes without any further delay?
Mr. Stuart answered,—The question of a Lock Hospital will be considered as part of the general scheme for Hospitals for the City, which will probably be placed under a Board, who will consider the expediency of continuing this site as the Ophthalmic Ward, which it at present is, or of converting it into a Lock Hospital, or whether any other site is more favourably situated.
- (21.) Volunteer Corps :—*Mr. Stokes* asked the Colonial Secretary,—
 (1.) Will he make provision on the Estimates for 1884 for the formation of Volunteer Corps in incorporated towns?
 (2.) How many applications were considered for enrolment and decided upon during the late recess?
 (3.) The number of applications that were supported by petition from each town, and the numerical strength of each petition?
Mr. Stuart answered,—Wherever it is desired to establish Volunteer Corps, and a sufficient number of eligible persons offer themselves for enrolment, the matter will be submitted upon the ensuing Estimates. I am not able at present to answer the other two questions of the Honorable Member, but I will lay a Return upon the Table.
2. LAW OF LIBEL AND CONTEMPTS OF COURT :—*Mr. Sutherland* presented a Petition from the Mayor and Aldermen of the Borough of Alexandria, praying for an amendment of the Law of Libel and the Practice concerning Contempts of Court.
 Petition received.
3. DUBBO GAS COMPANY'S INCORPORATION BILL :—*Mr. Cass*, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of the Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 16th October, 1883; together with a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee.
 Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Cass then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday, 2nd November.
 Question put and passed.
4. SEAMEN'S LAWS AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of *Mr. Dibbs*, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Dibbs then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to further amend the 'Seamen's Laws Consolidation Act of 1864.'*"
 Question put and passed.
 Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message :—
 MR. PRESIDENT,
 The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to further amend the 'Seamen's Laws Consolidation Act of 1864.'*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 25th October, 1883.
5. WHALING ROAD, NORTH SHORE (*Formal Motion*) :—*Mr. Holtermann* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers, correspondence, minutes, reports, plans, and any and all other documents in connection with the dedication, resumption, closing, or sale of Whaling Road, Milson's Point, North Shore, or the resumption, closing, or sale of any portion of such road.
 Question put and passed.
6. DISTRICT COURTS ACT FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL, No. 2 (*Formal Motion*) :—
 (1.) *Mr. Gould* moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to further amend the District Courts Act of 1858.
 Question put and passed.
 (2.) *Mr. Gould* presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to further amend the District Courts Act of 1858,*"—which was read a first time.
 Order to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 23rd November.
7. HUTCHINSON ESTATE BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—*Mr. Burns* moved, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) That the Hutchinson Estate Bill be referred to a Select Committee for inquiry and report.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of *Sir John Robertson*, *Mr. Poole*, *Mr. Wisdom*, *Mr. Day*, *Mr. Gray*, *Mr. Dangar*, *Mr. Moses*, *Mr. Humphery*, *Mr. Barbour*, and the Mover.
 Question put and passed.
8. WINDSOR GASLIGHT COMPANY BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—*Mr. Slattery* moved, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) That the Windsor Gaslight Company Bill be referred to a Select Committee for inquiry and report.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of *Mr. Abigail*, *Mr. Burns*, *Mr. Cass*, *Mr. Dalton*, *Mr. Holtermann*, *Mr. Melville*, *Mr. Merriman*, *Mr. Olliffe*, and the Mover.
 Question put and passed.

9. **ADJOURNMENT** :—Mr. McElhone moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
10. **COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS** :—Richard Lennon Murray, Esquire, and Robert Lucas Tooth, Esquire, came to the Table and were sworn by the Clerk as Members of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.
11. **CLAIMS OF IMMIGRANTS BY SHIP "NORTHAMPTON"** :—Mr. Slattery, for Mr. Tarrant (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Reports from the Immigration Agent and others in reference to the Ship "Northampton," laid upon the Table of the House on 13th February, 1883, be referred to the Select Committee now sitting on the above subject.
Question put and passed.
12. **POSTAL CONTRACT WITH THE ORIENT STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Trickett, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the following Resolutions :—
(1.) That this House approves of the contract made by the Government with the Orient Steam Navigation Company (Limited), providing for a Mail Service once a fortnight to and from Sydney and England, payment to be made at the following rates on the mail matter conveyed, viz. :—
For letters twelve shillings per lb.
" packets one shilling "
" newspapers sixpence "
And on the conditions specified in the letter of the Manager in Australia of the Company aforesaid, dated the 23rd August, 1883, and laid upon the Table of this House on the 9th October, 1883.
(2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to certain Resolutions.
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), that the report be now received.
The Chairman then reported the Resolutions, which were read a first time, as follows :—
Resolved,—
(1.) That this House approves of the contract made by the Government with the Orient Steam Navigation Company (Limited), providing for a Mail Service once a fortnight to and from Sydney and England, payment to be made at the following rates on the mail matter conveyed, viz. :—
For letters twelve shillings per lb.
" packets one shilling "
" newspapers sixpence "
And on the conditions specified in the letter of the Manager in Australia of the Company aforesaid, dated the 23rd August, 1883, and laid upon the Table of this House on the 9th October, 1883.
(2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
On motion of Mr. Trickett, the Resolutions were read a second time, and agreed to.
13. **FIRE BRIGADES BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.
On motion of Mr. Stuart (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Wednesday next.
14. **POSTPONEMENTS** :—The following Orders of the Day postponed until Wednesday next :—
(1.) Land Boilers Inspection Bill; second reading.
(2.) University Extension Bill; second reading.
15. **APPRAISEMENTS OF TOWN LOTS OF TEMORA** :—Mr. Spring moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the appraisements of the town lots of Temora by Mr. Whittingdale Johnson or other public officer.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Farnell, Mr. W. J. Fergusson, Mr. Garvan, Mr. McCourt, Mr. Targett, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Vaughn, Mr. A. G. Taylor, Mr. Barbour, and the Mover.
(3.) That the Return to Order laid upon the Table of this House on 31st May, 1883, on this subject be referred to the Committee.
Question put and passed.
16. **COMPENSATION FOR LAND TAKEN FOR ROADS** :—Mr. Vaughn moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to recommend by Message, that provision be made for carrying out the objects of a Bill to provide for the payment of Compensation by the State for all lands taken from Private Persons for Public Roads, Highways and Streets, and all expenses incurred thereby.
Debate ensued.
Motion by leave withdrawn.

The House adjourned at Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 11.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 26 OCTOBER, 1883.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Township of Rylstone:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has he been applied to by the Rylstone Progress Committee to make certain alterations in the township of Rylstone?

(2.) Is it his intention to comply with the request?

Mr. Wright answered,—

(1.) Application has been made.

(2.) An amount of £1,000 has been noted on the Draft Estimates for 1884 to do part of the work asked for.

(2.) Detention of Lunatics and Paupers:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he take steps to secure the detention of alleged lunatics and helpless paupers in some less repulsive place than in gaol?

Mr. Stuart answered,—As there are no local Lunatic Asylums, there is no alternative but to place lunatics in the local watch-houses or gaols until they can be examined and forwarded to the Hospital for Insane. They are not placed in gaols as prisoners, but only in such custody as their unfortunate circumstances renders necessary. Helpless paupers are forwarded in every instance to the Benevolent Asylum with the least possible delay.

(3.) Public School at Munghorn:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—Has the erection of a new Public School at Munghorn been commenced yet?

Mr. Reid answered,—No, but the plans have been approved of, and tenders have been invited, to be lodged not later than the 14th proximo.

(4.) Public School at Pyangle:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—Has a new Public School Building at Pyangle, promised some months ago, been completed yet?

Mr. Reid answered,—No; the plans are ready, but tenders have not been invited, inasmuch as the site has not yet been secured.

(5.) Road between Mudjee and Wollar:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What steps does he intend to take for the repair of the road between Mudjee and Wollar?

Mr. Wright answered,—The traffic is not considered sufficient to warrant provision of the whole cost of required improvements; but surveys have been made of the Munghorn and the two Wollar Gaps, and the works will be carried out from time to time as far as the annual Vote permits.

(6.) Mineral Leases:—Mr. W. J. Fergusson asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) What steps have the Department been in the habit of taking to ascertain that lessees of mineral leases have complied with the 56th section of the Mining Act in regard to expenditure?

(2.) What authority have the Department for inserting the labour clause in mineral leases?

(3.) How many mineral leases have been cancelled during the last five years for non-compliance with the illegal clause providing for continuous labour?

Mr. Abbott answered,—

(1.) Reports are obtained to ascertain whether the labour conditions have been complied with. If such conditions are complied with, the expenditure required by the Mining Act must have been made.

(2.) The authority is undoubtedly conferred by section 59 and sub-section 2 of section 64 of the Mining Act.

(3.) The number of mineral leases cancelled during the last five years for non-observance of the labour conditions is 109.

(7.)

(7.) Railway Canvas :—Mr. Badgery asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What tenders have been accepted for supply of Railway canvas since the year 1880 ?
- (2.) Has canvas of the standard quality been always supplied, or has inferior canvas been accepted at a reduction on contract price; if so, how often, and when ?
- (3.) Is he aware that canvas up to contract quality could have been obtained at any time in the City ?
- (4.) Has he or the Commissioner for Railways received intimation that a certain house has declined to tender, because the Government has accepted inferior quality at a reduction on contract price whilst genuine goods were obtainable ?
- (5.) Does he intend to adhere to the standard in future, or not ?

Mr. Wright answered,—

- (1.) 1881, Mr. R. C. Webster; 1882, Messrs. Hinsch, Spindler & Co.; 1883, Messrs. Potts & Paul.
- (2.) No. Canvas of a different quality has been accepted this year from Potts & Paul, at a reduction on contract price.
- (3.) No; I am informed that there is good reason to believe to the contrary.
- (4.) Yes.
- (5.) The standard will always be adhered to, excepting the exigencies of the Department should require or warrant a departure from it.

(8.) Collection of Stock and Agricultural Statistics :—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Mines,—Have any arrangements been made, or is it intended the Stock Inspector shall collect Stock and all Returns connected with the Mines and Stock Departments in lieu of the Police ?

Mr. Abbott answered,—A sum of money has been voted for the collection of Stock and Agricultural Statistics, but the arrangements for their collection have not yet been completed.

(9.) Road from Quirindi to Coonabarabran :—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Mines,—Has it been decided to open up a road from Quirindi to Coonabarabran; and if so, will such be surveyed, proclaimed, and scheduled, with suitable reserves made along the line for travelling stock and teams ?

Mr. Abbott answered,—An application for a road from Quirindi to Coonabarabran has been received, and was forwarded last month to the District Surveyor for report. Pending the report no decision has been arrived at as to its survey, &c.

(10.) Atlas Engineering Company :—Mr. Garrard asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Has the Atlas Engineering Company's tender for the construction of dredges, punts, and a steamer been accepted by the Government ?
- (2.) Has the contract for the work been signed ?
- (3.) Is it a fact that the Atlas Engineering Company is about to import the steamer referred to, as well as the machinery for the dredge ?

Mr. Wright answered,—No tender has as yet been accepted for this work.

(11.) Garden Island :—Mr. Hugh Taylor, for Mr. Purves, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) How many tenders were received for the construction of the proposed works at Garden Island ?
- (2.) The names of the parties who tendered, and the amount of their respective tenders as computed by the Department ?
- (3.) Were the tenders required to be at schedule rates, or lump sum ?

Mr. Wright answered,—

- (1.) Eleven.
- (2.)—

Names of Tenderers.	Amount of Tenders as computed.
Batty & Sheehy	£19,633 11 8
Michael Kinshela	29,716 5 0
J. Stewart & Co.	24,225 18 4
Philip Ronan	22,426 1 8
Morgan & Farrell	25,103 0 10
J. M. Moxon	24,101 0 0
J. Johnston & Co.	26,440 5 10
John Jaggler	24,555 1 8
J. Campbell & Co.	31,712 17 6
J. Musson & Co.	22,660 10 0
Thomas Niccor	23,505 10 0

(3.) At schedule of rates.

(12.) Public Well at Ilford :—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Has the Public Well at Ilford been repaired yet ?
- (2.) Will he state the exact number of months which have elapsed since application was first made for the performance of this repair ?

Mr. Wright answered,—

- (1.) No.
- (2.) Six; but upon inspecting this Well in July last, it was found to be overflowing, and the pump applied for was not then required. Authority, however, has been recently obtained for the purchase of a new pump, which will be supplied when it is ascertained what kind of pump is best adapted for the Well.

- (13.) Railway Survey from Rydal to Oberon :—*Mr. Merriman*, for *Mr. Targett*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he cause a survey to be made to Oberon from Rydal, or the best point on the Great Western Line?

Mr. Wright answered,—I am not prepared at present to cause a survey to be made from Oberon to Rydal.

- (14.) Railway Sleeping-cars :—*Mr. Sydney Smith*, for *Mr. T. R. Smith*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) The present charge per passenger sleeping-car accommodation by special train from Sydney to Melbourne, return, with a guarantee of sixty tickets?

(2.) The charge for similar accommodation last year?

Mr. Wright answered,—

(1.) £8 per passenger.

(2.) The same.

- (15.) Railway to Inverell :—*Mr. Cameron*, for *Mr. Proctor*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) With reference to the Minister's replies to former questions hereon,—Did the Minister, or any other person by his instructions, request *Mr. Hogg* to explore or inspect the country between Uralla and Inverell and between Mother-of-Ducks and Inverell, with a view to ascertain the practicability of constructing a Railway?

(2.) Is it not a fact that *Mr. Hogg* did make an inspection of those routes; if so, at whose request?

(3.) Has *Mr. Hogg* reported to the Minister or any other person upon the subject; and if not, will the Minister call for *Mr. Hogg's* report?

(4.) Is it a fact that the Minister stated at Inverell, on his recent visit to that village, or at any other time or place, that the Railway should be constructed from Glen Innes to Inverell, notwithstanding the Minister had no reliable data as to whether a better route could be discovered?

(5.) Is the Minister obtaining any further reports upon the above proposed lines of Railway, and is it his intention to order further trial surveys of either or any of the above proposed lines?

(6.) Will he say why it is not proposed to reserve the land between Mother-of-Ducks and Inverell as on other proposed lines?

Mr. Wright answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes; instructed by the Engineer-in-Chief at my request.

(3.) *Mr. Hogg's* reports have been received by the Engineer-in-Chief, but have not yet reached me.

(4.) I stated at Inverell, from information in my possession at the time, that the Railway, if constructed, should go from that town to Glen Innes, in preference to the Mother-of-Ducks route.

(5.) I have ordered a trial survey to be made from Uralla to Inverell.

(6.) I do not think it necessary to reserve land between Mother-of-Ducks and Inverell, as reservations have been suggested from Uralla (or Kentucky) to Inverell, and from Glen Innes to Inverell.

- (16.) The Eight-hour System of Labour :—*Mr. Cameron* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) In how many branches of his Department has the Eight-hour System been applied since the Resolutions of February, 1881, on the subject were adopted by this House?

(2.) Is he aware that in many instances longer hours of labour are demanded, and will he give instructions, as per Resolution of Assembly, that eight hours be a day's labour wherever practicable?

Mr. Wright answered,—

(1.) Effect has been given to the Resolution in the various branches of the Works Department as far as practicable.

(2.) I am not aware that longer hours are unnecessarily demanded; but I will give further directions to secure every effect being given to the Resolution of the Assembly.

- (17.) Residence for Station-master, Parramatta :—*Mr. Hugh Taylor* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government to have a Station-master's Residence built or purchased near the Railway Station at Parramatta?

Mr. Wright answered,—The question has not been decided.

- (18.) Tenders for Public Works :—*Mr. Cameron* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it true that tenderers for public works and supplies are now called upon to deposit a cash security for the due performance of their contracts, instead of finding two responsible sureties as heretofore?

(2.) Is the Minister aware that this is felt to be a very great hardship, and often prevents *bond fide* men from competing, while the Government are drawing interest on their available capital?

(3.) Will the Minister take into his consideration the desirableness of relieving contractors of the burdens thus imposed upon them?

Mr. Wright answered,—

(1.) In some cases where the contracts are large, as for iron bridges, sewerage, or Railway works, the contractors have to deposit cash in lieu of surety; but for all ordinary contracts the surety system is still in use if the names are approved by the Minister.

(2.) I am not aware that it is felt as a hardship.

(3.) I will look into the matter and ascertain if any change is desirable.

2. LAW OF LIBEL AND CONTEMPTS OF COURT :—*Mr. Hugh Taylor* presented a Petition from the Mayor of Goulburn, as Chairman of a Public Meeting of Citizens held at the Mechanics Institute, Goulburn, praying for an amendment of the Law of Libel and the Practice concerning Contempts of Court.

Petition received.

3. PAPERS:—

Mr. Abbott laid upon the Table,—Annual Report for the year 1882 on the Stock and Brands Branch of the Department of Mines.
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Stuart laid upon the Table,—Further Return to an Address adopted on 6th July, 1877,—“Immigration,”—Ship “Gladstone.”
Ordered to be printed.

4. MINERAL AND GOLD LEASES (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. W. J. Fergusson moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Secretary for Mines should cause a Return to be published in the *Government Gazette* in the months of January, April, July, October, in each year, showing the following particulars of all leases—mineral and gold—current in each Mining Registrar’s District, during previous quarters ending 31st March, 30th June, 30th September, and 31st December:—1st, names of lessees; 2nd, area; 3rd, locality; 4th, number of men required to be employed by the covenants of the lease.
Question put and passed.

5. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Abigail moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.

6. ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read,—Mr. R. B. Smith moved, That the Order of the Day be discharged.
Debate ensued.
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
The Order of the Day was then postponed, on motion of Mr. Smith, until Friday, 23rd November.

7. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
(1.) Parliamentary Prorogation Curtailment Bill; second reading } until Friday, 7th December.
(2.) Legislative Assembly Quorum Bill; second reading }
(3.) Limitation of Actions for Trespass Bill; second reading,—until Friday, 30th November.

8. MINERAL CONDITIONAL PURCHASES REPEAL BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. W. J. Fergusson moved, That this Bill be “now” read a second time.
Debate ensued.

Mr. Copeland moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the word “now,” and the addition of the words “this day four weeks.”

Question proposed,—That the word “now,” proposed to be omitted, stand part of the Question.
Debate continued.

Question put,—That the word “now,” proposed to be omitted, stand part of the Question.
The House divided.

Ayes, 13.

Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Gray,
Mr. De Salis,	Mr. A. G. Taylor,
Mr. Day,	Mr. Young.
Mr. Barbour,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Vaughn,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Holtermann,	Mr. W. J. Fergusson.
Mr. Murray,	
Mr. Levin,	

Noes, 23.

Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Merriman,
Mr. Brunner,	Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Heydon,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. R. B. Smith,	Mr. Humphery,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Tarrant.
Mr. Wright,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Trickett,	Mr. O’Connor,
M. Poole,	Mr. Griffiths.
Mr. Copeland,	
Mr. Garrard,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Question,—That the words “this day four weeks,” proposed to be added, be so added,—put and passed.

Question then,—That this Bill be read a second time this day four weeks,—put and passed.

The House adjourned at five minutes before Ten o’clock, until Tuesday next at Four o’clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 12.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 30 OCTOBER, 1883.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Bridge across Clarke's Creek:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he make provision on the Estimates of 1884 for the crection of a Bridge across Clarke's Creek, near Windeyer?

Mr. Wright answered,—A sum has been noted on the Draft Estimates for 1884 for the purpose in question.

- (2.) Mining Schools:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Mines,—Is it the intention of the Government to place a sum of money on next year's Estimates for the establishment of Mining Schools in the chief provincial mineral centres in the Colony?

Mr. Abbott answered,—It is not the intention of the Government to do so.

- (3.) Public School at Cooma:—*Mr. Barbour*, for Mr. Badgery, asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—

(1.) Is it true that many of the young children attending the Public School at Cooma are taught in the weather-sheds?

(2.) Will he cause a larger school to be crected?

Mr. Reid answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) I do not think the expenditure is necessary.

- (4.) Aborigines at the Barrington:—Mr. White asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is the Government aware that a large number of industrious Aborigines live at the Barrington and Port Stephens, in the Gloucester Electorate?

(2.) Has the Government, or the Aboriginal Protectorate, refused or neglected to assist these unfortunates when asked to do so from time to time?

(3.) Were they asked to purchase a farm for them at a small cost; and if so, why was it not done?

Mr. Stuart answered,—The following information has been supplied to me by the Board for the Protection of Aborigines:—

(1.) There are Aborigines resident in the district named.

(2.) No.

(3.) The Aborigines at Barrington have a reserve, which they occupy. The Board recommend a further reservation for their use. This matter is now under the consideration of the Government, who have also otherwise assisted these people.

- (5.) Waiting-room at Hexham:—Mr. White asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government to erect a small Waiting-room at Hexham, with proper conveniences, for the use of the night passengers, who have now to wait in the cold *en route* to Sydney?

Mr. Wright answered,—The accommodation for passengers, including Waiting-rooms, already provided at Hexham is considered sufficient. (6.)

- (6.) Protection of the banks of the Hunter River :—Mr. White asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Have the Government expended money for the protection of the banks of the Hunter River at Maitland ; if so, will they make provision to prevent encroachments at Raymond Terrace ?

Mr. Wright answered,—Yes, but portion of the money expended has been subscribed by the residents. It is not the intention of the Government to make provision for similar expenditure at Raymond Terrace, as the two cases in important particulars are not parallel.

- (7.) Williamstown Public School :—Mr. White asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—
 (1.) Is it the intention of his Department to cause a Weather-shed to be erected at Williamstown for the use of the Public School children there ?
 (2.) How long has this matter been under consideration ; and will he say what is the cause of the delay ?

Mr. Reid answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) The application was received on the 22nd June last. Plans have since been prepared and tenders invited ; only one tender, however, has been received, which is considered to be too high, and it is intended to at once invite fresh tenders.

- (8.) Barrack-wall at Police Office, Parramatta :—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the Government cause the unsightly barrack-wall now standing at the Police Office, in the centre of the town of Parramatta, to be removed, and which was promised to be done some time ago ?

Mr. Wright answered,—As the wall is of stone and in good preservation, it is not considered desirable by the Government to order its removal. I am not aware of any promise made on the subject.

- (9.) Tramway Season Tickets :—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Cannot provision be made for issuing Season Tickets to travellers by Tramway ; if so, will the necessary instructions be given ?

Mr. Wright answered,—The issue of Season Tickets by Tramway is not considered desirable.

- (10.) Public Park, Parramatta :—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will the Government place upon the Estimates for 1884 a sum of money, which was applied for by Mr. Taylor, and promised by the Government, for the improvement of the Public Park at Parramatta ?

Mr. Wright answered,—It is not the intention of the Government to place upon the Estimates for 1884 a sum of money for the improvement of the Public Park at Parramatta.

- (11.) Tolls on Ferries :—*Mr. Young*, for Mr. Wisdom, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government to abolish the Tolls on Ferries ?

Mr. Wright answered,—It is not the intention of the Government to abolish the Tolls on Ferries.

- (12.) Adulteration of Food and Drink :—Mr. Abigail asked the Colonial Secretary,—When will the promise made last Session be redeemed by bringing in a Bill to prevent the adulteration of food and drink ?

Mr. Stuart answered,—The Government hopes to be able to deal with this question at a later period of the Session.

- (13.) Friendly Societies Act :—Mr. Abigail asked the Colonial Secretary,—When does he propose dealing with the question of a new Friendly Societies Act ?

Mr. Stuart answered,—The Government has a Bill in partial preparation on this subject, and hopes at a later period of the Session to be able to give the House an opportunity of dealing with it.

- (14.) Inspection of Scholastic Institutions :—Mr. Abigail asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—Does he propose taking any action to bring about the inspection of all Scholastic Institutions in the Colony ?

Mr. Reid answered,—No.

- (15.) Estate of the late Mr. Sempill :—Mr. Day asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) What is the amount paid to the Government by the Bondsmen in the Estate of the late Mr. Sempill ?

(2.) When will Joseph Kinchela, who holds a judgment claim against Mr. Sempill's Estate, be paid ?

Mr. Cohen answered,—

(1.) The sum of £1,500 has been recovered from the Bondsmen in the Estate of the late Mr. Sempill and paid into the Treasury.

(2.) A Bill is now being prepared, and will shortly be introduced, to authorize the distribution of the £1,500 ratably amongst the creditors of the several Estates in which a deficiency has been discovered, and Mr. Kinchela's claim as one of the creditors in the Estate will then receive consideration in due course.

- (16.) New South Wales Artillery Force :—Mr. Sydney Smith asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he state why the papers connected with the promotion and examination of Officers of the New South Wales Permanent Artillery, asked for at the close of last Session, have not been laid upon the Table of this House ?

Mr. Stuart answered,—I expect to be able to place these papers upon the Table immediately.

- (17.) Railway Bridges :—Mr. Sydney Smith asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the papers having reference to any alleged defects in the material used in the superstructure of certain Railway Bridges, ordered by the House on the 14th March last, be laid upon the Table of this House ?

Mr. Wright answered,—The Government having appointed a Commission to deal with this matter, it is considered advisable to postpone the production of these papers for a time.

2. THE LICENSING ACT:—

(1.) Mr. Slattery presented a Petition from Residents of Watson's Bay, praying that the Travellers' Clauses in the Licensing Act may be repealed, and provisions more suited to the requirements of this Colony substituted therefor.

And the same having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker,—
Petition received.

(2.) Mr. Cameron presented a similar Petition from Residents of Manly and Sydney.

(3.) Mr. Levien presented a similar Petition from Residents of Sydney and Suburbs.

(4.) Mr. Merriman presented a similar Petition from Residents of Botany and Waterloo.

(5.) Mr. Copeland presented a similar Petition from Residents of Sandringham, Newtown, and Cook's River.

(6.) Mr. Butcher presented a similar Petition from Residents of Coogee, Bondi, and Waverley.
Petitions received.

3. PAPERS:—Mr. Stuart laid upon the Table,—

(1.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Blayney.

(2.) Further Return to an Address adopted on 6th July, 1877,—“Immigration”—Ships “Ellora” and “Dharwar.”

Ordered to be printed.

4. SYDNEY CORPORATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. O'Connor presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to further amend the Sydney Corporation Act of 1879*,”—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 27th November.

5. LICENSING ACTS AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Melville presented a Petition from G. D. Clark, Chairman of Delegates from the various City and Suburban Lodges of the Independent Order of Good Templars, in Conference held at the Temperance Hall, Sydney, praying the House to reject the Licensing Acts Amendment Bill now under consideration.

Petition received.

6. MARK DUFFY'S CONDITIONAL PURCHASE (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Loughnan moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all letters, papers, minutes, and all correspondence relating to a selection made by one Mark Duffy, at the Hillston Land Office, on the 24th of March, 1881, in the parish of Lachlan, county of Dowling.

Question put and passed.

7. WALGETT ENGLISH CHURCH AND PARSONAGE LAND SALE BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Dangar moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That the Walgett English Church and Parsonage Land Sale Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, with power to send for persons and papers.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Burns, Mr. Spring, Mr. Moses, Mr. Murray, Mr. Gill, Mr. Cass, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

8. WATER SUPPLY FOR TOWN OF PARKES (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Stokes moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence, papers, minutes, reports, plans, specification, and estimate of cost for a Water Supply for the town of Parkes, furnished by Government Engineers; also copies of minutes or decisions arrived at by the Government in reference to the same.

Question put and passed.

9. PUBLIC WATERING-PLACES BILL NO. 2 (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Abbott moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill for the regulation of Public Watering-places, and for the protection of certain Reserves from trespass.

Question put and passed.

10. NOXIOUS TRADES:—Mr. Fremlin moved, pursuant to amended Notice,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, one or more areas of land within easy access of Sydney should be set apart for lease to persons engaged in noxious trades.

(2.) That a Bill should be introduced for regulating the conditions of lease of such land, as well as for protecting the proprietors from vexatious prosecutions while carrying on their business within the boundaries of the aforesaid area or areas.

(3.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

11. LAW OF LIBEL AND CONTEMPTS OF COURT:—The undermentioned Petitions praying for an amendment of the Law of Libel and the Practice concerning Contempts of Court were presented by the Members named:—

(1.) By Mr. Burns, for Mr. Gray. From the Mayor of Casino, as Chairman of the Municipal Council.

(2.) By Mr. Humphery. From the Mayor and Aldermen of Central Shoalhaven, adopted at a Meeting held in the Council Chambers, Terrara.

Petitions received.

12. INTERCOLONIAL FREE TRADE:—Mr. Young moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should make an effort, by conference or otherwise, to induce the Governments of the other Australasian “Colonies” to remove by legislation the various import duties now charged by them on the produce and manufactures of New South Wales.

(2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

Debate ensued.

Mr.

Mr. Levin moved, That the Question be amended by the omission from the first Resolution of all the words after the word "Colonies," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "to entertain a reciprocity treaty for the free interchange of Colonial produce."

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.

Debate continued.

Proposed amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Mr. Cameron then moved, That the Question be amended by the addition at the end of the first Resolution of the words, "and that this Colony should pursue a similar policy."

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be added be there added.

Debate continued.

Mr. Barbour moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday, 13th November.

13. CLAIM OF CHARLES STEVENS :—*Mr. Stokes*, for *Mr. Vaughn*, moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the matter of a claim made by Charles Stevens, and arising out of the action *Pearson v. Stevens*, tried in the Supreme Court.

(2.) That such Committee consist of *Mr. Farnell*, *Mr. Barbour*, *Mr. Day*, *Mr. Stokes*, *Mr. Coonan*, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

14. LICENSING ACTS AMENDMENT BILL :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill postponed until Friday, 16th November.

The House adjourned at eighteen minutes after Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 13.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 31 OCTOBER, 1883.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Railway Porters:—*Mr. Abigail*, for Mr. Gould, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—With reference to his reply of Wednesday last,—Is it a rule of the Traffic Branch of the Railway that when porters are required to work extra time they are sometimes required to lay idle during subsequent regular hours in order that more than the regular time for each week may not be exceeded, or are they paid for such extra time and also allowed to work their full regular time?

Mr. Wright answered,—There appears to be no absolute rule. The practice is to pay for over-time; but at times men, it appears, are allowed time off in consideration of having worked over-time.

- (2.) Liverpool Plains District:—*Mr. Burns*, for Mr. Brunner, asked the Secretary for Lands,—
 (1.) The quantity in acres of unalienated land in the Liverpool Plains District on the 31st December, 1882?
 (2.) The total amount derived by way of rental from all unalienated Crown Land situated within the sixteen Counties comprised in the Liverpool Plains District for the years 1872 and 1882 respectively?
 (3.) The number of registered Crown Tenants in the Liverpool Plains District, and the total area of land held by them under pastoral lease during the years 1872 and 1882?

Mr. Farnell answered,—The information will be furnished to-morrow in the form of a Return.

- (3.) Galathera and Boggy Creek Tanks:—*Mr. Dangar* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 (1.) The original cost of constructing Galathera and Boggy Creek Tanks (road Narrabri to Moree); and if done by contract, or how?
 (2.) Is it a fact these Tanks were, from their improper mode of construction, rendered completely useless?
 (3.) Have any steps been taken, and if so in what way, to repair these Tanks so as to render them available to the public and travelling stock; and if so, who has the management of the repairs, when likely to be completed, and tenders invited to lease the same?
 (4.) Is it true Boggy Creek Dam is on a hill, in place of being in the bed of the creek, where no current?
 (5.) Have suitable Travelling Stock Reserves been made at these Tanks, and will the Tanks and Reserves be protected by fencing?

Mr. Wright answered,—

- (1.) The cost of Galathera Tank was £830, and of Boggy Creek Tank £850, both by contract.
 (2.) No.
 (3.) Yes; additions to the Tanks have been arranged for. A tender has now been accepted for the erection at Galathera of a buckled-plate service tank, horse-gear, pump, and troughing. Nothing is at present required at Boggy Creek. Repairs are done by the Department of Roads and Bridges.
 (4.) The site of this Tank was most carefully selected by levelling; and all the officers of the Roads Department report that there is ample catchment, which is corroborated by the fact that there is a rapid flow of water towards the Tank. The contractors during the construction of the work in question had difficulty in keeping the water out.
 (5.) Reserves have been made, the Tanks are fenced in, and arrangements are being made to fence the Reserves.

(4.)

- (4.) Tanks between Gunnedah, Mellaly, and Coonabarabran :—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What Tanks, Wells, or Dams for public use are in course of construction between Gunnedah, Mellaly, and Coonabarabran, where situated, and distance from each other ; if let by contract, contractor's name, and time fixed for completion ; the mode proposed to work these Tanks ; and have or will suitable Travelling Stock Reserves be made at such, and all protected by fencing ?

Mr. Wright answered,—

(1.) Well at Mannum Creek, 15 miles from Coonabarabran ; let by contract ; contractor, Charles Winter ; amount, £726 8s. 6d. ; to be completed in six months from 28th August, 1883.

(2.) Well at Booloola, 34 miles from Coonabarabran and 13 from Rocky Glen ; contractor, A. M. Masman ; amount, £850 ; to be completed in six months from 24th September, 1883.

(3.) Normanstone Well, about 55 miles from Coonabarabran and 43 from Mellaly ; contractor, A. M. Masman ; amount, £750 ; to be completed in six months from 24th September, 1883. These Wells will be provided with whims, service tanks, and troughing, and a Reserve of 200 acres has been recommended for each. It is proposed to fence Wells and Reserves.

- (5.) Accidents through Boiler Explosions :—Mr. Barbour asked the Minister of Justice,—How many inquests have been held by Coroners on fatal accidents through boiler explosions during the last five years, and how many explosions have been reported during the same period ?

Mr. Cohen answered,—Search has been made through the Inquest Register during the last five years—that is, from October, 1878, to the present time. It appears, from a necessarily imperfect examination, that the number of inquests held during that period on fatal accidents through boiler explosions have been : one in 1881, one in 1882, two in 1883 ; total, four. To make a thorough and complete search to enable this question to be more fully answered, it would be necessary to go through and examine the proceedings in the case of every inquest, the finding in many instances being merely, “ Died from injuries accidentally received.”

- (6.) High-level Bridge at Petersham.—Bridge across Old Canterbury Road :—Mr. Pigott asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) When is it intended to extend the High-level Bridge at Petersham to Wardell-street, as promised many months ago ?

(2.) When is it intended to carry out the improvements at the Bridge across the old Canterbury Road, Petersham, also promised many months ago ?

Mr. Wright answered,—

(1.) A contract has been accepted for this work.

(2.) It has been arranged to carry out these improvements at once.

- (7.) Site for Hospital at Molong :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—When the land applied for as a site for a Hospital at Molong will be dedicated and available for the public ?

Mr. Farnell answered,—The site has been selected, and when a report is obtained from the Inspector of Public Charities as to its suitability, it will be dedicated.

- (8.) Roman Catholic Denominational Schools :—Dr. Ross asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—Has any correspondence taken place between the Roman Catholic Bishops, or any one of them, relative to the inspection of the R. C. Denominational Schools ; if so, has the Minister any objection to the correspondence being laid upon the Table of this House and published ?

Mr. Reid answered,—There has been some correspondence of the kind indicated by the Honorable Member, and I have no objection to lay it upon the Table of the House.

- (9.) Railway Trial Survey from Manildra to Canowindra :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he give instructions to have a trial survey of a Railway or Tram-line made from Manildra (on the Western Extension) to Canowindra, *via* Cudal and Cargo ?

Mr. Wright answered,—It is not the intention of the Government to have this survey made.

- (10.) Railway from Orange to Molong :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is he aware that the residents of Orange have, by an influentially signed requisition, requested the Mayor to convene an Indignation Meeting for Wednesday, respecting the delay in calling for tenders for the first section of the Railway from Orange to Molong ?

(2.) Will he state the cause of the delay in proceeding with this work, and when the tenders are likely to be issued ?

(3.) Is it a fact that it will take two or three months to complete the working plans, and before tenders can be issued ?

Mr. Wright answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) The delay has occurred waiting the preparation of working plans.

(3.) No ; about six weeks.

- (11.) Railway Crossing on Sydney Road near Parramatta :—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is the Government aware that owing to the number of trains passing the Railway crossing on the Sydney Road near the junction daily the travelling public are greatly inconvenienced and in great danger ?

(2.) Will the Government cause an under-bridge to be made in lieu of a level crossing, as the estimate of the cost seemed to show that an under-bridge would be more economical, and for which tenders were invited in 1880, upon receipt of which it was decided to postpone the construction of the work for a short time ?

Mr. Wright answered,—

(1.) The Government are not aware that the public are subjected to inconvenience or danger.

(2.) It is not the intention of the Government to construct an under-bridge at this crossing.

(12.) Salaries of Civil Servants :—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Do Civil Servants receive the same salary as voted by Parliament for the respective offices held by them?
- (2.) Have the Government any power to increase or lessen the salary voted by Parliament in respect of any office without Parliamentary sanction?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

- (1.) Not invariably.
- (2.) The Government certainly has the power to lessen the salary. The sum voted is "not exceeding" the amount stated. The Government has no power to increase without Parliamentary sanction.

(13.) Mr. Allen McInnes :—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Was a Petition received by him from Mr. Allen McInnes, who served as a warder in the Parramatta Gaol for upwards of thirty-five years, and who had to retire as one of the incapacitated officers who were recommended for retiring allowances?
- (2.) If so, is it the intention of the Minister to grant the prayer of the Petitioner, and place the amount upon the Estimates for 1884?

Mr. Cohen answered,—

- (1.) Yes, a communication has lately been received upon this subject.
- (2.) The question shall receive due consideration with the Estimates now in course of preparation.

(14.) Widow of the late William Boon :—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Minister of Justice,—Is it the intention of the Government to place upon the Estimates for 1884 a sum of money to compensate the Widow (who is left destitute) of the late William Boon, who served nineteen years as warder in H.M. Gaols of this Colony, and whose name was omitted from the list of incapacitated officers who were recommended for retiring allowances?

Mr. Cohen answered,—The subject shall receive consideration with the Estimates for 1884 now in course of preparation.

(15.) Weigh-bridge at Parramatta Railway Station :—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is he aware that a weigh-bridge was erected at the Parramatta Railway Station some time ago for the use and convenience of the public?
- (2.) Is he aware that produce arriving at Parramatta has to be taken to the junction for the purpose of having it weighed, and extra mileage charged?
- (3.) Will he give instructions that some person be appointed to take charge of the weigh-bridge at the Parramatta Railway Station, and have it used for the purpose for which it was erected?

Mr. Wright answered,—

- (1.) Yes, it was erected for the purpose of weighing Railway traffic.
- (2.) Traffic in truck loads is brought on to Granville and weighed over the truck weigh-bridge for the convenience of the Department, but extra mileage is not charged.
- (3.) There is no necessity for placing any person specially in charge of the weigh-bridge. It is being used for the purpose for which it was erected.

(16.) Approaches to Parramatta Railway Station :—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he give instructions to lay the two footpaths, approaches to the Parramatta Railway Station from Church-street, with blue metal and tar, and so present a clean, durable, and economical surface for the same, the footpaths being impassable in wet weather to persons wishing to travel by train?

Mr. Wright answered,—An amount has been noted on the Draft Estimates for 1884 for asphaltting footway in Darcy-street, from Church-street to Parramatta Railway Station.

(17.) Post and Telegraph Office, Condobolin :—Mr. Stokes asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he at an early date call for tenders for the Post and Telegraph Office, Condobolin, for which money has been some time voted?

Mr. Wright answered,—Plans for this work will be prepared as soon as a site shall have been determined upon. The matter is now receiving attention.

2. INTERCOLONIAL FREE TRADE :—Mr. R. B. Smith presented a Petition from George Davics, Honorary General Secretary of the New South Wales Farmers Union, representing that at a Conference of Delegates held in Bathurst a Resolution was passed to the effect that the Conference views with alarm the action of the Victorian Government in doubling the Import Duties on Colonial Produce; and praying that a Bill may be brought in having for its object the introduction of a system of Reciprocity or Intercolonial Free Trade.
Petition received.

3. LICENSING ACTS AMENDMENT BILL :—Mr. Garrard presented a Petition from John H. Goodlet, President of the New South Wales Local Option League, praying that the restrictions which at present surround the sale of intoxicating drinks may not be in any way lessened.
Petition received.

4. PAPERS :—

Mr. Cohen laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return to an Address adopted on 19th October, 1883,—"*Dulhunty v. Mostyn.*"
- (2.) Return to an Address adopted on 10th October, 1883,—"*Contempt Case against Sydney Morning Herald and Echo.*"

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 16th October, 1883,—"*Removal of Lands Office from Wingham to Taree.*"

5. SUPREME COURT APPELLATE JURISDICTION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

(1.) Mr. McLaughlin moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to regulate Appeals to and the Constitution of the Supreme Court sitting in Banco.
Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. McLaughlin presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to regulate Appeals to and the Constitution of the Supreme Court sitting in Banco*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 7th December.

6. FIRE BRIGADES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Stuart moved, "That" this Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Fremlin moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "That," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of clause 9 sub-section 3, and clause 12."

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.

Debate continued.

Question,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—put and passed.

Question, That this Bill be now read a third time, put and passed.

Mr. Stuart moved, That this Bill do now pass.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Mr. Stuart then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to make better provision for the protection of Life and Property from Fire and for other purposes*."

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to make better provision for the protection of Life and Property from Fire and for other purposes*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 31st October, 1883.*

7. LAND BOILERS INSPECTION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Dibbs moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 28.

Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Abigail,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Trickett,	Mr. Purves,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. O'Mara,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. A. G. Taylor,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. W. R. Campbell,
Mr. De Salis,	Mr. Abbott,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Spring,	Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. Murray,	Mr. Holtermann,
Mr. Withers,	Mr. Melville.
Mr. Merriman,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Targett,	Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Griffiths,	Mr. Garvan.
Mr. D. A. Ferguson,	

Noes, 21.

Sir John Robertson,	Mr. Poole,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Dalton,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Levin,
Mr. Combes,	Mr. Hutchinson.
Mr. Copeland,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Wisdom,	Mr. See,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Wilson.
Mr. Roberts,	
Mr. Tooth,	
Mr. Sydney Smith,	
Mr. Day,	
Mr. W. J. Fergusson,	
Mr. Holborow,	
Mr. Teece,	
Mr. McCulloch,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

8. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS:—John Mitchell Purves, Esquire, came to the Table, and was sworn by the Clerk as a Member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.

9. UNIVERSITY EXTENSION BILL:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill postponed until Wednesday next.

10. PUBLIC WATERING-PLACES BILL (No 2).—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Abbott, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill for the regulation of Public Watering-places, and for the protection of certain Reserves from trespass.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), that the report be now received.

The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill for the regulation of Public Watering-places, and for the protection of certain Reserves from trespass.

On motion of Mr. Abbott, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

(2.)

(2.) Mr. Abbott presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to regulate Public Watering-places and to protect certain Reserves from trespass,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.

11. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Dibbs moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Mr. W. B. Campbell, *by consent*, moved, That the Question be amended by the addition of the words "until Wednesday next."

Question, That the words proposed to be added be so added, put and passed.

Mr. R. B. Smith moved, That the Question be further amended by the addition of the words "at Seven o'clock."

Debate ensued.

Proposed amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Question then,—That this House do now adjourn until Wednesday next,—put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly at twenty minutes before Eleven o'clock, until *Wednesday next* at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 14.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 7 NOVEMBER, 1883.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Railway Trial Surveys:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Dr. Ross, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—How much of the £40,000 which was voted in 1882 for trial surveys has been expended up to the present date?

Mr. Wright answered,—The sum of £24,085 13s. 7d. has been expended up to the present date.

- (2.) Local School Boards:—*Mr. Dangar* asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—

(1.) Will he have any objection to state the cause of the very great delay in the appointment of Local School Boards in many of the country districts?

(2.) Is the Minister aware that the districts over which such Boards have supervision are far too large, so as to render their services useless; and will steps be taken to reduce the size of those districts to the extent they were originally?

Mr. Reid answered,—

(1.) The delay is caused by the necessity for making full inquiries as to the best arrangements that can be made, and in the endeavour to secure the services of the most eligible individuals who are willing to serve as Members of the Board.

(2.) Yes; and steps are now being taken to remodel the districts, so as to make them all of convenient size.

- (3.) Reserve at Whaling Road, North Shore:—*Mr. Melville*, for Mr. Levien, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Did he receive a Petition from the Residents of St. Leonards requesting him not to dispose of the Reserve at the end of the Whaling Road and Careening Cove?

(2.) Is it his intention to sell this land to Mr. E. Lord, and what is the price offered, and the amount required?

(3.) Has he any objection to lay a plan of the land upon the Table of the House, and all correspondence in connection with Mr. Lord's request to purchase?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) These questions have not yet been finally determined.

(3.) No; I will do so at an early date.

- (4.) Widow of the late Mr. M'Gregor:—*Mr. Melville*, for Mr. White, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Do the Government intend to vote a sum of money, and if so what amount, to the widow and eight children of the late Mr. M'Gregor, who died on Saturday evening last through injuries received from a Tram-car accident?

Mr. Wright answered,—Mrs. M'Gregor's case is under consideration.

- (5.) Police Quarters at Kempsey:—*Mr. R. B. Smith* asked the Colonial Secretary,—What is the cause of delay in the erection of Police Quarters at Kempsey, Macleay River?

Mr. Stuart answered,—I regret that unavoidable circumstances have caused some delay, but I am now assured that plans are in preparation and will be ready shortly.

- (6.) Railway Trial Survey, Armidale to Trial Bay:—*Mr. R. B. Smith* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What is the cause of the delay in the completion of the Railway trial survey from Armidale to Trial Bay?

(2.) When is the trial survey likely to be completed?

(3.) How many Surveyors are at present employed in carrying out this survey?

Mr.

Mr. Wright answered,—

- (1.) The difficult nature of the country, and the smallness of the staff of Surveyors employed.
- (2.) In about six months.
- (3.) Two.

(7.) Reserves in Parish of Botany:—*Mr. Sydney Smith*, for Mr. Sutherland, asked the Secretary for Lands,—Has he made any, and what, provision for placing in trust for the people the following lands:—

- (1.) Ten acres reserved in the grant of Samuel Terry, county of Cumberland, parish of Botany?
- (2.) Ten acres reserved in the grant of Tom White Melville, county of Cumberland, parish of Botany?
- (3.) Ten acres reserved in the grant of Simeon Lord, county of Cumberland, parish of Botany?
- (4.) Ten acres reserved in the grant of William Hutchinson, county of Cumberland, parish of Alexandria?
- (5.) Is it the intention of the Government to place a sum of money on the next year's Estimates for reclaiming and improving these lands for the benefit of the people?

Mr. Farnell answered,—No provision has yet been made for placing the lands mentioned in trust, except in case of the area reserved in Simeon Lord's grant. The question of providing a sum of money for improving these Reserves will receive consideration.

(8.) Recreation Reserves resumed by the Government:—*Mr. Sydney Smith*, for Mr. Sutherland, asked the Colonial Secretary,—When will he comply with the Return asked for on the 20th of February, 1883, respecting the number of Recreation Reserves resumed by the Government, the Electoral Districts in which they are situated, the acreage and cost per acre in each case?

Mr. Stuart answered,—This Return, owing to many of the Recreation Reserves not having yet been measured, has been delayed; it will take some time to compile. The matter is now in hand, and as soon as possible the Return will be laid upon the Table.

(9.) Italian ship-of-war "La Carracciola":—*Mr. R. B. Smith* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Has any correspondence taken place between the Consul for Italy and the Government concerning certain legal proceedings taken by an Italian resident in Sydney against the Commander or any officer of the Italian ship-of-war "La Carracciola"?
- (2.) Did the Government take any steps to ascertain whether the Courts here have any jurisdiction over foreign vessels of war in our waters?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

- (1.) Such a correspondence has taken place.
- (2.) The Government immediately took steps to ascertain the fact, and received from the Attorney General, on the 25th ultimo, the following opinion:—

I am of opinion that the Courts here have no jurisdiction over the Italian vessel-of-war "La Carracciola." It is clearly laid down (see *Twiss's Law of Nations*, pp. 228-229; *Tit. Extra-territoriality of certain Foreign Persons and Things*, *Halleck's International Law*, vol. 1, pp. 180-181; *Manning's Law of Nations*, p. 118) that it is a matter of obvious comity, if not of law, for every State to receive the ships-of-war of every other friendly State; and over those vessels and those on board of them the State has no jurisdiction. Whether this exemption is based on what has been described as the legal fiction of extra-territoriality or as an "implied license" is immaterial. A clear distinction is drawn between private foreign trading vessels and the public armed ships which constitute a part of the military force of the nation acting under the immediate and direct command of the Sovereign, and employed by him on national objects.

If any proceedings are taken against the captain or officers, the Colonial Secretary may let the Crown Solicitor be immediately informed, so that the necessary steps may be taken to arrest proceedings. Mr. Williams is perfectly acquainted with the circumstances.—*W. B. D., A. G., 25/10/83.*

(10.) Teachers Good Service Certificates:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. H. H. Brown, asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Has he taken any action in the way of recognizing Good Service Certificates issued to some Teachers by the late Council of Education?
- (2.) Are Teachers holding say IB Certificates for Good Service eligible for appointment to Second-class Schools?

Mr. Reid answered,—

- (1.) No special action. I have always been ready to recognize so far as is consistent with the interests of the public the Good Service Certificates referred to.
- (2.) Teachers holding IB Certificates for Good Service who do not hold IB by examination are not eligible for appointment to Second-class Schools, but they are placed in charge of such Schools when Teachers holding IB by examination are not forthcoming.

(11.) Mr. Lackey:—*Mr. Melville* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is there a person named Lackey employed by Government on the Prospect Reservoir; if so, what is the date of his appointment, and what are his duties?
- (2.) What salary does he receive?
- (3.) Does he pay any rent for occupying half the Government property known as Veteran Hall?
- (4.) Has he kept cows on the estate, and sold the milk in opposition to neighbouring farmers?
- (5.) Is this person a nephew of the ex-Minister for Works of the same name?

Mr. Wright answered,—

(1.) There is an officer of this name employed on this work. The date of his first appointment under the Government was 28th June, 1875; that of his present, 20th May, 1881. He has charge under the Resident-Engineer of the Veteran Hall Estate, lately resumed by the Government for water supply purposes. He also takes account of all the labour employed on the works and prepares the returns in connection therewith, and generally assists the Resident-Engineer.

- (2.) 20s. per diem.
- (3.) No.
- (4.) I am not aware; but if I find such to be the case, I will issue orders for their removal from the estate.
- (5.) He is a son of the late Secretary for Works.

(12.)

- (12.) Railway from Werris Creek to Gunnedah:—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the Return ordered by this House on 6th September, 1881, on the motion of Mr. Abbott (see Votes and Proceedings No. 37) be laid upon the Table with reference to Railway from Werris Creek to Tamworth and Gunnedah?

Mr. Wright answered,—I will presently lay the Return in question upon the Table of this House.

- (13.) Road between Gunnedah and Barraba:—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Mines,—
(1.) What line of road has been finally determined upon between Gunnedah and Barraba, and the distance?

(2.) Has it been thoroughly surveyed, and will such be placed on the Schedule Road List?

Mr. Abbott answered,—

(1.) There are two roads between Gunnedah and Barraba, one *via* Rangiri, Borah and Oakey Creek Junction, which was confirmed 11th January, 1881; and the other *via* Carroll. The length of the former is 53½ miles, and the latter 58 miles.

(2.) The road has been frequently examined and reported on, and is on the schedule, but direction is not finally decided.

- (14.) Perricoota Reserves:—Mr. Barbour asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) What was the area of the land selected of the Perricoota Reserves on the 12th January, 1882, and what was the amount of deposit money paid thereon?

(2.) How many of the selectors applied on the day upon which they had selected for a cancellation of the selections and a refund of the deposit money paid thereon?

(3.) Was this cancellation and refund of the deposit money understood to annul the several conditional purchases?

(4.) Was the deposit money subsequently handed back to the Land Agent; if so, was this on a Land Office day; and was the usual conditional purchase form handed in with the money?

(5.) Will he give the names of these selectors, and the areas selected by each?

(6.) Did these selectors, within three months of the selection day, send in a written notice of abandonment, and were these selections subsequently forfeited?

(7.) Are these lands now open for selection?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) 14,349 acres 2 roods; £3,587 7s. 6d.

(2.) Twenty-six.

(3.) Such was probably the intention of the applicants; but this view was not accepted by the Minister on the question being brought before him.

(4.) The conditional purchases were held to be valid ones, and the Land Agent was required to make good the deposit money, and did so, the deposit which he had refunded being repaid to him by or on behalf of the applicants.

(5.) Ley Row, 550½ acres; James Foley, 210½ acres; James Boaden, 395 acres; Annie Wedgwood, 480½ acres; John Slocombe, junr., 306½ acres; Duncan Leitch, 542½ acres; Frederick George, 526 acres; Thomas Norman, 320 acres; Quilliom John, 573 acres and 600 acres; Stephen Mappin, 505 acres; John Malone, 426½ acres; Bailey Ward, 443½ acres; William J. Dalzell, 462 acres; William J. Martin, 489 acres; Freeman Armitage, 434½ acres; William Townsend, 364 acres; Denis Shanahan, 498 acres; Reuben Jenner, 451 acres; John Mitchell, 639 acres; Isaac Harris, 507½ acres; William Wilson, 455½ acres; Patrick Condon, 409 acres; E. C. J. Franklin, 245 acres; John Hunter, 236 acres; William Dean, 287½ acres.

(6.) Twenty-three applicants gave notice of abandonment, and their conditional purchases were subsequently forfeited.

(7.) The forfeited conditional purchases would be open to conditional purchase afresh, except such as are barred by improvements, or otherwise unavailable, which the bulk of the land is understood to be.

2. MISS LOUISA AUSTRALIA BLAXLAND:—Sir John Robertson presented a Petition from Louisa Australia Blaxland, daughter of the late Honorable John Blaxland, M.L.C., praying that, in recognition of services rendered to the Colony by her father, a grant may be made to her of the Newington Estate, recently purchased by the Government.
Petition received.

3. PAPERS:—

Mr. Stuart laid upon the Table,—

(1.) By-law under the Public Vehicles Regulation Act of 1873.

(2.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Uralla.

(3.) Amended By-laws of the Borough of Marrickville.

(4.) Amended By-law of the Municipal District of North Illawarra.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return respecting Unalienated Crown Land in the Liverpool Plains District.

(2.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Public Purposes, in accordance with the 5th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.

(3.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from Sale until Surveyed for the Preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, in accordance with the 4th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.

(4.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 4th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Wright laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 6th September, 1881,—“Railway from Werris Creek to Gunnedah.”

Ordered to be printed.

Mr.

Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) First Report of the Creation, Inscription, and Issue of Stock, under the provisions of the Inscribed Stock Act of 1883.
 - (2.) Additional Wharf Regulations.—(Landing Stage, Circular Quay.)
 - (3.) General Abstract of Bank Liabilities and Assets for the Quarter ended 30th September, 1883. Ordered to be printed.
4. **ST. PHILIP'S PARSONAGE BILL**:—Mr. Hutchinson, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of the Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 23rd October, 1883; together with a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee. Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Hutchinson then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday, 16th November. Question put and passed.
5. **LAW OF LIBEL AND CONTEMPTS OF COURT**:—Mr. Tarrant presented a Petition from the Mayor of Broughton Vale, on behalf of the Municipal Council of Broughton Vale, praying for an amendment of the Law of Libel and the Practice concerning Contempts of Court. Petition received.
6. **DANCING SALOONS**:—Mr. Abigail presented a Petition from the Chairman and Secretaries of the Congregational Union of New South Wales, praying the House to take into consideration the desirableness of bringing Dancing Saloons under the safeguards of a licensing law. Petition received.
7. **LICENSING ACTS AMENDMENT BILL**:—
(1.) Mr. Suttor presented a Petition from Ebenezer Price, Baptist Minister, Chairman of a Public Meeting of Inhabitants of Bathurst, praying the House to reject the Licensing Acts Amendment Bill.
(2.) Mr. Abigail presented a Petition from the Chairman and Secretaries of the Congregational Union of New South Wales, praying the House to incorporate in the Licensing Acts Amendment Bill a provision making it an offence for any person excepting a *bonâ fide* lodger to be found on licensed premises during prohibited hours. Petitions received.
8. **RAILWAY PASSES GRANTED TO PERSONS OTHER THAN ASSISTED IMMIGRANTS (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. Burns moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of the Reports and Returns of the Agent for Immigration in reference to the Railway Passes granted by him to persons other than Assisted Immigrants, from the 1st January to the 30th September, 1883, omitting therefrom the names of the receivers of such passes. Question put and passed.
9. **RESUMPTION OF LAND IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. Hutchinson moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing what land, or land and buildings, have been resumed by the Government for public purposes in the county of Cumberland for which the owners have not received compensation, such Return to show the names of owners, the area of resumed land, the price claimed by the owners, the amount offered by the Government, the date when such resumptions were gazetted, and where such resumptions were gazetted over six months ago, and the reason why settlements have not been effected. Question put and passed.
10. **CROWN LANDS BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Farnell moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Sir John Robertson moved, That this Debate be now adjourned. Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until to-morrow.

The House adjourned at seventeen minutes before Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 15.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 8 NOVEMBER, 1883.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Removal of the Wreck of the "Ballina":—Mr. Roberts asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Has he decided to cause the removal of the wreck of the steamship "Ballina," now obstructing the entrance to the harbour of Port Macquarie; and if so, when?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—I have referred this matter to the Marine Board, who report as follows:—
"The Marine Board submits that, taking into consideration the time which has now elapsed since this vessel was wrecked, and the corresponding difficulties that have thereby accrued in the way of removing her, as she has settled down into the sand and nearly disappeared in the breakers, it would be a most difficult and dangerous operation to remove the wreck." That is the opinion of the Marine Board, and I admit that it is one which requires some grave consideration whether we shall attempt the removal under the circumstances. I believe it is only a question of time when the vessel will disappear altogether.

(2.) Destruction of Marsupials:—Mr. Roberts, for Mr. Dangar, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Is it intended, and when, to afford pecuniary assistance to the Stock and Pasture Boards to enable them to effectually destroy marsupials, &c.?

(2.) Is the Minister aware that several districts have had to cease destroying these animals on account of having no funds to pay for their destruction?

Mr. Abbott answered,—

(1.) Yes; pecuniary assistance has been afforded to all Stock and Pasture Boards to which their returns showed assistance should be given.

(2.) He was aware that the funds of several of the Boards were exhausted, and sometime back took the necessary steps to obtain returns from the Boards, with the view to grants being made. There was considerable delay in these returns coming in, but there was no delay in making such grants after the returns were furnished.

(3.) Law of Libel:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—When do the Government intend to introduce their Libel Bill?

Mr. Stuart answered,—If the Honorable Member will postpone his question until the Land Bill is disposed of, I shall be able to give him a more satisfactory answer than I can at present.

(4.) Colliery Inspector for Southern District:—Mr. Fletcher asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Who has been appointed for the Southern District as Colliery Inspector?

(2.) Was he recommended by any Members of Parliament?

(3.) Was a gentleman named Hardwick appointed as Inspector for the Southern District prior to the present Inspector?

(4.) Did Mr. Hardwick resign the position prior to the present holder being appointed?

(5.) Did a gentleman named William Hunter apply for the position; was he recommended by any Members of Parliament; if so, by whom?

(6.) Will the Minister say why Mr. Hunter did not receive the appointment?

Mr. Abbott answered,—

(1.) Mr. James Rowan.

(2.) No.

(3.) Mr. Hardwick was offered the appointment, but before action could be taken by the Executive Council to appoint him he refused.

(4.) This is replied to by the last answer.

(5.) Yes; he was strongly recommended by Mr. James Fletcher, M.P.

(6.) Because a person supposed to have better qualifications was selected.

(5.)

(5.) "Hansard" Reports :—Mr. Pigott asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it not possible to have the "Hansard" reports delivered to Members of Parliament at an earlier date than they are now delivered?

(2.) Will he adopt such measures as will ensure such earlier delivery?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—I am aware that complaints are made of the late delivery of "Hansard," and I will have the matter inquired into, with a view if possible to arrangements for an earlier delivery.

(6.) Railway Passes for Tramway Employés :—Mr. Cameron asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it true that free passes on the Railways have been refused to Tramway employés while on leave for their annual holidays, while the same privilege is granted to men working on the Railways; if so, will the Minister give instructions to grant them equal privileges?

(2.) Is it true that free passes are often granted on application to seamen of Her Majesty's ships-of-war while in harbour?

Mr. Wright answered,—

(1.) Yes. It is not considered desirable to make the privilege general; but it will be granted as a concession in exceptional cases for good conduct and general efficiency.

(2.) Yes, on production of their liberty tickets.

(7.) Bowral Lock-up :—Mr. Garrett asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Who is the successful tenderer for the erection of the Bowral Lock-up?

Mr. Wright answered,—A tender was accepted for this work, but the contractor declined to carry it out. Fresh tenders will be invited as soon as practicable.

(8.) Iron Blocks used on Tramways :—Mr. Abigail asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Are separate tenders accepted for the iron blocks used between the rails and guards of the Tramway?

(2.) If so, the quantity tendered for or required by the Department per year?

(3.) The name of the tenderer, time tendered for, and the price paid per ton?

Mr. Wright answered,—Separate tenders have not been accepted for these blocks. They have been supplied under contracts for rails, guards, and fastenings.

(9.) Atlas Engineering Company :—Mr. Garrard asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has the tender of the Atlas Engineering Company been accepted for the construction of a dredge, steamer, and punts?

(2.) Has the contract for the works been signed?

(3.) Is he aware that the Atlas Engineering Company intend to import the steamer and the machinery for the dredge?

(4.) Will the Minister ascertain the truth in connection with question 3, and inform the House of same?

Mr. Wright answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) No.

(3 and 4.) Tenders were invited for these works on the 23rd April of this year, and as there is no stipulation in the specification that the works should be made in the Colony, I do not see how I can interfere in the matter.

(10.) High-level Bridge across Darling Harbour :—Mr. Merriman asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government to proceed with the erection of the High-level Bridge across Darling Harbour, from Mary-Ann-street to foot of Goulburn-street, for which a sum of money has already been voted; if so, when?

Mr. Wright answered,—There is no record in the Department of the work referred to.

2. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS :—Edward Combes, Esquire, came to the Table and was sworn by the Clerk as a Member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.

3. LICENSING ACTS AMENDMENT BILL :—

(1.) Mr. Withers presented a Petition from William Moore, Minister, and President of the New South Wales and Queensland Conference of the Australasian Wesleyan Methodist Church, praying the House to maintain in their integrity the provisions of the Act which regulate the time of opening and closing Public Houses.

(2.) Mr. Abigail presented a Petition from the Officers of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of New South Wales, praying the House not to pass the Licensing Acts Amendment Bill.

(3.) Mr. Olliffe presented a Petition from Residents of Sydney and surrounding Districts, in favour of the repeal of the clause in the Licensing Act respecting Travellers, and the substitution of a provision more in keeping with the wants of the people of the Colony; and praying the House to take the matter into favourable consideration.

Petitions received.

4. PAPERS :—Mr. Stuart laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Correspondence respecting the proposed Annexation of New Guinea and New Hebrides.

(2.) Report on Government Asylums for the Infirm and Destitute for 1882.

(3.) Report of the Master in Lunacy for 1882.

Ordered to be printed.

5. MR. THOMAS HOLMES, LATE PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHER AT POKOLBIN (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Burns moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence on the subject of the retiring allowance of Mr. Thomas Holmes, late Public School Teacher at Pokolbin.

Question put and passed.

6. PUBLIC SCHOOL AT WALLALONG (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Wisdom moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence and papers relating to the proposed new Public School at Wallalong.
Question put and passed.
7. PUBLIC BRIDGES AND FERRIES (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Wisdom moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—
 - (1.) The total cost of construction of the Ferries now in use throughout the Colony.
 - (2.) The annual revenue derived from such Ferries.
 - (3.) The annual cost of maintaining and working the same.
 - (4.) The total cost of construction of the Public Bridges over navigable waters in the Colony, exclusive of those Bridges used for Railway purposes.
 - (5.) The annual cost of maintaining the said Bridges.Question put and passed.
8. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Stuart moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House at its rising this day do adjourn until Tuesday next.
Question put and passed.
9. CROWN LANDS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Farnell, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—and the Question being again proposed, the House resumed the said adjourned Debate.
Mr. Lackey moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Wednesday next.

The House adjourned at Eleven o'clock, until *Tuesday next* at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker



New South Wales.


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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 13 NOVEMBER, 1883.

There being only nineteen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely,—Mr. Abigail, Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Burns, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Gill, Mr. Griffiths, Mr. Lackey, Mr. McElhone, Mr. Pigott, Mr. Reid, Mr. Ryrie, Mr. Stuart, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Hugh Taylor, Mr. Tcece, Mr. Trickett, and Mr. Wright,—

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House at half-past Four o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON, 
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 17.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 14 NOVEMBER, 1883.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) District Court Plaints:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. Gould, asked the Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) How many District Court Plaints were filed during the year 1882 for the recovery of amounts exceeding £10, and also for the recovery of amounts not exceeding £10,—
 - (a.) In the Sydney District Court?
 - (b.) In the remaining Courts of the Metropolitan and Coast Districts?
 - (c.) In each of the other Districts in the Colony?
 - (2.) How many of these were undefended?
 - (3.) How many were defended?

Mr. Cohen answered,—To enable these questions to be answered, it has been found necessary to communicate with the several District Court Registrars. As soon as the requisite information has come to hand, it will be laid upon the Table in the shape of a Return.

- (2.) Supreme Court Writs:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. Gould, asked the Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) How many Writs were issued in the Supreme Court during the year 1882 for the recovery of sums,—
 - (a.) Under £30?
 - (b.) Over £30 and under £50?
 - (c.) Over £50 and under £100?
 - (d.) Over £100 and under £200?
 - (2.) In how many of these were no further proceedings taken?
 - (3.) In how many were judgments obtained for want of appearance?
 - (4.) In how many were judgments obtained after appearance entered but without going to trial?

Mr. Cohen answered,—

- (1.) The total number of Writs issued during the year 1882 was 3,161 for the recovery of sums,—
 - (a.) Under £30, 562.
 - (b., c., d.) Over £30, 2,599.

(2, 3, & 4.) The total number of judgments signed was 1,023. I desire to point out that the books of the Prothonotary's Department do not show the detailed information as asked for, and it would consequently be necessary to go through each case separately to comply with the request of the Honorable Member, which, I am informed, would entail with the present staff a labour of some weeks.

- (3.) Gaol at Port Macquarie:—*Mr. Roberts* asked the Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) Is he aware that the Gaol at Port Macquarie has accommodation for a large number of prisoners; and if so, why has it not been utilised for so long a period?
 - (2.) Will he consider the desirableness of again making use of the said building with as little delay as possible?

Mr. Cohen answered,—I am informed that the accommodation for prisoners at Port Macquarie Gaol is quite obsolete in its character, there being but few cells and dormitories, the chief means of occupation; and that the Gaol is quite unsuited to the carrying out of sentences according to modern principles, being also most inconveniently situated for all purposes of access.

(4.)

(4.) Destitute Children's Asylum, Randwick :—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is he aware that there are a number of orphan children in the Randwick Asylum who should properly be in the Protestant and Roman Catholic Orphan Schools, and who are being paid for by the Government in Randwick at a much higher rate than they could be maintained in the Orphanages?

(2.) Will he, if this is the case, cause inquiry to be made, with a view to the removal of such children to the proper Institutions, and prevent orphan children from being taken to Randwick in future?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

(1.) I find that there are about fifty children in the Randwick Asylum who, I think, should more properly have been placed either in the Protestant or the Roman Catholic Orphan Schools, and there is no doubt, from the returns of the expenses of these various Institutions, that the cost of maintenance of the children at Randwick is higher than at either of the other Asylums.

(2.) I have instructed that various Societies and Institutions should be communicated with, calling upon them to be more watchful in future with reference to the character of children sent to the Randwick Asylum.

(5.) Post Offices at Pymont :—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Postmaster General,—

(1.) Is it a fact that there are two Post Offices within 400 yards of each other at Pymont—one Government Office, the other kept in a store or shop, and both Postmasters paid by the Government?

(2.) If it is, is it the intention of the Postmaster General to allow this to continue, as it is a source of great annoyance to persons calling for their letters and being referred from one Office to the other?

Mr. Trickett answered,—

(1.) There are two Post Offices at Pymont, situate about $\frac{1}{4}$ mile apart; one is a non-official Post Office in charge of Mr. Fleming, a shopkeeper, and is called "Harris-street Post Office," and has been established about thirty years. The other Post Office, being the official Post and Telegraph Office, is called "Pymont," and is situate in Union-street. Both Postmasters are paid by Government; the Postmaster at "Harris-street" receiving £25 per annum.

(2.) No; there have been no complaints of any such annoyance as is referred to in the Honorable Member's question, but, on the contrary, when it was proposed to close the "Harris-street" Office, a Deputation waited on the Postmaster General and represented that great inconvenience would result from the closing of an office which had existed in that particular locality for a great number of years, and it was decided to keep it open.

(6.) Treatment of Seamen on board the "Highmoor":—Mr. Cameron, for Mr. Fletcher, asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is it a fact that on the 31st day of October last five coloured seamen were tried before the Newcastle Police Magistrate for having "combined together to disobey lawful commands on board the British registered barque 'Highmoor'?"

(2.) Is it a fact that in evidence it was sworn to by the defendants, and admitted on oath by the master of the said ship, that during his voyage from Emu Bay, Tasmania, to Newcastle, the said defendants were, by his instructions, kept without food or water during the whole of the passage, and were entirely dependent upon the other sailors for the wherewithal to keep themselves alive?

(3.) Is it a fact, notwithstanding the master refusing to supply them with food or water, that they were sentenced to four weeks hard labour in Maitland Gaol, and in the event of their vessel sailing in the meantime they were to be placed again aboard their vessel by the Water Police?

(4.) Will the Minister call for a copy of the depositions, and take such action as he may deem necessary in justice to the seamen in question?

Mr. Cohen answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) I am informed it is a fact that it was sworn to by the defendants, and admitted on oath by the master, that after the defendants had refused to go to work the master stopped the supply of rations to them. It was sworn by defendants that they were occasionally supplied with food and water by the other sailors, but the master swore that the defendants had a bag of biscuits with them in the fore-cabin. It was sworn by the master, and not denied by the defendants, that they could have obtained their usual rations at any time if they had chosen to go to work. The defendants, when they appeared in Court, all seemed to be well fed and healthy.

(3.) I am informed it is a fact that, notwithstanding the refusal of the master to supply defendants with food or water unless they went to work, they were sentenced to four weeks hard labour in Maitland Gaol; but the defendants could at any time have received their usual rations if they had chosen to go to work; and as it appeared that previous to the infliction on them of any alleged hardship that would have justified their refusal to work they had combined to disobey lawful commands, the Police Magistrate thought that he had no course open to him but to convict them.

(4.) The subject is now receiving attention.

(7.) Wharfage Accommodation, Circular Quay :—Mr. Burns asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Whether any, and if any what, changes have been made since the present Ministry have been in office in the terms for wharfage accommodation at Circular Quay?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—Yes; changes have been made: By abolishing the rebate on wharfages, and by leasing portions of the Quay at remunerative rates for a period of three years.

(8.) Letters of Registration of Inventions :—Mr. Poole asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he take such action as he may deem most advisable to impress upon the notice of the Delegates at the forthcoming Intercolonial Conference the urgent necessity for an Intercolonial Patent Law, whereby Patentees in any one Australian Colony may obtain Letters of Registration in each of the other Australian Colonies, without further challenge, upon payment of registration fees only?

Mr. Stuart answered,—I intend so to do.

- (9.) Drainage of Sydney and Suburbs :—Mr. Murray asked the Secretary for Lands,—What progress is being made with the Survey of the City and Suburbs, recommended by Mr. Clark in his report to the Government of New South Wales on Sydney Drainage?
Mr. Farnell answered,—The Surveyor General reports that the Survey is now in advance of any known or expected requirements.
- (10.) Over-head Bridge across Parramatta Tramway :—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Has his attention been called to the fact that great inconvenience and danger is caused to the old men at the George-street Asylums, Parramatta, by the Tramway running through the centre of the buildings?
(2.) Will he give instructions to have an Over-head Bridge erected to connect the two buildings now occupied by the destitute and infirm, to prevent accidents or loss of life?
Mr. Stuart answered,—When the old mill was purchased for the further accommodation of the Asylum, it was part of the plan that there should be communication either by over-head way or by sub-way. I have given instructions that the necessary steps should be taken for carrying out the plan.
- (11.) Wall near Court-house, Parramatta :—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Minister of Justice,—With reference to the repeated applications, and the promises of the late Government, and also the promise of the present Government, that the unsightly and prison-looking wall standing in the centre of the town of Parramatta round the Court-house should be taken down and iron palisading substituted,—Will the Minister give instructions that the same be removed while the men are now repairing the Court-house, and which can be done at a far less expense than at any future time?
Mr. Cohen answered,—I find that my Honorable Colleague, the Secretary for Public Works, on the 30th October last replied with reference to this matter, that as the wall is of stone and in good preservation it is not considered desirable by the Government to order its removal, and that he was not aware of any promise made on the subject.
- (12.) Dwarf Wall round Parramatta Park :—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Secretary for Lands,—With reference to the application of Mr. Hugh Taylor and the Trustees of Parramatta Park, dated 6th September, 1883, for the sum of £1,000 to be placed upon the Estimates for the erection of a Dwarf Wall round the Park, and reply from the Department of Public Works, dated 15th December last, that the matter had been referred to the Colonial Architect, in order to ascertain the estimated cost of the proposed work,—Is it the intention of the Minister to place the amount estimated for such work upon the Estimates for 1884?
Mr. Farnell answered,—It is not the intention of the Government to place the amount named on the Estimates.
- (13.) University Professors :—Mr. Cameron asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—When will the Return ordered by this House relative to the duties, salaries, &c., of the University Professors be laid upon the Table?
Mr. Reid answered,—The Return will be laid upon the Table to-day.
- (14.) The "Tarpeian Way" :—Mr. Cameron asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) Is he aware that a violent assault was lately committed by garroters on Mr. Shearston, Seamen's Missionary, on the road leading from Farm Cove, commonly known as the "Tarpeian Way"?
(2.) Is he aware that the said road is very badly lighted, and will he take the necessary steps to have this evil remedied?
Mr. Wright answered,—
(1.) I have heard so.
(2.) The matter is under consideration.
- (15.) Accounts of Official Assignees :—Mr. Cameron asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) Does the Government intend to put an end to the practice which at present exists, by legislation or otherwise, of Official Assignees not being required to have their accounts examined by Inspectors from the Treasury, with a view of ascertaining whether they have embezzled any of the money entrusted to their keeping?
(2.) Were the assets realized in Insolvent Estates entrusted to the late Mr. Sandeman, Official Assignee, found to be deficient; and, in point of fact, had any embezzlement of such funds taken place?
(3.) Is it a fact that the Official Assignees deny that they are Civil Servants, and refuse the right to the Treasury Inspectors to examine their accounts, and more especially their banking accounts, with a view to their ascertaining whether the amounts to their credit in any Bank, paid by them in their official capacities, correspond with the assets they have received in Insolvent Estates?
Mr. Dibbs answered,—
(1.) It is the intention of the Government to deal with the Insolvency Law at an early date.
(2.) Yes, there is a deficiency so far ascertained by an examination of the accounts of the late Mr. Sandeman by the Treasury Inspector of £2,128 10s. 4d.; but there are sureties to the amount of £2,000, who have been called upon to pay that amount, and they are able and willing to pay.
(3.) So far as I am aware, the Official Assignees do not object either to be considered as Civil Servants or to have their accounts examined by the Treasury Inspector.
- (16.) Mr. Robertson, Lands Department :—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands,—
(1.) Has a person named Robertson been lately appointed a clerk in the Lands Department; and is he not the Mr. Robertson who was a clerk in the Auction Sales Branch?
(2.) Is he not the same person who brought an action against Mr. McElhone, and failed to obtain a verdict, in consequence of which he had to resign his office?
(3.) Was he not an uncertificated insolvent at the time he brought the action against Mr. McElhone?
(4.)

(4.) Is he not an uncertificated insolvent now; and is it not a fact that he has not yet paid the costs of the action referred to?

(5.) When did he receive the appointment he now holds, what pay does he get, and what Minister appointed him?

Mr. Farnell answered,—Mr. Robertson was appointed a temporary clerk in this Department in March last. I will presently lay upon the Table of the House the papers relative to his appointment.

(17.) Mr. Henry Russell:—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact, as reported in the *Kiama Independent* of 19th October, 1883, and 23rd October, that he and Mr. Farnell gave a man named Russell a character by which he obtained a publican's license?

(2.) Is it not a fact that the Licensing Inspector opposed the granting Russell a license, on the ground that his license at North Shore had been cancelled for keeping a disorderly house?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

(1.) I gave, and I understand that Mr. Farnell and some other Members of Parliament gave, a person named Russell a character, as I had known him for several years, he having rented land from me, and I believed him to be a man of good character.

(2.) I was not aware that his license had been cancelled on the North Shore. I understood that he had sold his hotel there as a licensed house before going to England.

(18.) Illawarra Railway:—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Secretary,—When will he lay the correspondence, minutes, &c., moved for by me, in reference to the Illawarra Railway, upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Stuart answered,—I understand they will be laid upon the Table of the House this evening.

(19.) Wright, Heaton & Co.:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Do the officials of the Railway Department weigh every case of goods sent to them by the firm of Wright, Heaton & Co., with a view of ascertaining if they correspond with the bill of lading submitted to them?

Mr. Wright answered,—The goods received from Messrs. Wright, Heaton & Co. (limited), are weighed in the same way as those of any other firm.

(20.) Hudson Brothers:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Are any negotiations going on between the Works or Railway Department and Hudson Brothers in regard to letting that firm keep the permanent way of the Railway in order?

(2.) If not, have any negotiations been going on with Hudson Brothers since the present Government took office to keep the permanent way of the Railway in order?

Mr. Wright answered,—No.

(21.) Reserve in Parish of Heathcote:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Who and what are the names of persons who have taken up conditional purchases or mineral conditional purchases on Reserve No. 11, parish of Heathcote, and county of Cumberland, since notification of the Reserve, 16th January, 1874—the conditional purchases or mineral conditional purchases, consisting of three selections of 320 acres each, and to obtain which conditional purchases or mineral conditional purchases portion of the above Reserve was cancelled?

(2.) The like in regard to two other portions of same Reserve, cancelled on 19th August, 1878, and 26th September, 1881?

(3.) The like in regard to any other portions of Reserves Nos. 11 and 16 in said parish and county?

Mr. Farnell answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Survey Department from the maps; the whole of the documents being at present under reference are not accessible:—

(1.) The conditional purchases referred to are probably three purchases made by Mr. Alexander Stuart in October and November, 1878; but the Reserve does not appear to have been cancelled to enable such conditional purchases to be made.

(2.) J. McIntosh and Alexander Stuart also conditionally purchased certain land, the reservation of which was cancelled on 2nd September (not 19th August), 1878, and 26th September, 1881, but only as respects the former conditional purchase.

(3.) Part of Reserve No. 11 has been conditionally purchased by Mr. Stuart, but no revocation has taken place either as regards this or Reserve No. 16, the land having been previously applied for under mineral lease.

(22.) Mr. Argent, Department of Mines:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Has he appointed a person named Argent to the position of a clerk in the department of which he is head?

(2.) Was Mr. Argent an Inspector of Conditional Purchases, and was he not allowed to resign by Mr. Hoskins when he was Minister for Lands?

(3.) Was not Mr. Argent, when acting as Inspector of Conditional Purchases at Murrurundi, intimately known to the Secretary for Mines?

Mr. Abbott answered,—

(1.) Yes, a temporary clerk.

(2.) Yes; I believe he did resign the position of an Inspector of Conditional Purchases.

(3.) Yes.

(23.) Mr. Silas Rose, J.P.:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Was a person named Silas Rose appointed a Justice of the Peace by the present Government, and did he recommend him for the office of Justice of the Peace?

(2.) Is he aware that since S. Rose was appointed a Justice of the Peace he summoned a man at Gunnedah for assaulting him, and that it transpired in the evidence that this newly appointed Justice of the Peace, Mr. S. Rose, had spit in the man's face, and the Police Magistrate dismissed the case?

Mr.

Mr. Abbott answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) I am not aware.

(24.) Mr. Pitman, Chief Mining Surveyor :—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Has Mr. Pitman been appointed Chief Mining Surveyor; if so, on what date was he so appointed?
- (2.) Was the salary for this office voted on the last Estimates; and is it not a fact that when the salary was being opposed that he withdrew the item?

Mr. Abbott answered,—

- (1.) Yes; on 29th July last.
- (2.) No; the item was withdrawn, and there is no salary attached to the position.

(25.) Windsor and Richmond Commons :—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that Mr. McQuade, M.L.A., or any other person, is in possession illegally or otherwise of a large area of the Windsor and Richmond Commons?
- (2.) Is Mr. McQuade, M.L.A., a Trustee of the Common?
- (3.) What steps, if any, has he taken to dispossess Mr. McQuade, or other persons, of the parts of the Common, as above; and will he give early instructions to remove all trespassers off the above Common, irrespective of the position they occupy?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

- (1.) Mr. McQuade, M.L.A., is not in occupation of any portion of the Common. It is alleged that Messrs. J. Schofield, W. Smith, and J. M. McQuade claim portions of the Common.
- (2.) No.
- (3.) The Common is not Crown Land. It was dedicated in 1804, and a deed of grant issued in 1853.

(26.) Railway Rails :—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) In reference to a large quantity of iron rails imported into this Colony some years ago, and which were condemned for being of inferior quality,—Is it not a fact that they were not approved of by Mr. Fowler in England?
- (2.) Is it not a fact that another engineer passed these inferior rails; and what is the name of the engineer who passed the inferior rails?
- (3.) In reference to commission paid to Mr. Fowler, as per answer to Mr. Murray's questions, over what period or number of years does the earning the commission referred to extend?

Mr. Wright answered,—

- (1.) The rails in question were not submitted for Mr. Fowler's inspection.
- (2.) Yes; Mr. F. W. Shields.
- (3.) From September, 1861, to April, 1873; and from August, 1875, to September, 1882.

(27.) Wagga Wagga Company's Bridge.—Sunday Train from Wagga Wagga to Junee Junction :—Mr. Loughnan asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Has necessary notice of resumption of the Wagga Wagga Company's Bridge over the Murrumbidgee been given by the Department?
- (2.) Will he say why the train that used to be dispatched from Wagga Wagga to Junee Junction on Sunday mornings has been discontinued?
- (3.) Is he aware that this was the only train to join the Melbourne mails to those dispatched from Sydney on Saturday nights to Hay and intermediate Stations?

Mr. Wright answered,—

- (1.) The notice of resumption has been prepared and submitted for the requisite approval of His Excellency the Governor and the Executive Council.
- (2.) When this train was run there was no mail train from Albury on Saturdays. As, however, the mail train now leaves Albury on Saturdays, as well as other days, there is no necessity for the train in question.
- (3.) This service is now performed on Saturdays, as on other days, by the up-mail train from Albury.

(28.) Mr. J. C. Woore, Police Magistrate, Queanbeyan :—Mr. De Salis asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Is the Government aware—(1.) That Mr. J. C. Woore, Police Magistrate for Queanbeyan, resides 15 miles (viz., at Bungendore) distant from his supposed place of residence, Queanbeyan, the town where his principal duties lie,—(2.) That Mr. Woore has intimated to the Clerk of Petty Sessions at Queanbeyan his intention only to attend the Police Court at Queanbeyan upon receipt of a written requisition from that officer, and then only on Tuesdays, the regular Court days at Queanbeyan?

(2.) Whether Mr. Woore's appointment as Stipendiary or Police Magistrate, Queanbeyan, does not involve the necessity of his residing in that town and attending daily and during the usual hours at the office of the Police Magistrate there?

(3.) What are the usual daily office hours of country Police Magistrates throughout the Colony?

Mr. Cohen answered,—

(1.) Yes; upon repeated representations that it was absolutely impossible to obtain a suitable residence in or near Queanbeyan, Mr. Woore has been permitted to temporarily reside at Bungendore, with the understanding that he is to continue every exertion to obtain a house at Queanbeyan as early as possible. (2.) I understand that it is so; but Mr. Woore is prepared and expected to visit Queanbeyan whenever public business necessitates his attendance there.

(2.) Though it is desirable that this should be so, there is no express rule requiring it.

(3.) There are no fixed hours; but the Police Magistrates are generally supposed to attend at all times when the business of their office demands their presence.

2. LOCAL OPTION :—The undermentioned Petitions in favour of the extension of the principle of Local Option to the renewal of Publicans Licenses were presented by the Members named :—

- (1.) By Mr. Young. From the Chairman and Secretary, on behalf of the Members of the "Pride of Rolland's Plains" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, situated in the District of Port Macquarie, in Meeting assembled.
- (2.) By Mr. Dalton. From the Chairman and Secretary, on behalf of the Members of the "Hope of Orange" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, situated in the District of Orange, in Meeting assembled.
- (3.) By Mr. Dalton. From the Chairman and Secretary, on behalf of the Members of the "Wilberforce" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, situated at Spring Grove, in the District of Orange, in Meeting assembled.
- (4.) By Mr. Dalton. From the Chairman and Secretary, on behalf of the Members of the "Loyal Alfred" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, situated at Spring Hill, in the District of Orange, in Meeting assembled.
- (5.) By Mr. Hugh Taylor. From the Chairman and Secretary, on behalf of the Members of the "Evening Star" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, situated in the District of Parramatta, in Meeting assembled.
- (6.) By Mr. A. G. Taylor. From the Chairman and Secretary, on behalf of the Members of the "Mutual Help" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, situated in the District of Rylstone, in Meeting assembled.
- (7.) By Mr. Ryrie. From the Chairman and Secretary, on behalf of the Members of the "Happy Dawn" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, situated in the Town of Araluen, in Meeting assembled.
- (8.) By Mr. Russell Barton. From the Chairman and Secretary, on behalf of the Members of the "Ark of Refuge" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, situated in the District of Cobar, in Meeting assembled.
- (9.) By Mr. Garrard. From the Chairman and Secretary, on behalf of the Members of the "We Hope to Prosper" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, situated in the District of Balmain, in Meeting assembled.
- (10.) By Dr. Ross. From the Chairman and Secretary, on behalf of the Members of the "Crystal Fountain" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, situated in the District of Molong, in Meeting assembled.
- (11.) By Mr. McCulloch. From the Chairman and Secretary, on behalf of the Members of the "Star of the East" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, situated in the District of Field of Mars, in Meeting assembled.
- (12.) By Mr. McCulloch. From the Chairman and Secretary, on behalf of the Members of the "Home of Peace" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, situated in Granville, in the County of Cumberland, in Meeting assembled.
- (13.) By Mr. McCulloch. From the Chairman and Secretary, on behalf of the Members of the "Star of Prospect" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, situated in the District of Prospect, in Meeting assembled.
- (14.) By Mr. Murray. From the Chairman and Secretary, on behalf of the Members of the "Miners Refuge" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, situated in the District of Inverell, in Meeting assembled.
- (15.) By Mr. Murray. From the Chairman and Secretary, on behalf of the Members of the "John Wright" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, situated in the District of Inverell, in Meeting assembled.
- (16.) By Mr. Brunker. From the Chairman and Secretary, on behalf of the Members of the "Snowdrop" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, situated in the District of East Maitland, in Meeting assembled.
- (17.) By Mr. Abigail. From the Chairman and Secretary, on behalf of the Members of the "Midlothian" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, situated in the District of West Sydney, in Meeting assembled.
- (18.) By Mr. Abigail. From the Chairman and Secretary, on behalf of the Members of the "Come and Welcome" Lodge (No. 204) of the Independent Order of Good Templars, situated in the District of Sydney, in Meeting assembled.
- (19.) By Mr. Abigail. From the Chairman and Secretary, on behalf of the Members of the "Guiding Star" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, situated in the District of Carcoar, in Meeting assembled.
- (20.) By Dr. Ross. From the Chairman and Secretary, on behalf of the Members of the "Pride of Garra" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, situated in the District of Molong, in Meeting assembled.
- (21.) By Mr. Teece. From the Chairman and Secretary, on behalf of the Members of the "Hope of Goulburn" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, situated in the District of Goulburn, in Meeting assembled.
- (22.) By Mr. Proctor. From the Chairman and Secretary, on behalf of the Members of the "Hope of Uralla" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, situated in the District of Uralla, in Meeting assembled.

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- (23.) By Mr. Garvan. From the Chairman and Secretary, on behalf of the Members of the "Hope of Tomakin" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, situated in the District of Broulee, in Meeting assembled.
- (24.) By Mr. Garvan. From the Chairman and Secretary, on behalf of the Members of the "Star of Moruya" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, situated in the District of Broulee, in Meeting assembled.
- (25.) By Mr. Garvan. From the Chairman and Secretary, on behalf of the Members of the "Never Despair" Lodge (No. 107) of the Independent Order of Good Templars, situated in the District of Brogo, in Meeting assembled.
- (26.) By Mr. Cohen. From the Chairman and Secretary, on behalf of the Members of the "Australia's Hope" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, situated in the District of West Maitland, in Meeting assembled.
- (27.) By Mr. Fremlin. From the Chairman and Secretary, on behalf of the Members of the "Unity" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, situated in the District of Redfern, in Meeting assembled.
- (28.) By Mr. Fremlin. From the Chairman and Secretary, on behalf of the Members of the "Duke of Wellington" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, in the District of Redfern, in Meeting assembled.
- (29.) By Mr. Stokes. From the Chairman and Secretary, on behalf of the Members of the "Hopeful" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, situated in the District of Condobolin, in Meeting assembled.
- (30.) By Mr. Stokes. From the Chairman and Secretary, on behalf of the Members of the "General Garfield" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, situated in the District of Parkes, in Meeting assembled.
- (31.) By Mr. Griffiths. From the Chairman and Secretary, on behalf of the Members of the "Life Boat" Lodge (No. 9) of the Independent Order of Good Templars, situated in the District of East Sydney, in Meeting assembled.
- (32.) By Mr. Trickett. From the Chairman and Secretary, on behalf of the Members of the "Hearts of Oak" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, situated in the District of Waverley, in Meeting assembled.
- (33.) By Mr. Farnell. From the Chairman and Secretary, on behalf of the Members of the "Victoria" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, situated in the District of Armidale, in Meeting assembled.
- Petitions received.
3. LICENSING ACT:—Mr. Stokes, for Mr. Holtermann, presented a Petition from Residents of Manly, and Sydney and Suburbs, in favour of the repeal of the clause in the Licensing Act respecting Travellers.
Petition received.
4. PAPERS:—
- Mr. Wright laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 16th October, 1883,—“Illawarra Railway.”
Ordered to be printed.
- Mr. Cohen laid upon the Table,—Despatch respecting the application of Part II. of the Fugitive Offenders Act, to the Australasian Colonies.
Ordered to be printed.
- Mr. Reid laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) Return to an Order made on 24th October, 1883,—“Sydney University.”
(2.) Correspondence relative to the Inspection of Roman Catholic Denominational Schools.
Ordered to be printed.
- Mr. Stuart laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Wilcannia.
(2.) Regulations for the management of Immigration from the United Kingdom.
Ordered to be printed.
- Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table,—Papers relative to the appointment of Mr. H. O. Robertson as a Temporary Clerk in the Department of Lands.
Ordered to be printed.
5. DUBBO CATTLE SALE-YARDS BILL:—Sir Patrick Jennings, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of the Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 18th October, 1883; together with a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee.
Ordered to be printed.
Sir Patrick Jennings then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday, 23rd November.
Question put and passed.
6. WALGETT ENGLISH CHURCH AND PARSONAGE LAND SALE BILL:—Mr. Dangar, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of the Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 30th October, 1883; together with a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Dangar then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday, 16th November.
Question put and passed.

7. JOHN TUOHY'S CONDITIONAL PURCHASE AT MOLONG (*Formal Motion*):—Dr. Ross moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers, petitions, correspondence, minutes, surveys, and other documents, having reference to a conditional purchase or purchases made by one John Tuohy, of 600 acres, of the 8th September, 1881, at Molong, in the county of Ashburnham.
Question put and passed.
8. AMBROSE LARRAGHEY v. SENIOR-CONSTABLE HATFIELD (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Merriman moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all depositions taken in the case of Ambrose Larraghey *versus* Senior-constable Hatfield, heard at the Court of Petty Sessions, Newtown, on the 27th day of September last.
Question put and passed.
9. ARBITRATION CASE, HICKEY AND GORDON (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Garvan moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers connected with the Arbitration Case, Hickey and Gordon, as to title to land selected on Keogh's Warrane Run.
Question put and passed.
10. CLAIM OF MR. THOMAS HORTON (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Merriman*, for Mr. Purves, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence, papers, minutes, reports, &c., relating to a claim of Mr. Thos. Horton for the balance of money due to him for silver sold to the Sydney Mint during the years 1879 and 1880.
Question put and passed.
11. SUPERIOR SCHOOL AT WAGGA WAGGA (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Griffiths*, for Mr. Loughnan, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence and reports in regard to the conduct of the Superior School at Wagga Wagga.
Question put and passed.
12. SEAMEN'S LAWS AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—
MR. SPEAKER,
The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to further amend the 'Seamen's Laws Consolidation Act of 1864'*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.
Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 14th November, 1883.
- JOHN HAY,
President.
13. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. McElhone moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
14. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS:—Atkinson Alfred Patrick Tighe, Esquire, came to the Table and was sworn by the Clerk as a Member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.
15. CROWN LANDS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Farnell, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—and the Question being again proposed, the House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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Mr. Stokes moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until to-morrow.

The House adjourned at sixteen minutes after Twelve o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 18.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 15 NOVEMBER, 1883.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Fairfield Railway Station:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for *Mr. Lackey*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) The number of yearly, half-yearly, quarterly, monthly, and weekly Season Tickets at present in use from Fairfield to other Stations?
- (2.) The number of Tickets from Fairfield for the month of October last?
- (3.) The total quantity of goods received at the Fairfield Station from the 1st to the 31st October, 1883, and the total quantity dispatched for the same period, including wood?
- (4.) The number of officials employed on one Station in the daytime, and the number employed during the night, and number of hours they are on duty?
- (5.) Is it the intention of the Department to erect a crane at the Fairfield Station?

Mr. Wright answered,—

- (1.) Twenty-seven periodical Tickets are now in use from Fairfield Station, as under:—Two yearly, five half-yearly, twenty quarterly, and monthly nil.
- (2.) Two thousand five hundred and eighty-eight Tickets were issued during the month of October.
- (3.) Goods received, 199 tons 4 cwt. 6 lbs.; goods despatched (including wood), 870 tons 4 cwt. 3 qrs.
- (4.) During the day, a stationmaster, one porter, and a lad, and a porter at night. They are each on duty about twelve hours, but the work is not continuous.
- (5.) Not at present.

- (2.) Telegraphic Communication with Parramatta:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor* asked the Postmaster General,—Will the Government take into favourable consideration the advisableness of extending the sixpenny system of telegraphic communication between Sydney and Parramatta, more especially as the latter place is now acknowledged as the limit of suburban traffic?

Mr. Trickett answered,—The Government do not intend making any changes in the telegraph rates referred to at present.

- (3.) Conveyance of Corpses by Railway:—*Mr. A. G. Taylor* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the corpse of a human being, enveloped only in a canvas wrapper, was conveyed by rail during the past fortnight from Narrandera to Sydney?
- (2.) Will he give orders prohibiting uncoffined corpses from travelling on the Railways of this Colony?

Mr. Wright answered,—

- (1.) No; but on the 24th October the corpse of a man, who had died from the effects of an injury accidentally received, arrived at Redfern from Narrandera in a truck enveloped as described. There was not a hearse available to convey it.
- (2.) The case was an exceptional one; but instructions have been given that corpses must not be conveyed in this manner again.

- (4.) Sale of Prison-manufactured Articles in Mudgee:—*Mr. A. G. Taylor* asked the Minister of Justice,—Has he given orders yet for the discontinuance of the sale in the Mudgee Electorate of such prison-manufactured articles as compete with free labour; if not, when will he issue instructions to the above effect?

Mr. Cohen answered,—I have not yet given such orders, and cannot at present say when they will be issued.

(5.)

(5.) Case of a Female Prisoner in Darlinghurst Gaol:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Has he any objection to state whether it is a fact that a female prisoner in Darlinghurst Gaol is pregnant under circumstances which show that some person must have been intimate with her during her period of imprisonment?

(2.) How long has the female in question been in gaol?

(3.) Is it a fact that the son of one of the officers in the prison is the cause of her being in the present delicate condition?

(4.) Has a report been made of these facts to the Comptroller General of Prisons?

Mr. Cohen answered,—

(1.) It is a fact.

(2.) Since 1st April, 1881.

(3.) It is a fact.

(4.) A report was made, immediate action taken, and the matter dealt with by the Comptroller General.

(6.) The Case of a Female Prisoner in Tamworth Gaol:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Has any prison officer been detected during the past twelve months of intimacy with a female prisoner in one of the provincial gaols of this Colony?

(2.) Did he obtain access to the woman's cell by means of a skeleton key?

(3.) Was the said prison officer brought before the Comptroller General and convicted of the offence?

(4.) Was he punished by being allowed to resign his position?

(5.) Was no other punishment allotted him; and will he say why was he not dismissed?

Mr. Cohen answered,—

(1.) A male warder at Tamworth Gaol was charged with entering at nights a cell in which two female prisoners were confined.

(2.) If he did obtain access, which was not satisfactorily established, his means of doing so were not made clear.

(3.) An investigation was held by the Visiting Justice and sent to the Comptroller General of Prisons, to whom the evidence, having regard to its character, did not appear to be absolutely conclusive.

(4.) The resignation was made compulsory.

(5.) No other punishment was allotted. In effect, the Comptroller General did not consider the charge to be fully made out, but, under the circumstances, determined that the officer should not remain in the service.

(7.) The Case of a Man convicted at Dubbo for killing a Calf:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Has he decided yet to release the man who received three years hard labour at the last Dubbo Assizes for feloniously killing a calf?

(2.) If not, when will the above prisoner be released?

(3.) How long has the prisoner now served?

Mr. Cohen answered,—The circumstances of the case are still under investigation prior to being dealt with.

(8.) Prothonotary's Department:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is it true that the Prothonotary has represented to him that two officers in his Department have been guilty of grave irregularities which he (the Prothonotary) could not overlook?

(2.) Has he investigated these charges, with a view to ascertain whether they are well founded; and if so, with what result?

(3.) What was the nature of the alleged irregularities?

Mr. Cohen answered,—No such representations have been made by the Prothonotary.

(9.) Bridge at Oakey Creek, Cudal:—Mr. McElhone, for Dr. Ross, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will tenders be called for the erection of the Bridge at Oakey Creek, near Cudal?

Mr. Wright answered,—Tenders will be invited locally without delay.

(10.) Government Banking Account:—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What amount of money did the Government owe the Bank of New South Wales in London and Sydney on 31st October, and what amount was the Government account overdrawn at the Bank of New South Wales in Sydney and London on 31st October?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—On 31st October last the balance at the credit of the Government in the Bank of New South Wales, London, was £1,010,433 4s. 6d. On the like date the balance at the debit of the Government in the Bank of New South Wales, Sydney, was £740,875 4s. 1d. On the combined Bank Accounts "London and Sydney" the net balance at the credit of the Government on 31st October last was £269,558 0s. 5d.

(11.) Importation of Dogs:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Mines,—In reference to notice in the public Press, viz., that the Government had prohibited dogs from landing here from England except under certain regulations,—Under what Act of Parliament and section of the Act has the Government power to prohibit dogs from landing here from England and other places?

Mr. Abbott answered,—Under the 31st section of the "Customs Regulation Act of 1879."

(12.) Training School, Fort-street:—Mr. McElhone asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—

(1.) Is it a fact that some months since Messrs. T. G. Gray, C. G. Brown, A. Bridekirk, Jas. Donohue, A. T. Gardiner, T. H. Smith, and R. Wallis passed the necessary examination to entitle them to be admitted to the Training School, Fort-street?

(2.) Have they been admitted, what pay does each receive, were any of them allowed to go into the Training School, and was not the examination passed by each of them such as to justify their admission into the Training School, Fort-street?

Mr.

Mr. Reid answered,—

(1.) In May last, Messrs. Samuel Gray, Charles Broom, Albert Bridekirk, James Donohue, Andrew S. Gardiner, Stephen H. Smith, and Robert Wallace passed the necessary examination to enable them to gain admission to the Training School.

(2.) James Donohue was admitted to the lower class at the Training School, and receives £6 per month; the other gentlemen were deemed eligible for the upper class, but, under a readjustment of the classes, no new candidates for that class can be admitted to the Training School until January next. Those gentlemen will then be admitted. They will also receive an allowance of £6 per month if single, and £8 per month if married.

(13.) Joseph Luddington's Claim:—Mr. McElhone asked the Postmaster General,—

(1.) Was Joseph Luddington's tender accepted to fill in the yard at the Post Office, Scone?

(2.) If so, is it not a fact that he completed the work about two months ago and is not yet paid for it; and will he give instructions to have J. Luddington paid for work done as above without further delay?

Mr. Trickett answered,—

(1.) The work was authorized by me in July last, and the Colonial Architect was requested to have it carried out.

(2.) The Honorable Member was yesterday informed by letter that the Colonial Architect had stated that he had received no application for payment, nor had any account been rendered by Luddington. I have directed further inquiries to be made.

(14.) Illawarra Railway:—Mr. Abigail asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it his intention to open, when completed, that portion of the Illawarra Line as far as George's River; if so, can he state when that will be?

Mr. Wright answered,—The specified time for the completion of Contract No. 1 of the Illawarra Railway will not expire until 30th September next; but provision has been made for completing the section from Macdonaldtown to Hurstville (8½ miles) by the 31st March next, and if completed by that date it will be opened for public traffic.

(15.) Sewer from Liverpool-street to Victoria Barracks:—Mr. Abigail asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government to continue the construction of the Public Sewer from Liverpool-street to the Victoria Barracks, to abate the intolerable nuisance now existing by the open ditch, prior to the opening of the Public School now being erected in that locality?

Mr. Wright answered,—Negotiations are pending between the Government, the Corporation, and the Paddington Council, as to the first portion of this Sewer. Tenders will be invited for the remainder, next Victoria Barracks, in Tuesday's *Gazette*.

(16.) Orphan Schools at Parramatta:—Mr. Abigail asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to give effect to the Resolution of a previous Parliament, and amalgamate the two Orphan Schools at Parramatta?

Mr. Stuart answered,—I shall be glad if the Honorable Member will direct my attention to the Resolution he refers to, for I am not aware of any such Resolution having been passed within a recent period.

(17.) Gas Bill:—Mr. Abigail asked the Colonial Secretary,—When will the Gas Bill promised by the Government last Session be introduced?

Mr. Stuart answered,—I can only say, as I have said with regard to one or two other Bills, that when the Land Bill assumes a more definite position than at present, I shall be able better to answer the Honorable Member's question.

(18.) Mr. Thomas D. Myring:—Mr. Coonan asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Was there a clerk named Thomas D. Myring lately appointed in the Mining Department?

(2.) If so, who recommended him?

(3.) What salary does he receive?

(4.) Was his salary increased shortly after his appointment; and if so, by what amount?

(5.) Is he in the Department now; if not, when did he leave, and what was the cause of his leaving?

(6.) Has the Minister any objection to lay the papers in connection with Mr. Myring's appointment upon the Table of the House?

Mr. Abbott answered,—

(1.) Yes, as a temporary clerk.

(2.) The Secretary for Lands, Victoria, as having had special experience in connection with the extermination of rabbits.

(3.) He has left the Service.

(4.) He was appointed at £156, but finding him to be an exceedingly good officer, his salary was increased to £200 per annum.

(5.) He left the Service on the 6th ultimo in consequence of having been arrested under a warrant issued in Victoria.

(6.) No.

(19.) Tank at Girilambone:—Mr. Coonan asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has any tender been accepted for the construction of a Tank at Girilambone?

(2.) If so, when was such tender accepted, and when was the work to commence?

(3.) Has the contractor commenced work yet; and if not, why?

(4.) Is the Minister aware that great injury is caused to the townspeople by reason of the delay in construction of Tank?

Mr. Wright answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Tender was accepted on 1st August, 1883.

(3.) No, he declined to sign the bond, and fresh tenders have now been invited.

(4.) I am not.

- (20.) Railway to Girilambone:—Mr. Coonan asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) When will the Railway line be completed to Girilambone?
 - (2.) Is it his intention to open the Railway for traffic as soon as it is completed?
 - (3.) Has the Railway Station at Girilambone been commenced; if not, what is the delay?
 - (4.) When will the Railway Station be commenced, and when will it be completed?

Mr. Wright answered,—

- (1.) Early in 1884.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) The Station Buildings have not yet been commenced, but tenders will be invited in a few days.
- (4.) If the Station Buildings be not completed at date of opening, temporary arrangements will be made for conducting the traffic.

- (21.) Conservation of Water:—Mr. Lyne asked the Colonial Secretary,—What portion of the two thousand pounds passed in the last Estimates for "Expenses in connection with inquiring into Conservation of Water" has been spent, in what manner, and with what result?

Mr. Stuart answered,—No portion of this Vote has yet been expended.

- (22.) Recreation Reserve, Redfern:—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) In reference to the £34,500, cost of land taken for a Recreation Reserve for Redfern,—Has money been voted by this House out of which the sum above can be paid?
- (2.) If not, has the Government purchased this land and intend paying the money without the sanction of Parliament?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) No.

- (23.) Illawarra Railway:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that Miller, the contractor for that portion of the Illawarra Railway who got notice from the Government to stop work on his contract pending the decision of the Government regarding the proposed deviation of the Illawarra Railway, has claimed heavy damages from the Government, and has refused to proceed with his contract?
- (2.) What amount of compensation has Miller claimed?

Mr. Wright answered,—As negotiations are now pending with the contractor, I am not at present in a position to give the information desired by the Honorable Member.

2. LOCAL OPTION:—The undermentioned Petitions in favour of the extension of the principle of Local Option to the renewal of Publicans Licenses were presented by the Members named:—

- (1.) By Mr. W. J. Fergusson. From the Chairman and Secretary, on behalf of the Members of the "Stonehenge Reformer" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, situated in the District of Glen Innes, in Meeting assembled.
- (2.) By Mr. Gorrick. From the Chairman and Secretary, on behalf of the Members of the "Rose of the Lake" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, situated in the District of Wollombi, in Meeting assembled.
- (3.) By Mr. Poole. From the Chairman and Secretary, on behalf of the Members of the "Railway" Lodge No. 212 of the Independent Order of Good Templars, situated in the District of South Sydney, in Meeting assembled.
- (4.) By Mr. Griffiths. From the Chairman and Secretary, on behalf of the Members of the "Star of the West" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, situated in the City of Sydney, in Meeting assembled.
- (5.) By Mr. Wisdom. From the Chairman and Secretary, on behalf of the Members of the "Hope of Morpeth" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, situated in the District of Morpeth, in Meeting assembled.
- (6.) By Mr. McCourt. From the Chairman and Secretary, on behalf of the Members of the "Alpha" Lodge No. 264 of the Independent Order of Good Templars, situated in the District of Campbelltown, in Meeting assembled.
- (7.) By Mr. De Salis. From the Chairman and Secretary, on behalf of the Members of the "Dauntless" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, situated in the District of Queanbeyan, in Meeting assembled.
- (8.) By Mr. Humphery. From the Chairman and Secretary, on behalf of the Members of the "Star of Hope" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, situated in the District of Broughton Creek, in Meeting assembled.
- (9.) By Mr. Pigott. From the Chairman and Secretary, on behalf of the Members of the "Friendship" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, situated in the District of Ashfield, in Meeting assembled.
- (10.) By Mr. Pigott. From the Chairman and Secretary, on behalf of the Members of the "Prince Albert Victor" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, situated in the District of Petersham, in Meeting assembled.
- (11.) By Mr. Melville. From the Chairman and Secretary, on behalf of the Members of the "Princess Beatrice" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, situated in the District of Newtown, in Meeting assembled.
- (12.) By Mr. Tarrant. From the Chairman and Secretary, on behalf of the Members of the "Daybreak" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, situated in the District of Gerringong, in Meeting assembled.

Petitions received.

3. PAPERS:—
Mr. Abbott laid upon the Table,—Papers in connection with the appointment of Mr. Myring in the Department of Mincs.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Stuart laid upon the Table,—Return to an Address adopted on 14th November, 1883,—“ Ambrose Larraghey v. Senior-constable Hatfield.”
Ordered to be printed.
4. COURT-HOUSE AND TELEGRAPH OFFICE, TUMBERUMBA (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Lyne moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all petitions, papers, and correspondence having reference to the erection of the new Court-house and Telegraph Office at Tumberumba.
Question put and passed.
5. BUTCHERS SHOPS (METROPOLITAN POLICE DISTRICT) SUNDAY CLOSING BILL (*Formal Motion*):—
(1.) Mr. O'Connor moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to prohibit within the Metropolitan Police District the opening of Butchers Shops on Sundays.
Question put and passed.
(2.) Mr. O'Connor presented a Bill, intituled “ *A Bill to prohibit within the Metropolitan Police District the opening of Butchers Shops on Sundays,*”—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 18th December.
6. COMPENSATION TO MRS. DOBBYN AND TO MICHAEL HARTIGAN (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Day, for Mr. Copeland, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
(1.) Copies of all papers and correspondence having reference to Mrs. Dobbyn's application to the Postal Department for compensation for the loss of her son.
(2.) Copies of all papers and correspondence having reference to Michael Hartigan's application for compensation, and his receipt of £300 from the same Department.
Question put and passed.
7. CROWN LANDS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Farnell, “ That this Bill be ‘ now ’ read a second time,”—and the Question being again proposed, the House resumed the said adjourned Debate.
Mr. A. G. Taylor moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the word “ now,” and the addition at the end of the words “ this day six months.”
Question proposed, That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
Mr. Lyne moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Wednesday next.
8. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed until Wednesday next:—
(1.) University Extension Bill; second reading.
(2.) Public Watering-places Bill (No. 2); second reading.
(3.) Land Boilers Inspection Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
9. ALIENATION OF CROWN LANDS IN PARISHES OF WILLOUGHBY AND GORDON:—Mr. Griffiths moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the alienation to various persons in the year 1877 of certain Crown Lands in the parishes of Willoughby and Gordon, in the county of Cumberland, which lands had previously been notified as withdrawn from sale, said lands having been offered at auction about the year 1858.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Burns, Mr. Stephen, Mr. Fremlin, Mr. George Campbell, Mr. Fletcher, Mr. Abigail, Mr. Levien, Mr. Farnell, and the Mover.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned at fifteen minutes before Twelve o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 19.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 16 NOVEMBER, 1883.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Trustees for Telarah Road:—Mr. Burns asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 (1.) The names of the Trustees for Telarah Road, near West Maitland?
 (2.) The amount last placed to the credit of the Trustees for the repair of the said road, and when?
 Mr. Wright answered,—
 (1.) J. A. Gorrick, T. Burness.
 (2.) An amount of £50 was issued to the Trustees on 18th June, 1883.
- (2.) Sale of Wood in Mudgee:—Mr. Hugh Taylor, for Mr. A. G. Taylor, asked the Minister of Justice,—Has he given orders yet for the discontinuance of the sale in the Mudgee Electorate of wood cut by the steam-saw in Mudgee Gaol, or to prevent the said steam-saw being used to cut wood for free people; if not, when will he give these orders?
 Mr. Wright answered,—I have not yet given such orders, and cannot at present say when they will be issued.
- (3.) Clerk of Petty Sessions, Queanbeyan:—Mr. De Salis asked the Colonial Secretary,—
 (1.) Did he receive any communication from the Gundaroo Bench as to the manner in which the Clerk of Petty Sessions, Queanbeyan, as respecting the Queanbeyan Bench, treated the latter Bench some months ago respecting the revision of the Electoral Roll?
 (2.) Has any decision been arrived at yet respecting the same; if so, will the Honorable the Colonial Secretary communicate the same to the Gundaroo Bench without delay?
 (3.) Will he inform this House of the decision arrived at?
 Mr. Stuart answered,—I did receive a communication from the Gundaroo Bench. It appears that some misunderstanding had arisen between the Bench and the Clerk of Petty Sessions with regard to this matter; but explanations have since been made, the question has been settled, and the Rolls have been properly made out.
- (4.) Uniforms for Railway Officials:—Mr. Olliffe asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 (1.) Has the time arrived for the Railway officials to receive their new uniforms?
 (2.) If so, when will they receive them?
 (3.) What has been the cause of the delay in the issue?
 (4.) Is it a fact that one of the Railway porters has been nearly two years wearing his own clothing instead of the Government uniform, although measured several times for it?
 (5.) Will the Minister see that he receives remuneration for the loss he has sustained thereby?
 (6.) Is it a fact that a porter at the Redfern Station has been and is at present wearing Police uniform?
 (7.) Will the Minister endeavour to have better material used in the future, or if the Government have a stock of uniforms on hand, will he cause the officials to be supplied therewith every six months instead of every twelve, so that some of the officials may no longer present the appearance they have hitherto done?
 Mr. Wright answered,—
 (1.) Yes.
 (2.) They are now being issued.
 (3.) The necessity which arose for calling for tenders a second time.
 (4.) Not that I am aware of.
 (5.) Uniform is not allowed as remuneration for services.
 (6.) Not that I am aware of.
 (7.) Yes, where it may appear to be necessary. Two suits will be allowed this year instead of one, in order that a better appearance may be maintained by the men. (5.)

(5.) Newtown Road.—Newtown-Marrickville Tramway :—Mr. Olliffe asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is there any intention on the part of the Government to do anything to abate the mud and dust nuisance on the Newtown Road?

(2.) Has any representation been made to the Minister, or to the Superintendent of Tramways, that the accommodation provided on the Newtown-Marrickville Tram-line by the 5.10 p.m. Tram is wholly inadequate, and that the crowding of the cars by that Tram is shameful, and many people are continually shut out?

(3.) Will he cause inquiries to be made as to whether the foregoing is the case or not?

(4.) Being the case, will he take steps to remedy the evil complained of by putting on an additional Tram to Newtown at about that hour?

Mr. Wright answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2, 3, and 4.) No; but the Department is aware of additional accommodation being required, and steps are being taken with a view of providing it.

(6.) Horse-boxes attached to Express Train to Melbourne :—Mr. W. R. Campbell asked the Secretary for Public Works.—Is it true that two horse-boxes were attached to the Express Train to Melbourne on or about the 15th of October last?

Mr. Wright answered,—Yes; the Traffic Manager reports that in one or two instances about this time the Express Train being light, it was availed of in this way to save the necessity for using two engines for the haulage of the mail train, by which the horse-boxes would otherwise have had to be sent.

(7.) Public Buildings at Dubbo :—Mr. Cass asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will tenders be invited for erection of new Public Buildings at Dubbo?

Mr. Wright answered,—Plans are under consideration; but the site is considered too small for all the contemplated buildings, and endeavours are being made to obtain a new site for the Court-house.

(8.) Steam Ferry Bridges to North Shore :—Mr. R. B. Smith asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What steps have been taken to provide the public with Steam Ferry Bridges to ply between Sydney and North Shore, and for which money has been voted by Parliament?

Mr. Wright answered,—Plans and specifications are being prepared for the works.

(9.) Punt at Fernmount, Bellinger River :—Mr. R. B. Smith asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he say what is the cause of delay in inviting tenders for the construction of a Punt at Fernmount, Bellinger River, for which money has been voted by Parliament?

Mr. Wright answered,—Tenders have been invited for the Punt in question by the local officer, and the tender of T. Lawson accepted for the work.

(10.) Post and Telegraph Office, Kempsey :—Mr. R. B. Smith asked the Postmaster General,—When will tenders be invited for the construction of a Post and Telegraph Office at Kempsey, for which money has been voted by Parliament?

Mr. Trickett answered,—No time will be lost in inviting tenders so soon as the site just purchased has been duly conveyed to the Government.

(11.) Court-house at Gladstone, Macleay River :—Mr. R. B. Smith asked the Minister of Justice,—Will he say what is the cause of delay in inviting tenders for the construction of a Court-house at Gladstone, Macleay River, for which money has been voted by Parliament?

Mr. Wright answered,—There has been no unnecessary delay with this work. Plan has been prepared, and tenders can be invited next week.

(12.) Government Banking Account :—Mr. Burns asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What amount, if any, of the proceeds of the recent Loan was included in the sum to the credit of the Government at the Bank of New South Wales, London, on the 31st October last?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—As far as the information at present in the possession of the Government enables me to state, £1,038,574 9s. 3d.

2. SAYWELL'S TRAMWAY BILL :—Mr. Cameron, for Mr. Stephen, presented a Petition from Thomas Saywell, Esquire, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the construction and maintenance of a Tramway from the proposed Bay-street Station, on the Illawarra Railway, to and along Lady Robinson's Beach.

And Mr. Cameron having produced the *Government Gazette* and the *Sydney Morning Herald*, newspaper, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—Petition received.

3. MORT BAY IMPROVEMENT BILL :—Mr. Cameron presented a Petition from Laidley Mort, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Mort's Dock and Engineering Company (Limited), praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable Mort's Dock and Engineering Company (Limited) to close certain Streets through their property at Mort Bay, and to establish new Streets in lieu thereof.

And Mr. Cameron having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* and *Sydney Daily Telegraph*, newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—Petition received.

4. LOCAL OPTION :—The undermentioned Petitions in favour of the extension of the principle of Local Option to the renewal of Publicans Licenses were presented by the Members named :—

(1.) By Mr. Hugh Taylor, for Mr. Gray. From the Chairman and Secretary, on behalf of the Members of the "Minihaha" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, situated in the District of Lismore, in Meeting assembled.

(2.) By Mr. Hugh Taylor, for Mr. Gray. From the Chairman and Secretary, on behalf of the Members of the "Pride of the Richmond" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, situated in the District of Richmond River, in Meeting assembled. (3.)

- (3.) By Mr. Hugh Taylor, for Mr. Gray. From the Chairman and Secretary, on behalf of the Members of the "Extension" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, situated in the District of Alstonville, Richmond River, in Meeting assembled.
- (4.) By Mr. Hugh Taylor, for Mr. Gray. From the Chairman and Secretary, on behalf of the Members of the "Hope of Freedom" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, situated in the District of Broadwater, in Meeting assembled.
- (5.) By Mr. Dangar. From the Chairman and Secretary, on behalf of the Members of the "Nil Desperandum" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, situated in the District of Narrabri, in Meeting assembled.
- (6.) By Mr. Badgery. From the Chairman and Secretary, on behalf of the Members of the "Star of the South" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, situated in the District of Monaro, in Meeting assembled.

Petitions received.

5. LICENSING ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—Mr. Cameron presented a Petition from R. B. Read, Chairman of a Meeting of Licensed Victuallers, complaining of the operation of the law as regards the closing of Public Houses on Sundays; and praying that the law may be assimilated to the law of England.
Petition received.
6. HUTCHINSON ESTATE BILL :—Mr. Burns, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of the Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 25th October, 1883; together with a copy of the Bill as agreed to by the Committee.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Burns then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday, 7th December.
Question put and passed.
7. PAPERS :—
Mr. Wright laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 23rd October, 1883,—“Mr. Donnelly, Road Superintendent.”
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Abbott laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 23rd October, 1883,—“Purchase by the Government of a Tiffin Borer.”
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Stuart laid upon the Table,—
(1.) By-laws of the Municipal District of St. Peter's.
(2.) Return to an Order made on 7th November, 1883,—“Railway Passes granted to Persons other than Assisted Immigrants.”
Ordered to be printed.
8. THE LAND LAWS :—Mr. Burns presented a Petition from Henry William Sanderson Edmunds, alleging that the people have not that natural enjoyment of their rights upon the lands of the Colony which they should have; and praying the House to pass such a measure in respect to the use of the public lands as shall secure to all the greatest opportunity for them to enjoy their rights.
Petition received.
9. THE CASE OF CONSTABLE M'MANAMY (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. A. G. Taylor moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers, minutes, depositions, &c., in connection with the reduction in rank of Constable M'Manamy of Forbes.
Question put and passed.
10. HIGH-LEVEL BRIDGE ACROSS DARLING HARBOUR RAILWAY (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Merriman moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all letters, plans, proposals, and minutes having reference to the erection of a High-level Bridge across Darling Harbour Railway at Mary Ann-street.
Question put and passed.
11. AGREEMENTS VALIDATING ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Fletcher moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 8.

Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Burns,
Mr. A. G. Taylor,
Mr. Melville.
Tellers,
Mr. Fletcher,
Mr. Tighe.

Noes, 13.

Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Garran,
Mr. Trickett,
Mr. W. J. Fergusson,
Mr. Coonan,
Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Poole,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Brunker,
Mr. Griffiths,
Tellers,
Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Pigott.

And so it passed in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Pigott, the Order of Day was discharged, and the Bill withdrawn.

The House adjourned at seventeen minutes before Nine o'clock, until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 20.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 20 NOVEMBER, 1883.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Removing a Beacon at the Clarence Heads:—*Mr. Merriman*, for *Mr. Purves*, asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is it true that Mr. Justice Windeyer sentenced two prisoners at the last Circuit Court at Grafton to seven years imprisonment for cutting and removing a rope from a land beacon at the Clarence Heads?

(2.) Is it true that the jury recommended the prisoners to mercy, as they considered the act was done thoughtlessly?

(3.) Is it true that the prisoners bore good characters—that there was no evidence to show that the act was done with intent to injure anyone?

(4.) Is it true that seven years is the maximum penalty for such an offence?

Mr. Cohen answered,—His Honor Mr. Justice Windeyer has furnished me with the following answers:—

(1.) It is not true that Mr. Justice Windeyer sentenced two men to seven years penal servitude merely for cutting and removing a rope from a land beacon at the Clarence Heads, but it is true that he passed such a sentence upon them for removing a beacon at the Clarence Heads, it being one of the guiding or leading beacons for vessels crossing the Clarence River bar, and its removal imperilling the safety of all vessels crossing that bar, the navigation of which depended upon its existence, as it had to be kept in an accurate line with another behind it.

(2 and 3.) Evidence was given to show that the prisoners had previously borne a good character; but the evidence in the case also showed that they had removed the beacon for the purpose of stealing some rope by which it was secured. Unfortunately, moreover, experience has proved that acts of wanton destruction of public works erected for utility or ornament are often committed by persons of otherwise good character and of a better condition in life; but when committed by such persons, who ought to know better, they are no less injurious and dangerous to the public interests, and are as much or more deserving of punishment than when committed by ignorant criminals of the ordinary type. The jury did say that the prisoners had not removed the beacon for the purpose of injuring any vessel, and had not contemplated the results that might follow from its removal; but this was not to the purpose, as, if they had intended to wreck a vessel, they might have been indicted for a much more serious offence and liable to a far heavier penalty. Such a finding was as immaterial to the question of the prisoners' guilt of the crime of which they were accused as a finding that a prisoner did not intend to kill would be in a trial for manslaughter arising out of an act of negligence. The injury which may be done to the public by destroying a beacon may be equally great, whether it be destroyed as a piece of wanton, stupid mischief, or for the purpose of stealing the material of which it is made, as in this case.

(4.) The heaviest sentence was imposed, because the case was believed to be the first of the kind that had occurred in the Colony, because the offence was committed in the prosecution of another crime, viz., stealing, and because the removal of a beacon on which depended the safe navigation, and the preservation of the lives of all crossing a notoriously dangerous bar, appeared to Mr. Justice Windeyer as bad a case as could arise under the section of the Criminal Law Consolidation Act under which the prisoners were convicted, and it was thought proper, under all these circumstances, to pass an exemplary sentence which should act as a warning to deter other criminal and reckless persons from the commission of a crime so obviously dangerous to human life.

(2.)

(2.) Captain Rossi:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Was Captain Rossi appointed Registrar of the District Court at Goulburn in the year 1869 or 1870, at a salary of £300 per annum?
- (2.) How long was that salary continued?
- (3.) Was not the salary of £300 per annum reduced to £75?
- (4.) Was it intimated to Captain Rossi, if he remained in office at reduced salary, the original amount would be restored and all arrears made good to him?
- (5.) How many years did Captain Rossi continue upon the reduced rate of £75 per annum?
- (6.) Was not application made by Captain Rossi for compensation for reduction of salary from the date of such reduction to the abolition of his salary?
- (7.) Did not the Government, in answer to Captain Rossi's application for compensation, recognize his claim to a position of £300 per annum?
- (8.) Is it the intention of the Government to place upon the Estimates for 1884 a sum of money to compensate Captain Rossi for the losses he has sustained for the several years he had fulfilled the duties of Registrar by reason of the reduction of his salary from £300 per annum to the time of withdrawal of £75 per annum?

Mr. Cohen answered,—

- (1.) Captain Rossi appears to have been appointed Registrar of the District Court at Goulburn on the 11th August, 1870, with salary of £300 per annum.
- (2.) The salary was continued up to the 30th June, 1871.
- (3.) Yes; on 6th June, 1871, the salary was reduced to £75 per annum by vote of the Legislative Assembly.
- (4.) On the 27th June, 1871, Captain Rossi was informed, by direction of the then Attorney General (Sir James Martin), that his salary at the higher rate would be proposed on the Estimates for 1872, and that a sum to make good the difference between the £75 voted and the amount originally proposed would be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1871. This was done, and every exertion made at the time to induce the Assembly to restore the amount, but without success. Captain Rossi was informed accordingly, and the succeeding Attorney General (Mr. Butler) intimated that he could not, under all the circumstances, hold out any hope that the Assembly would reconsider the subject.
- (5.) From 1st July, 1871, to 31st December, 1881.
- (6.) Yes.
- (7.) Yes; and on the 9th February, 1881, Captain Rossi was informed that, although the Cabinet declined to entertain his application for compensation or restoration of salary, they recognized his claim to a position with salary of £300 per annum.
- (8.) No; Captain Rossi has been offered two appointments by the Government at £300 and £400 per annum respectively, of each of which offers he abstained from availing himself.

(3.) Windsor and Richmond Commons:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands,—What are the names of the persons who are in possession of any part of the Windsor or Richmond Commons: and what area of the said Common or Commons are the persons referred to in possession of?

Mr. Farnell answered,—It is alleged that there are encroachments upon the Common by Messrs. J. Schofield, W. Smith, and J. M. McQuade, of 27½ acres, 66½ acres, and 20 acres respectively.

(4.) Public School, Uralla:—Mr. McElhone asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Is he aware that the Teacher of the Public School at Uralla, on or about the 19th of October last, marched the whole of the Public School children, amounting to about 150 in number, through the town to a Wesleyan tea meeting, when they were addressed by a Wesleyan local preacher named Leece?
- (2.) Who authorized the Teacher (Mr. Small) to close the school on the day in question, that the Public School pupils might be regaled at the Wesleyan tea meeting?
- (3.) Will the Minister take immediate action to prevent in future a repetition of such a proceeding by Wesleyan, Roman Catholic, Jewish, or Teacher of any denomination in connection with our Public Schools?
- (4.) Is it not a fact that children of the Church of England, Presbyterian, Roman Catholic, and other religions attended the Public School at Uralla on date above mentioned; if so, what steps, if any, will he take to punish and degrade the Teacher of the school (Mr. Small) for his conduct in the matter referred to?

Mr. Reid answered,—

- (1.) The Teacher reports that the pupils were not marched to a Wesleyan tea meeting, and that they were not addressed by a person named Leece. They were entertained on the day in question in the Temperance Hall by a number of ladies, and Mr. Leece returned thanks on behalf of the ladies.
- (2.) No one authorized the Teacher to close the school on the afternoon of the day in question.
- (3.) As before stated, I am informed that no such proceeding did take place.
- (4.) Children of the Church of England, Presbyterian, Roman Catholic, and other religious denominations attended the school, and were taught from 9 till 2 o'clock. I do not intend to punish or degrade the Teacher alluded to, but he will be cautioned against closing his school in future without authority.

(5.) Railway Materials:—Mr. Targett asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What is the total value of all material purchased by the Railway Department for the year 1882?
- (2.) The value of all materials imported by the Government?
- (3.) The value of all materials purchased in the Colony?
- (4.) The value of all foreign material supplied, whether imported by Government or by others?
- (5.) The value of all materials exclusively the product of the Colony?
- (6.) The amount of materials supplied by tender and private contract respectively for the above?

Mr.

Mr. Wright answered,—

- (1.) £985,815.
- (2.) £447,430.
- (3.) £538,385.
- (4.) £617,607.
- (5.) £368,208.

(6.) The whole of these materials were supplied by tender with the exception of a few articles ordered from the Agent General, and stipulated to be of certain special manufacture.

(6.) Fence near Springwood Railway Station:—Mr. Targett asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) How often has the Government removed the fence obstructing the road running west on the south side of the Railway line from Springwood Railway Station?
- (2.) Is Mr. Moore the owner of the land where the fence obstructs the road; if so, what price did he pay for it, and was it sold by public auction?
- (3.) Will the Government cause all papers and correspondence between Mr. Moore, and others, and the Department, to be laid upon the Table of the House?

Mr. Wright answered,—

- (1.) Once.
- (2.) The land is Church land, vested in Trustees.
- (3.) Yes.

(7.) Crown Prosecutors defending Prisoners:—Mr. Cameron asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Is it true that a Crown Prosecutor lately defended a prisoner at Grafton?
- (2.) Is this generally allowed?
- (3.) If so, does the Minister intend to take any steps to stop this practice?

Mr. Cohen answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) It has been allowed on other occasions, on special application to the Attorney General, which was made in the present instance.
- (3.) The matter being one within the province of the Attorney General, I am unable to say whether any such steps will be taken until I have consulted with him in reference to it, which I will take an early opportunity of doing.

(8.) Contracts for Public Works:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the Public Works, amounting sometimes to a considerable sum, are often given to contractors by the Works or Architect's Department without tenders being called for in the usual way through the public Press?
- (2.) If so, will instructions be given to alter this objectionable practice in all cases where the work required to be done does not exceed, say, £10?

Mr. Wright answered,—

- (1.) It is a fact that in cases of emergency works have occasionally been let without tenders being called for, but the prices in such cases have been estimated at those which have been obtained for similar works carried out by public competition.
- (2.) I have already issued instructions that all works of any importance shall be carried out by contract.

(9.) Travelling Allowances to Public Officers:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—
What is the rate of travelling allowance to officers of the first, second, and third-class in the various Government Departments, and are Railway passes allowed in addition to the fixed rate?

Mr. Stuart answered,—Information as to the authorized rates of travelling allowance, both inclusive and exclusive of cost of conveyance, will be found in the statement which I will presently lay upon the Table.

(10.) Mr. G. F. Poole:—Mr. McElhone asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Who recommended Mr. G. F. Poole for a seat on the Board of Technical Education?
- (2.) Is Mr. Poole an artisan?
- (3.) Is not Mr. Poole only known in Sydney as the paid officer of an Association, and the keeper of a coffee-stall at street corners?

Mr. Reid answered,—

- (1.) The gentlemen who were asked to form the Technical Board were not appointed on the recommendation of anyone, but were selected by myself as likely to make good Members of the Board. Upon that ground the gentleman named was appointed as one of the Members of the Board.
- (2.) I do not know; but he was not long ago the President of the Trade and Labour Council, and in that capacity took an active interest in the subject of Technical Education.
- (3.) I do not know.

(11.) Main South Road to Fairfield Bridge:—Mr. De Salis asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What is the cause of the delay in tenders being called for road, Main South Road to Fairfield Bridge?
- (2.) When will tenders be called for this road?

Mr. Wright answered,—

- (1.) Pressure of other work delayed the survey of this road.
- (2.) Tenders will be invited in next issue of the local Paper.

(12.) Mr. Sladen, School-attendance Officer:—Mr. McCourt asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—The total amount paid to Principal Attendance-officer Sladen for travelling expenses from 1st January, 1882, to 31st December, 1882; the like amount for half-year ending 30th June, 1883?

Mr. Reid answered,—The total amount paid to the Principal School Attendance and Payments Officer for travelling expenses was, from 1st January to 31st December, 1882, £159 12s., and from 1st January to 30th June, 1883, £139 11s.

- (13.) Public School, Mittagong :—Mr. McCourt asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—
- (1.) The number of scholars on roll of Mittagong Public School when Mr. Whitehead left in July last, and the average attendance for the months of May, June, and July?
 - (2.) The number at present on roll of this School, and the average attendance for months of August, September, and October of this year?
 - (3.) What salary was Mr. Whitehead receiving at Mittagong, and what is he now receiving at Botany?
 - (4.) What salary was Mr. Knopp receiving at Cooma, and the amount he now receives at Mittagong; and if any reduction, when was it made?

Mr. Reid answered,—

- (1.) The number of scholars on the roll when Mr. Whitehead left at the end of June last was 152. The average attendance for May was 102·3; for June, 108·9; and for July, 77·6.
- (2.) The number at present on the roll is 98. The average attendance for August was 86; for September, 69·8; and for October, 72.
- (3.) At Mittagong Mr. Whitehead received £228 a year. He is now paid at the same rate of salary at Botany.
- (4.) At Cooma Mr. Knopp received £228 a year. He is now paid at the same rate of salary at Mittagong.

2. LOCAL OPTION :—The undermentioned Petitions in favour of the extension of the principle of Local Option to the renewal of Publicans Licenses were presented by the Members named :—

- (1.) By Mr. Dalton. From the Chairman and Secretary, on behalf of the Members of the "Ark of Springside" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, situated in the District of Orange, in Meeting assembled.
- (2.) By Mr. Dalton. From the Chairman and Secretary, on behalf of the Members of the "Star of Peace" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, situated in the District of Orange, in Meeting assembled.
- (3.) By Mr. McElhone. From the Chairman and Secretary, on behalf of the Members of the "Pride of the North" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, situated in the District of Scone, in Meeting assembled.
- (4.) By Mr. McElhone. From the Chairman and Secretary, on behalf of the Members of the "Multum in Parvo" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, situated in the District of Hinton, in Meeting assembled.
- (5.) By Mr. Mitchell. From the Chairman and Secretary, on behalf of the Members of the "Hope of Darlington" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, situated in the District of Newtown, in Meeting assembled.
- (6.) By Mr. Sydney Smith. From the Chairman and Secretary, on behalf of the Members of the "Star of Oberon" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, situated in the District of Bathurst, in Meeting assembled.
- (7.) By Mr. O'Connor. From the Chairman and Secretary, on behalf of the Members of the "Albion" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, situated in the District of Sydney, in Meeting assembled.

Petitions received.

3. LICENSING ACT :—Mr. Cameron presented a Petition from Residents of Sydney and surrounding Districts, in favour of the repeal of the clause in the Licensing Act respecting Travellers, and the substitution of a provision not more stringent than that in force in England.
Petition received.
4. CROWN LANDS BILL :—Sir Patrick Jennings presented a Petition from persons resident in the Bogan Electorate, praying the House to oppose the passage of the Crown Lands Bill.
And the same having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker,—
Petition received.
5. PAPER :—Mr. Stuart laid upon the Table a Statement showing the General Scale of authorized Charges for Officers travelling on Her Majesty's Service in the Colony of New South Wales.
Ordered to be printed.
6. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Cameron moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
7. PAPER :—Sir John Robertson laid upon the Table Papers relating to the Case of Captain Armstrong, who was removed from his office of Commissioner of Lord Howe Island.
Ordered to be printed.
8. REMOVAL OF LANDS OFFICE FROM WINGHAM TO TAREE (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Young moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Papers referring to "Removal of Lands Office from Wingham to Taree," laid upon the Table by the Honorable the Secretary for Lands on 31st October, be printed.
Question put and passed.
9. SAYWELL'S TRAMWAY BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Stephen moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the construction and maintenance of a Tramway from the proposed Bay-street Station, on the Illawarra Railway, to and along Lady Robinson's Beach.
Question put and passed.
10. MORT BAY IMPROVEMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Cameron moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable Mort's Dock and Engineering Company (Limited) to close certain Streets through their property at Mort Bay, and to establish new Streets in lieu thereof.
Question put and passed.

11. **POLICE STATION AT BURRAWANG** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. McCourt moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all letters, reports, or other documents in connection with applications for a Police Station at Burrawang.
Question put and passed.
12. **WOLLONGONG RAILWAY STATION** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. McCourt moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all letters, reports, minutes, or other documents having reference to the site or proposed sites for the Wollongong Railway Station.
Question put and passed.
13. **SAYWELL'S TRAMWAY BILL**:—Mr. Stephen having *presented* this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of the sum of Twenty-five Pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to authorize the construction and maintenance of a Tramway from the proposed Bay-street Station on the Illawarra Railway to and along Lady Robinson's Beach,*"—read a first time.
14. **MORT BAY IMPROVEMENT BILL**:—Mr. Cameron having *presented* this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of the sum of Twenty-five Pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable Mort's Dock and Engineering Company (Limited) to close certain Streets through their property at Mort Bay and to establish new Streets in lieu thereof,*"—read a first time.
15. **PLANS, &C., OF PROPOSED RAILWAYS**:—Mr. Poole moved, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) That this House resolves,—That in future when copies of plans, sections, and books of reference of any proposed Railway are laid upon the Table of this House, in accordance with clause 9 of 22 Victoria No. 19, such plans, sections, and books of reference shall forthwith be referred to a Select Committee of this House, and that such Committee have full power to send for persons and papers to inquire into the matter submitted to them, and to report to this House with all reasonable dispatch.
- (2.) That such Committee be a Sessional "Committee," consisting of not less than ten or more than fifteen Members, who shall be nominated by the Colonial Secretary (or other Cabinet Minister for him) within three days from and after the opening of each Session of Parliament.
- (3.) That such Committee be styled the Railway Routes Committee, and have power to sit during any adjournment of this House.
- Debate ensued.
- Mr. Wright moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "Committee" in the second paragraph, with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "and be styled the Railway Routes Committee, and have power to sit during any adjournment of this House."
- Question proposed, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
- Point of Order*.—Mr. Cameron called Mr. Speaker's attention to the proposal that the Committee consist of not more than fifteen Members, and also to the 36th Standing Order, which provides that no Select Committee shall consist of more than ten Members,—and requested Mr. Speaker's ruling whether the matter was regularly before the House.
- Mr. Speaker said that the Resolution was in contravention of the 36th Standing Order, and therefore could not be entertained by the House.
- Whereupon Mr. Poole withdrew the Motion.
16. **THE CASE OF CAPTAIN ARMSTRONG**:—Mr. Levien moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Report from the Select Committee on the case of Captain Armstrong brought up on the 25th April, 1883, be now adopted.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Garrett moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Debate continued.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Friday 14th December.
17. **PREMISES RENTED AND PROPERTY HELD BY THE GOVERNMENT IN SYDNEY**:—Mr. Poole moved, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) That there be laid upon the Table of this House a tabulated Return of all premises rented by the Government in Sydney for public purposes, showing separately in each case the situation of tenement, number of rooms, approximate area of ground attached, amount of rent paid, to whom, length of tenure unexpired, and public purpose for which it is at present employed.
- (2.) A Return of household property and land in Sydney belonging to the Government but let to or in the occupation of private persons, showing separately in each case the situation of tenement, number of rooms, and approximately the area of land and garden ground attached, where no tenement, then the area of the land, to whom let, amount of yearly rental, and length of lease or tenure unexpired.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
18. **CLAIM FOR KILLING A RAM AT QUARANTINE STATION, CANTERBURY**:—Mr. Lyne, for Mr. Coonan, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers and correspondence in connection with a claim made by Sir John Hay, or his agents, against the Government for the killing of a Stud Ram at the Quarantine Station, Canterbury.
Question put and passed.
19. **MINERAL CONDITIONAL PURCHASES MADE BY MR. ALEXANDER STUART AND OTHERS**:—Mr. McElhone moved, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is advisable that a Special Inspector or Commissioner should be sent, without delay, to report on the nature and value of the improvements on the whole of the mineral conditional purchases and conditional purchases taken up by Mr. Alexander Stuart, James Meehan, A. Stuart, and William Hamilton, and now held by Thomas Walker, T. A. Reddall, and

and William Hamilton, such mineral conditional purchases and conditional purchases being near the Illawarra Railway.

(2.) And that such Inspector or Commissioner be specially instructed to report whether the improvements on the mineral conditional purchases taken up by Mr. A. Stuart and other persons referred to have been made in connection with mining for coal, and specially describing such improvements, and if they are of the value of £2 an acre.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

20. WINDSOR AND RICHMOND COMMONS :—Mr. McElhone moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence, minutes, &c., by the Minister for Lands and any official of the Lands Department, having reference to the illegal occupation by Mr. McQuade, M.L.A., and any other person, of a large portion of the Windsor or Richmond Commons.

(2.) Copies of all letters, correspondence, &c., from Mr. McQuade, M.L.A., and any other persons in illegal occupation of above Commons.

(3.) Copy of the Minister's decision, if any, in the above case or cases.

Question put and passed.

21. MR. RUSSELL'S APPLICATION FOR A PUBLICAN'S LICENSE :—*Mr. Sydney Smith*, for Mr. Abigail, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all letters, papers, Police objections, evidence, or other documents having reference to the case of Mr. Russell's application for and the refusal of the Bench of a renewal of license for the Great Northern Hotel, North Shore, tried at Water Police Court in 1881; also reports of the Police as to the general conduct of the house, together with a copy of the Police cases for this district during the time he held the license, and the same since.

Question put and passed.

22. BARRACK CANTEN ACCOUNTS :—Mr. McElhone moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House,—

(1.) Copies of all Barrack Canteen Accounts from the year 1877, with all minutes of the Executive Council respecting defalcations and charges against any of the officers in the Artillery or Permanent Force.

(2.) Copies of Sir William Jervois's opinions in reference to above matters.

(3.) Copies of all minutes and other papers having reference to recent payments by cheques in connection with the Canteen Accounts.

Debate ensued.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

The House adjourned at six minutes before Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 21.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 21 NOVEMBER, 1883.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Telegraph Operator at Cargo :—Dr. Ross asked the Postmaster General,—Is it a fact that the Telegraph Operator at Cargo did, on the 13th instant, at the Royal Hotel, engage in a pugilistic encounter with a resident of that town; if so, will he state if the officer has been called to account for his conduct as a public servant on that occasion?

Mr. Trickett answered,—A representation was received on the 19th instant that such an encounter had taken place, and the Postmaster has been called on for an explanation.

- (2.) Travelling Stock Reserve at Cheeseman's Creek :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—
 (1.) Has Travelling Stock Reserve No. 659, at Cheeseman's Creek, or any portion of the same, been leased to any person; if so, to whom, at what rent, and from what date?
 (2.) Is he aware that teamsters have lately had their bullocks impounded from off this Reserve; if so, will he see that instructions are issued so that the travelling public may be protected from such interference?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

(1.) The Reserve is part of the late James Keenan's Cheeseman's Creek Run, which is still under lease to his representatives. The present lease is from 1st January, 1881, for five years; rent, £20 per annum.

(2.) No report of such impounding having taken place lately has been received, but it has been reported to the Government that teamsters bullocks were impounded from the Reserve by the lessees nearly two years ago. Free access to the Reserve has been afforded to the travelling public by the removal of fences by which such access had been obstructed.

- (3.) Gates on Road from Molong to Cudal :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—Has permission been granted to erect two gates on the road from Molong to Cudal, at Sandy Creek; if so, to whom, and when?

Mr. Stuart answered,—No application for permission to erect public gates on this road can be traced from the information afforded.

- (4.) Springwood Railway Station Buildings :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is the Springwood Railway Station building being carried out by contract; if so, what is the cost up to date for preparation of plans and specifications and supervising the work; how long has the work been under way, and what progress has been made with the same?

Mr. Wright answered,—Yes, the work is being carried out by contract. The cost of preparing plans and specifications has been £17, and the cost of supervising £40. The work, which has been contracted for twice, owing to the first contractors failing to carry it out in a satisfactory manner, has been in hand for about six months. The excavations are being taken out and stone prepared in the quarry.

- (5.) Milling Company's Siding at Spring Grove :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it a fact that the new Milling Company's Siding at Spring Grove is about to be put up by the Department; and will it cost twice the Departmental estimate?

Mr. Wright answered,—The Siding will be put in by the Department at the expense of the Company. There would seem to be no foundation for the statement that the estimate will be exceeded.

- (6.) Bridge over Hunter River near Denman :—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Have tenders been called for the erection of the Bridge over the Hunter River near Denman?

(2.) If not, when will tenders be called for the erection of the said Bridge, and what is the reason of the delay in calling for tenders for the erection of the said Bridge?

(3.)

(3.) Is it not a fact that the Government advised me that tenders would be called for the erection of the said Bridge some time ago?

(4.) Were not sums of money voted for the erection of Bridges over the Hunter River at Denman and Jerry's Plains when the Parkes Government were in office?

Mr. Wright answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) Tenders will be invited in Friday's *Gazette*. The delay has arisen from preparing drawings for iron bridge.

(3.) Yes.

(4.) No.

(7.) Public Works in Electorate of Mudgee:—*Mr. Dangar* for Mr. A. G. Taylor, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will he give orders for the commencement of the following Public Works, promised some time ago:—

(1.) Rylstone Police Quarters?

(2.) Wollar Police Quarters?

(3.) Mudgee Gaoler's residence?

(4.) Repairs to Mudgee Court-house?

(5.) Repairs to Windeyer Police Station?

Mr. Wright answered,—

(1, 2 and 3.) As soon as the plans have been completed and the sites determined upon.

(4 and 5.) Tenders for the works have been accepted.

(8.) Inquest on Fire at Neaves's Store:—*Mr. Dangar*, for Mr. A. G. Taylor, asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Did the Coroner at Hillston commence an inquiry in December last touching the cause of a fire at Mr. T. C. Neaves's store?

(2.) Did the inquest extend to some date in February?

(3.) Did the Coroner promise to recommend special remuneration to the jurors engaged at the above inquest?

(4.) Did the Coroner do so; and will the Minister of Justice take the exceptional circumstances of the inquiry into consideration, and order payment to be made?

Mr. Cohen answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) No; the inquest commenced on 5th December, 1882, and after several adjournments terminated on 13th January last.

(3.) Yes.

(4.) Yes; I have authorized the usual remuneration to be paid to the jurors in this case, and the amount was paid to the Coroner's public credit in the Bank of New South Wales on 6th instant.

(9.) Gulgong Common:—*Mr. Dangar*, for Mr. A. G. Taylor, asked the Secretary for Mines,—Has he issued instructions to the Forest Ranger to interfere with pre-lease holders infringing on the Gulgong Common; if not, does he intend to do so?

Mr. Stuart answered,—No instructions issued through the Forest Branch.

(10.) Cylinders for Bridges on Waratah Railway:—*Mr. Buchanan* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What is the cost of the cylinders for the Bridges on the Waratah Railway that are to be manufactured in the Colony?

(2.) Has the Government ever ordered similar cylinders from England, and at what cost?

(3.) Is the cost for these cylinders greater here than in England?

(4.) If so, is it the intention of the Government to continue buying in this market?

Mr. Wright answered,—

(1.) £14,401 15s. 6d.

(2.) Yes; the estimated cost of similar cylinders now being imported for the Bridge over Cook's River is £13,200 19s. 5d.

(3.) Yes, about 8½ per cent.

(4.) Yes, if satisfactory prices can be obtained.

2. LOCAL OPTION:—The undermentioned Petitions in favour of the extension of the principle of Local Option to the renewal of Publicans Licenses were presented by the Members named:—

(1.) By Mr. Badgery. From the Chairman and Secretary, on behalf of the Members of the "Hope of Seymour" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, situated in Adamnaby, in Meeting assembled.

(2.) By Dr. Ross. From the Chairman and Secretary, on behalf of the Members of the "Morning Star" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, situated in the District of Molong, in Meeting assembled.

(3.) By Dr. Ross. From the Chairman and Secretary, on behalf of the Members of the "Young Crystal" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, situated in the District of Molong, in Meeting assembled.

(4.) By Mr. Stuart. From the Chairman and Secretary, on behalf of the Members of the "Freedom" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, situated in the District of Illawarra, in Meeting assembled.

(5.) By Mr. Tarrant. From the Chairman and Secretary, on behalf of the Members of the "Excelsior" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, situated in the District of Jamberoo, in Meeting assembled.

(6.) By Mr. Holtermann. From the Chairman and Secretary, on behalf of the Members of the "Progress" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, situated in the District of St. Leonards, in Meeting assembled.

Petitions received.

3. **MANLY GASLIGHT AND COKE COMPANY'S BILL:**—Mr. Dibbs presented a Petition from the Directors of the Manly Gaslight and Coke Company (Limited), praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Manly Gas-light and Coke Company (Limited) to construct Gasworks within the Borough and Suburbs of Manly.
And Mr. Dibbs having produced the *Government Gazette* and the *Sydney Morning Herald*, newspaper, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.
4. **PAPERS:—**
Mr. Cohen laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Return to an Order made on 19th October, 1883,—“ Mr. Francis Macnab, Official Assignee.”
(2.) Return to an Order made on 23rd October, 1883,—“ Armidale Police Court Records.”
Ordered to be printed.
5. **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS:—**Mr. Stuart moved, pursuant to Notice, That, unless otherwise ordered, Government Business shall be taken from and after Seven o'clock on Tuesdays “and Fridays.”
Debate ensued.
Mr. Garvan moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the words “and Fridays.”
Question proposed, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
Debate continued.
Question put, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
The House divided.

Ayes, 37.

Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Fletcher,
Sir John Robertson,	Mr. Proctor,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. See,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Stephen,
Mr. Vaughn,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. Young,	Mr. R. B. Smith.
Mr. Wisdom,	
Mr. Roberts,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Combes,	Mr. Badgery.
Mr. Spring,	Mr. Sydney Smith.
Mr. Tooth,	
Mr. Gould,	
Mr. Buchanan,	
Mr. Dangar,	
Mr. Garrett,	
Mr. H. H. Brown,	
Dr. Ross,	
Mr. Sutherland,	
Mr. McElhone,	
Mr. De Salis,	
Mr. Gibbes,	
Mr. Holborow,	
Mr. Abigail,	
Mr. Teece,	
Mr. Mitchell,	
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	
Mr. A. G. Taylor,	

Noes, 53.

Mr. Stuart,	Mr. Griffiths,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. George Campbell,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Targett,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Hellyer,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Wilson,
Mr. Loughnan,	Mr. Ellis,
Mr. W. J. Fergusson,	Mr. Gill,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. D. A. Ferguson,
Mr. Trickett,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. O'Mara,	Mr. Dalton,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Merriman,
Mr. Heydon,	Mr. Harris,
Mr. Holtermann,	Mr. Cass,
Sir Patrick Jennings,	Mr. McCourt,
Mr. W. R. Campbell,	Mr. Quin,
Mr. Purves,	Mr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. McQuade,
Mr. Moses,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. Murray,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. Tarrant,	Mr. Levin,
Mr. Humphery,	Mr. Day,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Cramsie,	Mr. White.
Mr. Chapman,	
Mr. Butcher,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Lynch,	Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Stokes,	Mr. Slattery.
Mr. Hutchinson,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Main Question put,—That, unless otherwise ordered, Government Business shall be taken from and after Seven o'clock on Tuesdays.

The House divided.

Ayes, 54.

Mr. Stuart,	Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. White,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Tarrant,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. McQuade,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Moses,
Mr. Trickett,	Mr. Chapman,
Sir Patrick Jennings,	Mr. De Salis,
Mr. McCulloch,	Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Stokes,
Mr. W. J. Fergusson,	Mr. Humphery,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Cass,
Mr. Day,	Mr. Cramsie,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Targett,
Mr. Levin,	Mr. Dalton,
Mr. Jones,	Mr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Ellis,
Mr. Butcher,	Mr. Hellyer,
Mr. Mackinnon,	Mr. D. A. Ferguson,
Mr. Holtermann,	Mr. George Campbell,
Mr. Quin,	Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Purves,	Mr. Harris,
Mr. Stephen,	Mr. Merriman,
Mr. See,	Mr. Melville.
Mr. Loughnan,	
Mr. Bruce Smith,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. W. R. Campbell,	Mr. Murray.
Mr. Heydon,	Mr. O'Mara.

Noes, 36.

Sir John Robertson,	Mr. Proctor,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. A. G. Taylor,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Badgery,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Hugh Taylor,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Tooth,
Mr. Wisdom,	Mr. Fletcher.
Mr. R. B. Smith,	
Mr. Young,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Mitchell,	Mr. Gould,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. O'Connor.
Mr. Vaughn,	
Mr. Garrett,	
Mr. Spring,	
Mr. H. H. Brown,	
Mr. Combes,	
Mr. Sutherland,	
Mr. Gill,	
Mr. Griffiths,	
Mr. Gibbes,	
Mr. Teece,	
Mr. Holborow,	
Mr. Abigail,	
Dr. Ross,	
Mr. Buchanan,	
Mr. McElhone,	
Mr. Levien,	
Mr. Dangar,	
Mr. Roberts,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

6. TAMWORTH CATTLE SALE-YARDS BILL:—Mr. Levien presented a Petition from Nathan Cohen, Mayor of Tamworth, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the erection and maintenance of Cattle Sale-yards by the Borough Council of Tamworth within the Borough of Tamworth. And Mr. Levien having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* and the *Tamworth News*, newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—Petition received.
7. MORT BAY IMPROVEMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Cameron moved, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) That the Mort Bay Improvement Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, with power to send for persons and papers.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Copeland, Mr. Burns, Mr. Fletcher, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Badgery, Mr. Teece, Mr. Young, and the Mover.
 Question put and passed.
8. CROWN LANDS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Farnell, "That this Bill be 'now' read a second time,"—upon which Mr. A. G. Taylor had moved that the Question be amended by the omission of the word "now," with a view to the addition at the end of the words "this day six months,"—And the Question being again proposed,—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—the House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 22 NOVEMBER, 1883, A.M.

Sir Patrick Jennings moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until to-morrow.

9. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed until to-morrow:—
 (1.) University Extension Bill; second reading.
 (2.) Public Watering-places Bill (No. 2); second reading.
 (3.) Land Boilers Inspection Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
10. ODDFELLOWS HALL, ELIZABETH-STREET:—Mr. Chapman, for Mr. Sutherland, moved, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report as to whether any and what damage has been done to the Society of Oddfellows in carrying on their business in the Hall, Elizabeth-street, in consequence of running the Tram-motors in Elizabeth-street.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Abigail, Mr. Cass, Mr. Garrard, Mr. Melville, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Teece, Mr. Slattery, Mr. Dibbs, and the Mover.
 Question put and passed.
11. SAYWELL'S TRAMWAY BILL:—Mr. Meville, for Mr. Stephen, moved, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) That Saywell's Tramway Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, with power to send for persons and papers.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Burns, Mr. White, Mr. Griffiths, Mr. Moses, Mr. Gibbes, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Badgery, and the Mover.
 And Mr. Wisdom requiring that the Committee be appointed by Ballot,—
 Question,—That Saywell's Tramway Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, with power to send for persons and papers,—put and passed.
 Whereupon the House proceeded to the Ballot, and Mr. Speaker declared the following to be the Committee duly appointed:—Mr. Stephen, Mr. Burns, Mr. Badgery, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Moses, Mr. Griffiths, Mr. White, and Mr. Gibbes.

The House adjourned at twenty-two minutes before One o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 22.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 22 NOVEMBER, 1883.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Court-house, Uralla:—Mr. Proctor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the contract for the Court-house at Uralla be proceeded with?

Mr. Wright answered,—The contractors for the erection of this building have applied to have their contract transferred to their sureties, but having made a claim for compensation for loss sustained through change of site, which appears excessive, the matter of transfer cannot be dealt with until the claim for compensation now under consideration is settled.

- (2.) Railway to Mother-of-Ducks:—Mr. Proctor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is he aware that the Northern Railway is now completed to the Mother-of-Ducks; if so, when will the line be opened for traffic to that place?

Mr. Wright answered,—The Railway is not yet completed to Mother-of-Ducks.

- (3.) Lands Office, Armidale:—Mr. Proctor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Was a sum of money voted for a Lands Office at Armidale; if so, when will tenders be called for the work, and what is causing the delay?

Mr. Wright answered,—There is no sum voted.

- (4.) Post and Telegraph Office, Bundarra:—Mr. Proctor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Was a sum of money voted for the erection of a Post and Telegraph Office at Bundarra; if so, when will tenders be called for the work, and what is the cause of delay?

Mr. Wright answered,—Yes, £1,800. Plans have been prepared, and tenders will be invited at an early date.

- (5.) Reserve in Parish of Armidale:—Mr. Proctor asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Upon whose recommendation was Reserve No. 1,400, county of Sandon and parish of Armidale, lots 123 and 20 of section 57, proclaimed?

(2.) Is he aware that the Reserve is unnecessary and opposed to the recommendation of the Borough Council of Armidale?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) The Reserve referred to appears to be No. 1,490; it was notified on the recommendation of Mr. District-Surveyor Chard, which was endorsed by the Surveyor General.

(2.) No; the Borough Council does not appear to have made a recommendation.

- (6.) Leprosy:—Dr. Ross, for Mr. McElhone, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a European lady infected with leprosy was taken on board one of the San Francisco mail steamers at Honolulu a short time ago and landed again in Honolulu?

(2.) Will he take steps to quarantine all vessels that have had persons infected with leprosy on board of them?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The Government has no information of the kind referred to.

- (7.) Deputy Chief Inspector of Stock:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) The name of the person appointed to succeed Mr. G. S. Yeo as Deputy Chief Inspector of Stock?

(2.) How long was Mr. Yeo's successor employed in the Civil Service prior to this appointment, and at what salary?

(3.) By whom was he recommended?

(4.)

- (4.) Was this appointment made in accordance with the rule enunciated by the Premier, that all appointments should be made according to seniority and merit?
- (5.) The names of the Inspectors of Stock employed by the Government at the time this gentleman was appointed, and the length of service of each in that capacity?
- (6.) How many of the imported Vermont merino sheep recently died after dipping at the Quarantine Station at Bradley's Head, and what was their total value?
- (7.) Under whose direction and supervision was this dipping carried out?
- (8.) Were any, and if so what, complaints made to the Minister or Chief Inspector of Stock in reference thereto?

Mr. Abbott answered—

- (1.) Mr. Anthony Willows, M.R.C.V.S., London, was appointed under the 19th section of 30 Victoria No. 16, under which Act the Sheep Directors for each district nominate the person to be appointed as Inspector. They made the nomination in this case, and Mr. Willows was appointed.
- (2.) He was not previously employed in the Civil Service.
- (3.) Answered by No. 1.
- (4.) Answered by No. 1.
- (5.) These persons had no claim, and did not apply to the Board.
- (6.) Twelve, for which £2,051 5s. has been claimed.
- (7.) Mr. R. Weaver, Acting Sheep Inspector.
- (8.) Yes; that the medicaments were too strong.

- (8.) Mr. R. G. Dulhunty, Sheep Inspector:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Mines,—
 - (1.) Is the Dubbo Bench of Magistrates in the habit of awarding a guinea costs to Mr. R. G. Dulhunty, Sheep Inspector, in various cases prosecuted by that officer?
 - (2.) What are these costs allowed for?
 - (3.) Does not Mr. Dulhunty reside at Dubbo; and if so, what expenses is he put to in these prosecutions that require a guinea in each case for their satisfaction?

Mr. Abbott answered,—

- (1.) I am not aware.
- (2.) I am not aware; but I presume the Bench have a discretion to allow or withheld them.
- (3.) Yes; I am not aware.

- (9.) Pay of Acting-gaolers:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Minister of Justice,—
 - (1.) When the pay of warders was increased, was the pay of acting-gaolers similarly increased?
 - (2.) Will he take steps to provide in next year's Estimates for increase of pay to the acting-gaoler and matron at Gundagai?

Mr. Cohen answered,—

- (1.) The pay of acting-gaolers was not similarly increased. They are Police Officers, and were allowed increases on their Police pay.
- (2.) The rates of pay for acting-gaolers and matrons, as such, are arranged departmentally by the Police and Prison Departments. It is not proposed to increase the items for the acting-gaoler and matron at Gundagai.

- (10.) The Case of Fagan, Sheep-stealing:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Minister of Justice,—
 - (1.) Was a man named Fagan recently sentenced at the Coonamble Quarter Sessions by Mr. District Court Judge Docker to seven years hard labour for stealing sheep?
 - (2.) Were there any aggravating features in the case to warrant so heavy a sentence?
 - (3.) Will the Minister consider the propriety of recommending a reduction of the above sentence?
 - (4.) How many convicted sheep stealers since 1873 have served less sentences than seven years after conviction, and how many have served seven years or over?

Mr. Cohen answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2 and 3.) I am unable to say; but the case is now under investigation, and shall receive careful consideration.
- (4.) I am unable to say, but inquiry will be made.

- (11.) Mr. Surveyor Simpson:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—What steps, if any, have been taken in regard to the conduct of Surveyor Simpson, who made a report in Mrs. Clyne's case; and is it the intention of the Government to dismiss him from the Public Service?

Mr. Farnell answered,—The Honourable Member is referred to the answers he received to his questions of the 12th April last.

- (12.) Police Station and Court-house, Cudal:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will tenders be invited for the erection of the Police Station and Court-house at Cudal, and what is the cause of the delay?

Mr. Wright answered,—Tenders can be invited in about a week. A plan was prepared in the first instance for a stone building, but instructions were given to prepare a fresh plan for a brick one. This has caused the delay.

- (13.) Pre-leases held by James M'Laurin and John Ross:—Mr. Levin asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) How many pre-leases are standing in the name of James M'Laurin, Yarra Yarra Station, the number of acres, and the amount of rent paid for same?
- (2.) The same in the name of John Ross, Germanton, both in the Albury Land District?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

- (1.) Mr. James M'Laurin is the holder of twenty-eight pre-emptive leases, of a total area of 34,248 acres, for which he pays a rental of £107 1s. 10d. per annum.
- (2.) Mr. John Ross does not appear to hold any pre-emptive leases in the Albury District. Mr. Alexander Ross is the holder of three leases, of an area of 2,123½ acres, for which he pays annually £7 8s. 9d.

(14.) Retaining-wall round Fortifications at Newcastle:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for *Mr. Coonan*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Who is the contractor for the retaining-wall at Newcastle round the fortifications?
- (2.) Were tenders called for to erect the said wall; and if not, why did the Minister not call for tenders in the usual way?
- (3.) What will be the probable cost of such wall; and what are the conditions and terms of the contract for such wall?
- (4.) Is the Minister aware of the fact that a *Mr. Campbell*, the Superintendent of such work, is a son-in-law of the person now erecting the said wall?
- (5.) Has not the present Government been aware of this fact for several months?
- (6.) Did not the late or the present Minister for Works some eight or ten months since, in answer to some questions asked by *Mr. Levien*, state to this House that steps would be taken either to inquire into the matter or to have *Mr. Campbell* removed under the circumstances?
- (7.) Will the Minister say if any steps have been taken in this matter at all?

Mr. Wright answered,—

- (1.) *James Russell*.
- (2.) No. The contractor is doing the work under the schedule of prices provided in his Contract for Fortifications.
- (3.) Between £6,000 and £7,000. The conditions are the same as provided by the original Contract for Fortifications.
- (4, 5, 6, and 7.) I am aware of the fact for the first time, and have issued instructions for *Mr. Campbell's* removal from the superintendence of this work.

(15.) Railway Stations and Platforms:—*Mr. Gould* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the Return ordered by this House on the 18th ultimo, relative to the Railway Stations at which earnings during the year 1882 did not exceed £1,000, and platforms having porters in charge, be laid upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Wright answered,—I will lay this Return upon the Table of the House in a few days.

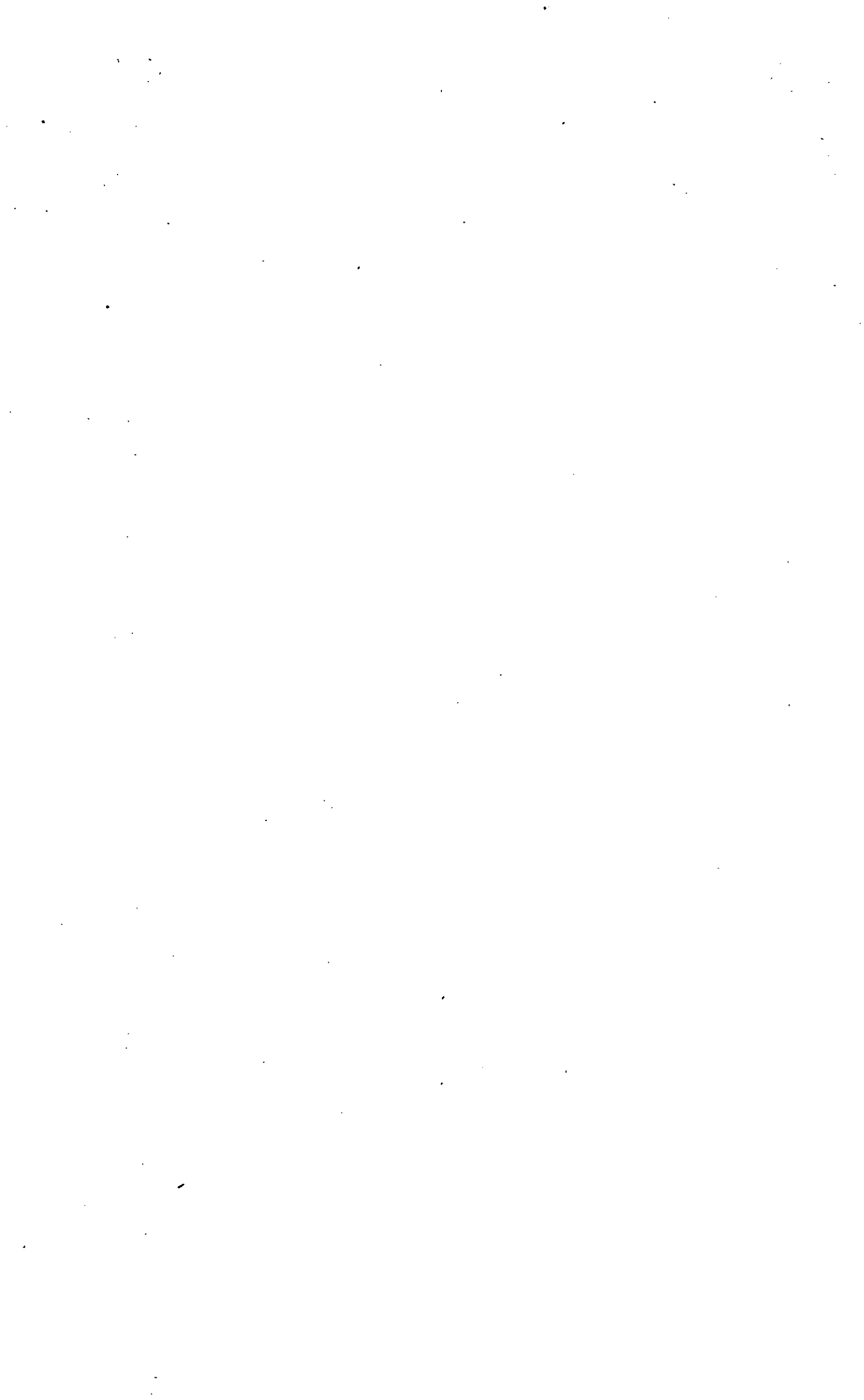
(16.) Surplus Revenue Account:—*Mr. Burns* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—The amount of the unappropriated balance to the credit of the Surplus Revenue Account?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—I shall be glad to furnish the information asked for by the Honorable Member when the Financial Statement is made.

2. TUGBOAT AT CAPE HAWKE (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Young* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all letters, minutes, tenders, petitions (with names attached), and other papers, between the Colonial Treasurer, the Marine Board, and all other parties with reference to the subsidising of the "*Marian Mayfield*," or other steamer, as a tugboat at Cape Hawke.
Question put and passed.
3. CROWN LANDS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of *Mr. Farnell*, "That this Bill be 'now' read a second time,"—upon which *Mr. A. G. Taylor* had moved that the Question be amended by the omission of the word "now," with a view to the addition at the end of the words "this day six months,"—
And the Question being again proposed,—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—the House resumed the said adjourned Debate.
Mr. Vaughn moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.
4. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed until Wednesday next:—
 - (1.) University Extension Bill; second reading.
 - (2.) Public Watering-places Bill (No. 2); second reading.
 - (3.) Land Boilers Inspection Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
5. MANLY GASLIGHT AND COKE COMPANY'S BILL:—
 - (1.) *Mr. Dibbs* moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Manly Gaslight and Coke Company (Limited) to construct Gasworks within the Borough and Suburbs of Manly.
Question put and passed.
 - (2.) *Mr. Dibbs* having presented this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of the sum of Twenty-five Pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable the Manly Gaslight and Coke Company (Limited) to construct Gasworks within the Borough and Suburbs of Manly*,"—read a first time.
6. TAMWORTH CATTLE SALE-YARDS BILL:—
 - (1.) *Mr. Melville*, for *Mr. Levien*, moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the erection and maintenance of Cattle Sale-yards by the Borough Council of Tamworth within the Borough of Tamworth.
Question put and passed.
 - (2.) *Mr. Melville* having presented this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of the sum of Twenty-five Pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill intituled "*A Bill to authorize the erection and maintenance of Cattle Sale-yards by the Borough Council of Tamworth within the Borough of Tamworth*,"—read a first time.
7. LIABILITIES FOR NUISANCES LIMITATION BILL:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill postponed until Friday, 21st December.

The House adjourned at twenty minutes after Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 23.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 23 NOVEMBER, 1883.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Roads in the Electorate of The Hunter:—Mr. Burns asked the Secretary for Mines,—Has a Surveyor been instructed to report on the applications for,—

- (1.) The widening of a portion of Oswald Road?
 (2.) The extension of Branxton and Hunter River Road through the Woodville Estate?
 (3.) The opening of a road from the selection of Mr. James Stewart to Pokolbin Hills Road?

Mr. Abbott answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
 (2.) Yes.
 (3.) No. It has been ascertained that he has access to proclaimed road over Crown Lands.

- (2.) Public School at Hillston:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Has he been applied to to secure as a site for a Public School at Hillston a forfeited selection between Mr. James O'Donnell's and Mr. Wright's properties?
 (2.) Does he intend to comply with the request?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

- (1.) No. A site for a Public School was granted on the 14th July, 1877, but it comprises portions 1 and 2 of section 6, Government township of Hillston.
 (2.) Inquiry will be made as to the suitability of this site for present requirements.

- (3.) M'Mahon Shaft, Tambaroora:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Did the Coroner at Hill End, at the termination of an inquest on John Johnson, recommend that the M'Mahon Shaft, Red Hill, Tambaroora, be sealed down until inspected by the proper officer?
 (2.) Is it a fact that the Inspector on a recent visit inspected every other shaft in the mine with the exception of the one where the accident took place?
 (3.) Will he give orders to have the said shaft inspected without delay?

Mr. Abbott answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
 (2.) Yes, because he was informed by the Manager that the shaft in question was not used by the men in ascending or descending.
 (3.) The Inspector has already received orders to inspect the shaft in question as soon as he returns from Adelong.

- (4.) Prison Labour in Mudgee Gaol:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Referring to his promise (*vide* answer to Question 7, Votes and Proceedings of 19th October, 1883),—Is he aware that the system of competing labour in Mudgee Gaol is unaltered?
 (2.) Will he insist on the officers (as promised) declining miscellaneous work that can be done by the free tradespeople?

Mr. Cohen answered,—Instructions had been given, as stated in answer to Question 7, Votes and Proceedings of 19th October last, prior to such answer having been given, and I am not aware of any departure from them.

- (5.) Platform Accommodation, Rookwood Station:—Mr. Hugh Taylor, for Mr. McCulloch, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When is it intended to proceed with the extra platform accommodation at the Rookwood Station, ordered by Mr. Copeland, the late Minister for Works, and already commenced?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The platforms authorized by Mr. Copeland were completed on 28th July last.

(6.)

- (6.) Sewerage System for Parramatta :—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for *Mr. McCulloch*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) When will the Plans of the proposed Sewerage System for Parramatta be prepared, and what course does the Government intend to pursue with regard to those works?
 - (2.) Is it intended to include Granville in the proposed scheme for sewerage?
- Mr. Dibbs* answered,—
- (1.) Plans have been prepared.
 - (2.) No; it is in a different watershed, and must be dealt with separately.
- (7.) Local School Boards for Narrabri, Walgett, and Coonabarabran :—*Mr. Dangar* asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—When will the Local School Boards for Narrabri, Walgett, and Coonabarabran Districts be appointed and gazetted?
- Mr. Dibbs* answered,—When the arrangements for the remodelling of the School Districts throughout the Colony have been completed, Boards will be appointed in connection with the Schools in the Districts named.
- (8.) Out-standing Pre-leases :—*Dr. Ross* asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) What is the number and area of out-standing pre-leases, and the amount of annual rent derived from the same?
 - (2.) How many belong to the squatter, and the area?
- Mr. Farnell* answered,—
- (1.) Number of pre-emptive leases, 17,635; area, 16,058,869; annual rent, £52,587 11s. 4d.
 - (2.) It is impossible to answer this question.
- (9.) Reserve No. 633, County of Ashburnham :—*Dr. Ross* asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is it the intention of the Government to revoke any portion of the Reserve No. 633 in the county of Ashburnham, and when?
- Mr. Farnell* answered,—It is proposed to modify the stock route by placing it on one side of the road.
- (10.) Bridge over Lansdowne River at Cooperbrook :—*Mr. Roberts* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will tenders be invited for the construction of a Bridge over the Lansdowne River at Cooperbrook, for which money has been voted by Parliament?
- Mr. Dibbs* answered,—In a few days.
- (11.) Evening Public School, Singleton :—*Mr. Gould* asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—Has any decision been arrived at as to the establishment of an Evening Public School in Singleton, in accordance with the Petition forwarded him on 25th September last?
- Mr. Dibbs* answered,—Yes; it has been decided to establish an Evening Public School at Singleton.
2. MONK-WEARMOUTH COLLIERY RAILWAY BILL :—*Mr. Burns* presented a Petition from *Henry John Withers*, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable a Company called the "Monk-Wearmouth Colliery Company of Australia" to construct a Railway from the Monk-Wearmouth Coal Mines to the Sydney and Waratah Railway.
- And *Mr. Burns* having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* and *Newcastle Morning Herald and Miners Advocate*, newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
- Petition received.
3. LOCAL OPTION :—*Mr. Sydney Smith* presented a Petition from the Chairman and Secretary, on behalf of the Members of the "Beacon of Hope" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, situated in the District of Bathurst, in Meeting assembled, in favour of the extension of the principle of Local Option to the renewal of Publicans Licenses.
- Petition received.
4. NARRABRI AND BOGGABRI RAILWAY STATIONS (*Formal Motion*) :—*Mr. Dangar* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—
- (1.) The number of truck loads of goods received at, and the number of truck loads of goods despatched from, the Narrabri Railway Station from the date of opening until the 30th October last.
 - (2.) The gross earnings from passenger, goods, and coaching traffic, with net profit (if any) during the same period.
 - (3.) The number of bales of wool conveyed from Narrabri during same period.
 - (4.) The like information regarding Boggabri Station.
- Question put and passed.
5. PRISON LABOUR IN MUDGEES GAOL (*Formal Motion*) :—*Mr. A. G. Taylor* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing in detailed form what prison manufactured articles have been sold by the authorities in Mudgee Gaol during the past five years, the name of the purchaser of each article, the date of sale, and the amount received for each such article.
- Question put and passed.
6. LEAVE OF ABSENCE (*Formal Motion*) :—*Mr. Melville*, for *Mr. W. J. Fergusson*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That two months leave of absence be granted to *William Clarke, Esquire*, one of the Members for the Electoral District of Orange.
- Question put and passed.
7. CARCOAR ROADS (*Formal Motion*) :—*Dr. Ross*, for *Mr. Lynch*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing the classification, annual votes, and expenditure on the following Roads, from the 31st of December, 1880, up to the present date, viz., Orange to Carcoar (Carcoar portion only), Teapot Swamp to Carcoar, Trunkey to Carcoar, Shaw to Carcoar.
- Question put and passed.

8. DISTRICT COURTS ACT FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2) :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Gould moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Gould, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

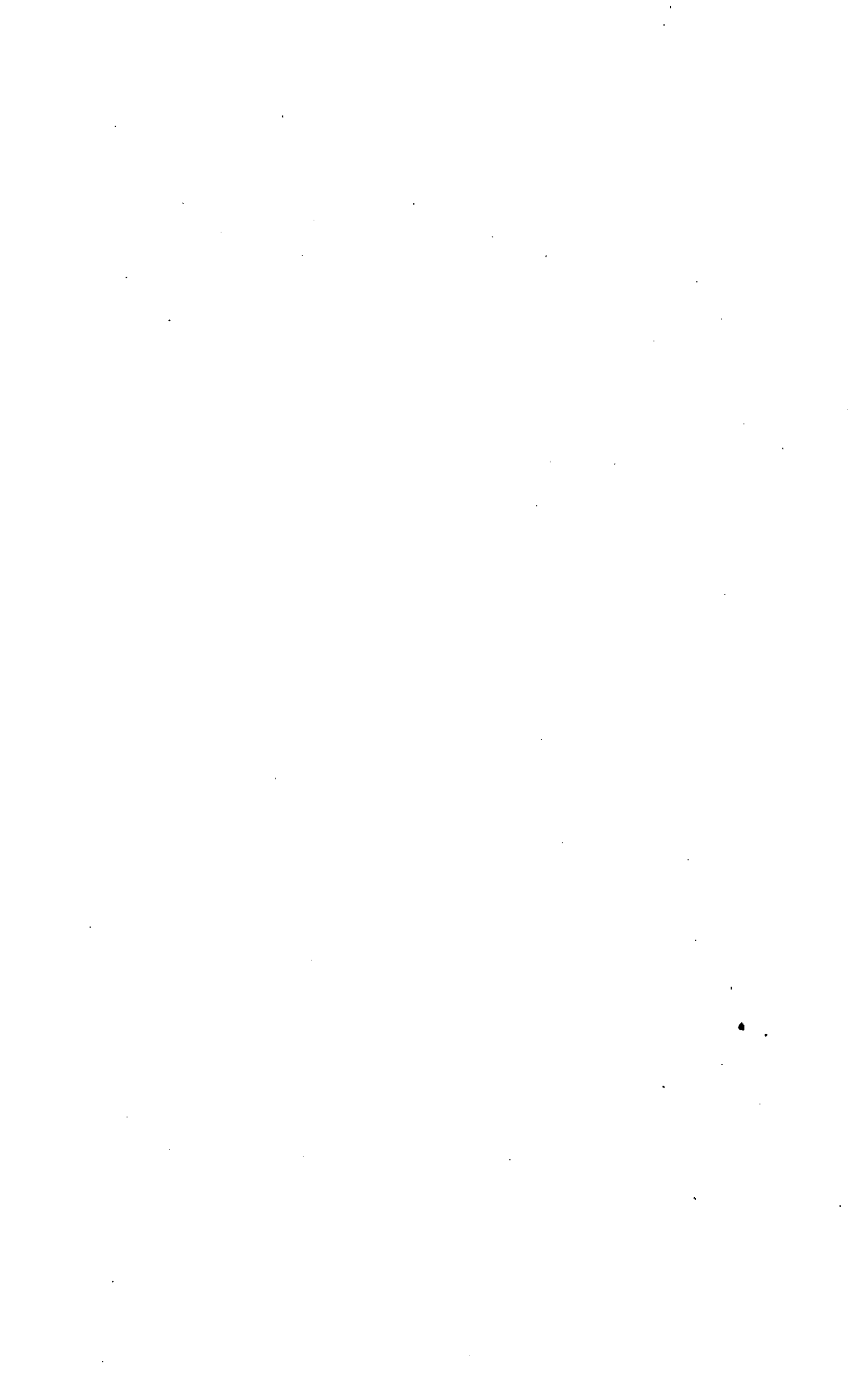
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and the Chairman reported that there was not a Quorum present in the Committee.

Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being a Quorum present, the Committee resumed.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Friday next.

The House adjourned at five minutes after Seven o'clock, until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 24.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 27 NOVEMBER, 1883.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Engine Sheds at Wagga Wagga:—Mr. Loughnan asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What was the cost of the engine sheds at Wagga Wagga?
- (2.) Is it true that the engines are being, or have been, removed to Junee Junction?
- (3.) If not, is it contemplated to do so?
- (4.) Has a sufficient water supply been found at Junee?
- (5.) Is it not true that boring and seeking for water supply at Junee Junction has been prosecuted for over twelve months without success?
- (6.) Is it not the opinion of Mr. Whitton that, without a proper water supply, it would be wrong to have the repairing sheds at Junee instead of Wagga Wagga?
- (7.) Is it a fact that trucks with water are daily sent from Wagga Wagga to Junee; and what is the cost of these water trains?

Mr. Wright answered,—

- (1.) £2,145 13s. 8d.
- (2 and 3.) Yes; with great advantage to the Department, both as regards economy in working and increased use of engine power.
- (4.) A bore has been put down at about 150 yards south of the goods shed at Junee Junction, and good water obtained at 111 feet, which rose about 15 feet in the bore. Two more bores have been put down at about 1½ miles from Junee on the South-western Line, water being struck in each case at 30 feet, and rising in the bores 26 feet. A shaft 170 feet has also been put down within ¼ mile of old Junee Station. A good supply of water has been obtained, but its permanency cannot be ascertained until an engine and pump are fixed.
- (5.) It cannot yet be said to be unsuccessful; indeed if the supply obtained proves to be permanent, the operations will have been most successful.
- (6.) Yes.
- (7.) Water is brought for the use of the contractors, not for the use of the Department. A special water train is not run; a couple of trucks of water are brought by ordinary train daily, and the usual charge made for the haulage.

- (2.) Archer's Conditional Purchase on Murga Run:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Did a person named John Archer select at Molong, on 28th September, 1882, a portion of land on Murga Run?
- (2.) Does the lessee of above Run object to Archer's conditional purchase being granted, on the ground that it is on a measured portion, and that such portion of land is improved so as to bar selection on it?
- (3.) If so, what is the nature and value of the improvements on the land, and how long after Archer selected it was the claim made by the lessee; and is the said lessee of the Run who makes the claim the same lessee who held Murga Run on date Archer selected?
- (4.) Has Surveyor Busby inspected and reported on the nature and value of the improvements; if so, what does he value the improvements at, and when will the Minister make Archer aware of his decision; and has not Archer written one or more letters to the Lands Office about his case, to which he has not received any reply?

Mr.

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) Yes, on the Goimbla Run.

(2.) The lessee has objected to the selection, on the grounds that the land is improved and that it formed part of a previous conditional purchase which had not been finally disposed of.

(3.) Instructions to report on the improvements were issued to Mr. District-Surveyor Crouch on the 25th September last, but no report has yet been received. The selection of Archer was applied for on 28th September, 1882, and the objection of the lessee received in June, 1883. The Run was transferred to the present lessee on the 12th December, 1882.

(4.) No report as to the improvements has been received from Mr. Surveyor Busby. A decision will be arrived at and made known to the applicant when the necessary reports shall have been received. Two letters have been received from Archer—on the 22nd June (replied to 29th August), and on the 10th September, the reply to which awaits the result of pending inquiries.

(3.) Mr. P. J. O'Donnell's Conditional Purchases:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) What area of land has Mr. P. J. O'Donnell selected during the last five years in the Cootamundra and other Lands Offices of the Colony?

(2.) Has any Inspector of Conditional Purchases visited and reported on O'Donnell's conditional purchases; if so, what is the name of the Inspector, and the nature of his report?

(3.) Is it a fact that blank cheques of any gentleman living in or around the district of Cootamundra are left at or kept in the Lands Office at Cootamundra to be filled in at any time by the officer in charge of the Lands Office there for any gentleman who may wish to select as soon as the said officer finds out that the parties wish to select the same piece of ground as the said gentleman (P. J. O'Donnell) or other gentleman wishes to select; if so, will the Minister at once cause a stringent inquiry to be made into the truth of the charge of the Land Agent at Cootamundra keeping blank cheques in his office for the purpose as stated above.

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) Since the 1st January, 1878, Mr. P. J. O'Donnell has conditionally purchased in the district of Cootamundra 4,782 acres 2 roods, and in the district of Gundagai 3,204 acres, all additional conditional purchases under the 21st and 22nd sections of the Alienation Act.

(2.) Of five conditional purchases made in 1878 in the first mentioned district, two were passed, there being sufficient improvements on the original selections; two were reported on by Mr. Spring (of which one was passed and the other forfeited), and one was declared void. The remaining selections in that district having been taken up in 1880 and subsequently, the improvements thereon have not yet been inspected. Of eight selections made in Gundagai in 1878 and 1879, four have been inspected by Mr. Evans and passed on his report; two have been passed by improvements on the original selection, and two not yet inspected. The remaining selections since made have not yet been inspected and finally dealt with.

(3.) An investigation has been made into the allegation, which appears to be entirely without foundation.

(4.) Orange Railway Station:—Mr. Dalton asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What steps have been taken to provide additional accommodation both for goods and passenger traffic at the Orange Railway Station?

(2.) Is it his intention to have the Orange Railway Station placed in the second-class; if so, when will tenders be called for the erection of the new buildings?

Mr. Wright answered,—

(1.) The present accommodation is considered to be adequate for the passenger traffic. Additional sidings and new loading stage are in hand for the goods traffic, and will shortly be completed.

(2.) No; it is not entitled to be so placed.

(5.) Station Buildings at Spring Grove and Spring Hill:—Mr. Dalton asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Will he say what is the cause of delay in inviting tenders for the construction of new Station Buildings at Spring Grove?

(2.) The like information as regards the new Station Buildings promised to be erected at Spring Hill?

Mr. Wright answered,—It has not been decided to erect new Station Buildings at either Spring Grove or Spring Hill. The present Buildings were only recently renovated, and the Traffic Manager considers that they will be sufficient for Station purposes for some time.

(6.) The Eight-hour System of Labour:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) How many hours per day do the maintenance men employed on road work labour?

(2.) Will he take steps to extend to these men the benefits of the Eight-hour System?

Mr. Wright answered,—

(1.) It is impossible to define hours for these men, who are only occasionally inspected by Road Officers. There is no general rule, as they are responsible for the state of the roads, and paid wages, wet or dry, and are employed in out-of-the-way places, where they could not utilize their spare time.

(2.) No alteration in existing arrangements has been made, or is considered desirable, particularly on the eve of a change in the whole system.

(7.) Construction of Dams.—Conservation of Water.—Fencing:—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Mines.—Referring to questions and replies (see Votes and Proceedings No. 46, 11th April, 1883),—Is it intended during this Session, if the state of the public business will permit, to introduce Bills dealing with the following subjects:—

(a) Construction and legalizing of Dams?

(b) Conservation of Water in the Interior?

(c) Compelling Lessees of Runs to pay half-cost of fencing, as in Victoria and Queensland?

(d) Also for the consolidation of all the existing Stock Acts and the making of one return and payment of one assessment, instead of so many under the present Acts?

Mr.

Mr. Abbott answered,—

(a.) There is a Bill before the House now—the Public Watering-places Bill—to deal with the Construction and legalizing of Dams.

(b.) The question of Conservation of Water in the Interior is a very large one, which at present cannot be considered.

(c.) The Government have ready a Bill to deal with the question of Fencing, which will be proceeded with at the earliest opportunity.

(d.) A Bill is now being prepared to deal with and consolidate all the Laws relating to Stock and Assessments; and the Government hope to be able to lay it upon the Table of the House this Session, although it is not likely it can be proceeded with.

- (8.) Mechanics Institute, Walgett:—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands,—Has any decision been arrived at with regard to the site for Walgett Mechanics Institute; and if so, particulars, and when is the site likely to be dedicated and vested in Trustees?

Mr. Farnell answered,—No; the Honorable Member was informed of the position of the matter by letter dated the 8th instant.

- (9.) Mr. Stuart's Mineral Conditional Purchases:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands,—Who was the Minister for Lands at the time the certificate was granted to Mr. Stuart for his mineral conditional purchases, certifying that £2 an acre had been spent on the mineral conditional purchases in A. Stuart's name, and the name of the Inspector of Conditional Purchases who reported on the improvements on the above mineral conditional purchases?

Mr. Farnell answered,—The declarations on the several conditional purchases of Mr. Stuart were, with the exception of one which was not passed, endorsed by myself when Minister for Lands in 1878, under the usual official submission and report that the necessary expenditure had taken place pursuant to the 18th and 19th sections of the Alienation Act of 1861 and the 26th section of the Amending Act of 1875. The portion not then passed was subsequently applied for afresh, and the declaration thereon endorsed by Mr. Secretary Hoskins. The selections were inspected and reported on by Mr. Smith, the Inspector of the district.

- (10.) Railway Trial Survey, Grafton to Morpeth:—Mr. Young asked the Secretary for Public Works,—With reference to his reply to my question on 18th ultimo,—Have any additional Surveyors since been employed on the Railway trial survey, Grafton to Morpeth; if not, when is it likely that he will do so?

Mr. Wright answered,—No additional Surveyors have so far been employed on this trial survey; but, considering the advanced state of many other authorized surveys, it is probable that several Surveyors may be spared for this work in January or February next.

- (11.) Sanatorium at Little Bay:—*Mr. Sydney Smith*, for Mr. Proctor, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a person named Hibble is painting the building at Little Bay Sanatorium?

(2.) Were tenders called for this work, or upon what terms is Mr. Hibble doing the work?

(3.) Is there any supervision over the work, what paints are used, and has Mr. Hibble free use for himself and family of any of the buildings; and is it a fact that Mr. Hibble is in occupation of the premises?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

(1.) It is a fact that a person named Hibble is doing some painting at the building at Little Bay Sanatorium.

(2.) Tenders were not called for the work.

(3.) Mr. Hibble was employed by me to experiment with various paints in order to see which kind could be best used for the purpose of avoiding or stopping the corrosion which results from strong sea air, to which the buildings are exposed. As soon as Mr. Hibble has completed his experiments, either arrangements will be made with him or tenders will be invited for the work. It is not the fact that Mr. Hibble is in occupation of the premises; but his men, just as all other men who are employed upon the buildings, have sleeping accommodation on the premises owing to the distance from town.

- (12.) Annexation Convention:—Mr. Young asked the Colonial Secretary,—Have the Government decided as to who are to represent New South Wales at the approaching Annexation Convention; if so, has he any objection to inform this House who are to do so?

Mr. Stuart answered,—The Government have decided as to who are to be present at the approaching Annexation Convention, and have no objection to state who they are. They are the Colonial Secretary, the Colonial Treasurer, and the Attorney General.

- (13.) Oyster Fisheries, Hawkesbury River:—Mr. Targett asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it true that Mr. Lindsay Thompson has inspected and made an official report on the Oyster Fisheries of the Hawkesbury River; if so, has the Colonial Secretary any objection to its being laid upon the Table of the House and printed?

Mr. Stuart answered,—I understand that Mr. Lindsay Thompson has inspected and made a report upon the Oyster Fisheries of the Hawkesbury River, but I have not had time to peruse the report. As soon as I am able, I will do so; and if it be of sufficient value to place before the House, it shall be done.

- (14.) Resumption of School of Arts, Parramatta:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—What is the cause of delay in paying over the amount due for resumption of School of Arts, Parramatta, for Public School purposes?

Mr. Cohen answered,—The amount in question was paid into the Supreme Court in February last by the Crown Solicitor. The Trustees should apply to the Court in order to obtain the money.

(15.) Wharf and Store at Cooperbrook :—Mr. Young asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will tenders be called for the erection of a Wharf and Store at Cooperbrook, for which work money was granted in the Estimates for this year?

Mr. Wright answered,—Probably in the course of a fortnight.

(16.) Tiffin Borer :—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) What amount of money was paid to Mr. Brock, of Gunnedah, for the Tiffin Borer purchased by the Government?

(2.) How many men and horses have been employed in working this machine since the Government bought it?

(3.) What amount of money has been spent on wages and horse feed since the Government bought the machine to 31st October?

(4.) Is it not a fact that Messrs. T. K. Abbott, T. Goodwin, J. J. Conroy, and Brock, were owners of the Tiffin Borer when the Government bought it?

(5.) Is it not a fact that before the Tiffin Borer was bought by the Government that it was working at Mr. J. P. Wightman's place, and that Messrs. Field and T. K. Abbott signed cheques on behalf of the owners of the machine to pay working expenses of the said Tiffin Borer?

(6.) Will he apply to his brother, T. K. Abbott, and ask him if he was not one of the owners of the Tiffin Borer?

Mr. Abbott answered,—

(1, 2, and 3.) Answered by the Return laid by me upon the Table of the House on the 16th instant.

(4.) I do not know.

(5.) I do not know.

(6.) I will not.

(17.) Mr. Edgington :—Mr. Suttor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is Mr. Edgington, who has been appointed a Member of the Royal Commission to inquire into the stability of iron bridges, connected with the Atlas Ironworks Company?

(2.) Is it true that that Company has entered into a contract with the Government for the supply of iron bridge and other material; and if so, do the Government intend to allow Mr. Edgington to retain his position on the Commission?

Mr. Wright answered,—No Commission has yet been issued.

(18.) Purchase of Land in George and Pitt Streets :—Mr. Suttor asked the Colonial Secretary,—Have the Government purchased any land in George and Pitt Streets, near the Post Office; if so, what are the names of the owners of the properties so purchased, and the amount paid in each case?

Mr. Stuart answered,—The Government are at present in negotiation for the purchase of various pieces of land in George and Pitt Streets, partly for the purpose of enlarging the Post Office itself, and partly for the purpose of enlarging the access to the Post Office. In the present stage of the negotiations, it would not be convenient to mention the properties or the names of the owners. No amount has been stated.

(19.) Government Business :—Mr. Abigail asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Did he during the discussion of the motion on Wednesday last for the giving up to the Government of Tuesday and Fridays after 7 o'clock promise the Honorable Member for Inverell, Mr. Murray, that any private business entered upon prior to 7 o'clock he would allow to conclude before taking up Government business?

(2.) If so, does he propose acting upon that promise?

Mr. Stuart answered,—If the Honorable Member in whose behalf this question is asked (Mr. Murray) desires any information from me, I am ready to give it to him; but I cannot see that any private conversation with that gentleman is a matter upon which I am to be questioned by another Member of this House.

(20.) Post and Telegraph Office, Harris Park :—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Postmaster General,—In view of the large and increasing population at Parramatta South,—Will he cause inquiry to be made as to the necessity for the establishment of a Post and Telegraph Office at Harris Park, near the proposed Railway Platform?

Mr. Trickett answered,—Yes.

(21.) Public School, Harris Park :—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—In view of the large and increasing population of Parramatta South, as well as to the insufficient school accommodation at the nearest Public School,—Will he cause inquiry to be made as to the necessity for the establishment of a Public School at or near Harris Park?

Mr. Cohen answered,—Inquiry has been made, and, from the reports which have been furnished, it would appear that there is no necessity for the establishment of a Public School at or near Harris Park.

(22.) Cessnock Public School :—Mr. Coonan asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—

(1.) Who is the Public School Teacher at Cessnock?

(2.) Have any reports been received by the Minister in reference to the Teacher's habits or conduct; if so, will the Minister lay such reports upon the Table of the House?

(3.) Has the Minister taken any steps towards either having such Teacher removed or dismissed?

Mr. Cohen answered,—

(1.) Mr. Henry C. Brettell.

(2.) Yes; I will lay copies of the reports upon the Table in due course.

(3.) He has been reprimanded, and informed that should he again misconduct himself he will be removed from the Public Service.

(23.) Accommodation for Second-class Passengers on Express Trains :—*Mr. Melville*, for *Mr. W. R. Campbell*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Taking into consideration the answer given to my last question respecting the accommodation for second-class passengers on express trains,—Does the Minister now feel disposed to accommodate second-class passengers, as well as horses?

Mr. Wright answered,—The express train is run by arrangement made between the Railway Departments of this Colony and Victoria, a term of which was that first-class passengers only should be carried. The question will now be re-opened, to ascertain whether the Railway Department of Victoria will consent to carry second-class passengers by their train, and on what terms, &c.

(24.) Pre-emptive Leases :—*Mr. Vaughn* asked the Secretary for Lands,—How many selectors are there now in the Colony holding pre-leases?

Mr. Farnell answered,—It is impossible to state. In order, however, to afford some information on the point, an examination has been made extending back for a period of two years, and it appears that out of 6,258 pre-emptive leases granted, 3,961 were applied for in virtue of conditional purchases, and 2,297 in virtue of purchases of a different character.

(25.) Supreme Court Accounts :—*Mr. Melville*, for *Mr. W. J. Fergusson*, asked the Minister of Justice,—Whether it is the fact that irregularities have been discovered in the accounts of some of the officers of the Supreme Court, and whether he has considered the expediency of taking steps to adopt here the practice of the Supreme Court of Judicature in England, by which all fees of Court are payable to the officers by means of adhesive or impressed stamps, and not in cash?

Mr. Cohen answered,—Yes; and the question of adopting the practice mentioned has been and is now receiving consideration.

2. LOCAL OPTION :—*Mr. Hugh Taylor* presented a Petition from the Chairman and Secretary, on behalf of the Members of the "Happy Thought" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, situated in the Borough of Parramatta, in Meeting assembled, in favour of the extension of the principle of Local Option to the renewal of Publicans Licenses.
Petition received.

3. CROWN LANDS BILL :—*Mr. O'Mara* presented a Petition from Inhabitants of Adelong and surrounding District, in Public Meeting assembled, praying that certain amendments may be made in the Crown Lands Bill now before Parliament.
Petition received.

4. PAPERS :—

Mr. Stuart laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Further Return to an Address adopted on 6th July, 1877,—“Immigration”—Ship “Dallam Tower.”

(2.) Return to an Order made on 16th November, 1883,—“The Case of Constable M'Manamy.”
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Abbott laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 14th November, 1883,—“Claim of *Mr. Thomas Horton*.”
Ordered to be printed.

5. ADJOURNMENT :—*Mr. Loughnan* moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.

6. CROWN LANDS BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of *Mr. Farnell*, “That this Bill be ‘now’ read a second time,”—upon which *Mr. A. G. Taylor* had moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the word “now,” with a view to the addition at the end of the words “this day six months,”—
And the Question being again proposed, That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—the House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 28 NOVEMBER, 1883, A.M.

Mr. Griffiths moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until to-morrow.

The House adjourned at twenty-seven minutes after Twelve o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 25.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 28 NOVEMBER, 1883.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

PRODUCTION OF RECORDS IN A COURT OF LAW:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that the Clerk had received a Subpœna to appear on the 4th December next before the Supreme Court, Sydney, in the case of Edward Marigold Munford and Matthew Blomfield *versus* the Honorable John Lackey, to produce certain Papers and Records of Proceedings, specified in the Subpœna, referring to the claim of Messrs. Munford and Blomfield against the Government.

And having reminded the House that the Clerk could not comply with such Subpœna without the leave of the House,—

Put the Question,—That the Clerk have leave to comply with the said Subpœna personally, or by one of the Officers of his Department, as may be most convenient to the business of the House,—which passed in the affirmative.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Glenmore Road Public School:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—When will he give orders to have the Glenmore Road Public School fenced, the situation of the W. C.'s altered, and the playground put in proper order for the children?

Mr. Cohen answered,—Tenders are now being obtained for fencing and clearing the ground. There is no present intention to alter the position of the closets, but the question of repairing them is being attended to.

(2.) Sewerage of Parramatta:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government to invite tenders for the proposed works of the sewerage of Parramatta according to the plans as prepared by the Works Department; and if so, when?

Mr. Wright answered,—There are no funds voted by Parliament for the sewerage of any towns other than Sydney.

(3.) Brisbane Water:—Mr. Cameron asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is the Government aware that the port of Brisbane Water is rendered dangerous, and sometimes inaccessible, by reason of a land bar extending nearly across the mouth of the port?

(2.) Is it true that the said obstruction could be removed at a very small cost; and do the Government intend to take any steps in the matter?

Mr. Wright answered,—The Government are aware that there is a bar at the entrance of the channel to Brisbane Water, which renders it safe only to vessels of light draught of water to enter, but the place is so exposed to the sea that it would not be safe to place a dredge, even if there was one available, which there is not.

(4.) Land resumed by the Government in George-street:—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Secretary,—In reference to Paling's property, lately resumed by the Government in George-street,—Is it not a fact that land and other property in George-street, bought of Walford and Sparke by Mr. McCulloch, M.L.A., and others, that Mr. Wright, Secretary for Works, and Mr. Humphery, M.L.A., were two of the syndicate or parties who bought the property of Walford and Sparke; and if not at the time of purchase, were they not part owners afterwards?

Mr. Stuart answered.—So far as I have been able to make inquiry, it is not the fact as stated here with regard to Paling's property, to which only the question refers.

- (5.) Mr. Edgington:—Mr. Suttor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Referring to the question respecting Mr. Edgington's appointment as a Member of a Royal Commission to inquire into the stability of Iron Bridges, and the Minister's reply that "no Commission has yet been issued,"—Is it not a fact that in the *Government Gazette* dated 6th November there appears the following notice?—

"Department of Public Works, Sydney, 5th November, 1883.

"His Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, has been pleased to appoint the undermentioned gentlemen as Members of a Royal Commission to inquire into and report upon the stability of Iron Bridges erected on the existing Lines of Railway, viz. :—

"G. A. Morell, Esquire, C.E.
 "Norman Selfe, Esquire, M.I.C.E.
 "W. M'D. Courtney, Esquire, M.I.C.E.
 "J. P. Franki, Esquire.
 "J. Edgington, Esquire.

F. A. WRIGHT.

Mr. Wright answered,—It is a fact that the notice referred to appeared in the *Government Gazette* of the 6th instant, but, as I have already stated to the Honorable Member, no Commission has yet been issued. I may add that I refrained from signing the Commission owing to the peculiar position of Mr. Edgington.

- (6.) The "Hansard":—Mr. White asked the Colonial Secretary,—Whether arrangements can be made for the Parliamentary Debates, commonly called the "Hansard," to be placed in the hands of Members not later than Tuesday afternoon?

Mr. Stuart answered,—I will endeavour to see whether any and what arrangements can be made to promote the more early delivery of "Hansard."

- (7.) Cedar Forests:—Mr. White asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Will the Government take steps to protect all Cedar Forests in the Colony, with a view to prevent the extermination of this valuable timber?
- (2.) Will they arrange for better supervision of these Forests in large districts, which are now only visited by Forest Rangers once in six months?
- (3.) Will they give the working man a chance of competing in this industry?

Mr. Abbott answered,—

(1.) Cedar in the State Forests has been protected since the Timber Regulations were proclaimed, 24th September, 1878. The cedar on other Timber Reserves and Crown Lands has been withdrawn, by notice of 27th November instant, from operation of the Timber Licenses issued under the 34th and 35th Regulations, unless such license be endorsed to fell a given number of cedar trees approved by the Forest Ranger of the district.

(2.) Recent appointments enable arrangements to be made for more effectual supervision than formerly.

(3.) There is nothing to prevent working men from competing. As a matter of fact, timber-getters have felled enormous quantities of cedar on Crown Lands, which they have sold to timber dealers, being unable to remove such large quantities themselves. This state of things I have endeavoured to stop in the future.

3. LOCAL OPTION:—The undermentioned Petitions in favour of the extension of the principle of Local Option to the issue and renewal of Publicans Licenses were presented by the Members named:—

(1.) By Mr. Hugh Taylor. From Inhabitants of Marsden Ward, Parramatta, and Meehan-street, Granville.

And the same having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker,—
 Petition received.

(2.) By Mr. Dalton. From Members of the New South Wales Local Option League, and others resident in the District of Orange.

Petition received.

4. ALIENATION OF CROWN LANDS IN THE PARISHES OF WILLOUGHBY AND GORDON (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Griffiths moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all applications, minutes, and other papers in connection with the alienation to various persons, in the year 1877, of certain Crown Lands in the parishes of Willoughby and Gordon, in the county of Cumberland, which lands had been offered at auction about the year 1858. Question put and passed.

5. MALE OFFICERS IN DARLINGHURST GAOL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. A. G. Taylor moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return detailing the respective ages of the male officers employed in Darlinghurst Gaol. Question put and passed.

6. TAMWORTH CATTLE SALE-YARDS BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Levien moved, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) That the Tamworth Cattle Sale-yards Bill be referred to a Select Committee for inquiry and report, with power to send for persons and papers.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Chapman, Mr. Day, Mr. Gill, Mr. Levin, Mr. Lync, Mr. Merriman, Mr. Olliffe, and the Mover.
 Question put and passed.

7. MONK-WEARMOUTH COLLIERY RAILWAY BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

(1.) Mr. Burns moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable a Company called the Monk-Wearmouth Colliery Company of Australia to construct a Railway from the Monk-Wearmouth Coal-Mines to the Sydney and Waratah Railway.
 Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Burns having presented this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of the sum of Twenty-five Pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable a Company called the 'Monk-Wearmouth Colliery Company of Australia' to construct a Railway from the Monk-Wearmouth Coal Mines to the Sydney and Waratah Railway,*"—read a first time.

8. **CROWN LANDS BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Farnell, "That this Bill be 'now' read a second time,"—upon which Mr. A. G. Taylor had moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the word "now," with a view to the addition at the end of the words "this day six months,"—
And the Question being again proposed, That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—the House resumed the said adjourned Debate.
Mr. Sydney Smith moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until to-morrow.

9. **FIRE BRIGADES BILL**:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to make better provision for the protection of Life and Property from Fire and for other purposes*,"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 28th November, 1883.

JOHN HAY,
President.

FIRE BRIGADES BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 28th November, 1883.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 2, clause 1. At end of clause *add* "If any of the Electoral Bodies herein mentioned shall
" on the prescribed day of Election fail to elect the number of members which such Body
" is by this Act empowered to elect the Governor shall within fourteen days after such
" default appoint and notify in the Gazette a member or members (as the case may be)
" instead of such Electoral Body so failing to elect And every person so appointed shall
" for all purposes of this Act be deemed to be a duly elected member of the Board."
Page 2, clause 6, line 41. *After* "Superintendent" *insert* "to act."
Page 3, clause 9, line 20. At end of sub-section i. *add* "or in the event of being unable to do so
" and an urgent necessity arises for the immediate appointment of a Deputy Superinten-
" dent the Superintendent may appoint such Officer who shall have the same powers as
" those exercisable by the Superintendent."
Page 5, clause 21, line 49. *After* "whatsoever" *insert* "and may by such regulations fix the
" maximum penalty for every offence against such regulations or any of them."

Examined,—

JOSEPH DOCKER,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the Council's amendments be taken into consideration on Wednesday next.

10. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The following Orders of the Day postponed until to-morrow:—

- (1.) University Extension Bill; second reading.
- (2.) Public Watering-places Bill (No. 2); second reading.
- (3.) Land Boilers Inspection Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

11. **THE MEDICAL PROFESSION**:—Mr. Tarrant moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill for the amendment of the Laws respecting the Medical Profession, and for the establishment of a Medical Council.
Question put and passed.

12. **RYANS CONDITIONAL PURCHASES AT WAGGA WAGGA**:—*Mr. Wilson*, for Mr. Loughnan, moved, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the cases of Thomas Ryan, Ellen Ryan, and Anastasia Ryan, selectors in the Wagga Wagga Land District.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Burns, Mr. McElhone, Mr. Targett, Mr. Jones, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Day, Mr. Barbour, Mr. W. R. Campbell, Mr. Lyne, and the Mover.
- Question put and passed.

13. **THE CASE OF MARK DUFFY**:—*Mr. Wilson*, for Mr. Loughnan, moved, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the case of Mark Duffy, a selector in the Hillston Land District.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Dr. Ross, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Targett, Mr. Spring, Mr. Heydon, Mr. Jones, Mr. Stokes, and the Mover.
- Question put and passed.

14. **HOUSE OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD AND SYDNEY FEMALE REFUGE**:—Mr. Poole moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all letters, papers, minutes, and correspondence of every kind between the Colonial Secretary, the Secretary for Lands, and all other public officers, and the persons who applied for and afterwards obtained permission to occupy that portion of the public lands situated in Pitt-street South, upon which is now erected the Houses of the Good Shepherd and Sydney Female Refuge.
Question put and passed.

15. RAILWAY LOAN VOTES:—Mr. Poole moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
- (1.) A tabulated Return showing the amounts expended from Railway Loan Votes after the Railways or sections thereof have been opened for traffic and delivered over to the Engineer for Existing Lines, the Return to show the expenditure for each year separately from the 1st of January, 1873, to the 31st December, 1882, exclusive of expenditure sanctioned by the Engineer-in-Chief for Railways.
- (2.) A like Return, and for the same period, showing the expenditure sanctioned by the Engineer-in-Chief for Railways on lines opened for traffic.
- Question put and passed.
16. CONVEYANCE OF RAILWAY MATERIALS:—*Mr. Melville*, for Mr. Hutchinson, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—
- (1.) The rates charged for the conveyance of permanent-way material for Railway Extensions chargeable to Capital Account; also the rates charged for similar material carried by Railway for private persons.
- (2.) Copies of all correspondence which has taken place between the Engineer-in-Chief for Railways, the Minister, the Commissioner for Railways, or Traffic Authorities, as to the rates charged for the conveyance of such Railway material.
- (3.) Copies of all correspondence respecting delays in forwarding permanent-way material to the contractors for the Extensions now under construction.
- Question put and passed.

The House adjourned at twenty-eight minutes before Twelve o'clock, until to-morrow at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 26.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 29 NOVEMBER, 1883.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Post Office Accommodation at Uriana:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Postmaster General,—When will steps be taken to increase the Post Office accommodation at Uriana?

Mr. Trickett answered,—There is no such town as Uriana, there is one named Uriara. We have had no representation that a new Post Office is required there; but I may state that it has been determined to give next year the people of the place referred to a bi-weekly instead of a weekly mail.

- (2.) Road at Springwood:—Mr. T. R. Smith asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Will he please state the reason the men were recalled from opening road at Springwood during last Session of Parliament?

(2.) Is it a fact that land owners at the rear of Mr. Hoare's property at Springwood have no other road to the Railway Station but the road asked to be opened, and will he give instructions to have it opened at once?

Mr. Abbott answered,—

(1.) If the road in question be the one from the north-west corner of T. Boland's 40 acres, portion No. 1, to the Bathurst Road, at the Springwood Railway Platform, it has been confirmed, and was formally opened and gazetted on 1st December, 1882 (folio 6,391). It now devolves upon the public to assert their right to the unobstructed use of the road. The instruction to open the road was never recalled.

(2.) The Department is not aware of any other road than the one described above, which affords the occupants of land at the back of Boland's or Hoare's property access to the Railway Station at Springwood.

- (3.) The Three Million Loan:—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Treasurer,—When will the correspondence, minutes, &c., between the Treasurer and Mr. Shepherd Smith, Manager of the Bank of New South Wales, in reference to the £3,000,000 Loan lately floated in England, and moved for by me, be laid upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—Shortly.

- (4.) Female Students at Hurlstone College:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—

(1.) Has he decided yet what pocket money he will allow the twenty-seven female students at Hurlstone College, Ashfield?

(2.) From what date will the order take effect?

(3.) Is it true that he contemplates allowing only half-a-crown a week instead of ten shillings?

(4.) Would half-a-crown a week pay their travelling expenses?

Mr. Cohen answered,—I believe that the amount of allowance in this case has not yet been determined by my Honorable Colleague.

- (5.) Prison Labour in Mudgee Gaol:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Minister of Justice,—Referring to his answer, that he is not aware whether the authorities at Mudgee are transgressing his instructions regarding prison labour,—Will he make himself aware by instituting inquiries?

Mr. Cohen answered,—As I informed the Honorable Member privately two or three evenings ago, I made inquiries, and having found that through some misapprehension the instructions had not been acted upon steps were at once taken to have them carried out.

(6.)

- (6.) Jane Booby Obley:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) Was a woman named Jane Booby Obley convicted at Wellington of stealing a few shillings from a man?
 - (2.) Did the Judge sentence her to twelve months imprisonment, and afterwards increase the sentence to three years on the score that the latter was the minimum penalty allowed by the Criminal Law Consolidation Act?
 - (3.) Will he make inquiry with a view of reducing the sentence to one year?
- Mr. Cohen answered,—
- (1.) I am informed that Jane Booty (not Booby Obley) was convicted of receiving stolen cheques to the value of £53, and money to the amount of £25.
 - (2.) The Judge did in the first instance pass a sentence upon her of twelve months, but afterwards increased it to three years, finding that under the Act he could not pass a lower sentence.
 - (3.) I see no necessity for immediate interference with the sentence, but will inquire into the circumstances of the case.
- (7.) Public Works at North Shore:—Mr. Holtermann asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Are the plans and specifications for the North Shore and Manly Beach Tramway ready?
 - (2.) When is it the intention of the Minister to call for tenders for the construction of said Tramway?
 - (3.) Are the plans and specifications for the North Shore Steam Bridges (for which money was voted last Session) completed?
 - (4.) When will tenders be called for the construction of the said Bridges?
 - (5.) Are the plans and specifications for the Branch Railway from Pearce's Corner to the North Shore completed; if so, when will they be submitted to Parliament for adoption?
 - (6.) Is the Minister completing the resumption of the School of Arts land at St. Leonards, as promised some five months since; and if so, when will he call for tenders for the erection of Post and Telegraph Office and Court-house on said land?
 - (7.) Has the Minister taken steps to resume Mount Stromlow, on North Shore, as a site for a High-level Bridge, as promised some five months since?
 - (8.) Does the Minister intend resuming Ball's Head as a terminus for the Northern Railway Branch Line, and for coaling and shipping purposes?
 - (9.) Does he intend resuming the land at North Shore known as the "Crow's Nest" as a site for the North Sydney Railway Station?
- Mr. Wright answered,—
- (1.) No, the surveys are not completed, but they are being proceeded with, and will be ready in about a month.
 - (2.) When the plans are prepared.
 - (3.) They are nearly completed.
 - (4.) Within a fortnight.
 - (5.) No.
 - (6.) Nothing can be done for preparation of plans for these buildings until the site, the plans for which are under the consideration of the Surveyor General, is approved.
 - (7.) No.
 - (8 and 9.) No decision has as yet been arrived at.
- (8.) Wharf at Neutral Bay:—Mr. Holtermann asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Why the construction of the wharf at Neutral Bay, money for which was voted and a contract let several months since, has not yet been commenced?
 - (2.) Will he see that steps are at once taken to have the work proceeded with?
- Mr. Wright answered,—
- (1.) The contractor, I understand, explains that he is getting the timber required for the structure, and that he will be able to complete the wharf in contract time, which expires on the 1st February, 1884.
 - (2.) The contractor will be communicated with on the subject.
- (9.) Benevolent Asylum at North Shore:—Mr. Holtermann asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it true that it is the intention of the Government to erect a new Benevolent Asylum on Crown Land on the North Shore; and if so, when is it proposed to commence the work?
- Mr. Stuart answered,—I never before heard of this statement, and therefore am unaware of the truth of it.
- (10.) Wright's Grant at North Willoughby:—Mr. Holtermann asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is it the intention of the Minister to take steps to eject the trespassers on Wright's Grant at North Willoughby; if so, when?
- Mr. Abbott answered,—No complaint, nor report of any such trespasses, has been made to the Government. If the Honorable Member will give full particulars of the matter to which he refers it will be inquired into.
- (11.) Whaling Road, North Shore:—Mr. Holtermann asked the Secretary for Mines,—When will he lay or cause to be laid upon the Table of this House the papers, minutes, plans, &c., in reference to Whaling Road, North Shore, which were called for some three weeks since?
- Mr. Abbott answered,—These papers are very voluminous, and were at the date of the Order of this House under reference to the Attorney General. They will be shortly returned from him, when steps will at once be taken to comply with the Order of the House.
- (12.) Loan on London Market:—Mr. W. J. Fergusson asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) If he has any intention to float another Loan in the London market; if so, when, and for what amount?
 - (2.) Is not the present a favourable time for placing a Loan?
- Mr. Dibbs answered,—My Honorable Friend must see that the question he has put is of a very delicate nature, and that it is prudent to wait until the Financial Statement is made for further particulars.

(13.) Criminal Law Consolidation Act:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it his intention to introduce a short Bill at once to restore to Judges and Magistrates the discretionary power in sentencing prisoners taken from them by the Criminal Law Consolidation Act?

Mr. Stuart answered,—The Government have not yet decided to bring in a Bill.

2. **BOROUGHS OF RANDWICK AND PADDINGTON BILL:**—Mr. Burns presented a Petition from the Mayors of the Boroughs of Paddington and Randwick, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to transfer a portion of the Borough of Randwick to the Borough of Paddington.
And Mr. Burns having produced the *Government Gazette* and the *Sydney Morning Herald*, newspaper, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.
3. **LOCAL OPTION:**—The undermentioned Petitions in favour of the extension of the principle of Local Option to the renewal of Publicans Licenses were presented by the Members named:—
 - (1.) By Mr. Barbour. From the Chairman and Secretary, on behalf of the Members of the "Nil Desperandum" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, situated in the District of Deniliquin, in Meeting assembled.
 - (2.) By Mr. Bruncker. From the Chairman and Secretary, on behalf of the Members of the "Bound to Succeed" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, situated in the District of Mulbring, in Meeting assembled.
Petitions received.
4. **PAPERS:**—

Mr. Stuart laid upon the Table,—

 - (1.) By-laws of the Borough of St. Leonards, under the Nuisances Prevention Act.
 - (2.) Return to an Address adopted on 30th April, 1883,—“Examination of Subalterns of the Permanent Artillery Force.”
 - (3.) Return respecting the formation of Volunteer Corps in Country Towns.
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Cohen laid upon the Table,—Return respecting District Court Plaints.
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Wright laid upon the Table,—

 - (1.) Return to an Order made on 8th December, 1881,—“Trials of Coal from Coal Mines on Great Southern Railway.”
 - (2.) Return to an Order made on 30th April, 1883,—“Electric Light at Redfern Railway Station.”
 - (3.) Return to an Order made on 18th October, 1883,—“Great Northern Railway.”
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 28th November, 1883,—“Alienation of Crown Lands in the Parishes of Willoughby and Gordon.”
Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Select Committee now sitting on “Alienation of Crown Lands in Parishes of Willoughby and Gordon.”
5. **LICENSING ACT:**—The undermentioned Petitions in favour of the repeal of the clause in the Licensing Act respecting Travellers, and the substitution of a provision not more stringent than that in force in England, were presented by the Members named:—
 - (1.) By Mr. Trickett. From Residents of Sydney and Suburbs.
 - (2.) By Mr. McLaughlin. From Residents of Sydney and Suburbs.
Petitions received.
6. **ADJOURNMENT:**—Mr. A. G. Taylor moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
7. **CROWN LANDS BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Farnell, “That this Bill be ‘now’ read a second time,”—upon which Mr. A. G. Taylor had moved that the Question be amended by the omission of the word “now,” with a view to the addition at the end of the words “this day six months,”—
And the Question being again proposed, That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—the House resumed the said adjourned Debate.
Mr. Lynch moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
Question again stated,—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
Debate continued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 30 NOVEMBER, 1883, A.M.

Mr. W. J. Fergusson moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.

8. **POSTPONEMENTS:**—The following Orders of the Day postponed until Tuesday next:—
 - (1.) University Extension Bill; second reading.
 - (2.) Public Watering-places Bill (No. 2); second reading.
 - (3.) Land Boilers Inspection Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

9. INTIMACY WITH FEMALE PRISONERS IN GAOLS:—Mr. A. G. Taylor moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House a Return of all papers, minutes, depositions, &c., connected with complaints against persons suspected during the past year of having been intimate with female prisoners during their incarceration in Darlinghurst, Tamworth, or any other Gaol in this Colony.

Question put and passed.

10. MEDICAL BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Tarrant, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill for the amendment of the Laws respecting the Medical Profession, and for the establishment of a Medical Council.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), that the report be *now* received.

The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill for the amendment of the Laws respecting the Medical Profession, and for the establishment of a Medical Council.

On motion of Mr. Tarrant, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

(2.) Mr. Tarrant then *presented* a Bill, intituled "*A Bill for the amendment of the Laws respecting the Medical Profession and for the establishment of a Medical Council*,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 7th December.

The House adjourned at ten minutes before One o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 27.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 30 NOVEMBER, 1883.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Police Station at Brindelburra:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Minister of Justice,—When will he establish a Police Station at Brindelburra, near Uriarra?

Mr. Wright answered,—The locality of Brindelburra is not known; but it is in contemplation to form one or more Police Stations in the district to which the Honorable Member is believed to refer, namely, that of Uriarra.

- (2.) Cutting Wood in Mudgee Gaol:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Minister of Justice,—
(1.) Has he considered yet the propriety of confining the labours of the steam-saw in Mudgee Gaol to wood required for that prison, or for the local public institutions, such as hospitals, barracks, &c.?
(2.) Will he give orders to cease using the steam-saw in competition with local woodcutters?

Mr. Cohen answered,—

- (1.) If the arrangement suggested can be carried out, I will see that instructions are given to have it adopted.
(2.) I am unable to see my way to give the order suggested by the Honorable Member.

- (3.) Railway Porters:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Are outward porters in the Railway Service paid at any extra rate per day than general porters; if not, will he, considering the responsibility of the position, take steps to recommend such increase?

Mr. Wright answered,—They are paid an extra rate.

- (4.) Land Resumed for Railway Purposes near Armidale:—Mr. Proctor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Was any land resumed by the Government for Railway or other purposes near Armidale, the property of Henry M'Shane, Henry Pearson, and Conrad Fuchs and others?

(2.) What is the date of resumption in each case?

(3.) Has the amount of valuation or award been paid in each case; if not, will he say what is the cause of delay in each case?

Mr. Wright answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Henry M'Shane, 15th September, 1883; Henry Pearson, 29th April, 1881; Conrad Fuchs, 28th April, 1881.

(3.) The compensation money has not been paid in these cases. There has been no delay in the case of M'Shane. Pearson's case was referred to arbitration, and the award was submitted in May last. The claimant has not furnished his title, and until he does so nothing can be done. Conrad Fuchs's case has been delayed owing to his claiming to be sole owner of the land, whereas he was only joint owner.

- (5.) Killing a Calf:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Minister of Justice,—Referring to the answer given by the Minister to a question put to him by one of the Members for Northumberland, Mr. Melville, respecting the imprisonment of a man for killing a calf,—Was the Governor consulted in the case in question; and if so, when?

Mr. Cohen answered—The Honorable Member for The Bogan, Mr. Cass, brought this case under the notice of the Government on 24th October last.

- (6.) Compressed Railway Keys:—Mr. Poole asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he say what price per 1,000 the Government are to pay under the contract lately accepted for the supply of compressed Railway keys?

Mr. Wright answered,—£10 per 1,000.

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2. LOCAL OPTION :—The undermentioned Petitions in favour of the extension of the principle of Local Option were presented by the Members named :—
- (1.) By Mr. Dalton. From the Chairman and Secretary, on behalf of the Members of the “Ark of Safety” Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, situated in the District of Orange, in Meeting assembled.
 - (2.) By Mr. Suttor. From the Chairman and Secretary, on behalf of the Members of the “Water Lily” Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, situated in the District of Bathurst, in Meeting assembled.
 - (3.) By Mr. Suttor. From the Officers, on behalf of the Members of the “Phoenix” Lodge No. 110 of the Independent Order of Good Templars, in Meeting assembled.
 - (4.) By Mr. Badgery. From the Chairman and Secretary, on behalf of the Members of the “Flowers of the Forest” Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, situated in the District of Monaro, in Meeting assembled.
 - (5.) By Mr. Suttor. From Members of the New South Wales Local Option League, and others, resident in Bathurst.
 - (6.) By Mr. Humphery. From Members of the New South Wales Local Option League, and others, residents of the District of Ulladulla.
 - (7.) By Mr. Sutherland, for Mr. Bruncker. From Members of the New South Wales Local Option League, and others, residents of East Maitland.
- Petitions received.
3. DISSOLUTIONS OF PARLIAMENT (*Formal Motion*) :—*Mr. A. G. Taylor*, for *Mr. Dangar*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing, from the date of *Mr. Jacob's* Return, ordered to be printed on 13th June, 1877,—
- (1.) The date of each dissolution of Parliament to present date.
 - (2.) Name of Premier in office at such dissolution.
 - (3.) The names of the Members and the Constituency they represented at such dissolution.
 - (4.) The dates of the days of nomination and polling for each Electorate for the several Elections consequent upon such dissolution.
- Question put and passed.
4. LIMITATION OF ACTIONS FOR TRESPASS BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—*Mr. Heydon* moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
- Question put.
- The House divided.

Ayes, 30.

Mr. Wright,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. McQuade,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Fremlin,
Mr. Stephen,	Mr. Tighe,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Gray,
Mr. White,	Mr. Heydon,
Mr. Day,	Mr. De Salis,
Mr. Levin,	Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Badgery,
Mr. Olliffe,	Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Stokes,	Mr. A. G. Taylor.
Mr. Dalton,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Sutherland,	
Mr. Combes,	Mr. Spring,
Mr. Humphery,	Mr. Slattery.

Noes, 12.

Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Cameron,
Mr. O'Mara,
Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Cramsie,
Mr. Abigail,
Mr. Purves,
Mr. Gibbes,
Mr. Trickett.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Coonan,
Mr. W. R. Campbell.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of *Mr. Heydon*, *Mr. Speaker* left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Friday, 25th January, 1884.

The House adjourned at twenty minutes before Nine o'clock, until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 28.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 4 DECEMBER, 1883.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Combes moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Prince Alfred Hospital:—Mr. Poole asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Will he state the number of beds available for patients in the Prince Alfred Hospital, and the departments of medical and surgical work to which they are allotted?

(2.) The actual attendance of each Honorary Medical Officer and Assistant Medical Officer from the opening of the Institution to date?

(3.) Have the Board of Directors appointed special days and hours for surgical operations, and special days and hours for the attendance of each Honorary Medical Officer?

(4.) Is any record kept at the Hospital of the times of arrival and departure of each Honorary Medical Officer?

(5.) If so, the total number of times when the attendance has either not taken place, and the number of times when it has taken place at other than the appointed times?

(6.) In view of the intention of the Government as regards the Hospital for Diseases of Women, hitherto associated with the operations of the Benevolent Asylum, is it intended that the department of the Prince Alfred Hospital destined to fulfil similar functions is to be conducted in both its divisions by the one Medical Gentleman now in office; and if so, what reasons are submitted by the Board of Directors to justify such a course?

(7.) What sum of money has to date been expended in the purchase of surgical instruments for the Prince Alfred Hospital?

(8.) Is it a fact that hitherto the Hospital has been practically destitute of surgical instruments, and that the Surgeons have been compelled to use such as they themselves possess?

(9.) Is it the intention of the Government to establish the principle of payment for the services of Visiting Medical Officers; if so, why?

Mr. Stuart answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Honorary Secretary:—

(1.) One hundred and fifty-six general medical and general surgical.

(2.) The attendance has been very good.

(3.) As to operations, yes; as to attendance, yes as far as possible.

(4 and 5.) No such record is kept.

(6.) The department for the diseases peculiar to women (in which cases of "lying in" are not included) will be attended at present by one Honorary Medical Officer; but when the work increases sufficiently to require it, a second will be appointed.

(7.) To obtain the exact amount would entail much labour. Sufficient money has only been expended to obtain a temporary supply of instruments to meet contingencies until the complete set can be obtained, which has been ordered from England.

(8.) No. Surgeons occasionally use their own, as well as those of the Hospital.

(9.) No answer has been afforded to this question.

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(2.) Bridge over Sportsman's Creek :—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) When is the Bridge over Sportsman's Creek likely to be finished ?
- (2.) Who recommended the adoption of the present site ?
- (3.) Who recommended the placing of the Government Punt at Sportsman's Creek ?
- (4.) Why was the charge of it not given to the ferryman of that place ?

Mr. Wright answered,—

- (1.) In about five months.
- (2.) Mr. Donaldson, Road Superintendent, and Mr. Statham, Assistant Engineer, both examined and recommended adoption of the site.
- (3.) Mr. Statham, Assistant Engineer.
- (4.) There is no proclaimed ferry at Sportsman's Creek, the Government punt now there having been removed from Shark's Creek for the convenience of the bridge works and placed in charge of the contractor, who worked it free, but as it was found to be a great convenience, and was much used, a man has been employed to look after it, and no charge is made.

(3.) Railway Traffic to Nyngan and Nevertire :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—The quantity of produce in the shape of hay, chaff, lucerne, flour, potatoes, oats, and corn respectively that has been forwarded from Sydney to Nyngan and Nevertire since the Railway was opened, and the amount received for trainage on the same ?

Mr. Wright answered,—I will lay this information upon the Table of the House in a few days.

(4.) Site for a Township at Gerogery :—Mr. Levin asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that a forfeited selection near the Railway Station at Gerogery has been reserved as a site for a township ?
- (2.) Was the District Surveyor, Mr. Woods, instructed by the Government to survey this land for a township ; and if so, when ?
- (3.) Did the Minister receive a petition about eighteen months ago from the inhabitants of the district in favour of such survey and subdivision ?
- (4.) Has a similar petition for laying out the township in that locality been received since ?
- (5.) Was any reply sent to the petitioners to either of the petitions ?
- (6.) Why was the subdivision not completed after being ordered by the Government ?
- (7.) Is it true that some person has since applied to purchase the land in question ; if so, who, and when ?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

- (1.) Portions 45 and 58, parish of Gerogery, are probably the portions referred to ; they have been reserved from sale and lease.
- (2.) Yes, on the 13th July, 1881.
- (3.) Yes, in April, 1881.
- (4.) Yes, on the 30th October last.
- (5.) A definite reply could not be sent to the petitioners ; but they were informed of the reference to the Surveyor.
- (6.) A survey has been completed, and a design is expected in a few days.
- (7.) No application can be traced.

(5.) Reserve Fronting the Harbour at North Shore :—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands,—Has he decided to let Mr. Lord purchase the Reserve fronting Sydney Harbour at North Shore ; if not, is it his intention to allow Mr. Lord to purchase the said Reserve ?

Mr. Farnell answered,—I have not yet finally dealt with the question.

(6.) Post and Telegraph Office, Muswellbrook :—Mr. McElhone asked the Postmaster General,—Was not a sum of money voted to enlarge or to build a new Post and Telegraph Office at Muswellbrook ; if so, when, and what is the reason of the delay in erecting the new Post and Telegraph Office ; and will he have tenders called for without delay for the erection of the new Post and Telegraph Office at Muswellbrook ?

Mr. Trickett answered,—Yes, on the 2nd May, 1883. The plan submitted by the Colonial Architect in August last provided for a building to cost nearly double the sum voted, and was accordingly returned for the purpose of being reduced. I learn from the Colonial Architect that the amended plan is now ready, and that tenders will very shortly be invited.

(7.) Public Baths for Parramatta :—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—When is it his intention, as promised by him, to introduce a Bill to enable the Government to resume a portion of the Market Reserve on the bank of the river at Parramatta North for the purpose of having the same dedicated as a site to erect Public Baths on ?

Mr. Stuart answered,—This matter is at present before the Crown Solicitor in order that we may be informed as to what steps are required to be taken in the matter.

(8.) Drainage from Government Establishments, Parramatta :—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—On account of the way in which the concrete walls in the bed of the Saltwater River running from Lennox Bridge in the centre of the town of Parramatta, and which is supposed to convey the abominable nuisances from the Government Establishments, and which is becoming a great evil and dangerous to the lives of the inhabitants, will he cause the necessary steps to be taken immediately, and have a sum of money placed upon the Estimates for 1884 for the purpose of having this intolerable nuisance abated ?

Mr. Wright answered,—It has been ascertained that the bulk of the sewage complained of is from the town of Parramatta, and its disposal is purely a municipal matter. I have caused inquiries to be made with the view to ascertain at what cost the small portion of the nuisance proceeding from the Government Establishments can be abated.

(9.) Vegetable Creek Mining Reserve :—Mr. W. J. Fergusson asked the Secretary for Lands,—If he has received the Attorney General's opinion in reference to the legality of the Vegetable Creek Mining Reserve ; if so, will he state shortly the effect of that opinion ?

Mr. Farnell answered,—I have not yet received the opinion.

(10.) Wooden Pavement in Parramatta-street :—*Mr. Chapman*, for *Mr. Tarrant*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What has been the cost of the wooden blocks in the first construction of the Parramatta-street wooden pavement prior to such pavement being received from the contractors?
- (2.) What has been the cost of the foundations prior to the wooden blocks being laid?
- (3.) Will the Government give an itemised account of the cost of paving Parramatta-street with wooden blocks up to the date of being received from the contractors?
- (4.) What is the number of square yards in this pavement?
- (5.) What number of men have been employed in the repairs of wood pavement in Parramatta-street?
- (6.) What amount in an itemised form in cost of material and labour has been expended in the repairs of this wood pavement?
- (7.) Is this wood pavement in good order now?
- (8.) What number of new wood blocks have been substituted for those originally laid?
- (9.) When was this pavement commenced, and when finished and delivered over to the care of the Government?
- (10.) What proportion of the whole cost of this wood pavement in Parramatta-street does the Corporation of Sydney pay?

Mr. Wright answered,—I will presently lay this information upon the Table of the House in the shape of a Return.

(11.) Police Magistrate, Carcoar :—*Mr. McElhone* asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Is the Police Magistracy at Carcoar vacant at the present time?
- (2.) If so, is it true that a person named Connelly is to be appointed to the office of Police Magistrate at Carcoar?
- (3.) Is it not a fact that *Mr. Connelly* is a brother-in-law of the Member for Yass, *Mr. Heydon*?

Mr. Cohen answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) The claims this gentleman has upon the Government will be submitted to my Honorable Colleagues.
- (3.) I was not aware until a statement to that effect was made on Thursday last.

(12.) Gaol at Cootamundra :—*Mr. Bruce Smith* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) When does he intend to take any steps towards the erection of the Gaol at Cootamundra, for which money was voted on the last Estimates?
- (2.) When are tenders likely to be called for?

Mr. Wright answered,—Plans have been prepared and are under consideration, and tenders can be invited within a fortnight.

(13.) Road from Jindalee to Cullinga :—*Mr. Bruce Smith* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When is the road from Jindalee to Cullinga likely to be opened?

Mr. Wright answered,—Part of the road from Jindalee to Cullinga, which passes through *Mary Hobbs's* 199½-acre conditional purchase, and *P. Ryan's* 120-acre conditional purchase, has been objected to, on proclamation, and an alteration of the road has been suggested. The matter has been referred to the District Surveyor, Mines Department, for report.

(14.) Bridge at Jindalee :—*Mr. Bruce Smith* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When is the Bridge at Jindalee, which has already been reported upon and promised, likely to be proceeded with?

Mr. Wright answered,—No trace of promise or report can be found; but inquiry will be made, and if the work is urgent, it will be provided for.

(15.) Public School Buildings, Cootamundra :—*Mr. Bruce Smith* asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—

- (1.) When tenders are to be called for the erection of the new Public School Buildings at Cootamundra?
- (2.) What steps, if any, towards so doing have been taken?

Mr. Cohen answered,—

- (1.) Tenders will be called for next week.
- (2.) The necessary plans and specifications are in course of preparation, and are nearly completed.

(16.) Railway, Junee to Albury :—*Mr. Levin*, for *Mr. Lync*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) How many times during this month has the mixed train between Junee and Albury been late, at what hour it should arrive, and at what hour it did arrive during that time?
- (2.) Will he give instructions to compel the more punctual running of this train, and thereby prevent inconvenience and delay to the travelling public?

Mr. Wright answered,—

- (1.) This train has been late fifteen times during the month of November, the average delay amounting to two hours.
- (2.) Measures have already been taken to ensure greater punctuality. The excuse offered by the drivers for this delay has been the alleged inferiority of the coal.

(17.) Railway Iron Bridges :—*Mr. Suttor* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Referring to the Minister's answer to my question respecting *Mr. Edgington's* connection with an Iron Manufacturing Company,—Is it a fact that two other Members of the Commission to inquire into the stability of Railway Iron Bridges, viz., *Messrs. Selfe and Franki*, are connected with Companies having contracts under the Government; and if so, does the Minister intend to allow these gentlemen to retain their positions on the Commission?

Mr. Wright answered,—The whole constitution of this Commission is under reconsideration by the Government.

- (18.) District Court at Parkes:—Mr. Coonan asked the Minister of Justice,—Is it his intention to establish a District Court and Court of Quarter Sessions at Parkes without delay?
Mr. Cohen answered,—From inquiries which have been made upon the subject, it would appear that there is not any necessity for the establishment of Quarter Sessions and District Courts at Parkes at present.
- (19.) Public School, Cessnock:—Mr. Coonan asked the Minister of Justice,—
(1.) Is he aware that certain residents of Cessnock refuse to send their children to the Public School in consequence of the present Teacher being allowed to remain there?
(2.) Has the Teacher already been reprimanded?
(3.) If so, will he take the necessary steps to have such Teacher removed?
Mr. Cohen answered,—
(1.) No.
(2.) Yes.
(3.) Yes, if he should again misconduct himself.
- (20.) Messrs. Cooke and Kinkead:—Mr. Coonan asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he have any objection to lay upon the Table of this House copies of all letters, papers, correspondence, &c., in connection with the recommendations of Messrs. Cooke and Kinkead, of Mount Hope, for appointment to the Commission of the Peace?
Mr. Stuart answered,—I think it extremely undesirable to lay such papers upon the Table of the House.
- (21.) Circuit Court at Forbes:—Mr. Coonan asked the Minister of Justice,—
(1.) Is it his intention to establish a Circuit Court at Forbes?
(2.) If not, would he have any objection to say why?
Mr. Cohen answered,—
(1.) There is no present intention to establish a Circuit Court at Forbes.
(2.) It appears that this Court has been hitherto refused because of the Judges reports—the want of greater facility of access than at present exists, and the absence of adequate gaol accommodation.
- (22.) Revenue of Municipalities:—Mr. Chapman, for Mr. Humphery, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Has any further progress been made with the preparation of the Return as to the revenue of Municipalities, called for on the 13th February last?
(2.) Will those Municipalities which have not already furnished the Returns asked for be called upon to do so without further delay?
Mr. Stuart answered,—
(1.) Returns are still wanting from a large number of Municipalities.
(2.) Reminders will be sent to those Municipalities which have delayed sending in their returns.
3. LOCAL OPTION:—The undermentioned Petitions in favour of the extension of the principle of Local Option to the renewal of Publicans Licenses were presented by the Members named:—
(1.) By Mr. Sutherland. From Members of the New South Wales Local Option League, and others.
And the same having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker,—
Petition received.
(2.) By Mr. Roberts. From the Chairman and Secretary, on behalf of the Members of the "Golden Valley" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, situated in the District of Camden Haven, in Meeting assembled.
Petition received.
4. MR. DENT, INSPECTOR OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Proctor moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all opinions, minutes, letters, papers, or other documents in reference to the appointment of Mr. Dent as Inspector of Weights and Measures; more particularly all correspondence upon this subject between the Minister and Stipendiary Magistrates.
Question put and passed.
5. RAILWAY TO INVERELL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Proctor moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all reports, minutes, plans, surveys, petitions, letters, papers, and other documents in reference to the practicability of constructing a Railway between Uralla or Kentucky and Inverell, and Mother-of-Ducks and Inverell; more particularly the report of Mr. Hogg, or any other engineer upon this subject.
Question put and passed.
6. CAPTAIN ROSSI (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Hugh Taylor moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all letters, applications, correspondence of all kinds whatsoever, together with all minutes thereon, referring to Captain Rossi, from the date of his appointment as Registrar, District Court, Goulburn, to his letter making application for employment in the Government Service; to include also copies of all letters, petitions, or memos. addressed to the Minister of Justice, on behalf of Captain Rossi, relative to his application for the office of Police Magistrate of Goulburn, or appointment elsewhere.
Question put and passed.
7. BOROUGHS OF RANDWICK AND PADDINGTON BILL (*Formal Motion*):—
(1.) Mr. Burns moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill for the transfer of a portion of the Borough of Randwick to the Borough of Paddington.
Question put and passed. (2.)

- (2.) Mr. Burns having *presented* this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of the sum of Twenty-five Pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to transfer a portion of the Borough of Randwick to the Borough of Paddington,*"—which was read a first time.
8. ORPHAN SCHOOLS AT PARRAMATTA (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Abigail moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—
- (1.) The number of children, distinguishing boys from girls, in the Protestant Orphan School at Parramatta, on the 1st January, 1882, on the 1st January, 1883, and on the 31st October, 1883.
 - (2.) The number of such children, if any, whose father, or both parents, were living at the time of their admission into the said Asylum.
 - (3.) The total amount of money paid by parents towards the maintenance of such children.
 - (4.) The number of children boarded-out from the said School by the State Children's Relief Department up to the 31st October, 1883, distinguishing boys from girls.
 - (5.) The amount of money paid by the Government to foster-parents on account of the maintenance of such children, distinguishing cost of outfits.
 - (6.) The names of all officers, attendants, and other employés engaged in connection with the Protestant Orphan School at Parramatta on the 1st January, 1882; also 1st January, 1883, and 31st October, 1883.
 - (7.) The amount of salaries and wages paid per annum to each, and approximate value of quarters and rations.
 - (8.) The like information to be supplied to all the foregoing questions in connection with the Roman Catholic Orphan School at Parramatta.
- Question put and passed.

And it being after Seven o'clock, Government Business was proceeded with.

9. CROWN LANDS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Farnell, "That this Bill be 'now' read a second time,"—upon which Mr. A. G. Taylor had moved that the Question be amended by the omission of the word "now," with a view to the addition at the end of the words "this day six months,"—
- And the Question being again proposed, That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—the House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 5 DECEMBER, 1883, A.M.

Mr. Fletcher moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until to-morrow.

10. PAPER:—Mr. Stuart laid upon the Table,—Statistical Register of the Colony of New South Wales for the year 1882.—Part 7.
- Ordered to be printed.

The House adjourned at eighteen minutes after Twelve o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 29.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 5 DECEMBER, 1883.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Bridge over the Tooma River at Greg Greg:—*Mr. Day*, for *Mr. Lyne*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What is the cause of the delay in erecting the Bridge over the Tooma River at Greg Greg, for which money has been voted?

(2.) When will it be commenced?

Mr. Wright answered,—

(1.) Preparation of plans has been delayed owing to disputes having arisen as to the site.

(2.) As soon as section is received drawings will be prepared, and tenders invited before the end of the year.

(2.) Railway Survey from Richmond to Capertee:—*Mr. Suttor*, for *Mr. Combes*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—(1.) Did he instruct *Mr. Surveyor Townsend* to make an aneroid survey for a Line of Railway from Penrith to a point on the Mudgee Line where it crosses the Dividing Range between Brogan's Creek and Flatlands to the junction of Colo Creek and Capertee River, and by the route of that river to Little Wheeny Creek, across the Grose River, and along the banks of the Nepean to a point on the Great Western Line between Penrith and Emu?

(2.) Has the Minister given instructions that a proper survey should be made of this Line?

(3.) Who is *Mr. Surveyor Townsend*; and has he furnished any definite report to the Minister upon this subject?(4.) Has *Mr. Townsend* ever been employed in the actual construction of Railways in this Colony?*Mr. Wright* answered,—

(1.) The best reply to this question will be to read to the House the report which has been made to me by the Commissioner for Railways:—

The question of the best means of making some adequate provision for the rapid expansion of traffic over the Western Line (with the prospect of its being largely increased when the Lines are completed to Bourke and Mudgee) has had my anxious consideration for some considerable time. It is an object of the highest importance to the interests of the Colony that a route should be found possessing easier grades and curves than the existing Line over the Blue Mountains.

To relieve the pressure of the traffic on the present Mountain Line, it has been suggested that a Line should be made over the Kurrajong by Bell's line of road, but this being a Mountain Line, the grades, though easier probably than those of the present route, must necessarily be severe, and will not admit of reasonable and profitable train loads being taken. I do not think, therefore, that any commensurate advantage will be gained by adopting the Line over the Kurrajong, even if the promise of the aneroid exploration, which has already been made, can be realized by the more exact theodolite survey, which is now being carried out by *Mr. Whitton's* officers.

In the early days of Railway enterprise in the Colony an effort was made to find a route by the Valley of the Grose, but after the expenditure of a considerable sum in trial surveys, the project was abandoned as impracticable, and it was confidently asserted that the Western Tablelands could only be reached by the route finally adopted, viz., over the Mountain Ranges.

The survey of the Line to Mudgee, however, seemed to show that a practicable route could be discovered (which would give good gradients and prove an easy Line to work) by the Capertee and Colo Valleys, and thence by Wheeny Creek over the Grose Valley, and by the west bank of the river Nepean to Penrith.

Mr. Surveyor Townsend, who had been engaged under *Mr. Whitton* in surveying the Capertee portion of the Mudgee Line, but who is now engaged in the Existing Lines Branch under *Mr. Cowdery*, requested my permission to employ the month's leave of absence which had been granted to him in exploring the route suggested. I not only gave my consent, but authorized *Mr. Townsend* to take a small party of men with him to aid him in making this exploration. It will be seen from *Mr. Townsend's* report that the whole cost of the service has not exceeded £30.

Mr.

Mr. Townsend is of opinion, after a careful examination of the country, that a Line can be made by the route indicated. The distance, he estimates, will be about 103 miles; the gradients throughout will be easy, never exceeding 1 in 100; while no curve need in any case be sharper than 20 chains radius. The distance from Sydney by the existing Lines to the point on the Mudgee Line where this Line will join it is 143 miles. By the new route the distance will be 137 miles—a saving of 6 miles.

The proposed Line will admit of train loads of 250 tons being taken instead of from 80 to 90 tons, as is the case on some portions of the present Western Line, and the value of such a Line, which Mr. Townsend is confident can be made, cannot be over-estimated.

Mr. Whitton is, by your direction, surveying a Line from Mudgee, via Coonamble to Walgett. A branch from that route could be made to join the present Line at Wellington, and this, while reducing the distance to Sydney by at least 30 miles, will admit of the whole of the western traffic beyond Wellington, as well as the north-western traffic, being brought to Sydney by the Valley route instead of the Mountain route, leaving the latter to carry the traffic between Emu Plains and Wellington, and the traffic to be derived from the projected Line by the Lachlan River across the plains to Wilcannia. That traffic will, I am sure, tax the carrying capacity of the Mountain Line to the utmost, while, if it were left to sustain also the traffic from Bourke and the North-western Districts, it would be quite overpowered.

Accompanying this are Mr. Townsend's reports; and I beg to draw the Minister's attention to the concluding paragraph of Mr. Townsend's report to me, in which he requests that, for the reasons given, the trial survey of the new route may be entrusted to him.

(2.) No; the question, however, is under consideration.

(3.) Mr. Townsend is a professional man, who served as an Engineer for Construction on Indian Railways. He joined the Railway Department of this Colony in 1874, under Mr. Whitton as Railway Surveyor, and for over six years was employed in that capacity. He resigned to join the Existing Lines Branch in 1882, in which he is now employed as Engineer and Draftsman. He has made a definite report upon the exploration of the new route which the Commissioner for Railways has laid before me.

(4.) Not in the construction of Railways in this Colony.

(3.) Proposed New Abattoirs:—Hugh Taylor asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will the Government cause an inquiry to be made as to the suitability of portion of Newington Estate being resumed as a site for the proposed new Abattoirs, as well as a site for Noxious Trades Works?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The Government is of opinion that the site proposed by the Honorable Member is too close to the Constituency which he represents.

(4.) Railway to Girilambone:—Mr. Coonan asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it a fact that the Railway Line will be finished as far as Girilambone in about a fortnight; if not, when will it be completed?

Mr. Wright answered,—No; it will not be completed until early next year.

(5.) Tank at Girilambone:—Mr. Coonan asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Who is the successful tenderer for the Tank at Girilambone?

(2.) Within what time has the Tank to be finished?

Mr. Wright answered,—No tender has been accepted, as the amounts were too high, but fresh tenders will be invited for the work.

(6.) Lieutenant Nathan:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Was Lieutenant Nathan, one of the aides-de-camp to His Excellency the Governor, an applicant for the vacant office in the Police Force caused by the death of Captain Zouch?

(2.) If so, by whom was Lieutenant Nathan recommended?

(3.) Did His Excellency the Governor or Colonel Roberts, or either of them, recommend Lieutenant Nathan, either verbally or in writing, and either to Inspector General Fosbery or any one else having control of the appointment?

(4.) Has he any objection to lay upon the Table of the House to-morrow copies of Lieutenant Nathan's application, of any correspondence referring to his application, and of Inspector General Fosbery's minute on the matter?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

(1.) I heard that Lieutenant Nathan was an applicant for the vacant office, but he made no application to me, and I am informed by Inspector General Fosbery that no such recommendation was made to him.

(2 and 3.) I am unable to answer these questions, because I am not aware that he was recommended; certainly he did not apply to me.

(4.) There is no correspondence whatever upon the subject.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Wright laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return showing the cost of paving Parramatta-street with Wooden Blocks.

(2.) Notifications of resumption of Land for purposes in connection with the Supply of Water to the City of Sydney and its Suburbs.

Ordered to be printed.

(3.) Return to an Order made on 5th December, 1883,—“Bridge over Sportsman's Creek.”

Mr. Abbott laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 24th October, 1883,—“Mining under Lake Macquarie.”

Ordered to be printed.

3. LOCAL OPTION:—The undermentioned Petitions in favour of the extension of the principle of Local Option to the renewal of Publicans Licenses were presented by the Members named:—

(1.) By Mr. Badgery. From the Chairman and Secretary, on behalf of the Members of the “Star of Hope” Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, situated in the District of Monaro, in Meeting assembled.

(2.) By Mr. Garrard. From the Chairman and Secretary, on behalf of the Members of the “Rose of Leichhardt” Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, situated in the District of Balmain, in Meeting assembled.

(3.) By Mr. George Campbell. From the Chairman and Secretary, on behalf of the Members of the “Pride of the Mount” Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, situated at Mount Macquarie, in Meeting assembled.

Petitions received.

4. LICENSING ACT:—Mr. Griffiths presented a Petition from Residents of Sydney and Suburbs, complaining of the present state of the Licensing Law as regards Sunday closing; and praying that the clause relating to Travellers may be assimilated to the clause in the English Act.
Petition received.
5. BRIDGE OVER SPORTSMAN'S CREEK (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. A. G. Taylor moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence, minutes, &c., in connection with the proposed site for a Bridge over Sportsman's Creek, near the town of Lawrence.
Question put and passed.
6. SUCCESSOR TO CAPTAIN ZOUCH, POLICE FORCE (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. A. G. Taylor moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence, applications, minutes, papers, and other documents connected with the appointment of a successor to the late Captain Zouch, of the Police Force.
Question put and passed.
7. PRISON LABOUR IN MUDGEES GAOL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. A. G. Taylor moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return detailing each separate repair and miscellaneous job performed in Mudgee Gaol during the last five years, with the amount received for each repair.
Question put and passed.
8. CROWN LANDS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Farnell, "That this Bill be 'now' read a second time,"—upon which Mr. A. G. Taylor had moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the word "now," with a view to the addition at the end of the words "this day six months,"—
And the Question being again proposed, That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—the House resumed the said adjourned Debate.
Mr. Bruce Smith moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until to-morrow.
9. ANJOURNMENT:—Mr. Dibbs moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly at seven minutes before Twelve o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 30.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 6 DECEMBER, 1893.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) The Artillery Force:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—Are members of the New South Wales Artillery liable to be tried by Court Martial and imprisoned for any of the following offences:—(1.) Smoking in the streets; (2.) Wearing a collar with full-dress uniform; (3.) Wearing civilian clothes?

Mr. Stuart answered,—The following information has been furnished to me in reply to these questions:—Yes; in accordance with the Imperial Military Code, if in doing so they contravene orders issued.

(2.) The Case of Jeremiah Jones:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Was a man of colour named Jones arrested at Coonabarabran on a charge of wife-desertion and lodged in the Coonabarabran Lock-up under remand?

(2.) Was he, whilst under remand, before trial taken out of his cell and made to draw a dray about town?

Mr. Coben answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) No; but I am informed that a coloured man named Jeremiah Jones was arrested at Coonabarabran for wife-desertion by warrant from Gulgong Bench and remanded, as he could not obtain bail. While under remand he was taken out of gaol to identify a dray said to be his property. The dray was seized by virtue of a distress warrant to satisfy one of four decisions against Jones under the Masters and Servants Act for wages. It is believed Jones voluntarily assisted the Police in bringing the dray to the Court-house yard, a distance of about 200 or 300 yards; one policeman held one shaft, Jones held the other, and a second policeman shoved the dray.

(3.) Railway to Rylstone:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the Railway Extension to Rylstone be opened for traffic?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The date cannot be fixed yet, as the Line is not completed.

(4.) Constable Hatfield:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Did Senior-constable William Hatfield, at Cook's River, on the 8th September last, beat a cripple named Larraghey, with a heavy riding whip?

(2.) If so, was the constable convicted of the assault and fined £3 for the offence; is it intended to retain Hatfield in the Police Force; and how long is it since the offence happened?

(3.) Has Hatfield been suspended, or kept on duty during this interval?

(4.) Has the Inspector General of Police given his decision in the case yet?

Mr. Stuart answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Inspector General of Police:—

(1.) Yes; under the circumstances detailed in the papers laid before Parliament. Larraghey suffers from rheumatism, but is not a cripple.

(2.) Hatfield was so dealt with. No further decision has yet been arrived at pending the result of a civil action, of which the constable has received notice. The offence was committed on 8th September last.

(3.) Hatfield has not been suspended.

(4.) No, for the reasons given in reply to question No. 2.

(5.)

(5.) Railway Rates on Wire and Galvanized Iron:—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Was wire and galvanized iron noted in the Railway rates as first-class goods at £3 13s. 1d. per ton, parties being allowed to take a truck for £18; and has this regulation since been altered?
- (2.) Is this privilege still conceded on the Southern and Western Lines?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—Yes, as regards all Lines—except those commanding the Riverina traffic. The low rates charged on the Victorian Railways for goods coming into New South Wales necessitates the retention of the charge on those Lines.

(6.) Approaches to Terrara Wharf:—Mr. Humphery asked the Colonial Secretary,—When will the approaches to the wharf at Terrara be formed?

Mr. Stuart answered,—The local officer reports that there is no need to do anything beyond what has been already done in this matter. There appears to be very little traffic to the wharf.

(7.) James Hacks Conditional Purchase:—Mr. Young asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that James Hacks, senior, took up an additional conditional purchase of 140 acres at the Wilson River on the 3rd February, 1882?
- (2.) Is it a fact that this land remains unsurveyed; if so, will he give instructions that it shall be surveyed immediately?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) James Hacks, senior, made an additional conditional purchase of 140 acres in the district of Port Macquarie on the 2nd March, 1882.

(2.) Yes. Instructions were issued to Mr. Surveyor Hicks on the 19th October, 1882, to survey the land applied for, and they have since been transferred to Mr. Licensed-Surveyor J. M. Macdonald, who was reminded on 24th November last to expediate the survey.

(8.) Purchase of Paling's Property:—Mr. Suttor asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Have the Government purchased the property in George-street known as Paling's; if so, what is the price to be paid to the owner, and from what fund at the disposal of the Government is the amount to be drawn?

(2.) Has the property been purchased subject to existing leases; and if so, what length of time have the leases to run?

(3.) Is it a condition of sale that Mr. Paling is to have a lease of the portion of the premises now occupied by him; and if so, what is the length of his lease, and the amount of rent to be paid by that gentleman and the other persons having leases of portions of the property?

Mr. Stuart answered,—The Government has purchased the property alluded to for the sum of £66,000—£30,000 on approval of title, and £36,000 in three years. The main portion of the property was subject to a lease of seven years; but four years of that was cancelled in the price, so that it is subject now to a three-years lease. Some minor portions have leases varying from three to five years. The total rental is £3,805 per annum, or nearly 6 per cent. on the purchase. The portion of the purchase money now payable will be paid from the Treasurer's Advance Account, and probably, although this matter involving as it does some legal points is at present under consideration, it will be requisite to introduce a Bill for the purpose of dealing with this and the adjoining properties, in order to make a wide street alongside of the Post Office, and re-sell the remainder. It is believed that this great improvement to the city will thus be carried out without any permanent expense to the country.

(9.) Extension of Provisions of the Fisheries Act:—Mr. Ryrie asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is he aware that fish in Lake George can be destroyed by nets wholesale all seasons of the year; if such be the case, will he take immediate steps to have the Lakes in the interior brought under the provisions of the Fisheries Act?

Mr. Stuart answered,—Inland waters are subject to the provisions of the Fisheries Act so far as regards the size of mesh of net used, the weight of fish captured, and the restriction that nets shall not be set or staked completely across a river or creek. There does not, however, appear to be any provision in the Act for closing inland waters against the use of fishing nets.

(10.) Crown Lands Bill:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he fix a day to take a division on the second reading of the Land Bill now under discussion?

Mr. Stuart answered,—This is rather a curious question to ask, and I shall be very glad if the House will fix a day for the purpose indicated. Such a course would no doubt be a convenience to many; but I think the only answer I can give the Honorable Member is that the matter must take the ordinary course.

(11.) Pre-emptive Leases:—Mr. Gould asked the Secretary for Lands,—What are the number and area of pre-leases respectively held by virtue of conditional purchases under the 13th, 14th, 19th, 21st, and 22nd sections of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861?

Mr. Farnell answered,—It is impossible to reply to this question without first having a thorough examination made of all the pre-emptive leases now existing, which would occupy a considerable time. If the Honorable Member will move for the information in the form of a Return, it will be compiled without unnecessary delay.

(12.) Lieutenant Nathan:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Was Lieutenant Nathan, one of the aides-de-camp to His Excellency the Governor, an applicant for the vacant office in the Police Force caused by the death of Captain Zouch?

(2.) If so, by whom was Lieutenant Nathan recommended?

(3.) Did His Excellency the Governor or Colonel Roberts, or either of them, recommend Lieutenant Nathan, either verbally or in writing, and either to Inspector General Fosbery or any one else—having control of the appointment?

(4.) Has he any objection to lay upon the Table of the House to-morrow copies of Lieutenant Nathan's application, of any correspondence referring to his application, and of Inspector General Fosbery's minute on the matter?

Mr.

Mr. Cohen answered,—This is a matter entirely in the department of the Colonial Secretary, and of which I know nothing. I can only refer the Honorable Member to the answers given last evening by my Honorable Colleague to similar questions.

2. LOCAL OPTION :—
 - (1.) Mr. Henry Clarke presented a Petition from the Chairman and Secretary, on behalf of the Members of the "Hope of Panbula" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, situated in the District of Eden, in Meeting assembled, in favour of the extension of the principle of Local Option to the renewal of Publicans Licenses; and praying the House to take the matter into favourable consideration.
 - (2.) Mr. Copeland presented a similar Petition from the Chairman and Secretary of the "Prince Edward of Wales" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, situated in the District of Sydney.
Petitions received.
3. PAPERS :—Mr. Cohen laid upon the Table,—
 - (1.) Notification of resumption of Land for Public School purposes at Cobbitty and Tarrabandra.
 - (2.) Return to an Address adopted on 11th October, 1883,—“The Case of Mrs. Day.”
Ordered to be printed.
4. THE CASE OF GUNNER BARRETT (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. A. G. Taylor moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all evidence, minutes, papers, depositions, correspondence, &c., connected with the trial by Court Martial of Gunner Barrett for smoking in the streets.
Question put and passed.
5. CONTEMPTS PUNISHMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to provide that Contempts of Court in certain cases shall hereafter be punishable only as Indictable Offences.
Question put and passed.
6. LAW OF SEDUCTION AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Law relating to Seduction.
Question put and passed.
7. J. J. THOMPSON'S CONDITIONAL PURCHASE ON KAROOLA RUN (*Formal Motion*):—Dr. Ross moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers, minutes, decisions, surveys, correspondence, and other documents, &c., relating to the conditional purchase of 640 acres made by one J. J. Thompson on Karoola Run, in the parish of Bukkulla, Warialda or Inverell District, in the year 1877.
Question put and passed.
8. RAILWAY TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Garrard, for Mr. Hugh Taylor, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—
 - (1.) The number of men engaged on the staff of the Traffic Department at the Redfern Station, and the rate of pay they receive.
 - (2.) The number of men engaged on the staff of the Traffic Department at the goods shed, and the rate of pay they receive.
 - (3.) The number of men engaged on the staff of the Traffic Department at Darling Harbour, and the rate of pay they receive.
 - (4.) The number of hours these men are compelled to work daily.
 - (5.) The number of men allowed from each place to attend the Picnic of the Traffic Department on Monday, 26th November.
 - (6.) The name of the person in charge of Darling Harbour Station, the amount of salary he receives, and the number of hours he is supposed to be in attendance.
 Question put and passed.
9. SOUTH COAST ROAD (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Melville, for Mr. Tarrant, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing the amount of mileage money voted by Parliament for expenditure on the South Coast Road from the 24th July, 1879, to the present date, giving each item and date of expenditure in detail.
Question put and passed.
10. CLAIMS FOR LAND BY MESSRS. BROWN, SMITH, GREEN, AND GAROT (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Loughnan, for Mr. Lyne, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers referring to claims for land in the County of Yancowinna by Messrs. Brown, Smith, Green, and Garot, under the Mining and Land Acts.
Question put and passed.
11. SENIOR-SERGEANT LANGWORTHY (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Gill, for Mr. Levien, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all letters, papers, and other documents having reference to a complaint made by H. J. Woodley, of Nundle, with reference to the conduct of Senior-Sergeant Langworthy of that place.
Question put and passed.
12. CONTEMPTS PUNISHMENT BILL:—Mr. Buchanan presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to provide that Contempts of Court in certain cases shall hereafter be punishable only as Indictable Offences,*”—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 4th January, 1884.
13. LAW OF SEDUCTION AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Buchanan presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to amend the Law relating to Seduction,*”—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 4th January, 1884.
14. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Buchanan moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.

15. PAPER:—Mr. Stuart laid upon the Table,—Copy of a Telegram sent to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, through His Excellency the Governor, communicating Resolutions arrived at by the Intercolonial Convention as to relations with the Islands of the Pacific.
Ordered to be printed.
16. CROWN LANDS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Farnell, "That this Bill be 'now' read a second time,"—upon which Mr. A. G. Taylor had moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the word 'now,' with a view to the addition at the end of the words "this day six months,"—
And the Question being again proposed,—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—the House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 7 DECEMBER, 1883, A.M.

Mr. Day moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.

The House adjourned at ten minutes after Twelve o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 31.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 7 DECEMBER, 1883.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Reserve on Clarence No. 3 Run:—Mr. Spring asked the Secretary for Lands,—
 (1.) Who is the Lessee of the Run known on the sketch maps accompanying Messrs. Morris and Ranken's Report as Clarence No. 3?
 (2.) On whose recommendation was a Timber Reserve of 24,000 acres proclaimed on that Run; and who was the Surveyor or other public officer who certified to the necessity of such Reserve?
 (3.) What is the nature of the timber growing on the above Reserve?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

- (1.) Mr. W. C. Bundock is the lessee of the three Runs, viz., Wiangaree, Wiangaree West, and Keelgirah Runs, comprised in the Station shown on the map referred to.
 (2.) The Reserve in question was proclaimed on the 16th September, 1871, on the recommendation of Mr. Surveyor Donaldson, who reported that it embraced valuable timber.
 (3.) It was reported to be cedar, pine, blue-gum, &c.
 (2.) Lord Howe Island:—Mr. White asked the Postmaster General,—
 (1.) How long is it since a mail has been advertised for Lord Howe Island?
 (2.) Was a ketch recently chartered by the Government and sent there; if so, at what cost?
 (3.) Was a mail advertised to go by her?
 (4.) How many persons came back by said ketch, how were their passages arranged for, and by whom?
 (5.) Is the Government aware that for a small subsidy an A.S.N. Company steamer would call there monthly, thus affording facilities for official visits as well as enable the islanders to send their produce to Sydney, and obtain supplies regularly?

Mr. Trickett answered,—

- (1.) The last mail advertised was on the 6th April, 1883.
 (2.) Yes; I am informed that the cost was £26 10s. per week, and that the ketch was absent three and a half weeks.
 (3.) It was announced on the list of outward mails exhibited at the General Post Office that a mail would be sent by this vessel, but the notice of her projected departure was not received at the Post Office in time to be advertised in the newspapers.
 (4.) The Visiting Magistrate states that besides the crew and others who went to the Island, the schoolmaster, his wife, and two children returned. Three women and three children also had passages to Sydney from the Island, but without cost to the Government, it being part of the agreement with the owner that the Captain should have the right to bring back what passengers he chose.
 (5.) I am not aware.
 (3.) Railway from Ryde to Darling Harbour:—Mr. Hugh Taylor, for Mr. McCulloch, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 (1.) Has it ever been considered by the Government, or the Engineer-in-Chief for Railways, whether it would be practicable to bring the Northern Extension Railway from Newcastle via Ryde to Darling Harbour?
 (2.) Would not such a Line be shorter and more convenient?
 (3.) Will the existing Main Line carry all the additional traffic which will be brought on it by the introduction of the Northern Line?
 (4.) If not already done, will the Minister cause a trial survey to be made of a Line from Ryde to Darling Harbour?

Mr.

Mr. Wright answered,—

- (1.) No.
- (2.) This question has not yet been considered.
- (3.) Yes, other than coal.
- (4.) I will consider it.

- (4.) Mining Schools :—*Mr. Roberts*, for *Mr. Murray*, asked the Secretary for Mines,—Does the Government intend to establish a Mining School or Schools in some of the mining districts ?

Mr. Abbott answered,—On the 30th October last I informed the Honorable Member for Mudgee (*A. G. Taylor, Esquire*) that it is not the intention of the Government to establish such Schools ?

- (5.) Cost of Surveying Land :—*Mr. Dangar* asked the Secretary for Lands,—What is the cost per acre of survey, &c., of all alienated land, distinguishing that sold by auction, selection after auction, conditionally purchased under mining clauses, or disposed of in any other mode ?

Mr. Farnell answered,—The cost of survey by Licensed Surveyors varies in accordance with the area. 40-acre portions cost 1s. 10½d. per acre, whilst 640-acre portions cost 3¾d. per acre ; for conditional purchases the average may be taken at 6d. ; additional conditional purchases, 1s. ; mineral conditional purchases, 1s. 1d. ; auction measurements, about 4½d. In the coast scrub districts there is an increase of 50 per cent. on the above. The total cost of survey by Licensed Surveyors has varied from 8½d. to 1s. 5½d. during the last ten years. The cost of the further action devolving upon salaried field officers in examination, supervision, designs, &c., has been estimated at about 15 per cent. on the above. The cost per acre of office-work has never been estimated, but it varies in proportion to the complications arising out of conflicting claims. The above estimate does not include town, suburban, or surveys under the 9th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act, the cost of which could not even be estimated without the preparation of a lengthy Return.

- (6.) Road between Cudgegong and Rylstone :—*Mr. A. G. Taylor* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will he send an officer from the Surveyor General's Department to formally open the road between Cudgegong and Rylstone ?

Mr. Abbott answered,—Instruction to open the road in question issued to a Surveyor on the 3rd instant.

- (7.) The Case of Percy Solomon :—*Mr. A. G. Taylor* asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) In June, 1882, was a young man named Percy Solomon convicted of forgery and sentenced to two years hard labour ?
- (2.) How many charges of forgery were preferred against him, how many was he convicted of, and how many did he plead guilty to ?
- (3.) Was £200 the total amount of money represented by the forgeries laid to his door ; if not, what was the amount ?
- (4.) Did the Judge, in sentencing him, describe the offence as a highly serious one, and add that two years hard labour was the lowest penalty he could think of awarding ?
- (5.) Was the said Percy Solomon released at the expiration of twelve months ?
- (6.) What were the grounds of extenuation which called for this exercise of clemency ?
- (7.) Who recommended His Excellency the Governor to remit the sentence, and why ?
- (8.) Is it a fact that the prisoner was allowed a private conference every week with his Solicitor, *Mr. Levy* ; if not, how often did *Mr. Levy* visit him during the year ; and how many of these visits were private ?
- (9.) Was the prisoner in the habit of using during his incarceration, either with or without official sanction, the best brands of cigars, cigarettes, and tobacco ?
- (10.) How many private visits a year are prisoners allowed to receive from their Solicitors ?

Mr. Cohen answered,—

- (1.) He was arraigned upon an information charging him with forging and uttering, and pleaded guilty to uttering, and was sentenced to two years imprisonment with hard labour in Darlinghurst Gaol.
- (2.) Two charges were filed against him, but only one was proceeded with, and to that, as above stated, he pleaded guilty of uttering.
- (3.) £173.
- (4.) It is not known what the Judge said in sentencing him ; but in a report dated May the 29th, 1883, the Judge stated that he would have desired, had he the power, to have limited the sentence to one year's imprisonment.
- (5.) Yes.
- (6.) They are disclosed in the report of the Judge referred to in answer to question No. 4.
- (7.) The papers were referred by me to the Attorney General, whose minute on the Judge's report was forwarded to His Excellency. The Attorney General advised compliance with prayer of the petition, on the ground of the youth of the prisoner, his previously blameless character, his having pleaded guilty to the offence, his having taken steps to restore the greater portion of the proceeds of his crime to those whom he defrauded, and on the statements of the Judge that he would, had he been enabled to do so, have only sentenced him to one year's imprisonment.
- (8.) No. Was visited several times during the year by *Mr. Levy* in the ordinary way, by order of the Comptroller General of Prisons.
- (9.) He had no cigars ; tobacco was allowed to him on two occasions on holidays as a general rule, and when ordered by the Surgeon on medical grounds.
- (10.) Solicitors are not permitted to visit prisoners professionally after conviction excepting once immediately after trial.

- (8.) Teacher's Residence, Cassilis Public School :—*Mr. A. G. Taylor* asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Are there only four rooms in the Teacher's residence occupied at Cassilis by the Public School Teacher, his wife, and seven children ?
- (2.) Has the Department promised to augment the accommodation by the addition of a kitchen ; if so, when will tenders be called for this work ?

Mr.

Mr. Cohen answered,—

- (1.) There are only four rooms.
- (2.) Yes, tenders will be invited in about a fortnight.

(9.) Police Buildings at Carcoar:—Mr. Lynch asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will tenders be called for the erection of the Police Buildings at Carcoar, for which money was voted on the last Estimates?

Mr. Wright answered,—Tenders can probably be invited in about a month.

(10.) Public School Buildings at Carcoar:—Mr. Lynch asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—When will tenders be called for the erection of the Public School Buildings at Carcoar?

Mr. Cohen answered,—Plans are in course of preparation, and will be ready in a week; tenders will be invited as soon as the plans are approved of.

(11.) Railway Survey from Richmond to Capertec:—Mr. Combes asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Did the Commissioner for Railways submit to the Minister the matter of the employment of Mr. Townsend to make a trial survey of a new Line of Railway over the Blue Mountains, and to equip a party for that purpose at the public expense?

(2.) Has the Minister sanctioned the action of the Commissioner for Railways in taking matters relating to surveys, or other matters where high professional skill is required, out of the hands of the Engineer-in-Chief?

(3.) Does it come within the province of the Commissioner to originate and act upon ideas, without any reference to the responsible Minister of his Department?

(4.) Was the Engineer-in-Chief for Railways in any way consulted with respect to this so-called trial survey before it was undertaken?

(5.) Is it the intention of the Minister to establish another Trial Surveying section of the Department under the Commissioner?

(6.) Will the Minister furnish the House with Mr. Townsend's report on what he calls "an aneroid survey made for a projected Line of Railway to the Western District"?

(7.) Is it the intention of the Government to employ Mr. Townsend, according to his own request, to make this trial survey?

(8.) What are the reasons given by Mr. Townsend why the trial survey of what he calls "the new route" should be entrusted to him?

(9.) Will the Minister ascertain the professional attainments of Mr. Townsend before entrusting this service to him?

(10.) Is Mr. Townsend a Licensed Surveyor; or if not, would he submit to the examination required in this Colony before he could be allowed to conduct any surveys under the Surveyor General?

(11.) Is the expense of this so-called aneroid survey to be charged to Loan Account?

(12.) Is it the practice of the Department to allow Surveyors nominally on leave of absence to make flying explorations for Railways without the knowledge of the Minister or the Engineer-in-Chief?

(13.) Is it true that the estimated cost of the Colo River route is £1,500,000, inclusive of the cost of 6½ miles of tunnels; if so, can the Minister say how this estimate has been arrived at in the absence of plans and sections of the Line?

(14.) Is not the whole statement made by Mr. Townsend as to gradients, curves, and lengths of tunnels imaginary?

(15.) What is the total length of Railways opened for traffic; and what is the total length of tunnels on these Lines?

Mr. Wright answered,—

(1.) The Report of the Commissioner for Railways, which I read to the House the other evening, explains the circumstances under which this exploration was authorized by him. It was not a trial survey, as the Honorable Member assumes. A trial survey would cost about £5,000, and of course the previous sanction of the Minister would be requisite; but for an expenditure of £28 in aid of this exploration, to enable the Commissioner to determine whether a trial survey could be recommended by him, his authority was quite sufficient.

(2.) I am not aware that the Commissioner for Railways has done anything of the kind.

(3.) To the extent which he did in the case referred to, certainly.

(4.) No.

(5.) The Commissioner for Railways is by Act of Parliament the head of the Trial Survey branch, as he is the head of all other branches of the Railway Department. The Engineer-in-Chief does not hold, except by the courtesy of the Commissioner, an independent position free from the Commissioner's general control.

(6.) There will be no objection to lay the reports of Mr. Townsend upon the Table of the House.

(7.) This question has not yet been considered.

(8.) The reason afforded for the request is, that in such a country as the Line will traverse a slight difference in route might make a vast difference in cost, and that, as he has ventured to give a rough approximation of the cost, he is particularly anxious that his figures, which he believes to be liberal, should not be exceeded.

(9.) Yes.

(10.) Mr. Townsend is a Licensed Surveyor for South Australia and Victoria, in both of which Colonies he worked for some time. He has not applied to be licensed in New South Wales, because since his arrival he has been employed on Railway surveys. Mr. Townsend is known to be a qualified Surveyor.

(11.) It will be charged to the Vote for Railway Trial Surveys.

(12.) It is the first occasion of the kind in which a Surveyor has proposed to employ his leave of absence in this way. While it may be a remarkable choice, there are certainly no grounds for condemning it.

(13.) Mr. Townsend's rough approximation of the cost of the Line amounts to about the sum stated, subject of course to variations, which an exact trial survey might show to be necessary. The cost of the tunnelling in such country was, Mr. Townsend states, the item most easily arrived at, on account of the evenness of the stratification and horizontal bedding of the strata.

(14.) There would seem to be no foundation for such belief.

(15.) A, 1,320 miles; B, 2½ miles.

(12.) Police Buildings, Cowra:—Mr. George Campbell asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he say when tenders will be invited for the erection of Police Buildings and Gaol Lock-up at Cowra?

Mr. Wright answered,—The plans of the Police Buildings are under consideration, and if approved, tenders will be invited at once. Gaol Lock-up.—This matter is waiting particulars as to site and the accommodation required, respecting which inquiries are being made.

(13.) Illawarra Railway:—Mr. Sydney Smith asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) The amount of compensation claimed by Messrs. Millar Brothers on account of the stoppage of the work on their contract, Illawarra Railway Line; has any decision been arrived at regarding the amount to be awarded them as compensation for losses sustained through the stoppage named; if so, out of what Vote will it be paid?

(2.) Are there any papers other than those laid upon the Table of the House, from the present or any former Colonial Secretary, Minister for Works, Member of Parliament, Commissioner of Railways, or Engineer-in-Chief, or any other person, recommending the deviation recently authorized to be surveyed?

(3.) Was the Engineer-in-Chief, or Commissioner for Railways, consulted before the works on the Illawarra Line were stopped; if so, when, where, and what was the nature of their replies?

(4.) Did either of them point out that serious loss was likely to occur through the stoppage of such important works?

(5.) The name of the officer who surveyed the line approved of by Parliament; has he or the Engineer-in-Chief ever expressed any doubt as to the correctness of that survey?

(6.) The date on which a Deputation waited upon the Minister for Works urging a deviation of the Northern Line of Railway?

(7.) Has his attention been directed to the following, which appeared in one of the daily Papers on the 8th November last:—

Mr. Wright said that if the application of the Deputation was for a deviation of the Railway, it was a perfectly futile one as far as he, as a Minister, was concerned—for Parliament had approved of the plans and the route, and only Parliament itself could alter them. It was intended that the bridge over Dara Creek should be raised to such a height that it would not impede navigation, but to make the deviation now proposed would knock on the head all the contracts entered into, and interfere seriously with the construction of the Line. Apart from this, the action of the Deputation was absurd. This Railway had been sanctioned two or three years; yet now, at the last moment, when it was in course of construction, it was asked that a deviation might be made in the route. The inhabitants should have moved earlier in the matter than this.

Mr. Melville said that when Mr. Lackey was Minister for Works in 1881, he, on behalf of the residents, had presented to the Honorable Gentlemen a petition in favour of the deviation now sought for.

Mr. Wright replied that in such a case the objections to the application must have been insurmountable, for no doubt due consideration was given to the petition. He was in a much worse position than Mr. Lackey was, for if he were conscious that the route was wrong, he had no power to amend it. No Minister had such a power, and if any Ministry proposed to alter the route they ought to be put out of office. He would point out also that if the creek were to carry all the traffic, so far as that locality was concerned, the construction of the Line would be a mistake. In conclusion, he could only state that if due representations were made to him by the residents, he would feel inclined to grant them a roadway over the bridge at Dara Creek.

Is this a true report of what was said by the Minister?

(8.) The date on which the Secretary for Public Works ordered the stoppage of the works on Millar Brothers contract, in response to the request of the Colonial Secretary?

(9.) Should the Engineer-in-Chief and Messrs. Millar Brothers be unable to agree as to the amount to be paid for compensation, and their contract in consequence become cancelled, will he (the Minister) say what amount over and above the original contract price will be required to complete the whole of Millar Brothers contract?

Mr. Wright answered,—

(1.) £22,500. Messrs. C. & E. Millar have been allowed to abandon their contract from the 13-mile peg in terms of their agreement.

(2.) I am not aware of any, except a petition in favour of the Port Hacking Line.

(3 and 4.) The Colonial Secretary had a conversation with the Engineer-in-Chief with reference to the re-survey of Port Hacking Creek route.

(5.) The Line was surveyed under the direction of Mr. Palmer, the Assistant Engineer for Trial Surveys, and no doubts are entertained by the Engineer-in-Chief, or that officer, of the correctness of the survey.

(6.) 7 November, 1883.

(7.) Substantially correct. The Deputation requested me to make a deviation of the Line in course of construction. I replied this could only be done by the authority of Parliament.

(8.) 3rd July, 1883.

(9.) As the completion of this contract will be included in section No. 2, the amount required for such completion "over and above" the original contract price cannot be ascertained until a tender has been accepted for section No. 2.

2. ARALUEN GOLD FIELD:—Mr. Ryrie presented a Petition from John Wallace, J.P., and others, praying the House to take such steps as may be necessary to re-vest certain alienated land at Araluen in the Crown, and to dedicate the same for Gold Mining purposes. Petition received.

3. MEDICAL BILL:—Mr. Burns presented a Petition from Richard Sadleir, R.N., J.P., on behalf of the Homœopaths of Sydney, stating their opinion that certain provisions of the Medical Bill now before Parliament would be prejudicial to the interests and necessities of residents in many parts of

of this Colony where medical advice could not be obtained ; and praying the House to take the premises into consideration.

And the same having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker,—
Petition received.

4. PAPERS:—

Mr. Wright laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 18th October, 1883,—“ Railway Stations and Platforms.”
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Religious and Public Purposes, in accordance with the 5th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.

(2.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from Sale until Surveyed for the Preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, in accordance with the 4th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.

(3.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 4th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Trickett laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Notice respecting reduction of charges for Telegrams from Mulwala and Tocumwall to Victoria.

(2.) Additional Regulation regarding the Telephone System.

Ordered to be printed.

5. GRAFTON LIGHTING COMPANY'S BILL:—Mr. Purves presented a Petition from Samuel See, Henry Maurice, and William Kinnear, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Grafton Lighting Company (Limited) to construct Gas-works and Electric Works within the Town and Suburbs of Grafton.

And Mr. Purves having produced the *Government Gazette* and the *Sydney Morning Herald*, the *Evening News*, and the *Clarence and Richmond Examiner*, newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.

6. SEAMEN'S LAWS AMENDMENT BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Dibbs, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor.

Message No. 7.

A Bill, intituled “ *An Act to further amend the Seamen's Laws Consolidation Act of 1864,* ”—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 6th December, 1883.

7. SCHOOLS IN THE NAMOI ELECTORATE (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Dangar moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return,—

(1.) Of all Schools, Public and Provisional, in the Namoi Electorate, situation, Teachers names, married or single, class, and salary receiving, number of children on the roll, and average attendance at each School.

(2.) The size of each School, and material built of, number of cubic feet space allotted to each child, if class-room, weather-shed, and playground attached to each, and if such are fenced and how, and both separate for boys and girls, if supply of water plentiful, if by well, tank, or otherwise.

(3.) The name and residence of the School Inspector of this district.

(4.) The names of the Local Boards to each of these Schools, and when appointed.

Question put and passed.

8. PUBLIC EXPENDITURE IN CITY OF BATHURST (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Dalton moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing the amount of money voted by Parliament for expenditure in the city of Bathurst from the 31st December, 1875, to the present date, giving each item and date of expenditure in detail.

Question put and passed.

9. BOROUGHS OF RANDWICK AND PADDINGTON BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Burns moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That the Boroughs of Randwick and Paddington Bill be referred to a Select Committee for inquiry and report.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Butcher, Mr. Day, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Spring, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Moses, Mr. Suttor, Mr. Teece, Mr. White, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

10. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Sydney Smith moved, That this House do now adjourn.

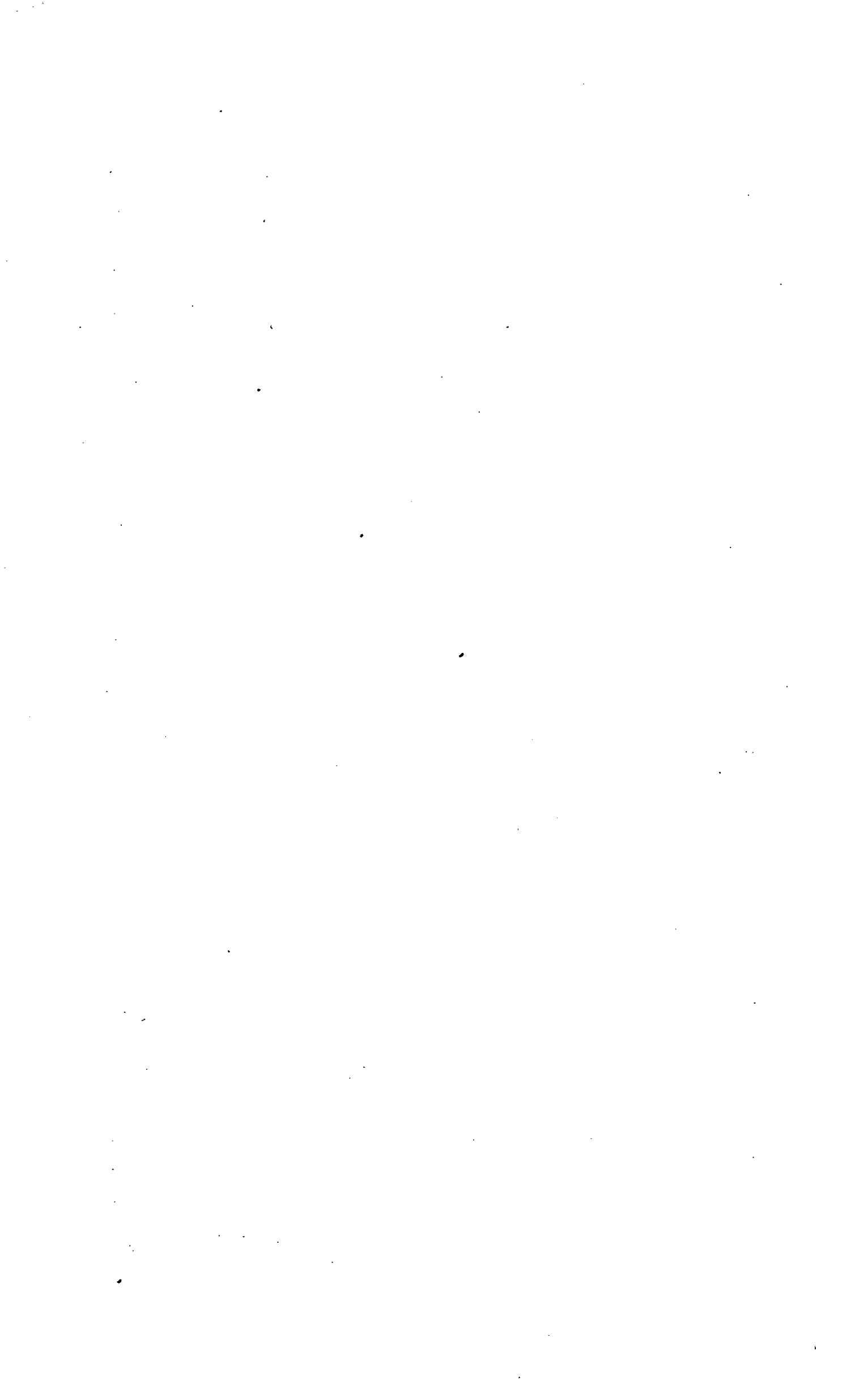
Debate ensued.

Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present.

Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being only eighteen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely,— Mr. Abbott, Mr. Burns, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Copeland, Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Garrard, Mr. Garvan, Mr. Griffiths, Mr. McLaughlin, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Poole, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Spring, Mr. Suttor, Mr. Trickett, and Mr. Wisdom,—

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House at twenty-six minutes before Seven o'clock, until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 32.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 11 DECEMBER, 1883.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Buchanan moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

And it being after Seven o'clock,—with the concurrence of the House the Questions on the Notice Paper were asked, and General Business dealt with.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Land at Narrabri Railway Station:—Mr. Hugh Taylor, for Mr. Dangar, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it intended to sell by auction or only lease the land at Narrabri Railway Station; and if leased, on what terms?

(2.) The names of all parties who have applied to purchase or lease land thereat?

(3.) The names of the parties who have been granted leases on the Railway Reserve at Narrabri, or on land at or near the Railway Station there, and the conditions if any such leases made?

(4.) Will the Government take steps to have all parties removed from the Reserve, or grant permission for the whole of the public to obtain leases?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) It is intended to offer the land at auction.

(2.) Applications for special leases have been made by John Gately, Elizabeth Adams, James O'Neil, and Joseph O'Brien.

(3.) No leases have been granted.

(4.) Instructions have already been given for prosecution of all trespassers on the Reserve outside of the Railway fence, but proceedings have been stayed in regard to those who have made application for special leases.

(2.) Roman Catholic Orphan School, Parramatta:—Mr. McElhone asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—

(1.) Did Mrs. J. Curran and Mrs. T. Linane, of Muswellbrook, apply to have Catherine and Minnie Smith apprenticed to them from the Roman Catholic Orphan School at Parramatta?

(2.) If so, were the children apprenticed to them?

(3.) To whom are the above girls apprenticed, or either of them, and are the persons Roman Catholics; and is it according to the regulations to apprentice Roman Catholic children to persons of a different religion, or to apprentice children of the Protestant religion to Roman Catholics?

(4.) Is it not a fact that Mr. Maxted stated to the mother of the children that Mrs. Curran and Mrs. Linane were not proper persons to apprentice the children to?

Mr. Reid answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) No.

(3.) The girls in question have not been apprenticed to any person, but they have been boarded out under the State Children's Relief Act. The regulations do not admit of Roman Catholic children being apprenticed to Protestants, or Protestant children to Roman Catholics.

(4.) No.

(3.) Court-house, Merriwa:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) When will tenders be called for additions and alterations of the Court-house, Merriwa?

(2.) Will he say what is the cause of the delay in calling for tenders for the above work?

Mr. Wright answered,—A plan has been prepared, and when approved tenders will be invited. There has been no unnecessary delay. (5.)

- (4.) Mr. Stent's Conditional Purchase :—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Did Mr. W. F. Stent make application for a conditional purchase of 640 acres at the Land Office, Cassilis, in April, 1882, on Bellalappa Creek, and has he got the selection he applied for ; if not, is there any reason against him getting it ?
 - (2.) Is it not a fact that at the time Mr. Stent selected there were several thousand acres available on Messrs. Busby's and Clive's leased land ?
 - (3.) Will he at once cause an inquiry to be made as to the quantity of Crown Lands available for conditional purchase adjoining Mr. Stent's conditional purchase at the time Mr. Stent selected ?
 - (4.) Is he aware that, owing to the difficulties put in the way of Mr. Stent getting his 640 acres conditional purchase, since he selected dummy selectors, or persons in Mr. Busby's employ, have taken up selections to debar Stent from getting his selection ?
 - (5.) Is it a fact that Mr. Stent was refused his conditional purchase on the ground that Stent's conditional purchase would cross the Pembroke Road ; if so, has he not power to allow Stent's conditional purchase to cross the Pembroke Road ?
 - (6.) Is it not a fact that Mr. Stent applied to amend his description by starting from the north side of Pembroke Road ; if so, was his application to amend his description refused ; if so, on what grounds ?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

- (1.) W. F. Stent made an application for 640 acres at Cassilis on 27th April, 1882, near Bellalappa Creek, No. 82-55. That conditional purchase was declared void as applicant refused to accept the reduced area available under that application.
 - (2.) There was a considerable area available for selection at date of conditional purchase No. 82-55 on Messrs. Busby and Clive's leased land, though only a comparatively small area in the immediate vicinity of that conditional purchase.
 - (3.) There were about 350 acres adjoining conditional purchase No. 82-55 which were available for selection at date of that conditional purchase.
 - (4.) The following selections were made since conditional purchase No. 82-55, and adjoining that application :—E. A. Hewitt, conditional purchase No. 82-56, Cassilis ; E. L. Rawlinson, additional conditional purchase No. 82-73, Cassilis.
 - (5.) Conditional purchase No. 82-55 was not refused on the ground that it would cross the Pembroke Road, which it does not adjoin. The application was restricted to an area of 347 acres, available in accordance with the interpretation of his description.
 - (6.) An application was made by W. F. Stent for permission to amend the description of conditional purchase No. 82-55 by taking land to the north of the Pembroke Road, on the 14th September, 1882 ; and subsequently, on the 31st January, 1883, he applied to substitute other land, at present a Reserve on the west bank of Bellalappa Creek and to the south of Pembroke Road. It was decided that his application to substitute other land for that applied for by him could not be acceded to (being for land wholly distinct from that originally applied for) except under a fresh application and upon the original application being declared void.
- (5.) Land Sale at Cooma :—Mr. Lyne, for Mr. Badgery, asked the Secretary for Lands,—When is it likely that the suburban lands at Cooma, in the vicinity of the proposed site for the Railway Station, will be offered for sale ?

Mr. Farnell answered,—There will be no unnecessary delay ; but there are several matters of importance to the public to be investigated before the land can be submitted to auction.

- (6.) Police Station at Kiandra :—Mr. Lyne, for Mr. Badgery, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is he aware that the Police Station and Constable's Quarters at Kiandra are in a very dilapidated state ; if so, will he cause steps to be taken at once for necessary repairs ?

Mr. Wright answered,—A tender was accepted for repairs to this building in May last, but the contractor has been delayed by the weather ; when it is more favourable, he will proceed with the work.

- (7.) Trucking Cattle :—Mr. Lyne, for Mr. Badgery, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Were nineteen trucks of cattle loaded at Narrandera on the 21st of last month and consigned to Homebush ?
 - (2.) When did they leave Narrandera, when did they arrive at Homebush, and if any delay occurred *en route*, where, and for how long ?

Mr. Wright answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) The nineteen waggons were forwarded from Narrandera in two divisions. The first division left at 5.30 a.m. and arrived at Homebush at 9.45 a.m. next day—twenty-eight and a quarter hours in all. The train was delayed sixty-five minutes at Bowning, in order to unload and re-load animals observed to be down. This delay put the train out of its proper course, and it had to be delayed at various points in consequence to cross other trains which were running to time. The second division left Narrandera at 3.15 p.m., and arrived at Homebush at 1.50 a.m., the second day following—thirty-four and a half hours in all. The delay was caused by the train having to stop at Yass for seventy minutes to unload and re-load cattle observed to be down. It being now completely out of its course, it had to be delayed at several points to admit of other trains running to time crossing it. It is stated that the cattle were in an exhausted condition when loaded by the owners, which was the cause of their getting down in the trucks.

- (8.) Railway Iron Bridges :—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is the Mr. Edgington who is appointed a Commissioner to inquire into the stability of our Railway works a Government contractor for iron, &c. ?
- (2.) Are not Mort's Dock Company also Government contractors ?
- (3.) If so, are not Mr. Franki and Mr. Selve, two of the Commissioners appointed to report on the stability of our Railway works, employed by Mort's Dock Company ?

Mr. Wright answered,—I have already answered the questions to the effect that the constitution of the Commission is being reconsidered by the Government. (9.)

- (9.) Narrabri Public School :—Mr. Dangar asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—
- (1.) Have not frequent representations been made by myself and others as to the unsuitable and unhealthy state of the Narrabri Public School, want of space, condition of infants schoolroom, playground, weather sheds, and Teacher's residence, &c., and the utter improbability of these grievances being removed by additions or repairs to the old buildings, which are almost falling down?
 - (2.) Has not Mr. Wilkins, the Secretary, lately visited this School, and taken occasion to express his disgust at the condition of the place generally, and expressed his opinion that no means existed of addition or remedy to the present structure?
 - (3.) Will early steps be taken to provide a new School for Narrabri providing every accommodation required for present and future wants?
- Mr. Reid answered,—
- (1.) Representations of this nature have been made at different times to this Department, and have been duly reported upon by the School Inspectors.
 - (2.) Mr. Wilkins recently visited the School, but he states that no such expressions as those attributed to him in this question were made use of by him.
 - (3.) A wooden building, to accommodate 140 infants, has recently been erected as an addition to the School, and new water-closets are about to be put up; a tender for them was accepted in the beginning of the year, but the tenderer failed to enter into a contract, and fresh tenders have since been procured, the acceptance of one of which has now been authorized. The District Inspector will be asked to furnish a report as to whether any further additions are necessary.
- (10.) Railway Refreshment Rooms at Werris Creek :—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Referring to the reply to my question on 18th October last, stating that plans and tracings for Werris Creek Refreshment Rooms would be ready in a fortnight, when tenders would be called,—Has any progress been made with the same, so as to enable tenders to be invited without further delay?
 - (2.) Is the Minister aware of the great inconvenience the travelling public are sustaining for the want of such accommodation?
- Mr. Wright answered,—
- (1.) The plans were ready at the time stated, but some alteration was considered to be necessary, and these are being made.
 - (2.) It is to remove this inconvenience as quickly as possible that the alteration in the plans has been decided upon.
- (11.) Connection of Bedford and Liberty Streets, Newtown :—Mr. Burns asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) At whose instance was the roadway opening in the Railway made to connect Bedford and Liberty-streets, in the Borough of Newtown?
 - (2.) The cost of the work?
 - (3.) Are the Government aware that this outlay has been rendered useless owing to the dilapidated and dangerous condition of the approaches?
- Mr. Wright answered,—
- (1.) By the instruction of Mr. Secretary Lackey.
 - (2.) £5,723.
 - (3.) The formation of the approaches is a municipal work. It is understood that the Municipal Council has already made arrangements for constructing the approaches.
- (12.) High School at Mudgee :—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—When will he take steps to establish a High School at Mudgee?
- Mr. Reid answered,—I cannot at present say.
- (13.) Messrs. Pitt and Loban, Public School Teachers :—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—Is it a fact that Messrs. Pitt and Loban (Teachers in the Public School Service), or either of them, were promoted from IB to IA without examination; if so, by what regulation was this done?
- Mr. Reid answered,—Mr. Pitt obtained promotion to class I section A by examination. I decided that Mr. Loban should, on his appointment as an Assistant Inspector, be promoted to class I section A, partly from the satisfactory nature of his examination for that grade in all essential subjects, and partly on the ground of his remarkably meritorious career and good services as a Teacher in our Public Schools. This was done by Ministerial decision.
- (14.) Assistant School Inspectors :—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that Messrs. Fletcher, Wright, Maclardy, McLelland (recently appointed Assistant Inspectors) are mere youths, without any practical experience as Teachers?
 - (2.) Did any of them ever conduct a Public School or any other School; if so, who, when, and for how long?
- Mr. Reid answered,—
- (1.) No.
 - (2.) Mr. Fletcher was an assistant in the Rev. W. S. Newton's School at Croydon for three months; a Resident Master in All Saints' College, Bathurst, for three years; and an Assistant Teacher in the Macdonald Town Public School for six months. Mr. Wright has had large experience in private tuition. Mr. Maclardy taught for a short time in the Sydney Grammar School, and was engaged for two years in private tuition. Mr. McLelland served under this Department as a Pupil Teacher for three years, and as an Assistant and Temporary Head Teacher for eighteen months. I may add that all of these gentlemen distinguished themselves at the Sydney University, and were highly recommended for the positions to which they were appointed by the best authorities both outside and within the Department of Public Instruction.

- (15.) Richard Pomroy's Conditional Purchase on Mocki Run:—Mr. Melville asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Did a person by the name of Richard Pomroy hold a conditional purchase on the Mocki Run?
 - (2.) Did he transfer the same, and to whom?
 - (3.) If he did transfer, is the Minister aware that the transferee never appeared at the Lands Office, Murrurundi, and never signed the declaration as to residence and improvements, and was not in the Colony of New South Wales at the date of the declaration?
 - (4.) Did Pomroy ask for an inquiry, and was such inquiry refused him?
- Mr. Farnell answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) To Michael Fleming, by notification of transfer dated 21st September, 1880.
 - (3.) The declaration bears the signature of Michael Fleming, and purports to have been taken and declared at Murrurundi before Mr. George Evans, J.P., on the 7th November, 1881. I have no such information as the question indicates.
 - (4.) Pomroy lodged an information under date 22nd November, 1882, alleging in general terms that the residence and improvements had not been fulfilled, in reply to which he was informed that the usual certificate had been issued on the 8th February, 1882, under the report of Mr. Inspector Argent, and his deposit was refunded.
- (16.) Lieutenant Nathan:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it a fact that after Captain Zouch's death Colonel Roberts waited upon the Inspector General of Police with regard to the expediency of appointing Lieutenant Nathan to the vacancy; if so, what reply did the Inspector General make?
- Mr. Stuart answered,—It is not a fact, as I am informed.
- (17.) Removal of Children from Randwick Asylum to Orphan Schools:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—What steps, if any, have been taken for the removal of the orphan children at present in Randwick Asylum to their proper destination, viz., the Orphan Schools?
- Mr. Stuart answered,—No steps have been taken, nor was such implied, in my answer to question of 14th November last, but that in future admissions more care would be taken.
- (18.) Immigration:—Mr. Melville, for Mr. Garrard, asked the Colonial Secretary,—When will the Papers *re* Immigration, ordered by this House on the 23rd of October, be laid upon the Table?
- Mr. Stuart answered,—The Return is in preparation, and will, I hope, be ready in the course of a few days.
- (19.) Glebe Island Bridge:—Mr. Hutchinson, for Mr. Garrard, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) The total cost of the Glebe Island Bridge to date?
 - (2.) The total income from tolls levied on same Bridge?
 - (3.) The amount of rent expected for 1884?
 - (4.) Is it true that this is the only Public Bridge in the Colony on which toll is levied?
- Mr. Dibbs answered,—
- (1.) Total cost, £20,998 18s. 3d.
 - (2.) The gross tolls collected from the opening of the Bridge to this date amount to £18,140 7s. 10d.
 - (3.) Income, 1884, £2,875.
 - (4.) At this moment I am not aware.
- (20.) Trucking Cattle:—Mr. Lyne, for Mr. Badgery, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) What is the usual time occupied in bringing stock from Wagga to Homebush by rail?
 - (2.) Were four trucks loaded at Wagga with Welman's cattle on the 5th instant before 6.30 a.m., and did they reach Homebush at 2.50 p.m. on the 6th instant?
 - (3.) The length of time that ten trucks of cattle, the property of McAlister & Fennell, were in the trucks coming from Cootanundra on the same date?
 - (4.) How long were these two lots of cattle coming from Picton to Homebush?
- Mr. Wright answered,—
- (1.) Twenty-five and half hours.
 - (2.) If Bomen Station be substituted for Wagga, the times given in the question are stated sufficiently close to actual time as to admit of an affirmative answer. The delay was owing to defective action of locomotive.
 - (3.) Twenty-five hours and thirty-five minutes.
 - (4.) Four hours and fifty-five minutes. The cattle train running out of its course was further delayed by having to wait for the passing of the down passenger and up express.
3. CROWN LANDS BILL:—Mr. Proctor presented a Petition from Inhabitants of New England, praying the House to use its best efforts to defeat this Bill.
And the same having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker,—
Petition received.
4. LOCAL OPTION:—Mr. Mitchell presented a Petition from the Chairman and Secretary, on behalf of the Members of Lodge 299 of the Independent Order of Good Templars, situated in the District of Marrickville, in Meeting assembled, in favour of the extension of the principle of Local Option to the renewal of Publicans Licenses.
Petition received.
5. PAPERS:—
Mr. Wright laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 23rd November, 1883,—“Carcoar Roads.”
Ordered to be printed.
- Mr. Stuart laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Further Return to an Address adopted on the 6th July, 1877,—“Immigration,”—Ship “Star of India.”

(2.) Regulation under the Fisheries Act of 1881.

(3.) Amended By-laws of the Borough of Balmain, under the Municipalities Act of 1867 and the Nuisances Prevention Act of 1875.

(4.) Return to an Order made on 6th December, 1883,—“Senior-Sergeant Langworthy.”
Ordered to be printed.

6. RAILWAY TRAFFIC BETWEEN PICTON AND HARDEN (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Chapman*, for *Mr. Butcher*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House the following Returns relative to the traffic upon the Great Southern Railway between Picton and Harden, from 1st September to 17th November, 1883, viz.,—
- (1.) The number of regular goods trains run on such section.
 - (2.) The number of special goods trains run on such section.
 - (3.) The number of drivers and firemen employed.
 - (4.) The number of goods engines employed.
 - (5.) The number of goods trains not running to time, and the cause thereof.
 - (6.) The number of engines recommended for repairs and still kept running, and the reason why such repairs have not been effected.
 - (7.) The number of instances that engines have not been cleaned on arrival at their destinations, and the reason for such neglect.
 - (8.) The number of times that drivers and firemen have worked more than fifty-five hours per week.
 - (9.) The number of accidents that have occurred in working goods trains.
- Question put and passed.
7. PURCHASE OF PALING'S PROPERTY (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Wisdom*, for *Mr. Suttor*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all letters, papers, and other documents having reference to the purchase by the Government of the property in George-street known as Paling's.
Question put and passed.
8. ADJOURNMENT:—*Mr. A. G. Taylor* moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 12 DECEMBER, 1883, A.M.

Question,—That this House do now adjourn,—put and negatived.

9. CROWN LANDS BILL:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion for the second reading of this Bill postponed until To-morrow.

The House adjourned at twenty-four minutes after Twelve o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 33.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 12 DECEMBER, 1883.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Signalman at Singleton Railway Bridge:—Mr. Gould asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) What are the duties of the signalman at the Singleton Railway Bridge?
 - (2.) Is he aware that this man is frequently away from his post on the bridge at the time of the arrival of the 11 a.m. train, and that there have been several narrow escapes from accident owing to neither semaphore being up nor signalman on bridge to warn the public at the time of the passing of this train?
 - (3.) Will he give directions that this man shall be at his post and erect semaphore at the time of all trains, whether ordinary or special, being due at or crossing the bridge?

Mr. Wright answered,—

- (1.) To warn persons using the bridge of approaching trains, for which signal arms are provided.
- (2.) I am not aware of this, but immediate inquiries will be made.
- (3.) Instructions will at once be issued.

- (2.) Railway from Singleton to Newcastle:—Mr. Gould asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Have steps been taken, as promised on the 18th October ultimo, to ensure the more punctual running of the 11.30 a.m. train from Singleton to Newcastle?
 - (2.) Is he aware that on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday of last week that train did not leave Singleton before 1.30, two hours behind time; if so, will he cause further inquiries to be made as to the cause of these delays, with the view to obviate them in future?

Mr. Wright answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) The train was late on the days in question, owing to it being very heavy. For this reason it had to be kept back to admit of other trains running to time to cross. Further inquiry is being made, with a view to improve the running of this train.

- (3.) Mail Train from Newcastle to Singleton:—Mr. Gould asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) What has been the approximate cost of running the 7 a.m. daily mail train (except that of Monday) from Newcastle to Singleton, and the 7.45 p.m. daily mail train from Singleton to Newcastle prior to 4th December instant?
 - (2.) What is the anticipated cost of running the daily local mail train leaving Newcastle for Singleton at 7 a.m., and Singleton for Newcastle at 7.45 p.m., as provided by the new time-table?
 - (3.) What is the anticipated cost of running the 8 a.m. mail train from Newcastle to Singleton, and the 7.45 p.m. mail train from Singleton to Newcastle, as provided by the new time-table?
 - (4.) What additional daily average expense will the running of the through mail trains in conjunction with the local mail train between Newcastle and Singleton, and Singleton and Newcastle entail?
 - (5.) What advantages are anticipated from running the two trains each way at the hours named in lieu of the one at 7 a.m. and 7.45 p.m., as adopted previous to 4th December instant?

Mr. Wright answered,—

- (1.) The approximate cost is £14 14s.
- (2.) Do. do. 14 14s.
- (3.) Do. do. 14 14s.
- (4.) Do. do. 14 14s.
- (5.) The advantages of satisfactorily performing a service which had outgrown the capabilities of a single train, and reducing the time occupied in running the through journey by one hour and fifteen minutes.

(4.)

- (4.) Railway to Nyngan:—*Mr. Brunker*, for *Mr. Combes*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) The date specified for completion of the Line to Nyngan, and the actual date of completion?
 - (2.) Was the amount of £5,000 promised to be paid by *Mr. Russell Barton, M.P.*, and whether this sum has been paid?
- Mr. Wright* answered,—
- (1.) Contract time, 30th June, 1883. It was opened to Nevertire (63 miles) eight months before the expiry of contract time, and from Nevertire to Nyngan (36 miles) one month before contract time.
 - (2.) The promise was made; the amount has not yet been paid.
- (5.) Railway to Hay:—*Mr. Brunker*, for *Mr. Combes*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Was any bonus granted to *Mr. George Blunt* for allowing the Government to use each section of the Hay Line as finished, and before the specified date for completion?
- Mr. Wright* answered,—Not directly; but concessions were made to him that would not have been made had he made a claim for compensation.
- (6.) Court-house Buildings, Narrabri:—*Mr. Dangar* asked the Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) Have not representations been made by the Public, the Judge, and Legal Profession, the Bench, and myself, as to the unsuitable condition of the present Narrabri Court-house Buildings for the holding of Quarter Sessions and other law business?
 - (2.) Will a sum of money be placed on or granted from the Vote for Public Buildings to erect a new and suitable Court-house, &c., for Narrabri to meet urgent requirements?
 - (3.) Has a Circuit Court been applied for Narrabri, and will such be granted; if not, is the Minister aware that many under committal have to remain a very long time in Narrabri Gaol before brought to trial; and will he grant Quarter Sessions for Narrabri three times a year in place of twice, as now?
- Mr. Cohen* answered,—
- (1.) Yes, such representations have been made.
 - (2.) This is under consideration.
 - (3.) Yes; but Circuit Courts cannot be granted at present for Narrabri. Further inquiry will be made as to the holding of Quarter Sessions at that township three times a year instead of twice, as at present.
- (7.) Over-head Bridge at Stanmore Railway Station:—*Mr. Melville* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—In view of the large and increasing passenger traffic, and the danger to persons crossing the Railway at Stanmore,—Will he give instructions for an Over-head Bridge or a Sub-way to be provided at that Station?
- Mr. Wright* answered,—Yes; plans have been ordered to be prepared.
- (8.) Alignment of Streets of Narrabri:—*Mr. Dangar* asked the Secretary for Mines,—Has an application been made by the Town Council of Narrabri for the alignment of the streets, &c., in that Municipality; and if so, have or will instructions be issued as speedily as possible in this matter, so that the Corporation may proceed with the formation of the roads, &c.?
- Mr. Abbott* answered,—This Municipality has been incorporated about a month, and through having addressed its correspondence to the Lands Department instead of the Mines, delay has arisen; but the Borough Council are about to be asked to supply necessary particulars respecting the streets sought to be aligned, and to comply with certain conditions with respect to the supply of alignment posts, &c., which is customary in all similar cases, upon receipt of a satisfactory reply from the Borough Council. Instruction will issue to the Surveyor to carry out the required work.
- (9.) Visits to Prisoners in Darlinghurst Gaol:—*Mr. A. G. Taylor* asked the Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) Is a prisoner, with the initials of W. M., undergoing incarceration in Darlinghurst Gaol on a charge of stealing letters or money whilst a Post Office clerk?
 - (2.) Is it true that he has the Church of England Chaplain's vestry placed at his disposal for private visits from his wife?
 - (3.) Do these visits ever last over one or two hours?
 - (4.) Have other prisoners who receive visits from their wives to talk to them through an iron grating (visitor and visited standing up), and a warder standing by?
 - (5.) If questions 2 and 4 are answered in the affirmative, will he see that other prisoners and their wives are allowed the same consideration?
- Mr. Cohen* answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) No. The Church of England Chaplain, in consequence of the nervous prostration of prisoner's wife, asked the Comptroller General to permit him to supervise the visits instead of an ordinary warder, and that the visits might be in his vestry, which is his place of office in the prison. The Chaplain represented that prisoner's wife was physically unable to go through the visit in the ordinary form. Similar concessions have been made before on similar grounds. The late Minister of Justice sanctioned an interview under the Chaplain's supervision in the vestry between a prisoner and other persons on special grounds.
 - (3.) From twenty minutes to half-an-hour.
 - (4.) The ordinary visit is at a grated window, according to the custom of English and other prisons.
 - (5.) Where special circumstances justifying such a course exist a departure from the general rule would be sanctioned.
- (10.) Licensed Surveyors Fees:—*Mr. Dangar*, for *Mr. Hugh Taylor*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is it a fact that ten Licensed Surveyors received by fees or salary for 1882 £1,200 per annum, twelve about £1,500 per annum, seven about £1,800 per annum, one £2,400 per annum, and two £2,900 per annum?

Mr.

Mr. Farnell answered,—Yes, for work done under contract. Each Licensed Surveyor has to find his equipment, pay labourers wages, and meet other expenses incidental to his camp.

(11.) Public Holiday, Parramatta:—*Mr. Dangar*, for Mr. Hugh Taylor, asked the Colonial Secretary,—The Government having proclaimed Wednesday, the 19th instant, a Public Holiday for Parramatta and district for the opening of the Juvenile Exhibition,—Will he give instructions that all Public Servants residing there be relieved from their duties on that day?

Mr. Stuart answered,—So far as consistent with the due discharge of those public duties which cannot be dispensed with.

(12.) Payment of Railway Employés for Holidays:—*Mr. Dangar*, for Mr. Hugh Taylor, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Are all men who are employed in the Traffic Branch of the Railway Department allowed their usual pay on the occasion of Public Holidays; if not, will the same concession be granted to these men as is granted to the men employed in the Permanent Way Branch?

Mr. Wright answered,—Yes, they are so paid at present.

(13.) Immigration.—Contract with Orient Company:—*Mr. McElhone* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House a copy of the contract made with the Orient Company for the conveyance from England to Sydney of Immigrants; if so, when?

Mr. Stuart answered,—This is being done, under an Order of this House of 23rd October, 1883.

(14.) Mr. Stuart's Mineral Conditional Purchases:—*Mr. McElhone* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) In what years did Mr. Alexander Stuart take up mineral conditional purchases, or mineral leases, on the land situated between the National Park and Coal Cliff and adjacent to the Illawarra Railway?

(2.) The dates and area of each mineral conditional purchase?

(3.) The dates of transfer, and area of each portion transferred by or to him?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) The mineral conditional purchases were taken up in the years 1874, 1875, and 1878.

(2 and 3.) The following statement embraces the information desired by the Honorable Member; but some of the portions are not immediately in the vicinities indicated in the question. The mineral leases were applied for in 1872 and 1873:—

Date.	Applicant.	Area.	Date of Transfer.
26 November, 1874	Alexander Stuart	320 acres	3 October, 1879
Do. do.	do.	320 "	do. do.
6 May, 1875	do.	320 "	do. do.
26 November, 1874	do.	320 "	do. do.
Do. do.	do.	200 "	do. do.
Do. do.	do.	320 "	do. do.
Do. do.	do.	320 "	do. do.
Do. do.	do.	60 "	do. do.
Do. do.	do.	40 "	do. do.
Do. do.	do.	40 "	do. do.
Do. do.	do.	40 "	do. do.
Do. do.	do.	80 "	do. do.
Do. do.	do.	80 "	do. do.
Do. do.	do.	320 "	do. do.
Do. do.	do.	320 "	do. do.
Do. do.	do.	320 "	do. do.
Do. do.	do.	100 "	do. do.
Do. do.	do.	50 "	do. do.
6 May, 1875	do.	320 "	do. do.
3 October, 1878	do.	574 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	do. do.
14 November, 1878	do.	320 "	do. do.

(15.) Tunnabutta Public School:—*Mr. A. G. Taylor* asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—

(1.) Did he fine two men, named Gordon and Hayward, £24 for being four months behind time in the erection of the Tunnabutta Public School?

(2.) In how many cases of contracts completed after time has he failed to inflict any fine?

(3.) Is it not a fact that the delay in the Tunnabutta Public School arose through alterations made in the contract by the Department while the work was in progress?

(4.) Did not an officer of the Department inform Messrs. Gordon and Hayward that so long as their work was well done they need not bother about being behind time, or go to the trouble of applying for any extension of time?

Mr. Cohen answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) The penalty for overtime is enforced in all cases in which satisfactory cause of delay is not shown.

(3.) The total overtime in this case was seventeen weeks; the penalty enforced was for eight weeks only, due allowance having been made for every reasonable cause of delay.

(4.) No officer of the Department had authority to make any such statement, nor is it known to the Department that any such statement was made.

(16.) Elizabeth Phillips :—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) How much money was given by the authorities, on her discharge from gaol, to Elizabeth Phillips, who is said to have been ravished and murdered at Woolloomooloo the night succeeding her release from imprisonment?

(2.) Is it a fact that this woman had barely the price of a meal when she was turned adrift from gaol?

(3.) Will he consider the propriety of establishing a Board of Humanitarians, to exercise temporary supervision over discharged prisoners of the helpless and needy class?

Mr. Cohen answered,—

(1 and 2.) One shilling, at the usual rate of 3d. a week. The prisoner was an habitue of the gaol, and gratuities in such cases are given sparingly.

(3.) I have no such present intention.

(17.) Railway from Orange to Molong :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is he aware, in answer to a question on the 31st October last, that he gave a pledge that tenders for Railway from Orange to Molong would be called within six weeks?

(2.) Has such pledge been fulfilled?

(3.) Are the working plans in a sufficiently advanced state to enable tenders to be issued before the end of the year?

Mr. Wright answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes, and a notice inviting tenders has been forwarded for publication in the *Gazette*.

(3.) The plans, &c., will be on view from the 8th January next, and tenders will be received on 19th February.

(18.) Millgate's Conditional Purchase :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is it a fact that a conditional purchase made by one G. F. Millgate in the county of Wellington, and decided by a former Minister of Lands, viz., Mr. Hoskins, in favour of Mr. Millgate, has lately been decided against Mr. Millgate by Mr. Farnell?

Mr. Farnell answered,—No action has been taken by me in the case referred to since my reply to a question asked by the Honorable Member on the 14th March last, when I informed him that it had been dealt with by Mr. Secretary Hoskins at a certain stage, and at later stages by Sir John Robertson and myself. I further stated that in finally deciding the case on its merits, I had not adopted the views of Mr. Hoskins, with which I felt unable to concur. I may add that, pursuant to the promise which I then made, the remaining papers in the case were laid upon the Table on the 30th March, and have been printed.

(19.) The Case of Mrs. Booty :—Dr. Ross asked the Minister of Justice,—Has the case of Mrs. Booty (who was tried at the last Court of Quarter Sessions held at Wellington, and sentenced, first to twelve months, and afterwards to three years, for stealing from the person) been under his consideration, and will he state if it is his intention to cause any portion of the sentence to be remitted, and how much?

Mr. Cohen answered,—The Judge who tried the case states that he promised to support a petition for a reduction of the sentence to twelve months. The recommendation of the Judge will probably be acted upon when such petition is presented.

(20.) Tank at Girilambone :—Mr. *Levien*, for Mr. Coonan, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will fresh tenders be called for the construction of the Tank at Girilambone?

Mr. Wright answered,—Fresh tenders are now invited by the local officer.

(21.) Maintenance of Children in Public Institutions :—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has he noticed a statement made the other night by the Member for West Sydney, Mr. Abigail, to the effect that over a dozen people, earning wages from £3 to £6 a week, have their children, to the number of some two dozen, in our Public Charities?

(2.) If this statement is true, will the Colonial Secretary look into it, and call to account the officer of the Government who is responsible for it?

Mr. Stuart answered,—The Inspector of Public Charities informs me that several cases have been discovered of evasion in contributing towards payment of cost of maintenance. In some instances widows have married again and been lost sight of, but wherever practicable these cases have already been dealt with, although more extended powers are requisite, which it is my intention to ask for at an early date, as I consider it to be a monstrous thing that parents should be allowed to shirk their parental responsibilities and cast them on the State, which in the present deficient state of the law they are enabled too often to do with impunity.

(22.) Tramway through Ultimo and Pymont :—Mr. Merriman asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government to proceed with the construction of a Tramway through Ultimo and Pymont; if so, when?

Mr. Wright answered,—I can best answer this question by giving the reply made to a similar question asked in the House on the 19th September, 1882 :—“The cause of the delay is the demand of the City Municipal Council, that the Government, in making the tramway, shall pave the roadway with wooden cubes from gutter to gutter. Under the Tramway Act the Government is not bound to do more than to maintain the roadway for the space of 18 inches on either side of the outer rail, and provision for this amount of work only has been made by Parliament. What would seem to be an equitable arrangement in regard to the contribution to be made by the Government and the Municipal Council, in carrying out the work as the latter propose, has been attempted to be made with the Council; but that body have declined to abate their demand that the whole expense of the work shall be borne by the Government. The Government have, of course, the power to carry out the Tramway in terms of the Act, without reference to the demand of the City Council; but, seeing that that body is constitutionally in charge of the streets, the Government is unwilling to take any course affecting the streets to which the Council show so strong an opposition as they have done in this case.”

(23.)

- (23.) High-level Bridge over Darling Harbour Railway :—Mr. Merriman asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government to proceed with the erection of a High-level Bridge over the Darling Harbour Railway at William-Henry-street ?
Mr. Wright answered,—Yes, immediately the Corporation of Sydney intimate their willingness to pay half the cost, as it is jointly a Railway and Municipal work.
2. LICENSING ACT :—Mr. Dibbs presented a Petition from Residents of St. Leonards and surrounding Districts, stating that they are anxious that the law regarding Sunday closing of Public Houses should be altered, and that the clause respecting travellers should be amended by substituting three miles for five miles ; and praying that effect may be given to their wishes.
Petition received.
3. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. A. G. Taylor moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
4. LINNEAN SOCIETY INCORPORATION BILL :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council :—
MR. SPEAKER,
The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to incorporate a Society called the 'Linnean Society of New South Wales,'*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence ; accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon.
Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 12th December, 1883.
JOHN HAY,
President.
Bill, on motion of Mr. Farnell, read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 28th December.
5. THE POLICE v. KENNA (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Dalton moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of evidence, correspondence, papers, inquiries, minutes, reports, &c., relating to the recent decision of the Licensing Bench of Magistrates given at Orange in the case *Police v. Kenna*.
Question put and passed.
6. FAHY v. WRIGHT (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Dalton moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House copies of evidence, correspondence, papers, inquiries, minutes, reports, &c., relating to the recent decision of the Bench of Magistrates at Orange in the case *Fahy v. Wright*.
Question put and passed.
7. GRAFTON LIGHTING COMPANY'S BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—
(1.) *Mr. Levien*, for Mr. Purves, moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable the Grafton Lighting Company (Limited) to construct Gas-works and Electric Works within the Town and Suburbs of Grafton.
Question put and passed.
(2.) Mr. Levien having *presented* this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of the sum of Twenty-five Pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable the Grafton Lighting Company (Limited) to construct Gas-works and Electric Works within the Town and Suburbs of Grafton,*"—read a first time.
8. McILLVEEN AND CLIFT BROTHERS CONDITIONAL PURCHASES (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Gill moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
(1.) Copies of all applications of William McIlveen, junior, made at Tamworth and Gunnedah, for the conditional purchase of land situate in the parishes of Howe's Hill and Brothers, county of Pottinger.
(2.) The same of the applications of Alexander McIlveen and Messrs. Clift Brothers in the same parishes.
(3.) Copies of all reports, surveys, plans, letters, and correspondence in reference to the same, together with all minutes and decisions of the several Ministers for Lands thereon.
Question put and passed.
9. CROWN LANDS BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Farnell, "That this Bill be 'now' read a second time,"—upon which Mr. A. G. Taylor had moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the word 'now,' with a view to the addition at the end of the words "this day six months,"—
And the Question being again proposed, That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—the House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 13 DECEMBER, 1883, A.M.

Mr. Bruncker moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Debate ensued.

Question

Question put, That this Debate be now adjourned.
The House divided.

Ayes, 24.

Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Burns,
Mr. McLaughlin,
Mr. Roberts,
Mr. Combes,
Mr. Brunker,
Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Harris,
Mr. O'Mara,
Mr. George Campbell,
Mr. Tighe,
Mr. Teece,
Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Abigail,
Mr. Griffiths,
Mr. Fletcher,
Mr. Proctor,
Mr. Spring,
Mr. Dalton.

Tellers,

Mr. A. G. Taylor,
Mr. Sydney Smith.

Noes, 54.

Mr. Stuart,	Mr. Pigott,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Humphery,
Mr. Gibbes,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Trickett,	Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Tarrant,
Mr. Heydon,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Fremlin,	Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Stephen,
Mr. White,	Mr. Purves,
Mr. Quin,	Mr. W. R. Campbell,
Mr. Withers,	Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Olliffe,	Mr. T. B. Smith,
Mr. Cass,	Mr. McQuade,
Mr. McCulloch,	Mr. Coonan,
Mr. Levin,	Mr. W. J. Fergusson,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Wright,
Mr. Gray,	Mr. Day,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Loughnan,	Mr. Bruce Smith,
Mr. Lynch,	Mr. Holtermann,
Mr. Poole,	Mr. Machattie,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Cramsie.
Mr. Wilkinson,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. D. A. Ferguson,	Mr. Merriman,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Butcher.
Mr. Targett,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Question again stated, That the word "now" proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.

Mr. Teece moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit until the hour fixed by Sessional Order for its meeting on Thursday,—

Mr. Speaker called on the Business set down for that day.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 34.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 13 DECEMBER, 1883.

1. The House continued to sit without interruption from Wednesday until the hour fixed by Sessional Order for its meeting this day.

2. QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Messrs. Miller and Hulme :—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Postmaster General,—

- (1.) How long have Messrs. Miller and Hulme been in the Electric Telegraph service ?
- (2.) What is their present rate of pay ?
- (3.) How long is it since either of them received any increase of salary ?
- (4.) Is there any special reason for keeping them on the same pay year after year, and do their juniors receive increases at regular intervals ?

Mr. Trickett answered,—

- (1.) Mr. Hulme, sixteen years ; Mr. Miller, ten and a-half years.
- (2.) Mr. Hulme, £250 per annum ; Mr. Miller, £200 per annum.
- (3.) Mr. Hulme, eight years ; Mr. Miller, six years.
- (4.) Increases are not given at regular intervals.

(2.) Public School Teachers :—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Must a Teacher in the Public School service hold a IA certificate to entitle him to teach a first class school ?
- (2.) Are any first class schools inspected and reported on by Inspectors holding certificates below IA ; and if so, how many ?
- (3.) Will he say if he demands higher qualifications from Teachers than from Inspectors ?

Mr. Reid answered,—

- (1.) Yes ; but Teachers holding IA for good service under the old regulation, who are in charge of such Schools, will not be disturbed so long as they manage them efficiently.
- (2.) Yes, seven.
- (3.) The qualifications required in the two cases are different, and do not easily, therefore, admit of the comparison suggested by the Honorable Member.

(3.) Agricultural Implements :—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he state the number and nature of every kind of agricultural implement imported into the Colony during the last three years, the value of the same, and the amount levied thereon in the shape of duty, distinguishing the number, if possible, of each respectively from England, America, and Victoria, &c. ?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—This question would involve a very voluminous document, which, if the Honorable Member desires, can be provided in the shape of a Return. I may state that by our tariff agricultural implements are exempt from duty.

3. GRAFTON LIGHTING COMPANY'S BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Purves moved, pursuant to Notice,

- (1.) That the Grafton Lighting Company (Limited) Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, with power to send for persons and papers.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Barbour, Mr. George Campbell, Mr. Day, Mr. Fremlin, Mr. Gibbes, Mr. Gray, Mr. Mackinnon, Mr. Moses, Mr. Targett, and the Mover.
- Question put and passed.

4. MINERAL CONDITIONAL PURCHASES MADE BY F. M. MILLS, W. LAING, AND W. B. CHRISTIE (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Murray moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all applications, letters, reports, minutes, and other documents having relation to Mineral Conditional Purchases Nos. 259, 260, and 261, made at Queanbeyan on 14th September, 1882, by Frederick M. Mills, William Laing, and W. B. Christie ; also copies of all letters, reports, minutes, and other documents having relation to the claims to the same land put forward by Hugh McNeil, McGrath, Daly, Edwards, and others, under and in virtue of Mineral Lease Applications Nos. 1, 2, and 3, made at Queanbeyan on 5th June, 1882, and by virtue of certain mineral licenses held by the said parties or any of them.

Question put and passed.

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5. **LICENSING ACT**:—Mr. Stephen presented a Petition from Inhabitants of Canterbury and District, complaining of the present state of the law regarding the closing of Public Houses on Sundays, and stating that they consider that the provision respecting travellers should be assimilated to that in the English law; and praying the House to adopt measures for giving effect to their wishes. Petition received.
6. **PRIVILEGE**:—Mr. A. G. Taylor moved, That it be referred to the Committee of Elections and Qualifications to inquire and report to this House whether George Houstoun Reid, Esquire, the Honorable Member for East Sydney, and Francis Bathurst Suttor, Esquire, the Honorable Member for Bathurst, were not each incapable of being elected or of sitting or voting as a Member of the Legislative Assembly, no notice to that effect having been published in the *Government Gazette* on their respective acceptances of the office of Minister for Public Instruction.
Debate ensued.
Mr. R. B. Smith moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Question put and negatived.
Original Question put and passed.
7. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The Orders of the Day Nos. 1 to 4 of Government Business postponed, to follow after the Order of the Day for the resumption of the adjourned Debate on the second reading of the Crown Lands Bill.
8. **CROWN LANDS BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Farnell, "That this Bill be 'now' read a second time,"—upon which Mr. A. G. Taylor had moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the word 'now,' with a view to the addition at the end of the words 'this day six months,'—
And the Question being again proposed, That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—the House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 14 DECEMBER, 1883, A.M.

Question,—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—put and passed.
Question put, That this Bill be now read a second time.
The House divided.

Ayes 76.

Mr. Stuart,	Mr. Gibbes,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Gray,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Tighe,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Ellis,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Trickett,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. D. A. Ferguson,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Withers,
Mr. Gill,	Mr. Griffiths,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Humphery,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Quin,
Mr. O'Mara,	Mr. Pigott,
Mr. Purves,	Mr. Hellyer,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Stokes,
Mr. McQuade,	Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. Targett,	Mr. White,
Mr. Gorrick,	Mr. Holtermann,
Mr. R. B. Smith,	Mr. Gannon,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Stephen,	Mr. George Campbell,
Mr. Levin,	Mr. Loughman,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Merriman,
Sir Patrick Jennings,	Mr. De Salis,
Mr. Moses,	Mr. Dalton,
Mr. T. R. Smith,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Day,	Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Barbour,	Dr. Ross,
Mr. Olliffe,	Mr. Copeland,
Mr. W. R. Campbell,	Mr. Cransic,
Mr. Tarrant,	Mr. Butcher,
Mr. Jones,	Mr. Harris,
Mr. Wilkinson,	Mr. Muchattie,
Mr. Badgery,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. W. J. Fergusson.
Mr. Cass,	
Mr. Fremlin,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Poole,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Heydon.

Noes, 16.

Mr. Fletcher,
Mr. Burns,
Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Wisdom,
Sir John Robertson,
Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Roberts,
Mr. Young,
Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Spring,
Mr. Proctor,
Mr. Dangar,
Mr. A. G. Taylor.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Teece,
Mr. Sydney Smith.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

On motion Mr. Farnell, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Wednesday next.

9. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS:—Pursuant to the requirement of the 59th section of the Electoral Act of 1880, Mr. Speaker appointed the first meeting of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications to take place at Eleven o'clock a.m. on Wednesday, 19th December, in Committee Room No. 2.

The House (*by consent*) adjourned at twenty minutes before Four o'clock a.m., until *Tuesday next* at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 35.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 18 DECEMBER, 1883.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Alleged Insult to a Non-commissioned Officer at Government House:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that on two successive days recently the Non-commissioned Officer in charge of the guard at Government House reported to his Superior Officer that the Aide-de-camp of His Excellency the Governor and the Private Secretary of His Excellency the Governor (or either of them) insulted the said Non-commissioned Officer?

(2.) If so, is it a fact that Colonel Richardson has held an inquiry into these complaints; what was the precise nature of the complaints made by the Non-commissioned Officer aforesaid; what decision did Colonel Richardson come to in the matter, and what are its exact terms?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

(1.) On two days, recently, the Non-commissioned Officer in charge of Government House did report that, according to his view, such did occur.

(2.) Colonel Richardson has not held any inquiry into these complaints, and no decision has been arrived at in the matter, therefore I am not able to state what are the terms.

(2.) Transfer of Conditional Purchases by Executors:—Mr. Dalton asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it a fact that upon application for transfer of conditional purchases made by executors, administrators, or persons acting under power of attorney, a certificate signed by the Crown Solicitor is required to accompany such application?

(2.) If it is, how many such certificates of the Crown Solicitor have been lodged in the Department of Lands from the 2nd January, 1883, to the 10th December instant?

(3.) Does the Crown Solicitor make any charge for such certificate; if so, what charge is made, and by what authority is it made?

(4.) Are such fees retained by the Crown Solicitor; if not, into what fund are they paid?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) It is.

(2.) 187.

(3.) A charge of £1 1s. is made. The granting of such certificates not being a part of the Crown Solicitor's official duty, the charge is not fixed by any official authority, but has been the custom in this and similar matters for some thirty years past.

(4.) The fees are retained by the Crown Solicitor.

(3.) Wright, Heaton & Co.:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has the firm of Wright, Heaton & Co. given the usual bond as security to the Government; if so, what is the amount of the bond so given?

Mr. Wright answered,—Yes; the amount of the bond was £8,700.

(4.) Wright, Heaton & Co.:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Did the firm of Wright, Heaton & Co. at any time receive a rebate or allowance on wool per bale from the Railway Department; if so, in what years was the allowance made to them, how much per bale, and what was the total amount paid to them?

Mr. Wright answered,—The sum of £143 17s. was paid to Messrs. Wright, Heaton & Co. in 1880 as a drawback upon clips of wool which that firm had diverted from Melbourne to Sydney. They represented that they were unable to make contracts for the carriage of the wool to Sydney, as the price for the carriage of it to Melbourne was slightly lower. They had reduced their rate for

for the carriage from the run to the Railway Station to the lowest possible point, and if the Government would make a reduction of 9d. per bale, they could quote a price that would have the effect of diverting this wool to Sydney. The Government decided to allow the rebate for the wool season of 1879, to be limited to the wool of sheep the previous clips of which had been sent to Melbourne. This arrangement did not extend beyond the wool season of 1879, and the total amount of rebate was, as stated, £143 17s.

(5.) Mr. Surveyor Townsend:—*Mr. Targett*, for Mr. Combes, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Whether the Mr. Townsend who lately made what he called an aneroid trial survey of a new route over the Blue Mountains was ever employed by the "Great Britain," or any other Tin Mining Company, at Vegetable Creek?

(2.) Is it true that this Surveyor was employed by a Company to design and lay out a tramway to carry washdirt from the mine to a point at which water could be brought by gravitation from the Severn River?

(3.) Will the Minister ascertain whether this work was a failure owing to inaccuracies in taking the levels, causing a loss to the Company of £12,000?

Mr. Wright answered,—

(1.) Mr. Townsend, who examined the route by the Colo Valley (not over the Blue Mountains, but at the foot of the Blue Mountains), was employed in 1873 as Managing Engineer of the Great Britain Tin-mining Company.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) Mr. Townsend informs me that the accuracy of the levels of this line was never challenged. It is unnecessary to make further inquiry. Mr. Townsend is known to be a duly qualified Surveyor, and has been engaged under Mr. Whitton for seven years in making trial surveys, the levels of which have not been inaccurate nor even disputed.

(6.) Bellinger River Tug Service:—Mr. R. B. Smith asked the Colonial Treasurer,—The amount of subsidy paid by the Government towards the maintenance of the Bellinger River Tug service?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—£828 per annum.

(7.) Sugar Refinery:—Mr. Targett asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) How is the assessment on the Sugar Refinery (Vide p. 17 of Estimates 1882-3) arrived at, so that it appears at the fixed rate of £1,500?

(2.) Under what Act is the tax imposed?

Mr. Stuart answered,—The following information has been obtained, through the Colonial Treasurer, from the Chief Inspector of Distilleries and Refineries:—

(1.) A maximum rate of assessment on the working capacity of their refinery, to meet the expense of excise supervision, was suggested by the Colonial Sugar Refining Company, and fixed by the late Treasurer at £1,500 per annum.

(2.) Under the Bonded Distilleries and Refineries Act 26 Victoria No. 18, and Regulations and Conditions thereunder, approved by the Colonial Treasurer, and published in the *Government Gazette* of 5th June, 1863.

(8.) Permanent Artillery:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) On what date was the present Brigade of Permanent Artillery formed?

(2.) How many men have enlisted in its ranks up to the present date?

(3.) How many still remain members of the Brigade?

(4.) How many desertions have taken place?

(5.) How many deserters are still uncaptured?

(6.) How many members have died?

(7.) How many have been discharged as medically unfit?

(8.) How many have been dismissed from the Force for breaches of military regulations?

(9.) How many Courts Martial have been held up to date?

(10.) How many Courts of Inquiry have sat in judgment on alleged misconduct of commissioned officers?

(11.) How many non-commissioned officers have been reduced for military misconduct?

(12.) How many members of the Force have been prosecuted before the civilian Criminal Courts?

(13.) What is the total cost (approximate) of the Permanent Force since the establishment of the present Brigade?

(14.) By how many Courts Martial has a verdict of guilty been recorded?

(15.) By how many Courts Martial has a verdict of complete acquittal been recorded?

(16.) What was the aggregate amount of last year's vote paid to the commissioned officers?

(17.) The like to non-commissioned officers?

(18.) The like to the gunners or privates?

(19.) What is the present relative strength of the Brigade, showing the proportion of (a) commissioned officers and (b) non-commissioned officers and (c) gunners?

(20.) How many members of the Force are at the present date undergoing imprisonment in the Military Provost?

(21.) The like in Darlinghurst Gaol?

(22.) The like under defaulters drill?

(23.) How many members are in the Military Hospital?

(24.) How many are awaiting Court Martial?

(25.) How many sentences awarded by Courts Martial have been mitigated by the Commander-in-Chief since the Brigade was established?

(26.) What is the aggregate number of convictions, military and civil, recorded against members of the Force since its establishment?

Mr.

Mr. Stuart answered,—Perhaps I shall best meet the views of the Honorable Member by laying upon the Table of the House, in the form of a Return, the information supplied to me by the Commandant. This I will presently do.

- (9.) Storage of Gunpowder and other Explosives:—Mr. Griffiths asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) What quantity of gunpowder is at present stored at Goat and Spectacle Islands?
 - (2.) What quantity of other explosives is at present stored at Goat and Spectacle Islands?
 - (3.) The quantity of gunpowder and other explosives at present in any other place or hulk in the vicinity of Sydney?
- Mr. Dibbs answered,—Exclusive of the explosives stored for the use of the men-of-war, which cannot be given without the consent of the Imperial Authorities, there is stored approximately:—
- (1.) At Goat Island, 125 tons; Spectacle Island, 20 tons; total, 145 tons of gunpowder.
 - (2.) At Goat Island, 35 tons; Spectacle Island, nil; total, 35 tons of other explosives.
 - (3.) Gunpowder and other explosives in the vicinity of Sydney:—In hulks at Middle Harbour, 533 tons; at fortifications in charge of New South Wales Artillery, &c., 70 tons; total, 603 tons.
- (10.) Compensation to Messrs. Curran and M'Donough:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has his Department decided yet what compensation will be allowed Messrs. Curran and M'Donough for the large diagonal slices alleged to have been taken out of their wheat paddocks at Cooyal, near Mudgee, for road purposes; if so, has the proper officer yet considered the propriety of substituting in lieu of these wheat paddock slices segments of one of the adjoining uncultivated paddocks?
- Mr. Wright answered,—This question has not yet been decided, as some of the demands for compensation are excessive. In Curran's case the line of road will probably be taken through uncultivated land instead of the wheat paddock.
- (11.) Outward Railway Porters, Dubbo:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Who are the outward porters at Dubbo, and what are the wages paid to each respectively?
- Mr. Wright answered,—James Keppie, 7s. 6d. per day; Robert Grub, 7s. per day.
- (12.) Public School at Quipolly Creek:—*Mr. Melville*, for Mr. Gill, asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—Have the plans been prepared for the Public School at Quipolly Creek; if so, when will tenders be called for same?
- Mr. Stuart* answered,—Plans are now almost ready, and, as soon as they have been approved, tenders will at once be invited.
- (13.) Colonel Richardson:—*Mr. Burns*, for Mr. Suttor, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Do the Government intend to take any action with reference to Colonel Richardson's request, contained in his letter to the Principal Under Secretary, dated 14th April, 1883,—That he may be relieved of his command pending inquiry into his alleged misconduct?
- Mr. Stuart answered,—The Government do not see any necessity for taking the steps asked for.
- (14.) Lieutenant Bouveric:—*Mr. Burns*, for Mr. Suttor, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Was the non-compliance of an Order by Lieutenant Bouveric, of the Permanent Artillery Force, referred to in Colonel Roberts's confidential report, dated 23rd April, 1883, of such a nature as to disqualify that officer for promotion?
- Mr. Stuart answered,—I do not see that it was of such a nature as to involve the disqualification indicated in the question asked.
- (15.) Manly Reserve:—Mr. Spring asked the Secretary for Lands,—Has an application to purchase a portion of the Manly Reserve been made by one of the Trustees, or other person; if so, by whom, and what has been done with regard to such application, and where is the land so applied for situated?
- Mr. Farnell answered,—From the information given, the application referred to cannot be traced.
- (16.) Gambling in Darlinghurst Gaol:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) Are prisoners undergoing sentences of life imprisonment, or other long terms, confined in No. 1 yard in Darlinghurst Gaol?
 - (2.) Is it a fact that Saturday and Sunday afternoons are spent by these prisoners in gambling with dice for tobacco?
 - (3.) Is it a fact that on other days the interval between the dinner-hour and resumption of work is spent by the occupants of the above yard in the same manner?
 - (4.) Is it a fact that not a week passes by without gambling in the above form being indulged in by ten or twenty of the prisoners?
 - (5.) Has the Visiting Justice decided that he will not convict for gambling unless the dice are produced; and are the warders thus rendered powerless to check the vice?
- Mr. Cohen answered,—
- (1.) Yes, generally.
 - (2.) No.
 - (3.) No.
 - (4.) No.
 - (5.) No; a few cases have been discovered, and severely punished by the Visiting Justice.
- (17.) School at Greenwich Park, near Marulan:—*Mr. Abigail*, for Mr. Holborow, asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—
- (1.) Is it his intention to have a new School built at Greenwich Park, near Marulan; if so, when?
 - (2.) Is he aware that cattle camp in the present School Building?
- Mr. Stuart* answered,—
- (1.) Yes, as soon as the residents agree upon a suitable site.
 - (2.) No; but inquiry will be made, in order to ascertain whether such be the case.

2. **LOCAL OPTION** :—Mr. Melville presented a Petition from the Chairman and Secretary, on behalf of the Members of the "Trust and Try" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, situated in the District of Northumberland, in Meeting assembled, in favour of the extension of the principle of Local Option to the renewal of Publicans Licenses.
Petition received.
3. **LICENSING ACT** :—Mr. O'Connor presented a Petition from Residents of Sydney and surrounding Districts, complaining of the present state of the law regarding the closing of Public Houses on Sundays, and stating that they consider that the provision respecting travellers should be assimilated to that in the English law; and praying the House to adopt measures for giving effect to their wishes.
Petition received.
4. **PAPERS** :—Mr. Stuart laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Return to an Order made on 8th November, 1883,—“ Mr. Thomas Holmes, late Public School Teacher at Pokolbin.”
(2.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Prospect and Sherwood.
(3.) By-laws of the Borough of Newcastle.
(4.) Report of the Proceedings of the Intercolonial Convention held in Sydney in November and December, 1883.
(5.) Return respecting the Permanent Artillery Force.
Ordered to be printed.
5. **VOTE OF CREDIT** :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Dibbs, and read by Mr. Speaker :—
AUGUSTUS LOFTUS, *Message No. 8.*
Governor.
In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th clause of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that provision be made for defraying expenses in connection with Services of the years 1883 and 1884.
Government House,
Sydney, 18th December, 1883.
Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of Supply.
6. **FREE PASSES TO TRAMWAY EMPLOYEES (Formal Motion)** :—Mr. Cameron moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, free passes should be granted to the Tramway employes during the term of their annual holidays, seeing that similar privileges are given to Railway workmen and seamen of Her Majesty's ships-of-war.
(2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
Question put and passed.
7. **H. A. HOUGH'S CONDITIONAL PURCHASE AT COROWA (Formal Motion)** :—Mr. Lyne moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all plans, correspondence, minutes, and other papers connected with a selection of 140½ acres made by one H. A. Hough, at Corowa, on 15th May, 1879.
Question put and passed.
8. **MONK-WEARMOUTH COLLIERY RAILWAY BILL (Formal Motion)** :—Mr. Burns moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That the Monk-Wearmouth Colliery Railway Bill be referred to a Select Committee for inquiry and report, with power to send for persons and papers.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Wright, Mr. Tighe, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Poole, Mr. Loughnan, Mr. Lyne, Mr. De Salis, Mr. Murray, Mr. Day, and the Mover.
Question put and passed.
9. **COMPENSATION FOR LAND TAKEN FOR ROADS AND STREETS** :—Mr. Vaughn moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the following Resolution :—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to provide for the payment of compensation by the State for all Lands taken from Private Persons for Public Roads, Highways, and Streets, and all expenses incurred thereby.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
10. **COMPENSATION FOR LAND TAKEN FOR ROADS AND STREETS** :—Mr. Vaughn moved, pursuant to amended Notice, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to recommend, by Message, that provision be made for carrying out the objects of a Bill to provide for the payment of compensation by the State for all lands taken from Private Persons for Public Roads, Highways, and Streets, and all expenses incurred thereby.
Question put and passed.
- And it being after Seven o'clock,—
11. **BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE** :—Mr. Farnell (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That Private Business do take precedence of Government Business for the remainder of this evening.
Mr. A. G. Taylor moved, That the Question be amended by the addition of the words “ and on all Tuesdays.”
Question proposed, That the words proposed to be added be so added.
Debate ensued.

Question put, That the words proposed to be added be so added.
The House divided.

Ayes, 31.

Sir John Robertson,	Mr. Hellyer,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Humphery,
Mr. McLaughlin,	Mr. A. G. Taylor,
Mr. Vaughn,	Mr. Griffiths,
Mr. McElhone,	Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Hugh Taylor,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. White,
Mr. Spring,	Mr. K. B. Smith,
Mr. De Salis,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Teece,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Murray,	Mr. Levien.
Mr. Butcher,	
Mr. Sutherland,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. H. H. Brown,	Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Harris,	Mr. Sec.
Mr. Targett,	

Noes, 23.

Mr. Stuart,	Mr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Olliffe,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Day,
Mr. Trickett,	Mr. Withers.
Mr. Wright,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Poole,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Holtermann,	Mr. Garvan.
Mr. Abbott,	
Mr. W. J. Fergusson,	
Mr. Wilson,	
Mr. Gray,	
Mr. Merriman,	
Mr. Chapman,	
Mr. William Clarke,	
Mr. Barbour,	
Mr. Dalton,	
Mr. George Campbell,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Main Question,—That Private Business do take precedence of Government Business for the remainder of this evening, and on all Tuesdays,—put and passed.

12. LIVE STOCK TRAFFIC ON RAILWAYS:—Mr. Wilkinson moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the Government should “immediately” appoint a Board to inquire into “the” live stock traffic on the Railways, for the purpose of finding out and removing the causes of the existing irregularities and delays in the transit of live stock.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Wright moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the word “immediately,” with a view to the insertion in its place of the words “without delay.”

Question proposed, That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.

Debate continued.

Question,—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—put and negatived.

Question,—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the word omitted, be so inserted,—put and passed.

Sir John Robertson moved, That the Question be further amended by the omission of all the words after the word “the” where first used in the third line, with a view to the insertion in their place of the words “management of the Public Railways.”

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.

Debate continued.

Proposed amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Main Question,—That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the Government should, without delay, appoint a Board to inquire into the live stock traffic on the Railways, for the purpose of finding out and removing the causes of the existing irregularities and delays in the transit of live stock,—put and passed.

13. JOHN FLANAGAN, LATE SERGEANT OF POLICE AT BARRABA:—Mr. Levien moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all letters, papers, and other documents passing between the Colonial Secretary, the Superintendent of Police, Tamworth, and the Inspector General of Police, with reference to the reduction in position and ultimate resignation of John Flanagan, late a Sergeant of Police at Barraba.

Question put and passed.

14. RAILWAY TO NYNGAN:—Mr. McElhone, for Mr. Combes, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence and papers respecting the bonus granted to Messrs Amos & Co. for completing the Railway Line to Nyngan before the specified date.

Question put and passed.

15. SCHOOL STATISTICS:—Mr. Murray moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—

(1.) The number of children attending each School, “with their religious persuasion.”

(2.) The number of Teachers in each School, their class, and how obtained (by examination or otherwise), “and their religious persuasion.”

(3.) The number of Teachers belonging to Denominational Schools who were appointed to other Public Schools since the passing of the Public Instruction Act, with the classification, and how obtained (by examination or otherwise), “and their religious persuasion.”

(4.) The number of Denominational Teachers still unemployed, their class, how obtained, “and religion.”

(5.) Number of new Teachers employed since 1st January last, their class, how obtained (by examination or otherwise), “and their religious persuasion.”

Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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Mr. McElhone moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the words “and their religious persuasion” and the words “and religion” wherever occurring in the motion.

Debate continued.

Question put, That the words “with their religious persuasion,” in paragraph (1), proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.

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The House divided.

Ayes 15.		Noes 20	
Mr. White,	Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Stuart,	Mr. McLaughlin,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Trickett.	Sir John Robertson,	Mr. A. G. Taylor,
Mr. Gray,	" Tellers,	Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Chapman,		Mr. Copeland,	Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. Murray,	Mr. Levien,	Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Harris,	Mr. Withers.	Mr. Gill,	Mr. Spring,
Mr. Sutherland,		Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Humphery,
Mr. Merriman,		Mr. Cameron,	Tellers.
Mr. Lyne,		Mr. Wright,	
Mr. Poole,		Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Brunker,		Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Griffiths.

And so it passed in the negative.

Question put, That the words "and their religious persuasion," in paragraph (2), proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.

The House divided.

Ayes, 15.		Noes, 19.	
Mr. Trickett,	Mr. Merriman,	Mr. Stuart,	Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Sutherland.	Sir John Robertson,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. White,	" Tellers,	Mr. Abbott,	Mr. A. G. Taylor,
Mr. William Clarke,		Mr. Copeland,	Mr. McLaughlin,
Mr. Gray,	Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Gill,	Mr. Hugh Taylor,
Mr. Murray,	Mr. Poole.	Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Dibbs.
Mr. Withers,		Mr. Griffiths,	Tellers,
Mr. Chapman,		Mr. O'Connor,	
Mr. Melville,		Mr. Vaughn,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Harris,		Mr. Spring,	Mr. Levien.
Mr. Lyne,		Mr. Humphery,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Question,—That the words "and their religious persuasion," in paragraph (3), proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—put and negatived.

Question,—That the words "and religion," in paragraph (4), proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—put and negatived.

Question,—That the words "and their religious persuasion," in paragraph (5), proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—put and negatived.

Main Question put,—That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—

(1.) The number of children attending each School.

(2.) The number of Teachers in each School, their class, and how obtained (by examination or otherwise).

(3.) The number of Teachers belonging to Denominational Schools who were appointed to other Public Schools since the passing of the Public Instruction Act, with the classification, and how obtained (by examination or otherwise).

(4.) The number of Denominational Teachers still unemployed, their class, and how obtained.

(5.) Number of new Teachers employed since 1st January last, their class, and how obtained (by examination or otherwise).—

And Division called for,—but there being no Tellers on the part of the *Ayes*, no Division could be had, and Mr. Speaker declared the Question to have passed in the *negative*.

16. **POST OFFICE WAVERLEY**:—Mr. McElhone moved, pursuant to *amended* Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence between the Postmistress, Waverley, and the Post Office, and all minutes and correspondence in reference to sum of money (£50 or thereabouts) said to have been lost, and all minutes on the above subject.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

17. **NEW SOUTH WALES ARTILLERY**:—Mr. A. G. Taylor moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House a Return (omitting the names of the accused persons), detailing the list of charges preferred at Courts Martial against individual members of the New South Wales Artillery since its establishment, with the list of sentences awarded at each Court Martial.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

18. **McILVEEN AND CLIFTS CONDITIONAL PURCHASES**:—Mr. Gill moved, pursuant to *amended* Notice,—
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the Conditional and Additional Purchases of William McIlveen and Messrs. Clift Brothers, situate in the parishes of Howe's Hill and Brothers, county of Pottinger.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Levien, Mr. Day, Mr. Fletcher, Mr. Lyne, Mr. Abbott, Mr. Fremlin, Mr. Spring, Mr. Targett, Mr. Farnell, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

19. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. Stuart moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

20. **BUTCHERS SHOPS (METROPOLITAN POLICE DISTRICT) SUNDAY CLOSING BILL**:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read,—

Point of Order:—Mr. A. G. Taylor requested Mr. Speaker's ruling whether this Bill, which related to trade, was properly before the House, not having originated in a Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Speaker ruled that the Bill was not regularly before the House.

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21. THE CASE OF CAPTAIN ARMSTRONG :—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Levien, "That the Report from the Select Committee on the Case of Captain Armstrong, brought up on the 25th April, 1883, be now adopted,"—
Sir John Robertson moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Question put and passed.
Ordered That the Debate be adjourned until to-morrow.
22. SUPREME COURT APPELLATE JURISDICTION BILL :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill postponed until Friday, 18th January, 1884.
- The House (*by consent*) adjourned at twenty-eight minutes after One o'clock A.M., until *Seven* o'clock P.M. This Day.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 36.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 19 DECEMBER, 1883.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Area and Rent of Runs in the Albert and Darlings Districts:— *Mr. McCulloch*, for Mr. Barbour, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) The area of the Runs, or continuation of blocks known as Nelyambo, Manfred, Tapio, Lake Victoria, Albemarle, Corona, Sturt's Meadows, Mount Mandra, Mara, Kalara, Tarella, Mount Murchison, and Mombra?

(2.) The rents paid for each of these Runs per year for the last ten years?

(3.) The quantity of stock depastured on each of said Runs, as shown by Returns made to the Clerk of Petty Sessions in accordance with the Diseases in Sheep Act?

(4.) Is the current five years lease the first lease held in respect of such Runs, or either of them, or is it a renewal lease, in consequence of the improved value of the Runs, or is it an ordinary renewal lease?

(5.) Do the rentals fixed, or the reasons given for fixing them in any instance, indicate that such rentals were based upon the unimproved or upon the improved value of such Runs at time of valuation?

Mr. Abbott answered,—

(1 and 2.) So far as the Runs referred to can be identified under the names given, the present estimated area, the rents, the stock depastured, and the position of leases, are shown in the Schedule which I will presently lay upon the Table.

(3.) The figures, showing the quantity of stock depastured, are those published in the Report of the Stock Branch for this year.

(4.) The current lease is in no case the first lease held. A lease is not renewed on account of improved capabilities; it is extended, and those Runs noted as "not extended" have been renewed in ordinary course.

(5.) Under the law, it is provided that "appraisers, when determining the fair annual value, are not to take into account any improvements which may have been effected at the cost of the claimant of the lease, or any person through whom he may derive his right or claim."

- (2.) Commissioner and Secretary for Railways:—*Mr. O'Connor*, for Mr. McElhone, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is he not aware that Mr. Commissioner Goddchap and Mr. Vernon, Secretary for Railways, are deeply interested in coal lands on the Illawarra Railway Line?

(2.) Has he not stated to certain parties that it is within his knowledge that they are so interested?

(3.) Is it usual to allow the Commissioner and Secretary for Railways to traffic in coal or other lands near to or abutting on new Lines of Railway about to be made?

Mr. Wright answered,—

(1.) I am not aware.

(2.) No.

(3.) I am not aware that the Commissioner and Secretary for Railways have done anything of the kind.

- (3.) Katoomba Mine:—*Mr. Mitchell*, for Mr. Targett, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Is the Minister aware that the Manager of the Katoomba Mine objected to the check-weigher taking his position, after being duly appointed by the miners on or about the 12th November, which led to a stoppage of the mine?

(2.) If so, will the Minister cause an inquiry to be made by the Inspector of Collieries?

Mr. Abbott answered,—No; the Examiner of Coal Fields reports that no complaint has been made. (4.)

(4.) Rent of Runs :—*Mr. Burns*, for *Mr. Garrett*, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) What is the average rent per section paid, or to be paid, by the Pastoral Tenants in the proposed Western Division, according to the two last series of appraisements made this year and last year?
- (2.) The same as to proposed Central and Eastern Divisions?

Mr. Abbott answered,—The average rent per section of Runs appraised in 1882 and 1883 is,—

	1882.	1883.
For the Western Division	£1 7 5	£1 6 5
For the Central Division	2 6 5 ¹ / ₂	1 14 10 ¹ / ₂
For the Eastern Division	1 5 3 ¹ / ₂	1 14 3 ¹ / ₄

The rents paid for Runs whose leases have been extended are not included in the calculations which produce the results shown in this return. The Runs whose leases fall in this year are amongst those more lately occupied, and therefore likely to be below average quality.

(5.) Agricultural Schools :—*Mr. Poole*, for *Mr. Murray*, asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—Is it the intention of the Government to establish Agricultural Schools in the agricultural districts of the Colony?

Mr. Stuart answered,—In the absence of my Honorable Colleague, I may state that this is a rather difficult question, and is engaging the attention of that Minister.

(6.) *Mr. R. M. Vaughn, M.P.* :—*Mr. McCulloch* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Did *Robert Matteson Vaughn, Esq.*, the Member for Grenfell, tender, or join in tendering for certain contract for Sewerage or other Public Works since the last General Election?
- (2.) Was such tender accepted?
- (3.) Will the Minister give particulars of such tender and acceptance?

Mr. Wright answered,—

- (1.) Yes; Messrs. *J. H. May* and *R. M. Vaughn* tendered for contract 7, main Bondi intercepting sewer?
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) Bulk sum of tender was £155,537 6s., but by schedule of prices it should have been £165,761 6s. Tenderers did not pay balance of deposit money, nor take up the work. Fresh tenders were invited, and that of *A. J. Smyth and Co.*, for £186,600, was accepted.

(7.) Christmas Holidays :—*Mr. A. G. Taylor*, for *Mr. Hugh Taylor*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—What arrangements have the Government made in the various Departments respecting the Christmas Holidays?

Mr. Stuart answered,—The Government has made the usual arrangements with regard to the various Departments respecting the Christmas Holidays. The Holiday to commence at noon of Christmas Eve, and will include Christmas Day and Boxing Day. A holiday will also be given the following week, on New Year's Day.

(8.) Extension of the Penny Postage and Sixpenny Telegrams Systems :—*Mr. A. G. Taylor*, for *Mr. Hugh Taylor*, asked the Postmaster General,—

- (1.) Will the Government take into consideration the advisableness of extending the Penny Postage System throughout New South Wales, or at least to all places accessible by Railway?
- (2.) Will the Government reconsider the propriety of extending the Sixpenny Telegrams to all places at present enjoying the Penny Postage System?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

- (1.) Not at present.
- (2.) The question will be reconsidered.

(9.) *Mr. F. D. Miller* :—*Mr. A. G. Taylor* asked the Minister of Justice,—When will *Mr. Frederick Danks Miller*, of *Mudgee*, be reimbursed his dividend in an insolvent estate embezzled by the late *Mr. Sandeman*?

Mr. Cohen answered,—Owing to the short notice, there is some difficulty in the way of answering this question, in the absence of the name of the Insolvent estate in which *Mr. Miller* is entitled to a dividend. Perhaps the Honorable Member can furnish me with the name of the estate, and the desired information can then be supplied.

(10.) The Cases of *John Hubert Feehilly* and *Fagan* :—*Mr. A. G. Taylor* asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Has he decided yet to remit the sentence passed upon *John Hubert Feehilly*, in accordance with the recommendation of the Judge who presided at the trial; and has he given orders to relieve the prisoner from model treatment?
- (2.) Has he decided yet to mitigate the sentence of seven years hard labour passed upon a man named *Fagan* at the recent Quarter Sessions at *Coonamble*?

Mr. Cohen answered,—

- (1.) It has been decided to absolve prisoner *Feehilly* from further separate treatment at *Berrima*, and his case will be re-submitted hereafter as if he had been sentenced to two years imprisonment only, provided his conduct continue good in the meantime.
- (2.) In view of the Judge's report in *Fagan's* case, I have not felt justified at this early stage of the sentence to recommend any interference in his case.

(11.) Contractors fined for non-fulfilment of Contracts :—*Mr. A. G. Taylor* asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—Referring to his answer to section 2 of question No. 15, of the 12th December,—Will he state definitely how many contractors have been fined by him since his acceptance of office for failure to complete their work by contract time; and also how many similarly offending have escaped fine?

Mr. Stuart answered,—Four contractors have been fined for failing to complete their work by contract time. Forty who failed to complete their work within contract time have not been fined; but their cases are not similar to those in which penalties were enforced. In several of them additional

additional work was performed, and in other cases the delay was, in part, due to the action of the Department. In one case the site was changed after the work was commenced, and in some other cases the contractors could not get unrestricted possession of the buildings, owing to the necessity for the School duties being carried on during the progress of the works.

- (12.) Students at Hurlstone College :—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—Has he decided yet what amount per week he will allow the lady students at Hurlstone College as pocket money; if not, will he, having regard to the approach of Christmas, fix the allowance, and make it retrospective?

Mr. Stuart answered,—I understand that the Minister has not yet determined this matter.

- (13.) Mail Services—Mudgee and Hill End and Upper Botobolar and Stony Creek :—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Postmaster General,—Has he decided yet to grant a mail service by coach between Mudgee and Hill End, or to grant a bi-weekly mail service between Upper Botobolar and Stony Creek?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—Applications for these services were only received a few days since, and no decision has yet been arrived at.

- (14.) School Buildings, Rylstone and Pyangle :—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Who is the successful tenderer for repairs to the Rylstone Public School?
- (2.) When will tenders be invited for the erection of new Public School Buildings at Pyangle?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

- (1.) William Taylor.
- (2.) The plans and specification are, I understand, completed. As soon as approved, tenders will be invited.

- (15.) Duty on Fencing Wire :—Mr. Dangar asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is he aware of a rumour, or is there any truth in such, or has it originated from his Department, that he proposes taking off the duty on fencing wire, and placing extra duties on spirits, tobacco, and cigars?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—I am not aware whether the Honorable Member who put the question upon the Paper intended it for burlesque; but I am not aware of the existence of rumours of any kind, nor am I responsible for their truth or otherwise. The intentions of the Government on fiscal matters will be submitted to the House at the proper time.

- (16.) The Three Million Loan :—*Mr. Cameron*, for *Mr. Proctor*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Whether any correspondence has taken place between himself, the Colonial Secretary, and the General Manager of the Bank of New South Wales, with reference to the floating of the contemplated £3,000,000 Loan in London; if so, will he lay the correspondence (if any) upon the Table of this House at once?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—I may again say that I do not know whether this question is intended to make light of our fiscal arrangements, but I do not consider it expedient in the public interest to furnish any information at this time and pending the completion of important and delicate negotiations.

2. PAPERS :—

Mr. Abbott laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return showing the Area and Rent of certain Runs in the Albert and Darling Districts.
- (2.) Return to an Order made on 20th November, 1883,—“ Claim for killing a Ram at Quarantine Station, Canterbury.”

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Stuart laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) By-law of the Borough of Newcastle.
- (2.) Amended By-law of the Borough of Woollahra.
- (3.) Return respecting Lunatic Asylums at Parramatta, Gladesville, and Callan Park.

Ordered to be printed.

3. PRIVILEGE :—

- (1.) *Mr. McCulloch* moved, That it be referred to the Committee of Elections and Qualifications to inquire and report to this House,—

(a.) Whether *Robert Matteson Vaughn*, Esquire, the Honorable Member for Grenfell, has not since the date of his election, in conjunction with another person, undertaken a contract for or on account of the Public Service, and whether he has not thereby become incapable of sitting as such Member.

(b.) Whether the said *Robert Matteson Vaughn* did not, since the date of his election, in conjunction with another person, enter into such a contract, and whether his Seat as such Member has not thereby become void.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

- (2.) *Mr. A. G. Taylor* moved, That it be referred to the Committee of Elections and Qualifications to inquire into and report to this House whether *Henry Emanuel Cohen*, Esquire, the Honorable Member for West Maitland, was not at the time of his election as Member for West Maitland incapable of being so elected by reason of his then holding an office of profit under the Crown which had not been gazetted by His Excellency the Governor as carrying with it the qualification of election to the Legislative Assembly.

Question put and passed.

4. BOROUGHS OF RANDWICK AND PADDINGTON :—*Mr. Burns* presented a Petition from Ratepayers, Residents, and owners of Property, in a portion of the Borough of Randwick, praying the House to take steps for the annexation to the Borough of Paddington of the area of land owned and occupied by them in the Borough of Randwick.

Petition received.

5. BUTCHERS SHOPS (METROPOLITAN POLICE DISTRICT) SUNDAY CLOSING BILL:—Mr. O'Connor (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to prohibit within the Metropolitan Police District the opening of Butchers Shops on Sundays.
Question put and passed.
6. NECROPOLIS ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Stuart, for Mr. Cohen, moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Necropolis Act of 1867.
Question put and passed.
7. DECEASED PERSONS ESTATES ADMINISTRATION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Stuart, for Mr. Cohen, moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the better administration of the Estates of Deceased Persons.
Question put and passed.
8. CIVIL SERVICE BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Stuart moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to regulate the Civil Service, and for other purposes.
Question put and passed.
9. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Dibbs moved, pursuant to Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the House from resolving itself this day into the Committees of Supply and Ways and Means respectively; and as would preclude the passing of a Bill, intituled "A Bill to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the years 1883 and 1884" through all its stages in one day; and would also preclude the Resolutions of Committees of Supply and of Ways and Means respectively, whereon the said Bill is proposed to be founded, being received on the same day on which they are come to by the said Committees respectively.
Question put and passed.
10. SENTENCES OF CONVICTED PRISONERS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. A. G. Taylor moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the law relating to Sentences of Convicted Prisoners.
Question put and passed.
11. SUPPLY:—
(1.) Mr. Dibbs moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House do now resolve itself into the Committee of Supply.
Question put and passed.
(2.) On motion of Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee accordingly.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.
The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, that the report be now received.
The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—
(1.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £587,000, being for Services of 1883—£50,000 Treasurer's Advance Account, further sum; £200,000 working expenses of Existing Railway Lines, further sum; £50,000 working expenses of Tramways, further sum. For Services of 1884—£120,000 to meet wages to become due to Railway employes during the month of January, 1884, and for Railway Services generally, irrespective of date of claims; £10,000 to meet wages to become due to employes in the Department of Harbours and Rivers during the month of January, 1884, and for other Services of an urgent nature; and, in anticipation of Loan Vote, £157,000 for Railway, Wallerawang to Mudgee, further sum.
On motion of Mr. Dibbs, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
12. WAYS AND MEANS:—
(1.) Mr. Dibbs moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House do now resolve itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.
Question put and passed.
(2.) On motion of Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee accordingly.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.
The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, that the report be now received.
The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—
(1.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Services of the Years 1883 and 1884, the sum of £587,000 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.
On motion of Mr. Dibbs, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
13. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL:—
(1.) Ordered on motion of Mr. Dibbs, that a Bill be brought in, founded on Resolution of Ways and Means (No. 1), to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Years 1883 and 1884.

(2.) Mr. Dibbs then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Years 1883 and 1884,*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and now read a second time.

(3.) Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Dibbs, the report was adopted.

Ordered, that the Bill be now read a third time.

(4.) Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Dibbs, passed.

Mr. Dibbs then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Years 1883 and 1884.*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Years 1883 and 1884,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 20th December, 1883, A.M.

14. RAILWAY EXTENSION FROM MURRUMBURRAH TO BLAYNEY:—Pursuant to the requirements of the Government Railways Act 22 Victoria No. 19,—Mr. Wright laid upon the Table (*as exhibits only*) copies of Plan, Section, and Book of Reference of the second part of the proposed Railway from Murrumburrah to Blayney, being the length from Young to Blayney, a distance of about 92½ miles.

The House adjourned at One o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 37.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 20 DECEMBER, 1883.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Railway Sleeping-cars:—Mr. Moses asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Have two sleeping-cars been imported from America lately?

(2.) What was the cost of these cars delivered in the Colony, and how many sleeping berths does each contain?

(3.) What is the extreme height, length, and width of these carriages?

(4.) Are the bodies of the cars so wide that they have to pass over the platforms at Stations instead of inside them?

(5.) Is it a fact that in consequence of their great length and width they will not pass each other on the double line on curves of 12 chains radius?

(6.) What is the clearance between these carriages when running on a double line and straight road?

(7.) Who advised the importation of these carriages, and by whom were they ordered?

(8.) What is proposed to be done with them?

(9.) What accommodation is afforded by the sleeping-cars now in use, and what was the cost of each?

Mr. Wright answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) The amount to be paid has not yet been finally arranged, owing to the cars not having been supplied in strict accordance with terms of contract. Each carriage contains twenty-eight sleeping berths.

(3.) Extreme length 66 feet, extreme height 13 feet 4 inches, and extreme width 10 feet 5 inches.

(4.) A slight alteration will be required to admit of their clearing the platforms.

(5.) They will not pass each other on the 8-chain curves until a little alteration is made.

(6.) At present 9 inches.

(7.) Ordered by Mr. Secretary Lackey, upon the advice of the Locomotive Engineer when in America on his visit of inspection.

(8.) To use them for the purpose they were imported directly the alteration referred to is made.

(9.) They accommodate twenty sleepers. Their cost is £1,720 each.

(2.) Railway Season Tickets:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it his intention to reduce the price of season tickets on the Railway; and will he do this before the first day of 1884?

Mr. Wright answered,—There is no present intention of reducing the season ticket rates, which are already very low.

(3.) Railway to Rylstone:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the Railway to Rylstone be sufficiently completed to permit of its being opened to that place for traffic?

Mr. Wright answered,—Early in March.

(4.) Gaoler's Residence at Mudgee:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will tenders be invited for new buildings for Gaoler's Residence at Mudgee?

Mr. Wright answered,—Tenders will be invited in next *Gazette*.

(5.) Right-of-way to Crooked Creek:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Mines,—Has he decided yet to grant the right-of-way to Crooked Creek, Pyambong, petitioned for by a number of free selectors six months ago?

Mr. Abbott answered,—Yes, and the parties through whose runs the road is required have been informed that unless an uninterrupted thoroughfare in the direction required is allowed, it may become necessary to withdraw an area from their leases for the purpose. (6.)

(6.) Railway Employés Travelling free by Rail:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Have suburban stationmásters, porters, &c., to pay their fares when riding by rail to and from Sydney?

(2.) Will he consider the advisableness of permitting Railway employés to travel free on the Railways of the Colony?

Mr. Wright answered,—

(1.) Not when on duty or on leave of absence.

(2.) They do travel free when on duty and on leave, but it is not considered advisable to grant them free passes to travel daily from their homes to their offices or other places where they do their work.

(7.) By-laws of Borough Councils:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the officers of certain provincial Municipalities have citizens summoned and fined for loitering on the footpaths?

(2.) Is he aware that Borough Councils have not the power to pass such a by-law, and is he aware that the Executive Councils who sanctioned it did so illegally?

(3.) Will he obtain an opinion from the Attorney General on the subject, and, if necessary, order these prosecutions to be abated?

Mr. Stuart answered,—With reference to these questions, I may state that I am not aware that it is a fact that officers of certain Municipalities have citizens summoned and fined for loitering on the footpaths; but, if the Honorable Member will point out any case of the kind, I will have the matter inquired into. One Borough Council—that of Mudgee—passed such a by-law, and sent it on for approval; but, when it reached me, I forwarded it to the Attorney General, who gave the following opinion:—"The proposed by-law is certainly in excess of the Council's powers. To be found sitting or loitering on a bridge, or footpath, or street, cannot possibly be an offence which should be punishable by a minimum penalty of 5s. and a maximum penalty of £5. An obstruction of a thoroughfare is one thing, but the acts made penal by this by-law seem in no way to imply such an obstruction as would amount to an unreasonable or illegal use of the thoroughfare."

(8.) Bridge over Paddy's River, Tumberumba:—Mr. Lyne asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When the Bridge over Paddy's River, in the Tumberumba District, for which money has been voted, will be erected?

Mr. Wright answered,—Tenders will be invited as soon as possible. There have been questions as to site, which have caused delay.

(9.) Public Works at St. Leonards:—Mr. Hugh Taylor, for Mr. McElhone, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to resume Ball's Head, Berry's Estate, or any land at Blue's Point for Railway purposes?

(2.) Will the Minister for Works state (within a few years) when the Branch Line of Railway from Pierce's Corner to North Shore will be commenced?

(3.) Do the Government intend carrying out any of the long-promised public works at St. Leonards?

Mr. Wright answered,—

(1.) This question has not yet been determined.

(2.) The line cannot be commenced till the plans, &c., have been approved by Parliament. Plans for this purpose are being got ready.

(3.) Yes.

(10.) Road through Pigeon Grove:—Mr. Cameron, for Mr. Young, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Will he say what is the cause of the delay in opening, by proclamation, the Road through Pigeon Grove, on the Manning River?

(2.) Will he take steps to have this Road opened without further delay?

Mr. Abbott answered,—All that is required by law to establish this Road has been done. It was proclaimed on the 9th February, 1864, and confirmed on the 4th October, 1864.

(11.) Gannon's Forest Road:—Mr. Pigott asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What moneys have been voted for maintenance and repairs during the last four years to that portion of the Gannon's Forest Road lying between the junction of the Forest and Rocky Point Roads to Peakhurst?

(2.) What moneys have been expended thereon during that period, distinguishing each year's expenditure?

Mr. Wright answered,—

(1.) £500 voted each year since 1880.

(2.) Votes of 1880, 1881, and 1882 all expended; 1883 Vote expended except £110, which is now being laid out on culvert and other works.

(12.) Railway Suburban Season Tickets:—Mr. Pigott asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has the Commissioner for Railways decided to raise the season ticket rates for suburban traffic on the Railway; if so, what is to be the rate of increase, and will he say why such increase is to be made?

(2.) Is it not the case that the ordinary fares for suburban Railway traffic have been recently reduced?

(3.) Is it not the case that the rate of interest paid by the returns from the suburban traffic has been much larger than from any other department of the Railway?

(4.) Will the Government issue season tickets for the ensuing year at the same rates as for the current year?

Mr.

Mr. Wright answered,—

(1.) The rates and fares are, by the terms of the Railway Act, fixed by the Governor and the Executive Council. The question of adjusting the Railway season ticket rates has been under their consideration, the Commissioner having pointed out that the difference between the charge for monthly, quarterly, half-yearly, and yearly tickets is disproportioned. The charge for the monthly tickets remains unaltered, but the discounts on that charge for quarterly, half-yearly, and yearly rates have been reduced, but only very slightly, amounting to an average of 6 per cent.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) It is the case that dividing the lines into sections, the rate of interest paid on the capital expended on the suburban line is greater than it is on the capital expended on any other section of the Railway lines; but it does not follow that this arises from the suburban traffic proper, nor from the profit made from the carriage of season ticket holders and ordinary suburban passengers. If the revenue were limited to that derived from this source the interest to capital, if any, would be very small. The suburban line is credited with its mileage proportion of the through traffic, which out of a total revenue derived from the suburban section, viz. £231,858, amounts to £145,258.

(4.) Yes, except as regards the small adjustment referred to.

2. PRIVILEGE:—Mr. A. G. Taylor moved, That it be referred to the Committee of Elections and Qualifications to inquire into and report to this House whether Joseph Palmer Abbott, Esquire, Member for Gunnedah, was at the date of his election for Gunnedah capable of being so elected, on the ground that he then held an office of profit under the Crown, and that the Proclamation qualifying the Secretary for Mines for election to the Legislative Assembly was the sixth of such Proclamations made by His Excellency the Governor under the provisions of the 18th section of the Constitution Act, which legalizes only five such Proclamations.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 6.

Mr. Wisdom,
Sir John Robertson,
Mr. A. G. Taylor,
Mr. Sutherland.

Tellers,

Mr. Teeco,
Mr. Spring.

Noes, 31.

Mr. Stuart,	Mr. Dalton,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. W. J. Fergusson,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Gill,
Mr. Trickett,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Gray,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. William Clarke,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. W. R. Campbell,
Mr. Coonan,	Mr. Griffiths,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Hugh Taylor,
Mr. Heydon,	Mr. Humphery.
Mr. Machattie,	Tellers,
Mr. Hellyer,	Mr. Olliffe,
Mr. De Salis,	Mr. Gibbes.
Mr. Day,	
Mr. Melville,	

And so it passed in the negative.

3. LOCAL OPTION:—The undermentioned Petitions in favour of the extension of the principle of Local Option to the renewal of Publicans Licenses were presented by the Members named:—

(1.) By Mr. Cameron, for Mr. Fletcher. From the Chairman and Secretary, on behalf of the Members of the "Ebenezer" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, situated in the District of Newcastle, in Meeting assembled.

(2.) By Mr. Melville. From the Chairman and Secretary, on behalf of the Members of the "Paragon" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, situated in the District of Newcastle, in Meeting assembled.

(3.) By Mr. Tighe. From the Chairman and Secretary, on behalf of the Members of the "Good Samaritan" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, situated in the Wallsend District, County of Northumberland, in Meeting assembled.

(4.) By Mr. Levien. From the Chairman, on behalf of the Members of the "Excelsior" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, situated in the District of Tamworth, in Meeting assembled.

(5.) By Mr. Tighe. From the Chairman and Secretary, on behalf of the Members of the "Trust and Try" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, situated in the Wallsend and Plattsburg District, County of Northumberland, in Meeting assembled.

Petitions received.

4. PAPERS:—

Mr. Abbott laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Rules of the Supreme Court—Equitable Jurisdiction.

(2.) Correspondence in regard to the proposal to introduce the disease known as Tuberculosis amongst Rabbits for their destruction.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Wright laid upon the Table,—Copy of a Paper on the subject of the Route of the South Coast Line of Railway.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return to an Order made on 16th October, 1883,—“Wallendbeen Reserve.”

(2.) Return to an Order made on 12th October, 1883,—“W. F. Collier's Conditional Purchase at Bodalla.”

Mr.

Mr. Trickett laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 15th November, 1883,—“ Compensation to Mrs. Dobbyn and to Michael Hartigan.”

Mr. Stuart laid upon the Table,—Return showing the Strength and Distribution of the Police-Force on the 31st October, 1883.”

Ordered to be printed.

5. PRISONERS LABOUR SENTENCES BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled “ *An Act to provide for the carrying out of labour outside the walls of Gaols by Prisoners under sentences and for other purposes,*”—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 20th December, 1883.

JOHN HAY,
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Stuart, read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday, 16th January, 1884.

6. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS:—Mr. Pigott (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That, in consequence of the adjournment for the Christmas Holidays, leave be given to the Committee of Elections and Qualifications to adjourn its sittings until the day after the re-assembling of the House.

Question put and passed.

7. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Stuart moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House at its rising this day shall stand adjourned till Tuesday the “ 8th ” January, 1884.

Mr. Lyne moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the word “ 8th,” with a view to the insertion in its place of the word “ 15th.”

Question proposed, That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.

Debate ensued.

Question put, That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.

The House divided.

Ayes, 14.

Mr. Stuart,
Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Trickett,
Mr. Abbott,
Mr. Wright,
Mr. Copclund,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. W. R. Campbell,
Sir John Robertson,
Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. William Clarke,
Mr. Hugh Taylor.

Tellers,

Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Garvan.

Noes, 27.

Mr. Gibbes,
Mr. Melville,
Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. Burns,
Mr. Spring,
Mr. Bruce Smith,
Mr. Young,
Mr. Murray,
Mr. Pigott,
Mr. Moses,
Mr. Machattie,
Mr. Gill,
Mr. Holtermann,
Mr. De Salis,
Mr. Day,
Mr. Dalton,

Mr. Humphery,
Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Hellyer,
Mr. Targett,
Mr. Gray,
Mr. Coonan,
Mr. Griffiths,
Mr. Teece.

Tellers,

Mr. Levien,
Mr. Lyne.

And so it passed in the negative.

Question,—That the word proposed to be inserted in place of the word omitted be so inserted,—put and passed.

Main Question,—That this House at its rising this day shall stand adjourned till Tuesday the 15th January, 1884,—put and passed.

8. MOONBUCCA, GROGAN, AND LITTLE NARRABURRA RUNS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. William Clarke, for Mr. Poole, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—

(1.) The total acreage of the following Runs respectively in the county of Bland viz., Moonbucca, Grogan, and Little Narraburra.

(2.) The number of Reserves, why so reserved, and the acreage in each case, and on each Run respectively.

(3.) The names, residences, and acreage, including the pre-leases held by conditional and improvement purchases in each case, and on each Run respectively.

(4.) The respective boundaries and area of the said Runs.

(5.) The names of the lessees of the said Runs respectively.

Question put and passed.

9. POSTPONEMENTS:—The Orders of the Day of Government Business postponed, to follow after the second Order of the Day of General Business.

10. PATRICK HANNAN'S MINING CLAIM AT TEMORA:—Mr. Spring moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to take into consideration the alleged illegal transfer of the claim of Patrick Hannan, at Temora, by the Mining Registrar, Mr. Margules.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Abbott, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Fremlin, Mr. Gill, Mr. Holtermann, Mr. Teece, Mr. Dangar, Mr. De Salis, Mr. Sydney Smith, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

11. BUTCHERS SHOPS (METROPOLITAN POLICE DISTRICT) SUNDAY CLOSING BILL (No. 2):—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Cameron, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to prohibit within the Metropolitan Police District the opening of Butchers Shops on Sundays.

Mr.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported from the Committee a Resolution, which was read as follows:—

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to prohibit within the Metropolitan Police District the opening of Butchers Shops on Sundays.

On motion of Mr. Cameron, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

12. **THE CASE OF CAPTAIN ARMSTRONG**:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Levien, "That" the Report from the Select Committee "on the Case of Captain Armstrong, brought up on the 25th April, 1883, be now adopted,"—
And the Question being again proposed, the House resumed the said adjourned Debate.
Sir John Robertson moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "That," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "in the opinion of this House a Royal Commission should be appointed by the Government to inquire into and report upon the Case of Captain Armstrong, late Police Magistrate of Lord Howe's Island."
"(2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor."
Question proposed, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question.

Interruption.

13. **CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL**:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Years 1883 and 1884*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 20th December, 1883.

JOHN HAY,
President.

14. **THE CASE OF CAPTAIN ARMSTRONG**:—The Debate on this subject,—interrupted by the proceedings recorded in entry 13,—resumed.
Mr. Garrard moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Debate ensued.
Question put, That this Debate be now adjourned.
The House divided.

Ayes, 12.

Mr. Stuart,
Sir John Robertson,
Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Young,
Mr. Humphery,
Mr. Holtermann,
Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Melville,
Mr. De Salis,
Mr. White.

Tellers.

Mr. Tarrant,
Mr. Garrard.

Noes, 23.

Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Levien,
Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Bruce Smith,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Gill,
Mr. Murray,
Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Griffiths,
Mr. Machattie,
Mr. Day,

Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Gray,
Mr. Harris,
Mr. McElhone,
Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Wright,
Mr. William Clarke.

Tellers.

Mr. O'Mara,
Mr. Coonan.

And so it passed in the negative.

Question again stated, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
Debate continued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 21 DECEMBER, 1883, A.M.

Question put, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
The House divided.

Ayes, 20.

Mr. Wright,
Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Levien,
Mr. Farnell,
Mr. O'Mara,
Mr. Griffiths,
Mr. Gill,
Mr. Spring,
Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Coonan,

Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Day,
Mr. McCourt,
Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Murray,
Mr. W. R. Campbell.
Tellers,
Mr. De Salis,
Mr. Humphery.

Noes, 10.

Sir John Robertson,
Mr. Melville,
Mr. Tarrant,
Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Gray,
Mr. Holtermann,
Mr. Machattie,
Mr. Harris.

Tellers,

Mr. Young,
Mr. Garrard.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original Question again stated,—That the Report from the Select Committee on the Case of Captain Armstrong, brought up on the 25th April, 1883, be now adopted.

Mr.

Mr. Dibbs moved, That the Question be amended by the addition of the words " But this House " exonerates Mr. Moore from any imputation affecting his integrity ; and expresses its regret that " Captain Armstrong, holding the position of Magistrate, should have supplied liquor to the " inhabitants."

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be added be so added.

Debate ensued.

Question put, That the words proposed to be added be so added.

The House divided.

Ayes, 18.

Mr. Stuart,	Mr. Sutherland,
Sir John Robertson,	Mr. Holtermann,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. De Salis,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Wright,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. White,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. Wisdom.
Mr. Gray,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Young,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. W. R. Campbell.
Mr. Humphery,	

Noes, 16.

Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Coonan,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. McElhone,
Mr. O'Mara,	Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Spring,	Mr. Day.
Mr. Lyne,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Tarrant,	Mr. Griffiths,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Murray.
Mr. McCourt,	
Mr. Harris,	
Mr. Gill,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Main Question put,—That the Report from the Select Committee on the Case of Captain Armstrong, brought up on the 25th April, 1883, be now adopted. But this House exonerates Mr. Moore from any imputation affecting his integrity ; and expresses its regret that Captain Armstrong, holding the position of Magistrate, should have supplied liquor to the inhabitants.

The House divided.

Ayes, 19.

Mr. Stuart,	Mr. Wright,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. De Salis,
Sir John Robertson,	Mr. W. R. Campbell,
Mr. Gill,	Mr. Griffiths,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. Barbour.
Mr. Murray,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. Day,	Mr. Lyne.
Mr. Holtermann,	
Mr. White,	

Noes, 12.

Mr. Wisdom,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Coonan,
Mr. O'Mara,	Mr. Young.
Mr. Tarrant,	
Mr. Humphery,	
Mr. McCourt,	
Mr. O'Connor,	
Mr. Gray,	
Mr. McElhone,	
Mr. Harris,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

15. BUTCHERS SHOPS (METROPOLITAN POLICE DISTRICT) SUNDAY CLOSING BILL (No. 2) :—Mr. O'Connor presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to prohibit within the Metropolitan District the opening of Butchers Shops on Sundays,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 22nd January, 1884.

The House adjourned at ten minutes after One o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock on *Tuesday, 15th January, 1884.*

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 38.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 15 JANUARY, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Narrabri Railway Reserve:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. Dangar, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Referring to my questions and the replies,—Will there be any objection to state why those parties who applied to lease land on the Narrabri Railway Reserve, or at Narrabri Railway Station, are exempted from removal or prosecution, or why a preference is given to them merely because they applied?

(2.) Will steps be taken to at once remove such applicants?

Mr. Abbott answered,—

(1.) The land in question has been surveyed, and will be offered for sale, and pending that time it was not thought advisable to interfere with persons who wished to lease.

(2.) No.

(2.) Wiseman's Ferry Punt:—*Mr. Abigail* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it true that the right to Wiseman's Ferry Punt was offered by public auction by Government authority?

(2.) Is it true it was knocked down to Mr. Preston for £230?

(3.) Have the Government given the necessary instructions to enable Mr. Preston to take possession; if not, when will they do so?

Mr. Wright answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) It was knocked down, as usual, to the highest bidder, provided his bid exceeded the reserve, but it did not.

(3.) Tenders were invited, and Preston's tender being the highest was accepted, and he has been notified of the same.

(3.) Messrs. Wearing and Connelly, Railway Officials:—*Mr. Abigail* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) How many men are under the control of Mr. Wearing, ganger, at Eveleigh?

(2.) How many men are under the control of Mr. Connelly, foreman, Darling Harbour Yard?

(3.) Have either Wearing or Connelly the right to employ or dismiss men?

Mr. Wright answered,—

(1.) Forty-three men and eight boys.

(2.) One hundred and twenty-five men.

(3.) No.

(4.) Pymont Bridge:—*Mr. Abigail* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has the full Court unanimously decided against the Pymont Bridge Company in favour of the right of the Government taking over the Pymont Bridge upon payment of the cost of construction with 10 per cent. added; if so, will the Government take early steps to give effect to this decision?

(2.) When will the papers be laid upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Wright answered,—

(1.) It appears so. Leave, however, to appeal has been granted in Chambers; but it is necessary to have this confirmed by the full Court, pending which I am advised it is not desirable to take further steps.

(2.) As soon as possible after the case is finally settled. The papers are still under action, and cannot therefore be conveniently collated for printing.

(5.)

(5.) Engineer-in-Chief and Commissioner for Railways :—*Mr. A. G. Taylor*, for *Mr. Suttor*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Do the Government intend to take any steps towards putting a stop to the disagreement that exists between the Engineer-in-Chief and the Commissioner for Railways?

Mr. Wright answered,—Yes.

2. LOCAL OPTION :—The undermentioned Petitions in favour of the extension of the principle of Local Option to the renewal of Publicans Licenses were presented by the Members named :—
- (1.) By *Mr. Cameron*, for *Mr. Fletcher*. From the Chairman and Secretary, on behalf of the Members of the "Pride of Ferndale" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, situated in the District of Tigh's Hill, County of Northumberland, in Meeting assembled.
 - (2.) By *Mr. Abigail*. From the Chairman, on behalf of the Members of the "Hearts of Oak" Division No. 127, Sons of Temperance, Sydney, in Meeting assembled.
 - (3.) By *Mr. Abigail*. From the Chairman, on behalf of the Members of the St. Silas Branch of the Church of England Temperance Society, in Meeting assembled.
 - (4.) By *Mr. Abigail*. From the Chairman and Secretary, on behalf of the Members of the "Franklin" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, situated in the District of Sydney, in Meeting assembled.
 - (5.) By *Mr. Abigail*. From the President, on behalf of the Members of the St. Philip's Branch, Church of England Temperance Society, in Meeting assembled.
 - (6.) By *Mr. Garrard*. From the Chairman, on behalf of the Members of the "Star of Hope" Division of the Sons of Temperance, Balmain, in Meeting assembled.
 - (7.) By *Mr. William Clarke*. From the Chief Ruler, on behalf of the Members of the "Captain Cook Tent," No. 238 of the Independent Order of Rechabites, in Meeting assembled.
- Petitions received.
3. IMMIGRATION :—*Mr. Garrard* presented a Petition from *Francis B. Dixon*, Chairman of a Public Meeting held in the Masonic Hall, Sydney, praying the House to stop the system of Assisted Immigration to this Colony now in force.
And the same having been read by the Clerk, by direction of *Mr. Speaker*,—
Petition received.
4. PAPERS :—
- Mr. Stuart* laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) Return to an Order made on 18th December, 1883,—“John Flanagan, late Sergeant of Police at Barraba.”
 - (2.) Return to an Address adopted on 6th December, 1883,—“The Case of Gunner Barrott.”
 - (3.) Return (*in part*) to an Order made on 23rd October, 1883,—“Immigration.”
 - (4.) Reports on Chinese Camps.
 - (5.) Report on Vaccination for 1882.
 - (6.) Amended By-laws of the Municipal District of Deniliquin.
 - (7.) Amended By-laws of the Borough of Randwick.
 - (8.) Additional By-law of the Borough of Newtown.
 - (9.) Regulations under the Fisheries Act, 1881.
 - (10.) By-law under the Public Vehicles Regulation Act of 1878.
 - (11.) Further Return to an Address adopted on 6th July, 1877,—“Immigration,”—Ships “Rialto,” “Sydenham,” “North,” and “Pericles.”
- Ordered to be printed.
- Mr. Wright* laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) Copies of Minutes and Reports respecting complaints made as to irregularities and delays in the transit of Live Stock by Railway.
 - (2.) Return to an Order made on 4th December, 1883,—“Railway to Inverell.”
 - (3.) Return to an Order made on 20th November, 1883,—“Wollongong Railway Station.”
 - (4.) Return to an Order made on 6th December, 1883,—“South Coast Road.”
- Ordered to be printed.
- Mr. Farnell* laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Religious and Public Purposes, in accordance with the 5th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.
 - (2.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from sale until surveyed for the Preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, in accordance with the 4th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.
 - (3.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 4th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.
- Ordered to be printed.
- Mr. Dibbs* laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) Despatch respecting Treaty of Commerce and Navigation between Great Britain and Italy.
 - (2.) Despatch respecting agreement between Great Britain and Denmark for the mutual relief of Distressed Seamen.
- Ordered to be printed.
5. EMPLOYÉS IN DARLING HARBOUR RAILWAY YARD AND AT EVELEIGH (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Abigail* moved, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing the number of men employed in the Darling Harbour Yard, the date of employment, wages received in each case, and by whom recommended.
 - (2.) The like information in reference to the men at Eveleigh in *Mr. Wearing's* gang.
- Question put and passed.

6. **TIMBER RESERVES (Formal Motion)** :—*Mr. Sydney Smith*, for *Mr. Spring*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return of all Timber Reserves in the Colony, the name of applicant, the date of proclamation, and the name of the officer, if any, who recommended the same, the names of the runs on which they are situated, and the lessee's name in each instance, and the nature of the timber sought to be fostered or protected in every case.
Question put and passed.

7. **RAILWAY ROUTE COMMITTEE** :—*Mr. Poole* moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That this House resolves,—That in future when copies of plans, sections, and books of reference of any proposed Railway are laid upon the Table of this House, in accordance with clause 9 of 22 Victoria No. 19, such plans, sections, and books of reference shall forthwith be referred to a Select Committee of this House, and that such Committee have full power to send for persons and papers to inquire into the matter submitted to them, and to report to this House with all reasonable despatch.

(2.) That such Committee be a Sessional Committee “nominated by the Colonial Secretary, or other Minister for him,” as soon as possible after the opening of each Session of Parliament, and shall be styled the “Railway Route Committee,” and have power to sit during any adjournment of this House.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Dibbs moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the words “nominated by the Colonial Secretary, or other Minister for him,” in the second paragraph, with a view to the insertion in their place of the words “to be elected by this House.”

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.

Debate continued.

Question,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—put and negatived.

Question,—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words omitted be there inserted,—put and passed.

Main Question put,—

(1.) That this House resolves,—That in future when copies of plans, sections, and books of reference of any proposed Railway are laid upon the Table of this House, in accordance with clause 9 of 22 Victoria No. 19, such plans, sections, and books of reference shall forthwith be referred to a Select Committee of this House, and that such Committee have full power to send for persons and papers to inquire into the matter submitted to them, and to report to this House with all reasonable despatch.

(2.) That such Committee be a Sessional Committee, to be elected by this House as soon as possible after the opening of each Session of Parliament, and shall be styled the “Railway Route Committee,” and have power to sit during any adjournment of this House.

The House divided.

Ayes, 22.

<i>Mr. Stuart,</i>	<i>Mr. Chapman,</i>
<i>Mr. Dibbs,</i>	<i>Mr. Griffiths,</i>
<i>Mr. Farnell,</i>	<i>Mr. Melville,</i>
<i>Mr. Wright,</i>	<i>Mr. O'Mara,</i>
<i>Mr. Abbott,</i>	<i>Mr. William Clarke,</i>
<i>Mr. Poole,</i>	<i>Mr. McQuada,</i>
<i>Mr. Murray,</i>	<i>Mr. R. B. Smith,</i>
<i>Mr. McCulloch,</i>	<i>Mr. W. J. Fergusson.</i>
<i>Mr. Barbour,</i>	<i>Tellers,</i>
<i>Mr. Butcher,</i>	
<i>Mr. Garrard,</i>	<i>Mr. Coonan,</i>
<i>Mr. Olliffe,</i>	<i>Mr. Purves.</i>

Noes, 18.

<i>Sir John Robertson,</i>	<i>Mr. Copeland,</i>
<i>Mr. Wisdom,</i>	<i>Dr. Ross,</i>
<i>Mr. Cameron,</i>	<i>Mr. Sutherland,</i>
<i>Mr. Burns,</i>	<i>Mr. Holtermann.</i>
<i>Mr. McElhone,</i>	<i>Tellers,</i>
<i>Mr. Fletcher,</i>	
<i>Mr. Hugh Taylor,</i>	<i>Mr. Pigott,</i>
<i>Mr. A. G. Taylor,</i>	<i>Mr. Dalton.</i>
<i>Mr. Young,</i>	
<i>Mr. Roberts,</i>	
<i>Mr. Proctor,</i>	
<i>Mr. Sydney Smith,</i>	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

8. **MORT BAY IMPROVEMENT BILL** :—*Mr. Cameron* (*by consent*), moved, without Notice, That the Report and Minutes of Evidence presented to this House on 6th April, 1883, from the Select Committee on Mort Bay Improvement Bill be referred to the Committee now sitting on the said Bill.

Question put and passed.

9. **MEDICAL BILL** :—*Mr. McElhone* presented a Petition from Residents of Scone and surrounding Districts, praying that certain amendments may be made in the Medical Bill now before Parliament.

Petition received.

10. **POSTPONEMENTS** :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—

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| (1.) Parliamentary Prorogation Curtailment Bill ; second reading, | } until Friday, 15th February. |
| (2.) Legislative Assembly Quorum Bill ; second reading, | |
| (3.) Hutchinson Estate Bill (<i>as agreed to in Select Committee</i>) ; second reading ;—until Friday, 25th January. | |
| (4.) Medical Bill ; second reading ;—until Friday, 1st February. | |
| (5.) District Courts Act further Amendment Bill (No. 2) ; to be further considered in Committee ;—until Friday next. | |
| (6.) Sydney Corporation Act Amendment Bill ; second reading ;—until Tuesday next | |
| (7.) Electoral Act Amendment Bill ; second reading ;—until Friday, 8th February. | |
| (8.) Mineral Conditional Purchases Repeal Bill ; second reading ;—until Friday, 15th February. | |
| (9.) Dubbo Cattle Sale-yards Bill (<i>as amended and agreed to in Select Committee</i>) ; second reading ;—until Friday next. | |
| (10.) Licensing Acts Amendment Bill ; second reading ;—until Friday, 8th February. | |
| (11.) St Philip's Parsonage Bill (<i>as amended and agreed to in Select Committee</i>) ; second reading ;—until Friday, 25th January. | |
| (12.) Walgett English Church and Parsonage Land Sale Bill (<i>as amended and agreed in Select Committee</i>) ; second reading ;—until Friday, 25th January. | |

(13.)

- (13.) Intercolonial Free Trade; resumption of the adjourned Debate;—*until Friday, 22nd February.*
- (14.) Petty Sessions Jurisdiction Extension Bill; second reading;—*until Friday, 29th February.*
- (15.) District Courts Act further Amendment Bill; second reading;—*until Friday, 29th February.*
- (16.) Criminal Law further Amendment Bill; second reading;—*until Friday, 29th February.*
- (17.) Flogging Abolition Bill; second reading;—*until this day six months.*
- (18.) Cohen's Estate Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); to be considered in Committee;—*until Friday, 1st February.*
- (19.) Legal Practitioners Amalgamation Bill; second reading;—*until Friday, 7th March.*
- (20.) Dubbo Gas Company's Incorporation Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—*until Friday, 22nd February.*
- (21.) Liabilities for Nuisances Limitation Bill; second reading;—*until Friday, 22nd February.*
- (22.) Compensation for Land taken for Roads and Streets; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill;—*until Friday, 8th February.*
- (23.) Compensation for Land taken for Roads and Streets; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor;—*until Friday, 8th February.*
- (24.) Linnean Society Incorporation Bill; second reading;—*until Friday, 25th January.*

The House adjourned at twenty minutes before Twelve o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 39.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 16 JANUARY, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Bridge and Platform, Harris Park, Parramatta:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—With reference to my previous questions and the answers thereto,—When will tenders be called for the erection of Bridge and Platform, Harris Park, Parramatta?

Mr. Wright answered,—The plans are being got ready, and tenders will be invited for the erection of the Bridge in about two months.

- (2.) Public Schools, Parramatta:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—Is he aware that thirty-five young children at the Public School North, and seventy-eight at the Public School South, Parramatta, are suffering much inconvenience and discomfort during the present oppressive hot weather by being placed in tents; if he is, will provision be made for suitable accommodation for the children attending these Schools?

Mr. Stuart answered,—No. The tents, which are only allowed to be used pending the erection of more suitable buildings, are commodious, and as it is only necessary that a few children should be taught in them, no great inconvenience or discomfort should arise. A tender for a wooden building at Parramatta South has been accepted, and the Architect has been instructed to provide a permanent building for Parramatta North. Further inquiry will be made into the state of these Schools in respect to accommodation.

- (3.) Post and Telegraph Office, Harris Park, Parramatta:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Postmaster-General,—What decision, if any, has been arrived at with reference to establishment of a branch Post and Telegraph Office, Harris Park, Parramatta?

Mr. Trickett answered,—I find that in this locality there is a delivery by letter-carrier three times a day, and a box is provided for the reception of letters at the corner of Wegeran and Union Streets, which is cleared three times a day. It would therefore seem that there is sufficient postal accommodation for the present.

- (4.) Subsidy to Mudgee Board of Directors under Pastures and Stock Protection Act:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Mines,—Is the sum of £392 5s. 10d. due to the Mudgee Board of Directors under the Pastures and Stock Protection Act as subsidy; if so, was this amount due in June last, and when will it be paid?

Mr. Abbott answered,—There is no sum due to this Board as of right; it rests with the Minister to state what sum should be paid to each Board; and in doing this, I have been guided by the necessities of the Boards and the work done by them. The Mudgee Board was informed that their claim for subsidy would have to stand over until the end of the year.

- (5.) The Surveyor General:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is the present Surveyor General a regularly qualified or legally certified Surveyor; if so, where and from what Licensing Board did he receive his certificate or license to practise as a Surveyor, and will he cause a copy of the same to be laid upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Farnell answered,—Yes, by notice in the *Government Gazette* of the 19th July, 1854, upon the recommendation of the late Sir Thomas Mitchell, then Surveyor General, a copy of which I will presently lay upon the Table of the House.

- (6.) Court-house and Police Barracks, Cudal:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will tenders be invited for the erection of the new Court-house and Police Barracks at Cudal?

Mr. Wright answered,—Tenders will be invited in the next issue of the *Government Gazette*.

(7.)

(7.) Supply of Coal to Government Departments :—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What are the names of the contractors for the supply of coal on the Great Northern Railway, and the names of the Collieries the coal comes from, and prices paid per ton for year 1883?
- (2.) The like as regards the Dredges in the Hunter River?
- (3.) What are the names of the contractors for the supply of coal for the Great Western and Southern Railways for the year 1883, and the names of the Collieries the coal comes from, and prices paid per ton?
- (4.) What are the names of the contractors for the supply of coal to the Harbours and Rivers Department for the year 1883, and the prices paid per ton, and the names of the Collieries the coal comes from?
- (5.) What are the names of the contractors for the supply of coal for the various Government Departments, exclusive of the Works Department, for the year 1883, the prices paid per ton, and the names of the Collieries the coal comes from?
- (6.) The like as regards 1884?

Mr. Wright answered,—I will lay this information upon the Table of the House in the shape of a Return in the course of a few days.

(8.) Public Reserve at Fairlight, Manly :—Mr. Levin, for Mr. Holtermann, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is he aware that the reserve of 100 feet water frontage at Fairlight, a Public Reserve, has been partially fenced in; if so, will he take steps to have the fence removed?
- (2.) Will he cause this frontage reserve to be dedicated as a Public Recreation Ground for Manly; and when will it be opened for the use of the public?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

- (1.) I am not aware that any reserve of 100 feet at Fairlight has been fenced in. I have been informed that the owner of Fairlight has fenced in the land held by him in fee-simple. There is no reserve of 100 feet in the Fairlight property, formerly Parker's grant of 20 acres. The grant is bounded on the south-west by high-water mark.
- (2.) The resumption of a frontage area of 100 feet for recreation purposes will be considered by the Government.

2. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS :—*Seats of George Houstoun Reid and Francis Bathurst Suttor, Esquires* :—Mr. Pigott, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before the Committee of Elections and Qualifications in reference to the Seats of Mr. Reid and Mr. Suttor.

Report read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, as follows :—

“The Committee of Elections and Qualifications, duly appointed on the 16th October, 1883, to whom was referred on the 13th December, 1883, the question whether George Houstoun Reid, Esquire, the Honorable Member for East Sydney, and Francis Bathurst Suttor, Esquire, the Honorable Member for Bathurst, were not each incapable of being elected or of sitting or voting as a Member of the Legislative Assembly, no notice to that effect being published in the *Government Gazette* on their respective acceptances of the office of Minister of Public Instruction, have agreed to the following Report :—

“That George Houstoun Reid, Esquire, the Honorable Member for East Sydney, and Francis Bathurst Suttor, Esquire, the Honorable Member for Bathurst, were each incapable of being elected or of sitting or voting as a Member of the Legislative Assembly.”

“No. 2 Committee Room,

“16th January, 1884.”

“W. H. PIGOTT,
Chairman.”

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Pigott, that the Report, and Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence, together with Appendix, be printed.

3. PAPERS :—

Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Copy of a letter recommending the appointment of Mr. P. F. Adams as a Licensed Surveyor.
 - (2.) Return to an Order made on 16th October, 1883,—“*Ryans' Conditional Purchase at Wagga Wagga.*”
- Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Wright laid upon the Table,—Return showing the quantities of hay and other fodder forwarded by Railway from Sydney to Nyngan and Nevertire.

Ordered to be printed.

4. RAILWAY TO THE FISH RIVER CAVES :—Mr. Targett presented a Petition from Residents of Oberon, and others, praying that a light line of Railway may be made from Tarana to the Fish River Caves, *via* Oberon.
Petition received.

5. LOCAL OPTION :—The undermentioned Petitions in favour of the extension of the principle of Local Option to the renewal of Publicans Licenses were presented by the Members named :—

- (1.) By Mr. McCulloch. From the Chairman and Secretary, on behalf of the Members of the “Hand and Heart” Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, situated in the District of Rookwood, in Meeting assembled.
- (2.) By Mr. Chapman. From the Chairman and Secretary, on behalf of the Members of the “St John” Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, situated in the District of Sydney, in Meeting assembled.
- (3.) By Mr. Melville. From the Chairman and Secretary, on behalf of the Members of the “Bud of Hope” Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, situated in the Township of New Lambton, in Meeting assembled.
- (4.) By Mr. R. B. Smith. From the Chief Templar and Secretary, on behalf of the Members of the “Father Matthew” Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, situated in the District of the Bellinger River, in Meeting assembled.

(5.)

- (5.) By Mr. McCulloch. From the Chairman, on behalf of the Members of the Ryde Band of Hope, in Meeting assembled.
Petitions received.
6. RYANS' CONDITIONAL PURCHASE AT WAGGA WAGGA:—Mr. Loughnan (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the papers in connection with the selections of Thomas Ryan, Anastasia Ryan, and Ellen Ryan, laid upon the Table of the House this day by the Honorable the Minister for Lands, be referred to the Select Committee now sitting to inquire into the case.
Question put and passed.
7. BANKRUPTCY JURISDICTION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Stuart, for Mr. Trickett, moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to establish a jurisdiction of the Supreme Court in Bankruptcy in substitution for the Insolvency Jurisdiction of the said Court, and to provide for the winding-up of matters depending in Insolvency.
Question put and passed.
8. WORKING COAL UNDER RAILWAYS ROADS AND STREETS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Tighe moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all reports, minutes, plans, and other documents received by the Mines Department from the Examiner of Coal Fields, and from the Inspector of Collieries, having reference to the working of coal from under the Great Northern Railway at Anvil Creek and Greta; also from under streets and roads at Tighe's Hill and Wickham, and from under streets at Brookstown, in the borough of Wallsend.
Question put and passed.
9. LEAVE OF ABSENCE (*Formal Motion*):—Sir John Robertson moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave of absence for the remainder of the present Session be granted to Sir Henry Parkes, K.C.M.G., the Honorable Member for Tenterfield.
Question put and passed.
10. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. McElhone moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
11. FIRE BRIGADES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Stuart, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.
On motion of Mr. Stuart, the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill intituled "*An Act to make better provision for the protection of Life and Property from Fire and for other purposes.*"

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 16th January, 1884.*

12. CROWN LANDS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 17 JANUARY, 1884, A.M.

13. CIVIL SERVICE BILL:—
- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Stuart, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to regulate the Civil Service, and for other purposes.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), that the report be now received.
The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—
- Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to regulate the Civil Service, and for other purposes.
On motion of Mr. Stuart, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
- (2.) The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Stuart, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor.

Message No. 9.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to regulate the Civil Service, and for other purposes.

*Government House,
Sydney, 21st December, 1883.*

Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

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14. **NECROPOLIS ACT AMENDMENT BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Stuart, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Necropolis Act of 1867. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), that the report be *now* received.

The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to amend the Necropolis Act of 1867.

On motion of Mr. Stuart, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

15. **DECEASED PERSONS ESTATES BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Stuart, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the better administration of the Estates of Deceased Persons.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), that the report be *now* received.

The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to provide for the better administration of the Estates of Deceased Persons.

On motion of Mr. Stuart, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

The House adjourned at twelve minutes after Twelve o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 40.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 17 JANUARY, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Constable Pratt :—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—Under what circumstances was a constable named Pratt, stationed at Goulburn, fined five shillings for attending Church on a Sunday night when off duty ?

Mr. Stuart answered,—The Inspector General of Police informs me that Constable Pratt was not fined for attending Church, but for disobedience of orders in not remaining on barrack guard when told off for that duty.

- (2.) Steel Rails :—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it not a fact that the Agent General of this Colony has entered into a contract with a firm in England to supply a large quantity of steel rails for the Railways of this Colony ?

(2.) If so, what is the nature of such contract, the price per ton to be paid for the rails, and the quantity to be supplied ?

Mr. Wright answered,—Yes ; the Agent General, on the 27th June last, entered into a contract with Messrs. C. Cammell & Co., of Sheffield, for the supply of 72,695 tons of steel rails, to be delivered in London at £5 8s. per ton. The rails are to be delivered at the rate of 2,800 tons per month, from July to December, 1883, and thereafter at the rate of 1,400 tons per month until the contract is completed.

- (3.) Security given by Railway Officials :—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has the Commissioner for Railways given security for the faithful discharge of his duties ; if so, what is the nature and amount of the security ?

(2.) The like in regard to the Secretary for Railways ?

(3.) The like in regard to the Superintendent, Accountant, and Cashier of the Tramways ?

Mr. Wright answered,—

(1.) By the provisions of the Audit Act all Collectors of Revenue have to give security. The Commissioner for Railways gives security for £2,000 ; his Sureties are the Victoria Guarantee Society.

(2.) The Secretary for Railways is not a Collector of Revenue, and therefore no security is required of him.

(3.) Neither the Superintendent of Tramways nor Accountant are Collectors of Revenue, and do not therefore give security. The Cashier gives security for £1,000.

- (4.) Bondi Sewer :—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) In reference to a paragraph in the *Sydney Morning Herald* of Tuesday the 15th, in reference to a settlement of the Cooper family's claim to the land taken for sewer to Bondi,—What amount of compensation has been paid, or is to be paid, to the Cooper family ?

(2.) What amount did they claim, and what was the amount of the Government valuation of land resumed from the Cooper family estate for sewerage ?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

(1.) No money has been paid, but £500 has been claimed to allow water to pass through drain made on the Cooper property.

(2.) For property at Double Bay, Sir Daniel Cooper claimed £4,500. The valuator awarded £3,200, which, with interest, amounting in all to £3,404 1s. 11d., has been paid. For property at Rushcutters Bay, Mrs. Booth claimed £2,500, and the valuator valued it at £961 13s. This was refused, and no payment is yet made, but the matter is in abeyance. Mr. W. Cooper, for land at Waterloo and Botany, claimed £24,189, and the valuator awarded £7,724. No payment has yet been made.

(5.)

(5.) **Mudgee Railway** :—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Treasurer,—In reference to a leading article in the *Evening News*, of a few days back, in reference to the Mudgee Railway,—Is it a fact that he wrote a letter to Mr. Whitton, Engineer-in-Chief for Railways, calling on him to answer or explain certain charges or statements made in the said article in the *Evening News* in reference to the Mudgee Railway?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—No.

(6.) **Orange and Molong Railway** :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—The number of lineal feet of piles to wings of bridges in specification of Orange and Molong Railway; in the specification it is set down at 35,000; and is this the correct amount, or is it only intended for 3,500 feet?

Mr. Wright answered,—The correct quantity is 3,500 lineal feet, and the schedule has been amended accordingly. "35,000" was a typographical error, which was overlooked in the Engineer-in-Chief's Department.

2. **CROWN LANDS BILL** :—Mr. Tarrant presented a Petition from the Mayor, on behalf of the Municipal Council, of Broughton Vale, praying the House to reject the Crown Lands Bill now before Parliament.

Petition received.

3. **THE RICHMOND RIVER** :—Mr. Gray presented a Petition from Farmers, Mill-owners, and others resident and interested in the development and progress of the Electorate of the Richmond, praying the House to cause a full inquiry to be made as to the feasibility of permanently improving the Harbour of the Richmond River.

Petition received.

4. **GREAT COBAR COPPER-MINING COMPANY TRAMWAY BILL** :—Mr. Hutchinson presented a Petition from George Hardie, Secretary to the Great Cobar Copper-mining Company, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the construction by the Great Cobar Copper-mining Company (Limited) of a Tramway over certain roads and Government Reserves and vacant Crown Lands in the Colony of New South Wales.

And Mr. Hutchinson having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* and *Cobar and Louth Herald*, newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—

Petition received.

5. **LOCAL OPTION** :—Mr. McCourt presented a Petition from the Chairman and Secretary, on behalf of the Members of the "Hope of Bundanoon" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars situated in the District of Bundanoon, in Meeting assembled, in favour of the extension of the principle of Local Option to the renewal of Publicans Licenses.

Petition received.

6. **PAPERS** :—

Mr. Wright laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 10th April, 1883,—“Resumption of Land in George and Pitt Streets for Tram or Railway Purposes.”

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Stuart laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return to an Order made on 30th November, 1883,—“Dissolutions of Parliament.”

(2.) Rules of the Supreme Court in Insolvency.

Ordered to be printed.

7. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT** :—Mr. Stuart informed the House of the course the Government intended to take in consequence of important matters brought forward by the Honorable Member for Mudgee (Mr. A. G. Taylor) as affecting the position of certain Members of this House.

8. **DECEASED PERSONS ESTATES BILL** :—

(1.) Mr. Stuart presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill for the better administration of the Estates of Deceased Persons*,”—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 31st January.

(2.) The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Stuart, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,

Message, No. 10.

Governor.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to provide for the better administration of the Estates of Deceased Persons.

Government House,

Sydney, 17th January, 1884.

Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

9. **MEDICAL BILL** :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Stuart, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,

Message, No. 11.

Governor.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill for the amendment of the Laws respecting the Medical Profession, and for the establishment of a Medical Council.

Government House,

Sydney, 21st December, 1883.

Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

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10. CIVIL SERVICE SUPERANNUATION BILLS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Abigail moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
- (1.) Copy of the Pension List prior to Responsible Government in the Colony.
 - (2.) The amount of pensions provided for by the Constitution Act.
 - (3.) Copy of the Superannuation Bill prepared by Mr. (now Sir James) Martin.
 - (4.) Copy of a similar Bill prepared by the late Sir Charles Cowper.
 - (5.) Copy of a Bill for the same purpose prepared by Sir Henry Parkes.
- Question put and passed.
11. PORT MACQUARIE AND WALCHA ROAD (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Young moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing all moneys expended on the Port Macquarie and Walcha Road for the years 1882 and 1883, specifying the number of each contract, the amount of each contract, and the name of the contractor, whether such contract was advertised and tenders accepted in terms of advertisement, or whether tenders were obtained in a private way; also amount of money paid to maintenance men for this road during same years.
- Question put and passed.
12. CROWN LANDS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.
- Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Wednesday next.

The House adjourned at fifteen minutes before Twelve o'clock, until to-morrow at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 41.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 18 JANUARY, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Pay of Acting Gaolers:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Minister of Justice,—Was £5 per annum deducted some years ago from the pay of all Acting Gaolers throughout the Colony, and is this deduction still observed; if so, what is the cause of the deduction being still maintained?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—In the year 1876 the scale of extra allowances granted to Police Constables in charge of Lock-up Gaols as Acting Gaolers was readjusted, with a view to more equitable distribution in proportion to the responsibilities of the respective offices, some being increased and some diminished. There has been no reason subsequently for amending the redistribution, the amounts allotted having reference to the importance of the places, and the officers being frequently changed.

- (2.) Non-delivery of Newspapers:—Mr. Roberts asked the Postmaster General,—Is he aware that a large number of newspapers posted in London for residents in New South Wales never reach their destination; and if so, will he endeavour to rectify so undesirable a state of affairs?

Mr. Trickett answered,—It is impossible for me, or any officer of the Department in New South Wales, to know what newspapers are posted in London; but as far as newspapers posted in the Colony are concerned, every effort is made that they shall reach their proper destination.

- (3.) Railway Extensions:—Mr. W. J. Fergusson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Will he take immediate steps to have completed and laid upon the Table of this House all proposals for Railway Extensions, so that they can be referred to the Railway Route Committee and report brought up in time for the proposals to be considered by the House during the present Session?

(2.) Can he state when he will be prepared to lay the plans and books of reference of proposed Extensions upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Wright answered,—

(1.) The Railway policy of the Government will be submitted at an early date. The Railway Route Committee can take no action until plans, &c., are laid upon the Table of the House.

(2.) Plans and sections of Lines authorized will be laid upon the Table of the House as soon as completed.

- (4.) Wright, Heaton & Co.:—Mr. Proctor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it a fact that the firm of Wright, Heaton & Co. are allowed the use of the goods-shed, or any portion of the Railway premises at Armidale; if so, upon what terms; and are similar concessions granted to other forwarding agents and residents in the locality?

Mr. Wright answered,—I am not aware that Wright, Heaton & Co. have any concession which is not allowed to the general public. Inquiry is being made in the case referred to.

- (5.) Mrs. Patrick Byrnes:—*Mr. Lynch*, for Dr. Ross, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Has any money lately been paid to the credit of Mrs. Patrick Byrnes, of Molong, into the Joint Stock Bank at Molong; if so, how much, when, and for what purpose?

(2.) Upon whose order or application was the said money so ordered to be paid; and will he lay a copy of the order or application or correspondence, if any, upon the Table of this House?

(3.) Is it the custom for officers in the Treasury to place public moneys to the credit of persons in Banks without having first received their written authority to do so; and was Mrs. Byrnes's authority so received?

(4.) Is he aware that Mrs. Byrnes insists on having the land conditionally purchased by her late husband—167 acres, in the county of Ashburnham, in February or March of 1875—and declines to receive the money, the same having been placed on the Estimates of 1883 by way of compensation?

Mr.

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

(1 and 2.) No refund of the deposit paid on the conditional purchase made of 157 acres by Patrick Byrnes on the 4th March, 1875, has been made. No trace of any late payment by this Department to the credit of Mrs. Patrick Byrnes can be found.

(3.) No moneys are placed to credit of persons without their written authority.

(4.) This Department is not aware.

2. LOCAL OPTION :—Mr. Cameron presented a Petition from Residents of Sydney and Suburbs, alleging that the provisions in the Licensing Act respecting the closing of Public Houses on Sundays and week days is not in accordance with the wishes and wants of the people of the Colony, and submitting that the principle of Local Option should not be extended to the yearly renewal of Publicans Licenses; and praying the House to give effect to their wishes.
And the same having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker,—
Petition received.

3. BOROUGHS OF RANDWICK AND PADDINGTON BILL :—Ordered, on motion of Mr. Burns, that the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having appointed a Select Committee on the "Boroughs of Randwick and Paddington Bill," and the Committee being desirous of examining the Honorable Charles Moore, a Member of the Legislative Council, in reference thereto, requests that the Legislative Council will give leave to its said Member to attend and be examined by the said Committee on such day and days as shall be arranged between him and the said Committee.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 18th January, 1884.

4. SAYWELL'S TRAMWAY BILL :—Mr. Stephen, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 22nd November, 1883 a.m.; together with Appendix and a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Stephen then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday, 25th January.

Question put and passed.

5. PRINCE ALFRED AND SYDNEY HOSPITALS (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Abigail moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—

(1.) The estimated value of the land attached to Prince Alfred Hospital.

(2.) The cost of buildings up to the present time.

(3.) Cost of fixtures and furniture.

(4.) The estimated amount still required to complete and finish the other portions of the buildings.

(5.) The total amount paid by the Government towards the above.

(6.) The number of beds that will be available when the buildings are completed.

(7.) The same information in reference to the Sydney Hospital.

Question put and passed.

6. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Dibbs, for Mr. Stuart, moved, pursuant to Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing through all its stages in one day of a Bill to amend the Law relating to the incapacity of persons holding offices of profit under the Crown to be elected, or sit, or vote as Members of the Legislative Assembly, and to declare the elections of certain persons holding such offices to have been valid, and for other purposes.

Question put and passed.

7. CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—

(1.) Mr. Dibbs, for Mr. Stuart, moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Law relating to the incapacity of persons holding offices of profit under the Crown to be elected, or sit, or vote as Members of the Legislative Assembly, and to declare the elections of certain persons holding such offices to have been valid, and for other purposes.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Stuart presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Law relating to the incapacity of persons holding offices of profit under the Crown to be elected or sit or vote as Members of the Legislative Assembly and to declare the elections of certain persons holding such offices to have been valid and for other purposes,*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.

8. SUPREME COURT APPELLATE JURISDICTION BILL :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill postponed until Friday, 1st February.

9. DISTRICT COURTS ACT FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2) :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that there was not a Quorum present in the Committee.

Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being a Quorum present, the Committee resumed.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Friday, 22nd February.

The House adjourned at ten minutes after Six o'clock, until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 42.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 22 JANUARY, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Cost of Public Buildings:—Mr. Abigail asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 (1.) The total cost of that block of public buildings known as the Colonial Secretary's and Works Office, including fittings, furniture, and cost of land, stating each item separately?
 (2.) The like information in reference to the new Lands Office, Bridge-street?
 (3.) Similar information about the new Lunatic Asylum, Callan Park?

Mr. Wright answered,—

- (1.) Colonial Secretary's and Public Works Offices:—Cost of building, £128,771 1s. 10d.; furniture, fittings, &c., £12,846 2s.; total, £141,617 3s. 10d.
 (2.) New Lands Office:—Cost of building, £96,722 16s. 11d.; furniture, fittings, &c., £8,220 1s. 11d.; total, £104,942 18s. 10d.
 (3.) Callan Park Asylum:—Amount of contract (not yet completed), £229,000; purchase of site, £12,500; total, £241,500.

- (2.) Immigration:—Mr. Abigail asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) How many of the "Dallam Tower" immigrants were nominated in the Colony, and how many selected from England, Ireland, and Scotland respectively?
 (2.) Who selected or approved of those from each portions of the United Kingdom?
 (3.) Are there sub-agents in each of the above places, and how are they paid, and amounts of salary?
 (4.) Who nominated these gentlemen for their various positions?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

- (1.) Nominated in the Colony, 71; selected from England, 300; Ireland, 38; Scotland, 8.
 (2.) The Agent General.
 (3.) Yes; by fees of 10s. per adult.
 (4.) The Agent General.

- (3.) Railway Iron Bridges:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What is the lowest tender per ton from local firms for the superstructure of the iron plate girder bridges for the Homebush to Waratah Line?
 (2.) Is it intended to accept the tender of a local firm for the above work?
 (3.) What have been the latest prices paid hitherto for similar work per ton imported from England, say for Cook's River Bridge, on the Sydney to Illawarra Railway?

Mr. Wright answered,—

- (1.) £21 per ton.
 (2.) No.
 (3.) £16 12s. 7d. per ton.

- (4.) Wingham Public School:—Mr. Young, for Mr. Roberts, asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—

- (1.) What are the dimensions of the class-room at the Wingham Public School?
 (2.) How many children were taught in that class-room upon each school-day during the month of November, 1883?

Mr. Stuart answered,—I will in a day or two lay upon the Table a Return showing the information asked for by the Honorable Member.

- (5.) Mrs. Bardwell, Public School Teacher:—Mr. Melville asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Are teachers allowed to punish pupils for not bringing their school fees?
 (2.) Were any of the pupils under Mrs. Bardwell, at Newtown School, so punished?
 (3.) Has Mrs. Bardwell a right, under any regulation, to refuse school fees when tendered in copper coin of the realm?

Mr.

Mr. Stuart answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) I am informed that three pupils under Mrs. Bardwell, now first assistant, were so punished by the mistress, at the request of Mrs. Bardwell. I may add that this matter will be fully inquired into, as punishment for any such reason is a gross abuse of authority.

(3.) No.

(6.) Railway to Glen Innes:—*Mr. W. J. Fergusson* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) If he can state within a month when the Railway will be open for traffic to Glen Innes?

(2.) What is the penalty imposed upon the contractor for the breach of his contract in not finishing the Line within time?

Mr. Wright answered,—

(1.) The time cannot be stated; but the contractor has been requested to complete the contract as early as practicable.

(2.) £200 per week.

2. CROWN LANDS BILL:—*Mr. Levien* presented a Petition from Inhabitants of Barraba, and Electors of Tamworth, alleging that the abolition of Pre-leases will be ruinous to *bona fide* selectors—that the Fencing clause is unjust and oppressive to selectors of limited means—and that the Non-residence clause should be amended so as to apply to town residents only; and praying the House to take these several matters into consideration.

Petition received.

3. ARMIDALE GAS COMPANY'S INCORPORATION BILL:—*Mr. Sydney Smith* presented a Petition from Shareholders of the Armidale Gas Company, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the Armidale Gas Company (Limited), and to enable the said Armidale Gas Company (Limited) to construct Gas-works within the City of Armidale.

And *Mr. Smith* having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* and the *Armidale Express*, newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.

4. LOCAL OPTION:—The undermentioned Petitions in favour of the extension of the principle of Local Option to the renewal of Publicans Licenses were presented by the Members named:—

(1.) By *Mr. Abigail*. From the Chairman, on behalf of the Members of the "Olive Branch" Division No. 83, Sons of Temperance, in Meeting assembled.

(2.) By *Mr. Chapman*. From the Chairman and Secretary, on behalf of the Members of the "Dayspring" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, situated in the District of East Sydney, in Meeting assembled.

Petitions received.

5. PAPERS:—*Mr. Wright* laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return to an Order made on 23rd November, 1883,—“Narrabri and Boggabri Railway Stations.”

(2.) Road Trust Accounts for the half-years ended 30th June, and 31st December, 1882.

Ordered to be printed.

6. ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1884 AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR 1883 AND PREVIOUS YEARS:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by *Mr. Dibbs*, and read by *Mr. Speaker*:—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,

Message, No. 12.

Governor.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th clause of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the accompanying Estimates of the Expenditure of this Government for the year 1884, with Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for the year 1883 and previous years.

Government House,

Sydney, 22nd January, 1884.

Ordered to be printed, together with the accompanying Estimates, and referred to the Committee of Supply.

7. CROWN LANDS BILL:—*Sir John Robertson* presented a Petition from Selectors and Residents in the District of Wentworth, in the Western Division, representing that the Crown Lands Bill now before Parliament, if passed, will materially and prejudicially affect their interests—asking that the present law may not be repealed—and suggesting certain amendments to be made in the Bill; and praying the House to take their representations into consideration.

Petition received.

8. RAILWAYS PERMANENT WAY (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. McElhone* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence, minutes, papers, &c., between the Secretary for Works and any official of the Works Department, and Hudson Brothers, or any other person, in reference to leasing to the firm known as Hudson Brothers, or any person, the right to keep the permanent way of the Railways of this Colony in repair or working order for a number of years.

Question put and passed.

9. GREAT COBAR COPPER-MINING COMPANY TRAMWAY BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

(1.) *Mr. Hutchinson* moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the construction by the Great Cobar Copper-mining Company (Limited) of a Tramway over certain roads and Government Reserves and vacant Crown Lands in the Colony of New South Wales.

Question put and passed.

(2.) *Mr. Hutchinson* having presented this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of the sum of Twenty-five Pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled “A Bill to authorize the construction by the Great Cobar Copper-mining Company (Limited) of a Tramway over certain roads and Government Reserves and vacant Crown Lands in the Colony of New South Wales;”—read a first time. 10.

10. **GLEBE ISLAND ABATTOIRS**:—Mr. Griffiths moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, before the Abattoirs at Glebe Island are closed, proper provision should be made for the slaughter of stock for the use of the citizens of Sydney and Suburbs.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 15.

Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Burns,
Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Butcher,
Mr. Griffiths,
Mr. A. G. Taylor,
Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. W. R. Campbell,
Mr. Garvan,
Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. Wisdom.

Tellers,

Mr. Fletcher,
Mr. Badgery.

Noes, 33.

Mr. Stuart,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Trickett,	Mr. Holtermann,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Pigott,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Moses,
Mr. Heydon,	Mr. De Salis,
Mr. O'Mara,	Mr. William Clarke,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Proctor,
Mr. Humphery,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Tighe,	Mr. McQuade,
Mr. Olliffe,	Mr. W. J. Fergusson,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. White.
Mr. Day,	Tellers,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Levin,	Mr. McCulloch.
Mr. Dalton,	
Mr. Stokes,	

And so it passed in the negative.

11. **LICENSING ACT**:—Mr. Butcher presented a Petition from certain Residents of Paddington and Sydney, complaining of the present state of the law regarding the closing of Public Houses on Sundays, and stating that they consider that the provision respecting travellers should be assimilated to that in the English law; and praying the House to adopt measures for giving effect to their wishes.
Petition received.
12. **LOCAL OPTION**:—Mr. Mitchell presented a Petition from the Chairman and Secretary, on behalf of the Members of the "Nil Desperandum" Tent of the Independent Order of Rechabites, in Meeting assembled, in favour of the extension of the principle of Local Option to the renewal of Publicans Licenses.
Petition received.
13. **STANDING RULES AND ORDERS**:—Mr. Burns moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Standing Orders Committee to consider and report to this House on the following proposed new Standing Orders:—
(1.) No Member, unless he be a Minister of the Crown, shall be allowed to move "That this House do now adjourn" unless on rising to make such motion he shall state the subject that he proposes to speak to, and the debate shall be strictly confined to the subject so stated.
(2.) A Member moving or seconding the adjournment of the debate on any question shall, whether the adjournment be carried or not, be entitled to speak again on the main question, provided he has not discussed that question in moving or seconding the motion for adjournment.
Debate ensued.
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
14. **RAILWAY RATES FOR GOODS**:—Mr. Day moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the differential rates charged for the carriage of goods and merchandise on all the Railway Lines in New South Wales should be abolished, and that the Commissioner for Railways should impose the same rate of carriage per mile on the same class of goods, whether the same be carried inwards or outwards.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Dalton moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Friday, 22nd February.
15. **MR. G. F. COOK**:—Mr. A. G. Taylor moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all letters, minutes, papers, memorials, petitions, protests, and other documents connected with the appointment to and removal from the Commission of the Peace of Mr. G. F. Cook, of Mount Hope.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
16. **BUTCHERS SHOPS (METROPOLITAN POLICE DISTRICT) SUNDAY CLOSING BILL (No. 2)**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. O'Connor moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with an amendment.
On motion of Mr. O'Connor (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.
17. **SYDNEY CORPORATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL**:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill postponed until Tuesday, 26th February.

The House adjourned at thirteen minutes after Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 43.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 23 JANUARY, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Prison Labour in Mudgee Gaol :—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for *Mr. A. G. Taylor*, asked the Minister of Justice,—Has he given orders yet to stop the competitive character of the prison labour in Mudgee Gaol, and of the steam-saw therein employed; if not, when will he give such directions?

Mr. Stuart answered,—The papers necessary to form an opinion upon this matter have come to hand only this day, and the Minister in charge has not therefore had an opportunity of arriving at a decision.

- (2.) Employés in Botanical Gardens :—*Mr. Cameron* asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is it true that certain employés in the Botanical Gardens were granted a holiday on Boxing Day, and that their pay for the day was subsequently stopped; if so, will he give orders that these men be paid for the day alluded to?

Mr. Stuart answered,—The Director of the Botanic Gardens informs me that such is not the case. The permanent workmen were allowed Boxing Day as a holiday on half-pay; but to extra hands no pay was given for that day unless they worked.

- (3.) Railway Bridge at Parramatta :—*Mr. Hugh Taylor* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is he aware that a number of persons, residents of Parramatta and district, who have been travelling by Railway from that place for a number of years, are now compelled either to drive to Granville and take the train or take the steamer to reach Sydney?

(2.) Is not the Bridge which has been erected at the Parramatta Railway Station so dangerous as to render it impossible for a large number of persons to cross the line at that place?

(3.) Will he cause an inquiry to be made into this matter, and, if correct, give instructions for a sub-way to be made at the west end of the Station, so that all persons travelling by the Railway will have easy access to and from such Station?

Mr. Wright answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) I am not aware that this is the case.

(3.) Inquiry will be made.

- (4.) *Mr. Hardy*, Public School Teacher :—*Mr. Cameron*, for *Mr. Fletcher*, asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—

(1.) In what month and in what year was the Public School at Darlinghurst established?

(2.) On what date was the present teacher appointed to Darlinghurst?

(3.) Is the present teacher, *Mr. Hardy*, the same person who in the latter part of the year 1882, or in the beginning of 1883, obtained twelve months leave of absence from the Department of Public Instruction, and who during the year 1883 accepted the appointment of head master of *St. John's Parochial School* at Darlinghurst?

(4.) Is the present appointment of *Mr. Hardy* a permanent, temporary, or conditional one?

(5.) What classification by examination does *Mr. Hardy* hold, and when did he obtain it?

(6.) What is the present class of Darlinghurst Public School, and is it expected that it will shortly be raised to a higher class?

(7.) Does *Mr. Hardy's* classification by examination render him eligible for appointment to a school of a similar class to Darlinghurst?

(8.) To what class of schools does *Mr. Hardy's* classification entitle him to be appointed?

Mr. Stuart answered,—I am instructed to state that the papers, in the form of a Return, will be laid upon the Table to-morrow, or on the following day. They are in course of preparation.

(5.)

(5.) Sanitary Condition of Public Schools :—Mr. Burns asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House copies of the reports of Dr. Clark on the sanitary condition of the Public Schools in the City of Sydney and its Suburbs, and of any report on the same subject from Dr. Mackellar?

Mr. Stuart answered,—These papers are in course of preparation, and will be laid upon the Table probably to-morrow or the next day.

2. LOCAL OPTION :—Mr. GARRARD presented a Petition from the Chief Ruler, on behalf of the Members of the "Crystal Spring" Tent of the Independent Order of Rechabites, in Meeting assembled, in favour of the extension of the principle of Local Option to the renewal of Publicans Licenses. Petition received.
3. PAPER :—Mr. Abbott laid upon the Table,—Return (*in part*) to an Order made on 6th December, 1883,—“Claims for Land by Messrs. Brown, Smith, Green, and Garot.” Ordered to be printed.
4. CLAIM OF MATTHEW M'IVOR TO A TIN MINE AT PHEASANT'S CREEK (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Cameron, for Mr. Fletcher, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all letters, minutes, and other correspondence relative to the claim of Matthew M'IVOR and others, as to the possession of a certain Tin Mine at Pheasant's Creek, New England, measured portion No. 9, lease No. 1,415. Question put and passed.
5. ARMIDALE GAS COMPANY'S INCORPORATION BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. A. G. Taylor, for Mr. Sydney Smith, moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the Armidale Gas Company (Limited), and to enable the said Armidale Gas Company (Limited) to construct Gas-works within the City of Armidale. Question put and passed.
6. CULTIVATION OF OYSTERS (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. O'Connor, for Mr. Griffiths, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—
 - (1.) The number of applications that have been made to the Commissioners of Fisheries for leases to lay or otherwise cultivate Oysters since the passing of the Fisheries Act Amendment Act of 1883.
 - (2.) The names of the applicants (if any), the lineal yards applied for by each applicant, the locality of each application, the date of each application, the decision of the Commissioners on each application, the number of leases which have been issued by the Government as recommended by the Commissioners.
 - (3.) The reasons for refusal of applications where such have been refused.
 Question put and passed.
7. GREAT COBAR COPPER-MINING COMPANY TRAMWAY BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Hutchinson moved, pursuant to Notice,—
 - (1.) That the Great Cobar Copper-mining Company Tramway Bill be referred to a Select Committee for inquiry and report, with power to send for persons and papers.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Abbott, Mr. Poole, Mr. Fletcher, Mr. Dalton, Mr. Macbattie, Mr. Garrard, and the Mover.
 Question put and passed.
8. BUTCHERS SHOPS (METROPOLITAN POLICE DISTRICT) SUNDAY CLOSING BILL, No. 2 (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. O'CONNOR, read a third time, and *passed*. Mr. O'CONNOR then moved, That the Title of the Bill be “*An Act to prohibit within the Metropolitan Police District the opening of Butchers Shops on Sundays.*” Question put and passed. Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message :—
MR. PRESIDENT,
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled “*An Act to prohibit within the Metropolitan Police District the opening of Butchers Shops on Sundays,*”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 23rd January, 1884.*
9. ARMIDALE GAS COMPANY'S INCORPORATION BILL :—Mr. A. G. Taylor having *presented* this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of the sum of Twenty-five Pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled “*A Bill to incorporate the Armidale Gas Company (Limited) and to enable the said Armidale Gas Company (Limited) to construct Gas-works within the City of Armidale,*”—read a first time.
10. BANKRUPTCY JURISDICTION BILL :—
 - (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Stuart, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to establish a Jurisdiction of the Supreme Court in Bankruptcy in substitution for the Insolvency Jurisdiction of the said Court, and to provide for the winding-up of matters depending in Insolvency. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution. Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), that the report be *now* received. The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows :—
Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to establish a Jurisdiction of the Supreme Court in Bankruptcy in substitution for the Insolvency Jurisdiction of the said Court, and to provide for the winding-up of matters depending in Insolvency.
On motion of Mr. Trickett, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to. (2.)

(2.) The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Stuart, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor.

Message, No. 13.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to establish a Jurisdiction of the Supreme Court in Bankruptcy, in substitution for the Insolvency Jurisdiction of the said Court, and to provide for the winding-up of matters depending in Insolvency.

*Government House,
Sydney, 17th January, 1884.*

Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

11. CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Stuart moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 24 JANUARY, 1884, A.M.

Question put, That this Bill be now read a second time.

The House divided.

Ayes, 59.

Mr. Stuart,	Mr. Cass,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Withers,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. See,
Mr. Trickett,	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. O'Mara,	Dr. Ross,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Quin,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Targett,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Dalton,
Mr. Spring,	Mr. W. J. Fergusson,
Mr. Merriman,	Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Bruce Smith,
Mr. Day,	Mr. Holtermann,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. De Salis,
Mr. Purves,	Mr. White,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Cransie,	Mr. Poole,
Mr. Loughnan,	Mr. W. R. Campbell,
Mr. Proctor,	Mr. George Campbell,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Rynie,
Mr. Levin,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Gray,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. A. G. Taylor,	Mr. Tighe,
Mr. Fremlin,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Olliffe,	Mr. McQuade,
Mr. Lynch,	Mr. Teece.
Mr. Gill,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Russell Barton,	
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Tarrant,
Mr. Griffiths,	Mr. Stephen.
Mr. Young,	

Nocs, 6.

Mr. Abigail,
Mr. McElhono,
Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Holborow.

Tellers,

Mr. Murray,
Mr. McCulloch.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Stuart, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

The House adjourned at three minutes after One o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 44.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 24 JANUARY, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Reading Books used in Public Schools:—Mr. Abigail asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Does the new standard of proficiency for Public Schools authorize the sole use of the Australian School series as ordinary reading books?
- (2.) What are the names of the editors or compilers of this series, and by whom were they selected and appointed?
- (3.) What instructions were given to them with regard to the compilation of this series?
- (4.) By whose authority were all scriptural and general religious instruction omitted from this series?
- (5.) In Schools where the Australian School series is solely used, what general religious or scriptural instruction is given in accordance with section 7 of the Act to the first and second classes?
- (6.) What series of reading books are recognised as equivalent to the Australian School series for use in Public Schools?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

- (1.) No.
- (2.) This is a matter which the publishers kept in their own hands, and no stipulation was made by the Council of Education on the subject beyond what is mentioned in reply to question 3.
- (3.) No specific instructions were deemed necessary regarding the compilation of the series; but the basis of the agreement with the publishers was, that they should supply a series of books adapted for use in the Public and Denominational Schools under the Council of Education; and there was an understanding that, to secure freedom from objections, the proofs of such books should be submitted to the Council's Secretary before publication.
- (4.) No such omission has taken place, the original proposal accepted by the Council of Education having been to supply books for secular instruction only, sufficient provision having, in the opinion of the Council, already been made for Scriptural and general religious instruction in the Irish National Board series, which, for the purpose of such instruction, were to be continued in use, in conjunction with the Australian series.
- (5.) The Australian School series should not be solely used in any School. The Irish National Board series provide the general religious teaching in accordance with the published regulations.
- (6.) The Irish National Board series.

- (2.) Approaches to William-Henry-street Bridge:—Mr. Abigail asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has he received a notice from the Municipal Council of Sydney signifying their willingness to make the approaches to the William-Henry-street Bridge, Ultimo; if so, will he proceed with the construction of the Bridge, as promised in previous replies to questions, also to deputations?

Mr. Wright answered,—Yes.

- (3.) Northern Coast Railway:—*Mr. White* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) What steps have been taken to further the progress of the Northern Coast Railway?
 - (2.) Has a second Surveyor been employed in connection therewith?
 - (3.) Have the Government yet determined upon any special route?

Mr. Wright answered,—

- (1 and 2.) Two additional Surveyors have been employed on this survey during this month.
- (3.) The route being surveyed is from West Maitland to South Grafton,

(4.)

(4.) **Liverpool and Penrith Railway Stations:**—Mr. McElhono asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 (1.) From what Vote was the sum of £11,295 10s. 6d. obtained to defray the cost of the improvements at the Liverpool Railway Station, recommended to be expended by the Engineer for Existing Lines, and commenced on 18th June, 1879, and was this amount provided from any Loan Vote sanctioned by Parliament; if so, for what purpose was such Loan authorized, or was the cost of this work defrayed from the revenue received on the Great Southern Railway?

(2.) From what Vote was the sum of £5,602 16s. obtained to defray the cost of the additional siding accommodation made at Penrith Railway Station, recommended to be expended by the Traffic Manager, and commenced on 1st July, 1879, and was this amount provided from any Loan sanctioned by Parliament; if so, for what purpose was such Loan authorized, or was the cost of this work defrayed from the revenue received on the Western Line of Railway?

Mr. Wright answered,—From the Capital Vote for “Alterations and Additions, &c.,” sanctioned by Parliament up to the year 1880 under Revenue Appropriations, and subsequently under Loans.

(5.) **Parramatta and Granville Railway Stations:**—Mr. McElhono asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) From what Vote was the sum of £11,967 18s. 11d. obtained to defray the cost of the improvements at the Railway Station, Yard, &c., at Parramatta, recommended to be expended by the Commissioner for Railways by day labour, and commenced on 1st October, 1879, and was this amount provided from any Loan sanctioned by Parliament; if so, for what purpose was such Loan authorized, or was the cost of these works defrayed from the revenue received on the Western Railway?

(2.) From what Vote was the sum of £9,837 17s. 4d. obtained to defray the cost of the improvements generally—Platform, new Station, Siding, &c.—recommended to be expended by the Commissioner and Engineer for Existing Lines at Granville, and commenced on 29th November, 1879, 29th January, and 5th February, 1880, and was this amount provided from any Loan sanctioned by Parliament; if so, for what purpose was such Loan authorized, or was the cost of these works defrayed from the revenue received on the Great Southern and Western Railway?

Mr. Wright answered,—From the Capital Vote for “Alterations and Additions, &c.,” sanctioned by Parliament under Revenue Appropriations up to the year 1880, and subsequently under Loans.

(6.) **Iron Bridge over Duck Creek:**—Mr. McElhono asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What was the cost of the Iron Bridge which has been erected over the Duck Creek, on the Railway from Sydney to Granville, and near the latter Station?

(2.) From what Vote was the money obtained to defray the cost of the said structure, or was this Bridge paid for out of the revenue derived from the use by the public of the Southern and Western Railway, or was the cost of this Bridge and its erection defrayed out of the proceeds of a Vote authorized by Parliament to be raised by Loan; if so, for what purpose was such Loan authorized?

Mr. Wright answered,—

(1.) Cost, £3,983 12s. 2d.

(2.) From the Capital Vote for “Alterations and Additions, &c.,” sanctioned by Parliament under Revenue Appropriation. This work was rendered necessary owing to the water-ways originally provided proving insufficient in times of heavy flood, the damage caused by which the Government were liable for.

(7.) **Road between Smith and Byrnes’s Land on Road from Molong to Boree:**—Dr Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—If any road exists between allotment 18 of 152 acres, belonging to John Smith, and allotment 19 of 160 acres, belonging to John Byrnes, on the road from Molong to Boree, at the Reed’s Station, in the County of Ashburnham, or if the same has been alienated; and if so, to whom, and when?

Mr. Farnell answered,—Yes. It has not been alienated.

2. **FOREST LODGE, NEAR TARLO, ESTATE BILL:**—Mr. *Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. Tecce, presented a Petition from Augustus Matthew Betts and John Simons, of Goulburn, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the sale of certain Lands and Hereditaments conveyed upon certain trusts mentioned and declared in a certain Indenture, dated the first day of May, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six, and made between George Slocombe of the first part, Eliza Simons of the second part, and Charles Newman and John Simons of the third part, and to enable the Trustees thereof to invest the proceeds of such sale for the persons entitled under such Deed, and for other purposes in this Act mentioned.

And Mr. Taylor having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Evening News* and *Goulburn Argus*, newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
 Petition received.

3. **COOTAMUNDRY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH LAND SALE BILL:**—Mr. *Sydney Smith*, for Mr. Fletcher, presented a Petition from the Right Reverend William Lanigan, Roman Catholic Bishop of Goulburn, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Right Reverend William Lanigan, the Very Reverend Patrick Dunne, Michael Quinlan, and John Hurley, junior, as Trustees of certain Land in the County of Harden, Parish of Cootamundry, Village of Cootamundry, to sell the said Land, and to provide for the appropriation of the proceeds thereof.

And Mr. Smith having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* and *Cootamundra Liberal*, newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
 Petition received.

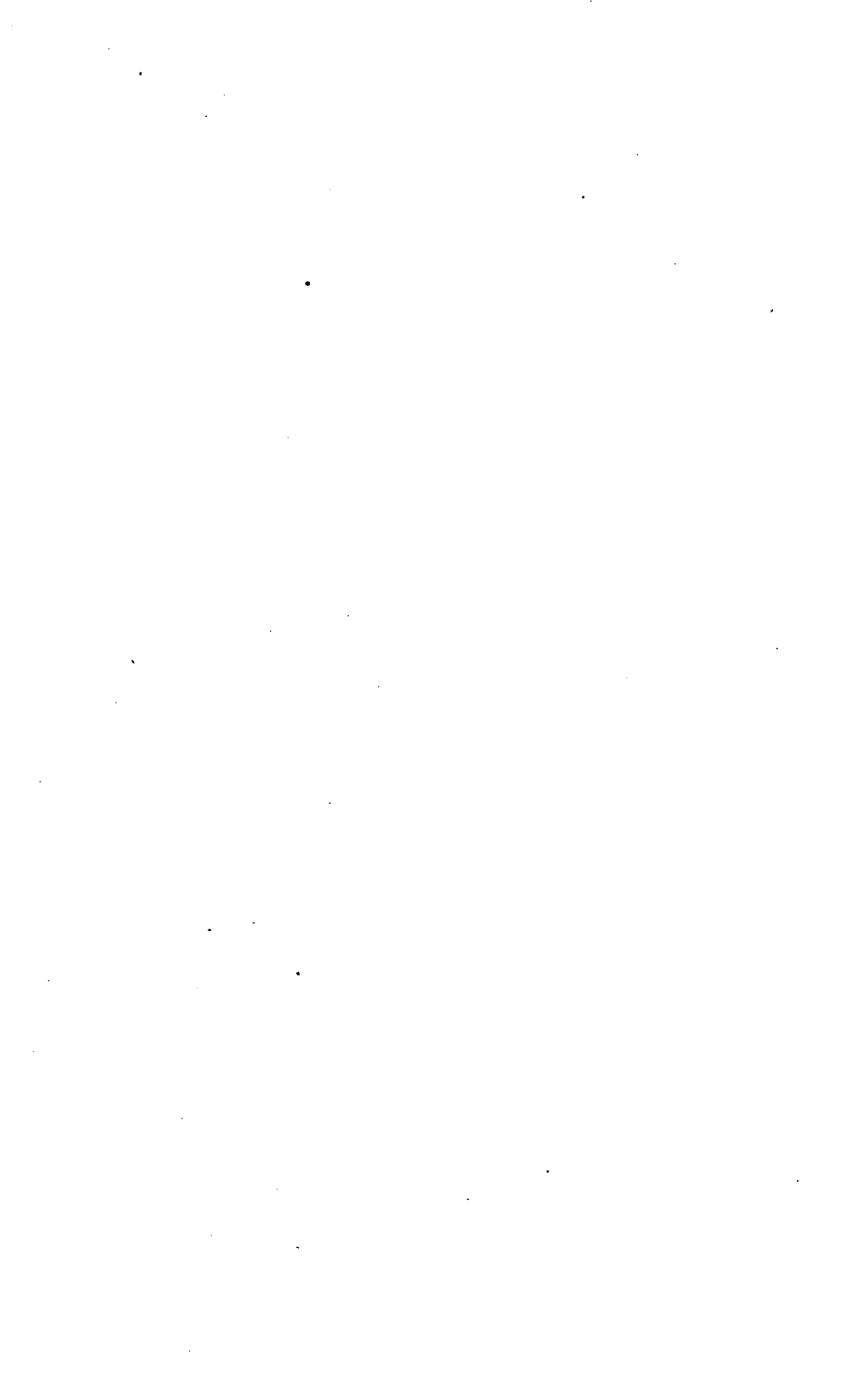
4. **BOOROWA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH LAND SALE BILL:**—Mr. *Sydney Smith*, for Mr. Fletcher, presented a Petition from the Right Reverend William Lanigan, Roman Catholic Bishop of Goulburn, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Right Reverend William Lanigan, and the Honorable John Nagle Ryan, a Member of the Legislative Council, as Trustees of certain Land in the County of King, Parish of Boorowa, Town of Boorowa, to sell the said Land, and to provide for the appropriation of the proceeds thereof.

And Mr. Smith having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* and *Burrowa News*, newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
 Petition received.

5. **LOCAL OPTION** :—The undermentioned Petitions in favour of the extension of the principle of Local Option to the renewal of Publicans Licenses were presented by the Members named :—
- (1.) By Mr. George Campbell. From the Chairman, on behalf of the Members of the Church of England Temperance Society of Blayney, in Meeting assembled.
 - (2.) By Mr. White. From the Chairman, on behalf of the Members of the "Rising Star" Division No. 12, Sons of Temperance, Raymond Terrace, in Meeting assembled.
Petitions received.
6. **FIRE BRIGADES BILL** :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Stuart, and read by Mr. Speaker :—
- AUGUSTUS LOFTUS, *Message, No. 14.*
Governor.
- A Bill, intituled "*An Act to make better provision for the protection of Life and Property from Fire and for other purposes,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.
- Government House,*
Sydney, 24th January, 1884.
7. **BOROUGHES OF RANDWICK AND PADDINGTON BILL** :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council :—
- MR. SPEAKER,
- In answer to the Message from the Legislative Assembly, dated the 18th of January, 1884, requesting leave for the Honorable Charles Moore, a Member of the Legislative Council, to attend and be examined before a Select Committee of the Legislative Assembly on the "Boroughs of Randwick and Paddington Bill," the Council acquaints the Assembly that leave has been granted to its said Member to attend and be examined by the said Committee, if he think fit.
- Legislative Council Chamber,*
Sydney, 24th January, 1884. JOHN HAY,
President.
8. **PAPERS** :—Mr. Stuart laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Parkes.
 - (2.) Report on Census of New South Wales, 1881.
- Ordered to be printed.
9. **ARMIDALE GAS COMPANY'S INCORPORATION BILL (Formal Motion)** :—Mr. Sydney Smith moved, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) That the Armidale Gas Company's Incorporation Bill be referred to a Select Committee for inquiry and report, with power to send for persons and papers.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. A. G. Taylor, Mr. Young, Mr. Burns, Mr. Copeland, Mr. Levien, Mr. Melville, Mr. McLaughlin, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Teece, and the Mover.
- Question put and passed.
10. **CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.
- Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.
- On motion of Mr. Stuart, the report was adopted.
- Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.
11. **SUPPLY** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
- Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.
- The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
- Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), that the report be now received.
- The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows :—
- (2.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £2,060 for the Department of His Excellency the Governor, for the year 1884.
- On motion of Mr. Dibbs, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
12. **WAYS AND MEANS (Financial Statement)** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.
- Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

The House adjourned at five minutes before Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 45.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 25 JANUARY, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Mrs. Bardwell, Public School Teacher:—Mr. Melville asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Will instructions be issued that no children are to be punished for not bringing their school fees?
 (2.) Will he cause Mrs. Bardwell to be reprimanded for causing the punishment of three children in the Newtown School for not having their school fees?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

- (1.) No such instructions are necessary. The printed directions already issued to teachers should be sufficient to deter any teacher from inflicting corporal punishment in such cases.
 (2.) An inquiry is now being held into Mrs. Bardwell's conduct in connection with this matter.
 (2.) Mr. Dent, late Inspector of Weights and Measures:—Mr. Young, for Mr. Proctor, asked the Minister of Justice,—When will the papers in the case of Dent, late Inspector of Weights and Measures, be laid upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Stuart answered,—A Return is in course of preparation, and will be laid upon the Table in a few days.

- (3.) Dog Act:—Mr. Fremlin asked the Secretary for Mines,—To what Police Districts has the Amended Dog Act been extended?

Mr. Abbott answered,—I will lay upon the Table of the House a Return giving the information required.

- (4.) Forbes and Wilcannia Railway:—Mr. Stokes asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Has he received from Mr. Surveyor Sharkey, or any other duly authorized officer, sufficient data upon which to justify a deviation of the Railway Line from Borenoro to Forbes and Wilcannia, as against the extension from Molong to near Forbes?
 (2.) Is his Department officially informed of the fact that the Line to Forbes *via* Cudal is 20 miles nearer, £90,000 cheaper, 40 per cent. better country, and 50 per cent. larger population?
 (3.) Will he during the next week announce the Railway Policy of the Government, including the Forbes and Wilcannia Line?

Mr. Wright answered,—

- (1.) The plan and sections of a trial survey from Orange to near Forbes *via* Borenoro, Cudal, and Toogong, have been received, from which estimates may be prepared; but the survey of another deviation on this route, to pass to the north of Eugowra, is now being made, which will still further reduce the distance between Orange and Forbes.
 (2.) Information has been received that the Line in question is shorter, runs through better country containing a larger population, and will probably be more cheaply constructed; but the official particulars have not yet been ascertained.
 (3.) The Railway Policy of the Government will be submitted at an early date.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table,—Estimates of the Ways and Means of the Government of New South Wales for the year 1884.
 Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Abbott laid upon the Table,—Return showing the Police Districts to which the Dog Act has been extended.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr.

Mr. Wright laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return to an Order made on 6th December, 1883,—“ Railway Traffic Department.”
- (2.) Return showing the Supply of Coals to the Government Departments.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return to an Order made on 30th October, 1883,—“ Mark Duffy’s Conditional Purchase.”
- (2.) Return to an Order made on 14th November, 1883,—“ John Tuohy’s Conditional Purchase at Molong.”

Ordered to be printed.

3. FOREST LODGE, NEAR TABLO, ESTATE BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

- (1.) Mr. Sydney Smith, for Mr. Teece, moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the Sale of certain Lands and Hereditaments conveyed upon certain trusts mentioned and declared in a certain Indenture, dated the first day of May, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six, and made between George Slocombe of the first part, Eliza Simons of the second part, and Charles Newman and John Simons of the third part, and to enable the Trustees thereof to invest the proceeds of such Sale for the persons entitled under such deed, and for other purposes in this Act mentioned.

Question put and passed.

- (2.) Mr. Smith having presented this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of the sum of Twenty-five Pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled “ *A Bill to authorize the sale of certain Lands and Hereditaments conveyed upon certain trusts mentioned and declared in a certain Indenture dated the first day of May one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six and made between George Slocombe of the first part Eliza Simons of the second part and Charles Newman and John Simons of the third part and to enable the Trustees thereof to invest the proceeds of such Sale for the persons entitled under such deed and for other purposes in this Act mentioned,*”—read a first time.

4. COOTAMUNDRY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH LAND SALE BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

- (1.) Mr. Sydney Smith, for Mr. Fletcher, moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Right Reverend William Lanigan, the Very Reverend Patrick Dunne, Michael Quinlan, and John Hurley, junior, as Trustees of certain Land in the County of Harden, Parish of Cootamundry, Village of Cootamundry, to sell the said Land, and to provide for the appropriation of the proceeds thereof.

Question put and passed.

- (2.) Mr. Smith having presented this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of the sum of Twenty-five Pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled “ *A Bill to enable the Right Reverend William Lanigan the Very Reverend Patrick Dunne Michael Quinlan and John Hurley junior as Trustees of certain Land in the County of Harden Parish of Cootamundry (Village of Cootamundry) to sell the said Land and to provide for the appropriation of the proceeds thereof,*”—read a first time.

5. BOOROWA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH LAND SALE BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

- (1.) Mr. Sydney Smith, for Mr. Fletcher, moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Right Reverend William Lanigan, and the Honorable John Nagle Ryan, a Member of the Legislative Council, as Trustees of certain Land in the County of King, Parish of Boorowa, Town of Boorowa, to sell the said Land, and to provide for the appropriation of the proceeds thereof.

Question put and passed.

- (2.) Mr. Smith having presented this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of the sum of Twenty-five Pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled “ *A Bill to enable the Right Reverend William Lanigan and the Honorable John Nagle Ryan a Member of the Legislative Council as Trustees of certain Land in the County of King Parish of Boorowa Town of Boorowa to sell the said Land and to provide for the appropriation of the proceeds thereof,*”—read a first time.

6. DOG ACT FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

- (1.) Mr. McCourt moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Dog Act Amendment Act of 1875.

Question put and passed.

- (2.) Mr. McCourt presented a Bill, intituled “ *A Bill to amend the Dog Act Amendment Act of 1875,*”—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 4th March.

7. CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Stuart, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Stuart then moved, That the Title of the Bill be “ *An Act to amend the Law relating to the incapacity of persons holding Offices of profit under the Crown to be elected or sit or vote as Members of the Legislative Assembly and to declare the elections of certain persons holding such Offices to have been valid and for other purposes.*”

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled “ *An Act to amend the Law relating to the incapacity of persons holding Offices of profit under the Crown to be elected or sit or vote as Members of the Legislative Assembly and to declare the elections of certain persons holding such Offices to have been valid and for other purposes,*”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 25th January, 1884.

8. **LIMITATION OF ACTIONS FOR TRESPASS BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.
On motion of Mr. Heydon (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
9. **HUTCHINSON ESTATE BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Burns moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Burns, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Burns, the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
10. **ST. PHILIP'S PARSONAGE BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Hutchinson moved That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Hutchinson, the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
11. **WALGETT ENGLISH CHURCH AND PARSONAGE LAND SALE BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Dangar moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Dangar, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Dangar, the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
12. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. McLaughlin moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
13. **LINNEAN SOCIETY INCORPORATION BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Stuart moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Stuart, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Stuart, the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
14. **SAYWELL'S TRAMWAY BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Stephen moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Stephen, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Stephen, the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
15. **DUBBO CATTLE SALE-YARDS BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir Patrick Jennings moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion Sir Patrick Jennings, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with an amendment.
On motion of Sir Patrick Jennings (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.

The House adjourned at five minutes before Seven o'clock, until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 46.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 29 JANUARY, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) District Court Judges:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. Cameron, asked the Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) Is it true that the District Court Judges, namely Messrs. Docker and Murray, still persist in giving precedence to civil over criminal business?
 - (2.) Is it true that the Armidale District Court was fixed to commence on Monday, 14th, and the Quarter Sessions on Wednesday, the 16th January?
 - (3.) Is it true that the District Court finished on Monday, and that persons in gaol awaiting trial remained in gaol all Monday and Tuesday, and in some cases till Thursday and Friday, before they could be tried?
 - (4.) In the event of any of those prisoners being found not guilty on Thursday or Friday, have they not been thus kept several days longer in gaol through the action of the Judge in giving precedence to civil over criminal business?
 - (5.) Will the Minister insist on this practice being stopped, and in every case compel our District Court Judges to show somewhat more regard to the interests of people awaiting trial whose liberty has been taken from them, in some cases unjustly or wrongfully?

Mr. Abbott answered,—I will presently lay the desired information, in answer to these questions, upon the Table in the shape of a Return.

- (2.) The Survey Department:—*Mr. Young*, for Mr. R. B. Smith, asked the Secretary for Lands,— Will he have any objection to lay upon the Table of this House any minutes which have passed between the Surveyor General and the Minister for Lands as to the cause of arrears in the Office Branch of the Survey Department?

Mr. Farnell answered,—On many occasions representations and reports have been made by the Surveyor General in reference to the state of the work in the Survey Office. I shall have no objection to lay copies of any papers upon the Table of the House that may be moved for in the usual manner.

- (3.) Posting Placards near General Post Office:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor* asked the Postmaster General,— Is the Government aware that the contractors for enlarging the General Post Office have been drawing large sums of money from bill posters for the right of posting placards, &c., in the passage-way from Pitt-street to George-street; if so, will the Government cause at once all bills and advertisements to be removed, as they are unsightly and tend to make the approach to the building a nuisance by the effluvia arising from the paste lying on the pathways, and the danger from fire from loose papers lying about?

Mr. Trickett answered,— I am unable to say whether the contractors for extending the General Post Office to Pitt-street have been drawing large sums of money from bill posters for the right of posting placards in the passage-way between Pitt and George Streets. The ground during the progress of the works being in the possession and under the control of the contractors, and the passage referred to is only on sufferance.

- (4.) Railway Iron Bridges:—*Mr. R. B. Smith* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) The length and width of the spans of the Iron Bridges for which tenders were called in the Colony and in England?
 - (2.) The weight per running foot of the said spans?
 - (3.) Whether the requirements of the Board of Trade as to the strength of the spans and the bridges generally were insisted upon, or in what measure they were deviated from?
 - (4.) Whether the detailed drawings of the Bridges were prepared in England or in the Colony?

Mr.

Mr. Wright answered,—

(1.) Length, 61 feet ; width, 25 feet.

(2.) About 17 cwt.

(3.) All the requirements of the Board of Trade have been provided for.

(4.) In the Colony.

- (5.) Platforms on Camden Tramway :—*Mr. Barbour*, for *Mr. McCourt*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it intended to erect Passenger Platforms on Camden Tramway at Camden, Kirkham, and Narellan ; if so, when will the work be commenced ?

Mr. Wright answered,—It is not proposed at present to increase the expenditure upon this Line.

- (6.) Water for Picton Railway Station :—*Mr. Barbour*, for *Mr. McCourt*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it intended to obtain a supply of water from Picton Lakes for use of Picton Railway Station ; if so, when will the work be commenced ?

Mr. Wright answered,—This question has not yet been finally decided. It is doubtful whether Picton Lakes would afford a permanent supply of water ; they are very low at present.

- (7.) Land Sale at Narrabri Railway Station :—*Mr. Dangar* asked the Secretary for Lands,—When is it intended to sell the land at Narrabri Railway Station ?

Mr. Farnell answered,—About the end of March or beginning of April.

- (8.) North Shore Tramway :—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for *Mr. Holtermann*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Now that the plans, surveys, and specifications for the North Shore Tramway are completed,—Is it his intention to call for the necessary tenders for the construction of the work without further delay ?

Mr. Wright answered,—The plans and specifications are not yet completed ; they will be, however, in a short time, when the matter will be submitted for the consideration of the Governor and Executive Council, as provided for in the Tramway Act.

2. LOCAL OPTION :—The undermentioned Petitions in favour of the extension of the principle of Local Option to the renewal of Publicans Licenses were presented by the Members named :—

(1.) By *Mr. Sydney Smith*, for *Mr. Sutherland*. From the Chairman, on behalf of St. Paul's Branch of the Church of England Temperance Society.

(2.) By *Mr. Gibbes*. From the Chairman and Secretary, on behalf of the Members of the "Morning Star" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, situated in the District of Newtown, in Meeting assembled.

(3.) By *Mr. Tarrant*. From the Chairman, on behalf of the Members of the Sons of Temperance of "Allowrie" Division, Shellharbour, in Meeting assembled.

(4.) By *Mr. Tarrant*. From the Officers, on behalf of the Members of the Southern Coast Grand Division Sons of Temperance, in Meeting assembled.

(5.) By *Mr. Tarrant*. From the Chairman and Secretary, on behalf of the Members of the "Pride of the South" Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, situated in the District of Kiama, in Meeting assembled.

(6.) By *Mr. Tarrant*. From the Chairman, on behalf of the Members of the "Southern Cross" Division of the Sons of Temperance, in Meeting assembled.

Petitions received.

COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS :—*Seat of Robert Matteson Vaughn, Esquire* :—*Mr. Pigott*, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before the Committee of Elections and Qualifications in reference to the Seat of *Mr. Vaughn*.

Report read by the Clerk, by direction of *Mr. Speaker*, as follows :—

"The Committee of Elections and Qualifications, duly appointed on the 16th October, 1883, to whom was referred on the 19th December, 1883, the question whether *Robert Matteson Vaughn, Esquire*, the Honorable Member for Grenfell, has not since the date of his election, in conjunction with another person, undertaken a contract for or on account of the Public Service, and whether he has not thereby become incapable of sitting as such Member ; and whether the said *Robert Matteson Vaughn* did not, since the date of his election, in conjunction with another person, enter into such contract, and whether his Seat as such Member has not thereby become void—have agreed to the following Report :—

"The Committee of Elections and Qualifications find that the said *Robert Matteson Vaughn, Esquire*, the Honorable Member for Grenfell, since the date of his election, in conjunction with another person, entered into an agreement with the Government on account of the Public Service, whereby the Seat of the said *Robert Matteson Vaughn, Esquire*, has become liable to be declared by the Legislative Assembly to be void, and the Committee respectfully report to the Assembly for its opinion. That the Evidence taken before the Committee for Elections and Qualifications proves that the said *Robert Matteson Vaughn, Esquire*, since the date of his election, in conjunction with another person, tendered to the Government to construct, completely finish, and maintain the various works for contract No. 7, Sydney Sewerage, in accordance with the conditions of contract prepared for that purpose, and enclosed a Treasury deposit for £600 sterling, as required by the conditions, and undertook to lodge with the Colonial Treasurer, within seven days from the date of notification of acceptance of the tender, the further sum of £6,000 as security for the due performance of the contract, and agreed to forfeit to the Queen the sum deposited with the tender if the said deposit of £6,000 should not be made or the contract signed as therein mentioned. That the tender was accepted by the Government. That the said *Robert Matteson Vaughn, Esquire*, in conjunction with another person, then discovered that the tender was for too low a sum, and did not lodge with the Colonial Treasurer within seven days from the date of notification of acceptance of the tender the further sum of

"£6,000

“ £6,000 as security for the due performance of the contract, and the Government notified to the said Robert Matteson Vaughn, Esquire, and such other person, that the contract entered into by them had been cancelled, and the deposit money of £600 forfeited. That, after a lengthy correspondence, the deposit of £600 was returned to the said Robert Matteson Vaughn, Esquire, and such other person, and that the contract or bond referred to in the said conditions (and which was to be prepared by the Crown Solicitor) for the performance of the said works was not signed by the said Robert Matteson Vaughn, Esquire, and such other person.

“ No. 2 Committee Room,
“ 29th January, 1884.”

“ W. H. FIGOTT,
“ Chairman.”

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Pigott, that the Report and Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence, together with Appendix, be printed.

4. **IMMIGRATION**:—Mr. Garrard presented a Petition from the Officers and Members of the Trades and Labour Council of New South Wales, praying the House to stop the system of Assisted Immigration to this Colony now in force.
And the same having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker,—
Petition received.

5. **PAPERS**:—

Mr. Abbott laid upon the Table,—Correspondence with District Court Judges Docker and Murray respecting precedence of Civil over Criminal Business in District Courts and Quarter Sessions.
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Wright laid upon the Table,—Notification of resumption of Land required in connection with Water Supply to the Town of Cootamundra.
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table,—Despatch respecting the Sydney Branch of the Royal Mint—50th Report.
Ordered to be printed.

6. **THE LICENSING ACT**:—Mr. Griffiths presented a Petition from Residents of Sydney and Suburbs, alleging that the present Law as regards the closing of Public Houses on Sundays and Week-days is not in accordance with the wishes and wants of the people of this Colony, and suggesting an amendment of the clause relating to Travellers, and submitting that the principle of local option should not be applied to the renewal of Publicans Licenses; and praying the House to give effect to their representations.
Petition received.

7. **CROWN LANDS BILL**:—Mr. Badgery presented a Petition from Selectors and Landholders in the District of Bombala, stating that they view with alarm the proposal in the Crown Lands Bill to abolish Pre-leases, and suggesting certain amendments to be made in the Bill; and praying the House to modify some of the clauses.
Petition received.

8. **VOTE OF CREDIT**:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Dibbs, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor.

Message, No. 15.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th clause of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of January or following month of the year 1884, together with provision for other Services of an urgent character.

*Government House,
Sydney, 29th January, 1884.*

Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of Supply.

9. **MR. BURNETT, LATE LOCOMOTIVE ENGINEER (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. McElhone moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence, letters, minutes, &c., between the late Secretary for Works (Mr. Lackey), Mr. Goodchap, Commissioner for Railways, and Mr. R. H. Burnett, late Locomotive Engineer, which led to the dismissal of Mr. Burnett.
Question put and passed.
10. **CIVIL SERVICE SUPERANNUATION BILLS (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. Abigail moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, with the other Returns of a similar character, a copy of the Superannuation Bill introduced by Sir John Robertson on 11th May, 1871.
Question put and passed.
11. **FOREST LODGE, NEAR TARLO, ESTATE BILL (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. Teece moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That the Forest Lodge, near Tarlo, Estate Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, with power to send for persons and papers.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Abigail, Mr. Holborow, Mr. De Salis, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Targett, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Gannon, and the Mover.
(3.) That the Report from the Select Committee of Session 1882 on the same subject be referred to the Committee.
Question put and passed.
12. **COOTAMUNDRY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH LAND SALE BILL (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. Teece, for Mr. Fletcher, moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That the Cootamundry Roman Catholic Church Land Sale Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, with power to send for persons and papers.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Heydon, Mr. Vaughn, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Teece, Mr. Slattery, and Mr. Fletcher.
Question put and passed.

13. **BOOROWA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH LAND SALE BILL** (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Teece*, for *Mr. Fletcher*, moved, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) That the Boorowa Roman Catholic Church Land Sale Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, with power to send for persons and papers.
- (2.) That such Committee consist of *Mr. Day*, *Mr. Heydon*, *Mr. Levin*, *Mr. Barbour*, *Mr. Teece*, *Mr. George Campbell*, *Mr. Lynch*, and *Mr. Fletcher*.
- Question put and passed.
14. **FREE RAILWAY PASSES TO SCHOOL CHILDREN**:—*Mr. McLaughlin* moved, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, a free pass on the Government Railways should be issued to any child to travel to and from any School in the same manner as it is now issued to a child attending a Public School.
- (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
- Debate ensued.
- Mr. Young* moved, That the Question be amended by the addition to the first paragraph of the words “and that such pass should not entitle the holder thereof to travel a greater distance than that between the residence of such child’s parents or guardians and the nearest Public School.”
- Question,—That the words proposed to be added be there added,—put and passed.
- Debate continued.
- Main Question put,—
- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, a free pass on the Government Railways should be issued to any child to travel to and from any School in the same manner as it is now issued to a child attending a Public School, and that such pass should not entitle the holder thereof to travel a greater distance than that between the residence of such child’s parents or guardians and the nearest Public School.
- (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
- The House divided.

Ayes, 16.

Mr. Abbott,
Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Heydon,
Mr. Slattery,
Mr. O’Connor,
Mr. Butcher,
Mr. Olliffe,
Mr. Stokes,
Mr. White,
Mr. McLaughlin,
Mr. McEllhone,
Mr. A. G. Taylor,
Mr. Dalton.

Tellers,

Mr. Young,
Mr. Garvan.

Noes, 32.

<i>Mr. Combes</i> ,	<i>Mr. Teece</i> ,
<i>Mr. Wisdom</i> ,	<i>Mr. Chapman</i> ,
<i>Mr. Burns</i> ,	<i>Mr. Abigail</i> ,
<i>Mr. Roberts</i> ,	<i>Mr. William Clarke</i> ,
<i>Mr. Cameron</i> ,	<i>Mr. Henry Clarke</i> ,
<i>Mr. Mitchell</i> ,	<i>Mr. Buchanan</i> ,
<i>Mr. Fremlin</i> ,	<i>Mr. W. R. Campbell</i> ,
<i>Mr. Cramsie</i> ,	<i>Mr. Badgery</i> ,
<i>Mr. Poole</i> ,	<i>Mr. Gray</i> ,
<i>Mr. Barbour</i> ,	<i>Mr. Proctor</i> ,
<i>Mr. Targett</i> ,	<i>Mr. Dangar</i> ,
<i>Mr. McCulloch</i> ,	<i>Mr. Purves</i> .
<i>Mr. Griffiths</i> ,	<i>Tellers</i> ,
<i>Mr. Humphery</i> ,	<i>Mr. Pigott</i> ,
<i>Mr. Holborow</i> ,	<i>Mr. Tarrant</i> .
<i>Mr. Harris</i> ,	
<i>Mr. Withers</i> ,	
<i>Mr. Merriman</i> ,	

And so it passed in the negative.

15. **ADJOURNMENT**:—*Mr. A. G. Taylor* moved, That this House do now adjourn.
- Debate ensued.
- Question put and negatived.
16. **IMMIGRATION**:—*Mr. A. G. Taylor* presented a Petition from Citizens of Sydney and its Suburbs, praying the House to reject the vote for Assisted Immigration when it comes on for consideration. And the same having been read by the Clerk, by direction of *Mr. Speaker*,—
- Petition received.
17. **LIMITATION OF ACTIONS FOR TRESPASS BILL** (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of *Mr. Heydon*, read a third time, and passed.
- Mr. Heydon* then moved, That the Title of the Bill be “*An Act to alter the Law respecting Remedies for Trespass to Land*.”
- Question put and passed.
- Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—
- MR. PRESIDENT,**
- The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled “*An Act to alter the Law respecting Remedies for Trespass to Land*,”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
- Legislative Assembly Chamber,*
Sydney, 29th January, 1884.
18. **HUTCHINSON ESTATE BILL** (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of *Mr. Burns*, read a third time, and passed.
- Mr. Burns* then moved, That the Title of the Bill be “*An Act to enable William Matthew Hutchinson Gibbons Richard Hutchinson Roberts and Arthur Huffington or other the Trustees for the time being of the Will of William Hutchinson deceased to sell certain Land and Houses in York-street and Clarence-street in the City of Sydney and to provide for the application of the proceeds thereof*.”
- Question put and passed.

Ordered,

Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable William Matthew Hutchinson Gibbons Richard Hutchinson Roberts and Arthur Huffington or other the Trustees for the time being of the Will of William Hutchinson deceased to sell certain Land and Houses in York-street and Clarence-street in the City of Sydney and to provide for the application of the proceeds thereof*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee thereon, together with a copy of the Probate of the Will of William Hutchinson.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 29th January, 1884.*

19. ST. PHILIP'S PARSONAGE BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Melville, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Melville then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to enable the Trustees of St. Philip's Church Sydney to lease a certain piece of Land situate in the City of Sydney Parish of St. Philip and to apply the rents and profits thereof*."

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Trustees of St. Philip's Church Sydney to lease a certain piece of Land situate in the City of Sydney Parish of St. Philip and to apply the rents and profits thereof*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee thereon, together with copies of the original deeds referred to in the preamble of the Bill.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 29th January, 1884.*

20. WALGETT ENGLISH CHURCH AND PARSONAGE LAND SALE BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Dangar, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Dangar then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to enable Thomas Clark Richard Kirby Thompson and Arthur Gray Trustees of certain Land situate in the Town of Walgett to sell the same and provide for the application of the proceeds thereof*."

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable Thomas Clark Richard Kirby Thompson and Arthur Gray Trustees of certain Land situate in the Town of Walgett to sell the same and provide for the application of the proceeds thereof*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee thereon, together with copies of the deeds referred to in the preamble of the Bill.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 29th January, 1884.*

21. LINNEAN SOCIETY INCORPORATION BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Farnell, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Farnell then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to incorporate a Society called the 'Linnean Society of New South Wales.'*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to incorporate a Society called the 'Linnean Society of New South Wales.'*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 29th January, 1884.*

22. SAYWELL'S TRAMWAY BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Melville, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Melville then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to authorize the construction and maintenance of a Tramway from the proposed Bay-street Station on the Illawarra Railway to and along Lady Robinson's Beach*."

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorize the construction and maintenance of a Tramway from the proposed Bay-street Station on the Illawarra Railway to and along Lady Robinson's Beach*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee thereon.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 29th January, 1884.*

23. DUBBO CATTLE SALE-YARDS BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*,—on motion of Mr. White, read a third time, and *passed*.)

Mr. White then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to authorize the erection and maintenance of Cattle Sale-yards by the Municipal Council of Dubbo within the said Municipality*."

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorize the erection and maintenance of Cattle Sale-yards by the Municipal Council of Dubbo within the said Municipality*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee thereon, together with a copy of a deed of grant to the Municipal Council of Dubbo.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 29th January, 1884.*

24. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed until Friday, 15th February :—

(1.) Contempts Punishment Bill ; second reading.

(2.) Law of Seduction Amendment Bill ; second reading.

25. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS :—*Mr. Wright*, for *Mr. Dibbs*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing of a Bill, intituled "A Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1884" through all its stages in one day ; and would also preclude the Resolutions of the Committees of Supply and of Ways and Means respectively, whereon the Bill is proposed to be founded, being received on the same day on which they are come to by the said Committees respectively.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned at eight minutes before Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 47.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 30 JANUARY, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

SEAT OF F. B. SUTTON, ESQUIRE:—The following Letter from Francis Bathurst Sutton, Esquire, was handed to Mr. Speaker by Sir John Robertson, and, by direction of Mr. Speaker, read by the Clerk:—

Sydney, 30th January, 1884.

The Honorable the Speaker, Legislative Assembly, Sydney.

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that in the event of the Constitution Act Amendment Bill recently passed by the Legislative Assembly becoming Law, it is not my intention to take advantage of its provision enabling me to hold a Seat in the House, but I will seek re-election at the hands of the Electors of Bathurst.

I respectfully trust, therefore, that you will take such steps as will enable that Constituency to be represented in the Legislative Assembly at an early date.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

F. B. SUTTON.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Trial Shafts at Murray Hut:—Mr. Wilson asked the Secretary for Mines,—Have one or more Trial Shafts been sunk at the instance of his Department at Murray Hut; if so, how much money was expended, and what was the result?

Mr. Wright answered,—A Trial Shaft was sunk at Murray Hut to a depth of 131 feet, where clean drift was met, yielding a very strong supply of water suitable for stock. An amount of £49 12s. 6d. was expended on this work.

(2.) Tank at Murray Hut:—Mr. Wilson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Was a sum voted for the construction of a Public Tank at Murray Hut; if so, has anything been done towards carrying out the work?

Mr. Wright answered,—Vote of £22,000 in 1883 for Tanks included provision for Murray's Hut. A tender was accepted on the 8th instant for sinking a Well at site of Trial Shaft.

(3.) Endowment of Municipalities:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will the Government take into consideration the advisableness of placing a sum of money on the Additional Estimates in aid of Municipalities, pending the passing of the proposed Local Government Bill?

Mr. Stuart answered,—I do not see that I can give any definite answer to the Honorable Member's question at the present time, as I do not know whether I shall be able to introduce the Local Government Bill or not. I am prepared to bring it in as soon as the House is able to consider it.

(4.) Public School at Castle Hill:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—

(1.) Is it a fact that children have been kept from attending the Public School at Castle Hill through a person lying there ill with typhoid fever?

(2.) Will the Minister cause an immediate inquiry; and if true, will he give instructions for the School to be closed for a short time, and the person removed, to prevent the spread of the complaint?

Mr. Wright answered,—

(1.) No communication on the subject has been received.

(2.) Inquiry will be made at once.

- (5.) Lady Students at Hurlstone College:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—What allowance per week in the shape of pocket money does he intend to give the lady students of Hurlstone College, and from what date?

Mr. Wright answered,—The Minister does not intend to give any allowance in the shape of pocket money to the students of Hurlstone College, but the question of an allowance for clothing, &c., is being considered. It may be stated that when these students were taught in Fort-street Training School, an allowance at the rate of £72 a year was given them.

- (6.) Telegraph Office, Forbes:—Mr. Stokes asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 (1.) Has he received from the Colonial Architect an estimate of the probable cost for flooring the portico of the Post and Telegraph Office, Forbes?
 (2.) In view of the dangerous and unsightly appearance of the portico in question, will he call for tenders without further delay?

Mr. Wright answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
 (2.) Tenders will be invited in next *Gazette* for carrying out the work with asphalt.

- (7.) High School at Forbes.—Public School, Carawobity:—Mr. Stokes asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Will he at an early date cause a High School to be established in the town of Forbes?
 (2.) Is he aware of the disgraceful state of the Public School Building at Carawobity, near Forbes?
 (3.) Will he cause tenders to be called for at once for a new School Building at Carawobity as per plans and specifications already prepared?

Mr. Wright answered,—

- (1.) I am not in a position to state when a High School will be established at Forbes.
 (2.) The Inspector's last report is to the contrary. Inquiry will be made.
 (3.) Yes, except as to teacher's residence.

- (8.) Federal Council Bill:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. Heydon, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) With respect to the recently published telegrams from London, stating that the Federal Council Bill prepared by the Delegates attending the last Intercolonial Conference, and sent by them to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, has been published at length in the leading Journals in England, and that the Federal Council proposed to be created by the said Bill being deemed unworkable, the said Bill is about to be wholly re-drawn by the Colonial Office,—Will the Honorable the Premier assure this House that there is no probability or possibility of legislation upon the question taking place in the British Parliament?

(2.) In view of the possibility of the British Cabinet accepting the Resolutions of the said Conference, as expressing the wishes of the people of New South Wales, and thereupon taking some important step likely to embarrass the consideration of the matter by this House,—Will the Ministry have any objection to take some step to preclude the possibility of any such misunderstanding?

Mr. Stuart answered,—I can only say that I have no information upon this matter whatsoever.

3. LOCAL OPTION:—The undermentioned Petitions in favour of the extension of the principle of Local Option to the renewal of Publicans Licenses were presented by the Members named:—

(1.) By Mr. A. G. Taylor. From the Chairman, on behalf of the Members of the Wesleyan Temperance Society, Mudgee, in Meeting assembled.

(2.) By Mr. Day. From the Chairman, on behalf of the Murray Valley Tent, Independent Order of Rechabites, in Meeting assembled.
 Petitions received.

4. PAPERS:—

Mr. Stuart laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Further Return to an Address adopted on 6th July, 1877,—“Immigration”—ship “Selkirkshire.”
 (2.) Further Correspondence respecting proposed Annexation of New Guinea and New Hebrides.
 Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Wright laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Information respecting establishment of a Public School at Darlinghurst, and arrangements made for the provision of a Teacher.
 (2.) Return to an Order made on 29th January, 1884,—“Mr. Burnett, late Locomotive Engineer.”
 Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table,—Supplementary Return to an Order made on 28th November, 1883,—“Alienation of Crown Lands in the Parishes of Willoughby and Gordon.”

5. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Stuart, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
 Governor.

Message, No. 16.

A Bill, intituled “An Act to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Years 1883 and 1884,”—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 21st December, 1883.

6. **REDFERN PUBLIC SCHOOL** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. A. G. Taylor moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a copy of Mr. Inspector Jones's report on the Girls Department of the Redfern Public School during the time that Mrs. Bardwell was mistress of the School, and copies of all papers and correspondence in connection with that report.
Question put and passed.
7. **THE SURVEY DEPARTMENT** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. R. B. Smith moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of any minutes which have passed between the Surveyor General and the Minister for Lands during the past five years as to the cause of arrears in the Office Branch of the Survey Department.
Question put and passed.
8. **SUPPLY**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Stuart, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.
The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, that the report be now received.
The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—
(3.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £681,000, being £471,000 to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of January, 1884, at the rates which have been sanctioned for 1883, subject to the rate of any reduction that may hereafter be made in the Expenditure of the year 1884; £100,000 to meet wages to become due to Railway employés during the month of February, 1884, and to cover the Expenditure in January, 1884, in excess of the monthly allowance at the rate of last year's appropriation and for Railway Services generally; £10,000 to meet wages to become due to employés in the Department of Harbours and Rivers during the month of February, 1884, and to cover the Expenditure in January, 1884, in excess of the monthly allowance at the rate of last year's appropriations, and for other Services of an urgent nature; and £100,000 to enable the Treasurer to make advances to public officers, and on account of other Governments, and to pay expenses of an unforeseen nature which will afterwards be submitted for Parliamentary appropriation, the whole amount to be adjusted not later than 31st December, 1885.
On motion of Mr. Stuart, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
9. **WAYS AND MEANS**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Stuart, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.
The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, that the report be now received.
The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—
(3.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Services of the year 1884, the sum of £681,000 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.
On motion of Mr. Stuart, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
10. **CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 2)**:—
(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Stuart, that a Bill be brought in, founded on Resolution of Ways and Means (No. 3), to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Year 1884.
(2.) Mr. Stuart then *presented* a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Year 1884*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and now read a second time.
(3.) Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Stuart, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Stuart, the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time at a later hour of the day.
11. **CROWN LANDS BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.

And the Committee continuing* to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 31 JANUARY, 1884, A.M.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

12. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The Orders of the Day Nos. 4, 5, 6, 7 of Government Business postponed until to-morrow.

13. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 2):—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Stuart moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
Question put and passed.

Bill read a third time,—and, on motion of Mr. Stuart, *passed*.

Mr. Stuart then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1884.*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Year 1884,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 31st January, 1884, A.M.*

The House adjourned at five minutes after Twelve o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 48.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 31 JANUARY, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

PAPER:—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Copy of a Minute of His Excellency the Governor and the Executive Council, authorizing the application of a certain amount from one Head of Service to supplement a Vote for another Service,—transmitted to the Legislative Assembly under the directions contained in the 18th section of the Audit Act of 1870.
Ordered to be printed.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Trade Marks Act:—Mr. William Clarke asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What number of prosecutions under the penal clauses of the Trade Marks Act, 1865, were instituted during the last three years, what number withdrawn or dismissed, and what is the total number of convictions obtained, and the amount of fines, and of costs obtained?

(2.) Who is intrusted with the duty of inspection and of initiating prosecution under the said Trade Marks Act?

(3.) Will he take steps to have all breaches of said Act vigorously prosecuted?

Mr. Stuart answered,—It is impossible to answer these questions without communicating with all the Courts of Petty Sessions throughout the Colony. I will endeavour to obtain the information required, and will place it in the form of a Return upon the Table.

(2.) Sixpenny Telegrams:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Postmaster General,—With reference to my previous questions and answers thereto, as well as to my communications,—What decision, if any, has been arrived at with reference to the extension of the sixpenny system of telegrams to those places to which the penny postage is extended?

Mr. Trickett answered,—I am awaiting certain Returns and Reports before I can come to any decision in this matter.

(3.) Parramatta and Granville Railway Stations.—Iron Bridge over Duck Creek:—*Dr. Ross*, for Mr. McElhonn, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) With reference to my questions, answered on Thursday last, relative to the source from which the cost of repairs to the Railway at Duck Creek, Penrith, Parramatta, Granville, and Liverpool, was provided—when the Secretary for Works replied that the money was voted from the Capital Vote for alterations, additions, &c.,—Were the funds required to defray the cost of these works provided by loan, or were they taken from the gross receipts of the Southern and Western Railways?

(2.) Have all the locomotive engines or other rolling stock, worn out or rendered unfit for service through any cause, been replaced at the cost of the working expenses?

Mr. Wright answered,—

(1.) The works carried out were not repairs; if they had been, they would have been charged to the Working Expenses Vote. They were additions to the Line, increasing its capital value, and the cost was charged to the Capital Vote. The fund to which the cost was charged was formed of various Votes, sometimes authorized to be derived from the current Revenue of the Colony, and sometimes to be raised by Loan; in either case, whether the money was derived from Revenue sources or Loan sources, it was treated as a Capital Account.

(2.) Yes.

(4.) Roads to Mandurama:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. A. G. Taylor, asked the Secretary for Mines,—When will certain roads leading to Mandurama, and passing through squattages, be thrown open, as surveyed and gazetted some months ago?

Mr. Abbott answered,—I have to request the Honorable Member to name the roads, as I cannot identify them. (5.)

- (5.) Customs Statistics :—Mr. Dalton asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it not a fact that the Collector of Customs has the Customs Statistics for the year 1883 ready for printing, or, at least, so far advanced as to supply answers to the following questions?
 - (2.) If so, will he state the number of bales (giving contents in dozens) of cornsacks in bond on the 24th January, 1884, and the duty payable on them before delivery for home consumption?
 - (3.) The like information as regards woolpacks?
 - (4.) The like information as regards gunny and bran bags?
 - (5.) The number of gallons of still wine in bond on the 24th January, 1884?
- Mr. Stuart answered,—
- (1.) The Customs Statistics for the year 1883 are so far advanced as to supply the answers required.
 - (2.) 2,574 bales, equal to 56,722 dozens. Duty for home consumption, at 1s. per dozen, £2,836 2s.
 - (3.) 437 bales, equal to 1,840 dozens at 3d. each; duty, £276.
 - (4.) None in bond.
 - (5.) 173,694 gallons still and sparkling wines. Stocks not kept separate.
- (6.) Patent Law :—Mr. Poole asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) When will he submit for the consideration of this House a Bill for amending the Patent Law?
 - (2.) Is it his intention to follow the example of the British Government in their (46 and 47 Vic. ch. 57) Act of 1883 in codifying all Laws relating to Patents, Registration of Designs, and Trade Marks under one Act?
 - (3.) Will he assist a Private Member in passing into Law a measure for providing Provisional Registration of Inventions, and for cheapening the cost of Patents?
- Mr. Stuart answered,—This Bill is in preparation. Its lines will to a considerable extent follow those of the English Act, all the laws relating to Patents, Registration of Designs, and Trade Marks being included in one Act under various divisions. I shall be ready to submit it to this House as soon as the state of the public business will enable me to do so.
- (7.) Post and Telegraph Office, Kempsey :—Mr. R. B. Smith asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he say when tenders will be invited for the construction of a Post and Telegraph Office at Kempsey, for which money has been voted by Parliament?
- Mr. Wright answered,—Tenders will be invited in the course of a few weeks.
- (8.) Police Quarters, Kempsey :—Mr. R. B. Smith asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he say when tenders will be invited for the construction of Police Quarters at Kempsey?
- Mr. Wright answered,—Tenders will be invited in about a month.
- (9.) Court-house, Gladstone :—Mr. R. B. Smith asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he say when tenders will be invited for the erection of a Court-house at Gladstone, for which money has been voted by Parliament?
- Mr. Wright answered,—Tenders for this work are advertised to be opened on 26th proximo.
- (10.) Bligh-street and Missenden Road.—Bridge over Johnston's Creek :—Mr. Abigail, for Mr. Mitchell, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the following works be carried out, as promised by the Minister to a Deputation from Campedown Council? :—
- (1.) The formation and kerbing and guttering of that portion of Bligh-street and Missenden Road adjoining the University and Hospital Grounds, from which the Council receive no rates.
 - (2.) The widening of the Bridge over Johnston's Creek, Parramatta Road.
- Mr. Wright answered,—
- (1.) This matter is waiting action of Borough Councils.
 - (2.) The Bridge will be widened, now that money is available.
- (11.) Court-house and Telegraph Office, Tumberumba :—Mr. Day, for Mr. Lyne, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the Papers in connection with the Court-house and Telegraph Office at Tumberumba, ordered by this House some months since, be laid upon the Table?
- Mr. Wright answered,—In the course of a fortnight.
3. COST OF CONSTRUCTING CERTAIN PUBLIC SCHOOLS (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. W. J. Fergusson moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
- (1.) A Return of the expenses of constructing the following Public Schools, including the money paid for their sites :—Manly; Double Bay; Bourke-street, Surry Hills; Crown-street, Surry Hills; Glenmore Road (facing), on Underwood Estate; Darlinghurst.
 - (2.) The number of teachers, male and female, provided in each School, the salaries paid to each, and the number of scholars attending each School.
- Question put and passed.
4. MEDICAL BILL :—
- (1.) Mr. Copeland presented a Petition from Citizens of Sydney, praying that certain amendments suggested by them may be incorporated in the Medical Bill now before Parliament.
 - (2.) Mr. Holtermann presented a similar Petition from Residents in Sydney and other parts of the Colony.
- Petitions received.
5. PAPER :—Mr. Stuart laid upon the Table,—Return to an Address adopted on 5th December, 1883, "Successor to Captain Zouch, Police Force."
Ordered to be printed.
6. ALIENATION OF CROWN LANDS IN PARISHES OF WILLOUGHBY AND GORDON :—Mr. Burns, for Mr. Griffiths (*by consent*), moved, without Notice, That the Supplementary Return to an Order—"Alienation of Crown Lands in Parishes of Willoughby and Gordon"—laid upon the Table on 30th January, 1884, be referred to the Select Committee now sitting on that subject.
Question put and passed.

7. **PRIVILEGE.**—*Seat of Mr. Suttor*.—Sir John Robertson moved, That the Committee of Elections and Qualifications having reported that Francis Bathurst Suttor, Esquire, the Honorable Member for Bathurst, was incapable of being elected or of sitting or voting as a Member of the Legislative Assembly, the Seat of the said Francis Bathurst Suttor, Esquire, is hereby declared to be vacant. Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 33.

Sir John Robertson,	Mr. Moses,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Pigott,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Proctor,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Abigail,
Mr. McElhone,	Mr. Hugh Taylor,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Garrard,
Mr. McCulloch,	Mr. A. G. Taylor,
Mr. De Salis,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. White,
Mr. Camcron,	Mr. Griffiths,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Fletcher,
Mr. Dalton,	Mr. Wilson.
Mr. Garrett,	
Dr. Ross,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Teece,	Mr. Spring,
Mr. Combes,	Mr. Sydney Smith.
Mr. Tighe,	

Noes, 29.

Mr. Stuart,	Mr. Levin,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Day,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Trickett,	Mr. Tarrant,
Mr. Gill,	Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Cass,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Humphery,
Mr. W. J. Fergusson,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Purves,	Mr. Melville.
Mr. Holtermann,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Heydon,	
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. See,
Mr. Ellis,	Mr. Slattery.
Mr. Gibbes,	
Mr. Buchanan,	
Mr. W. R. Campbell,	
Mr. Barbour,	
Mr. Olliffe,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

8. **CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 2)**.—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1884*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 31st January, 1884.

JOHN HAY,
President.

9. **CROWN LANDS BILL**:—

- (1.) Mr. O'Mara presented a Petition from the Chairman of the Committee of the Bago and Upper Tumberumba Progress Association, praying that certain amendments affecting mining interests may be embodied in this Bill.
- (2.) Mr. Barbour presented a Petition from Conditional Purchasers of land in and around Gunbah, County of Nicholson, Hay, and Hillston Land Districts, praying that this Bill may be amended so to secure to them their Pre-leases.
- (3.) Mr. See presented a Petition from Crown Lessees and others in the Clarence District, suggesting certain amendments to be made in this Bill; and praying the House to take the several matters into favourable consideration.

Petitions received.

10. **PRIVILEGE.**—*Seat of Mr. Vaughn*.—Mr. McCulloch moved, That the Elections and Qualifications Committee having reported that Robert Matteson Vaughn, Esquire, the Honorable Member for Grenfell, since the date of his election, in conjunction with another person, entered into an agreement with the Government on account of the Public Service, whereby the Seat of the said Robert Matteson Vaughn, Esquire, has become liable to be declared by the Legislative Assembly to be void, and having further reported "That the Evidence taken before the Committee of Elections and Qualifications proves that the said Robert Matteson Vaughn, Esquire, since the date of his election, in conjunction with another person, tendered to the Government to construct, completely finish, and maintain the various works for Contract No. 7, Sydney Sewerage, in accordance with the conditions of contract prepared for that purpose, and enclosed a Treasury deposit for £600 sterling, as required by the conditions, and undertook to lodge with the Colonial Treasurer within seven days from the date of notification of acceptance of the tender, the further sum of £6,000 as security for the due performance of the contract, and agreed to forfeit to the Queen the sum deposited with the tender if the said deposit of £6,000 should not be made or the contract signed as therein mentioned. That the tender was accepted by the Government. That the said Robert Matteson Vaughn, Esquire, in conjunction with another person, then discovered that the tender was for too low a sum, and did not lodge with the Colonial Treasurer within seven days from the date of notification of acceptance of the tender the further sum of £6,000 as security for the due performance of the contract, and the Government notified to the said Robert Matteson Vaughn, Esquire, and such other person, that the contract entered into by them had been cancelled, and the deposit money of £600 forfeited. That, after a lengthy correspondence, the deposit of £600 was returned to the said Robert Matteson Vaughn, Esquire, and such other person, and that the contract or bond referred to in the said conditions (and which was to be prepared by the Crown Solicitor) for the performance of the said works, was not signed by the said Robert Matteson Vaughn, Esquire, and such other person,"—

For the causes shown in the said Report this House declares the Seat of the said Robert Matteson Vaughn to be void.

Debate ensued.

Mr. A. G. Taylor moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Debate continued.

Question

Question put, That this Debate be now adjourned.

The House divided.

Ayes, 35.

Mr. Stuart,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Combes,
Mr. Trickett,	Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Abbott,	Sir John Robertson,
Mr. See,	Mr. Griffiths,
Mr. O'Mara,	Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Poole,
Mr. Young,	Mr. A. G. Taylor,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Heydon,
Mr. McCulloch,	Mr. De Salis,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. Dalton,	Mr. Cramsie.
Mr. Slattery,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Gibbes,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Targett.
Mr. McElhone,	
Mr. Holtermann,	

Noes, 21.

Mr. W. J. Fergusson,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. W. R. Campbell,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. McLaughlin,	Mr. McCourt
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	
Mr. Proctor,	
Mr. Stokes,	
Dr. Ross,	
Mr. Teoce,	
Mr. O'Connor,	
Mr. Garrett,	
Mr. Spring,	
Mr. Lyne,	
Mr. Quin,	
Mr. Gill,	
Mr. Levin,	
Mr. Lynch,	
Mr. Cass,	
Mr. Cameron,	
Mr. Day,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.

11. CROWN LANDS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Wednesday next.

The House adjourned at seven minutes before Twelve o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 49.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 1 FEBRUARY, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:—Mr. Stuart made a Ministerial Statement, in the course of which he read a letter addressed to him by the Honorable G. H. Reid, Esquire, Minister for Public Instruction, intimating the course he intended to take so soon as the Constitution Act Amendment Bill, which deals with his position as a Member of this House and as a Minister of the Crown, has been passed by the Legislative Council, and the disability be thus removed which prevents him from at present submitting himself to the Electors of East Sydney for re-election.

In consequence of that letter he (Mr. Stuart) had instructed the Minister in charge of the Bill in the Legislative Council to withdraw the 4th clause, when, if the Bill pass, and the disability be thus removed which at present would render the Minister for Public Instruction incapable of sitting in this House, he will move Mr. Reid's Seat vacant.

2. ASSENT TO BILLS:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Mr. Stuart, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

- (1.) Linnean Society Incorporation Bill:—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor.

Message, No. 16.

A Bill, intituled "An Act to incorporate a Society called the 'Linnean Society of New South Wales,'"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 1st February, 1884.

- (2.) Consolidated Revenue Fund Bill (No. 2):—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor.

Message, No. 17.

A Bill, intituled "An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Year 1884,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 1st February, 1884.

3. **ADJOURNMENT** :—Sir John Robertson moved, That this House do now adjourn
Debate ensued.

Interruption.

4. **BREACH OF PRIVILEGE** :—Mr. Abbott brought under notice, as a breach of privilege, a disorderly proceeding which had just occurred in a room adjoining the Chamber, in which the Honorable Member for Morpeth (Mr. Wisdom), assaulted the Honorable Member for Mudgee (Mr. Buchanan), and requested Mr. Speaker to take notice of the matter.

Mr. Speaker said that the ordinary course was for the House to order any Honorable Member whose conduct was reported to the House as a breach of privilege to attend in his place, either immediately or on a subsequent day, when a statement in the nature of a charge or complaint might be made; and after the Honorable Member whose conduct was questioned had been heard in explanation, and had withdrawn, the House would ordinarily take such course by way of resolution as appeared to them to be desirable.

Whereupon Mr. Stuart moved, That Robert Wisdom, Esquire, the Honorable Member for Morpeth, be required to attend in his place in this House on its next sitting day, then to answer a charge of breach of privilege to be preferred against him.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

5. **ADJOURNMENT** :—The Debate on the Motion for the adjournment of the House,—interrupted by the proceedings recorded in entry 4,—resumed.
Question,—That this House do now adjourn,—put and negatived.

6. **QUESTIONS** :—

- (1.) **Duty on Tea** :—*Mr. Garrard*, for Mr. Young, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) The quantity of tea on which duty was paid in the year 1881?

(2.) The quantity of tea on which drawback was claimed for the same year?

(3.) The like information for the years 1882 and 1883?

(4.) The like information separately for the months of December, 1883, and January, 1884?

(5.) The quantity of tea remaining in bond on 31st of January in the years 1881, 1882, 1883, and 1884?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

Tea Duty paid :—1881, 6,897,008 lbs. ; 1882, 7,026,320 lbs. ; 1883, 6,057,520 lbs.

Drawback claimed :—1881, 174,383 lbs. ; 1882, 379,236 lbs. ; 1883, 375,335 lbs.

Tea Duty paid :—December, 1883, 405,874 lbs. ; January, 1884, 2,373,078 lbs.

Drawback claimed :—December, 1883, 14,494 lbs. ; January, 1884, 33,130 lbs.

Tea in Bond :—31st January, 1881, 2,712,053 lbs. ; 31st January, 1882, 3,419,856 lbs. ; 31st January, 1883, 3,404,486 lbs. ; 31st January, 1884, 737,467 lbs.

- (2.) **Railway from Gunnedah to Narrabri** :—*Mr. Dangar* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) The cost of the construction of the Railway Line from Gunnedah to Narrabri, *via* Boggabri, including all Stations and Buildings purchased, rented, and erected thereon?

(2.) The cost of maintaining and working the said Line, giving cost and number of locomotive engines employed, cost and description of passenger carriages used, and expenditure of every description incurred by Locomotive, Permanent-way, and Traffic Departments, from day of opening until 31st December last?

Mr. Wright answered,—I will lay the above information upon the Table of the House in the shape of a Return in the course of a few days.

- (3.) **J. D. Moore, late Public School Teacher** :—*Mr. A. G. Taylor* asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—Has he decided yet to confirm or remove, the suspension of John D. Moore, late Public School Teacher at Juncie Junction?

Mr. Stuart answered,—This case is now under consideration.

- (4.) **Tank at Olden's Conditional Purchase** :—*Mr. Dangar* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it intended to make any provision, out of the General Vote, for a Well, Tank, or Dam, at Olden's Conditional Purchase, Travelling Stock Reserve, on road Coonabarabran to Wingideon and Namoi and Barwon Rivers?

Mr. Wright answered,—An amount has been included in the general sum for Tanks on the Estimates for the current year.

- (5.) **Returns for Financial Debate** :—*Mr. Garrett* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he, before the Financial Debate is resumed, lay upon the Table of this House,—

(1.) A Return showing the total quantity of country and suburban land, in acres, alienated since the foundation of the Colony?

(2.) A Return showing the total value of all ratable property within the Municipalities of this Colony, including that within the City of Sydney?

(3.) A Return showing the total value of the imports into the Colony during the year 1883?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

(1.) I shall be able to afford the Honorable Member the information asked for in Question No. 1 by Wednesday next.

(2.) In answer to Question No. 2, the Honorable Member will find in the Statistical Register for last year that the value of the property, subject to rate, which I presume includes all land and house property, is :—Municipalities, £28,747,646 ; City of Sydney, £36,772,840 ; total, £65,520,486. In answer to Question No. 3, the Collector of Customs informs me that the value of imports for the year 1883 cannot be ascertained until the Returns for the whole Colony are completed.

(6.)

(6.) Tram-cars :—Mr. Abigail asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Who was the designer of the Tram-cars intended to be run on four wheels ; at what cost were they altered, so as to be run on eight wheels ?
- (2.) What was the number of Tram-cars altered from four wheels to eight wheels ?
- (3.) Did the Tramway Engineer design or advise the importation of a combined steam motor and car from America ; if so, what was the net cost charged by the manufacturer ?
- (4.) What is the duty performed by the combined motor and car since its arrival in the Colony ; also the entire cost to date ?
- (5.) What number of motors are yet to arrive from America, as advised by the Tramway Engineer ?
- (6.) What was the cost incurred by the Colony on account of the professional visit of the Engineer for Tramways to America to obtain the manufacture and dispatch to the Colony of the combined motor and car ?

Mr. Wright answered,—

- (1.) The cars were designed by the Superintendent of Rolling Stock, and the cost of altering same was £70 per car, but the actual loss would not exceed £25 per car.
- (2.) Forty-three cars.
- (3.) Yes ; the net cost charged by the manufacturers was £1,986.
- (4.) The combined motor and car has not yet been placed upon the road for traffic, owing to the want of appliances for turning it. These are being supplied, and the combined motor and car will be in use within a week or ten days. The entire cost to date has been £2,925 15s. 7d., but of this amount £103 6s. 1d. freight is to be refunded to the Department.
- (5.) Five.
- (6.) £495.

(7.) Ratable Property in Sydney and other Municipalities :—Mr. T. R. Smith, for Mr. Wilson, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Can he inform the House what is the amount of ratable property in the City of Sydney ?
- (2.) The like as to all other Municipalities ?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

- (1.) The amount of ratable property in the City of Sydney was, as appears from the Statistical Register for last year, £36,772,840.
- (2.) In all other Municipalities, £28,747,646.

(8.) Resumption of Land between George and Pitt Streets :—Mr. Burns asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Whether he is aware that the proprietors of the land between George and Pitt Streets, opposite the General Post Office, proposed to be resumed by the Government, have recently commenced erecting new buildings at the rear of Messrs. Thompson & Giles's premises ?
- (2.) Have the Government given notice to the owners and proprietors of such land and premises of their intention to resume the same ; or what steps do the Government intend taking in reference thereto ?

Mr. Wright answered,—

- (1.) No.
- (2.) The Government has intimated their intention to the parties concerned, and the mode of carrying out the same is now under consideration.

(9.) The Telegraph Department :—Mr. Abigail, for Mr. Cameron, asked the Postmaster General,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that when the Torpedo Corps went into camp last year, employes in the Telegraph Department of the General Post Office, not members of the Corps, did the work of the men in camp ?
- (2.) If so, is it a fact that the men doing the extra work were promised extra pay ?
- (3.) Is it true that up to the present time the extra payment has not been made ?
- (4.) If not, when will it be paid ?

Mr. Trickett answered,—

- (1.) The officers of the Department were employed doing the work of those absent for the period of the encampment, with the consent of the Government.
- (2, 3, and 4.) No extra pay was promised, and the few officers employed did the duties by arrangement with their brother officers.

7. PAPER :—Mr. Stuart laid upon the Table,—Return respecting Class-room at Wingham Public School. Ordered to be printed.
8. CONDITIONAL PURCHASES MADE BY JAMES GLASS AND OTHERS (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Merriman, for Mr. Levien, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all applications for conditional and additional purchases made by James Glass, John M'Intyre, Rebecca Glass, and James M'Mullen, with reference to certain conditional purchases taken in the name of the above persons ; and also all transfers of the said conditional purchases standing in the name of the Mercantile Bank, and which were taken up on the Miller's Creek Run ; and also copies of all papers, letters, reports, and other documents having reference to the above conditional purchases.
Question put and passed.
9. MEDICAL BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Tarrant moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Cameron moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Friday, 29th February.

The House adjourned at twenty-five minutes before Nine o'clock, until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 50.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 5 FEBRUARY, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Newtown and Glebe Tramways:—*Mr. Abigail*, for Mr. Gibbes, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) When does the Railway Department intend to water the Newtown Tram-line efficiently?
- (2.) The number of motors in daily use on the Glebe Point, Forest Lodge, and Leichhardt Tram-lines respectively?
- (3.) The net earnings on each of the abovenamed Tram-lines for the half-year ending 31st December, 1883?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

- (1.) It is watered frequently now, but additional facilities for watering the Tram-lines are being provided.
- (2.) Three on Glebe Point, three on Forest Lodge, and two on Leichhardt.
- (3.) This information has not yet been obtained.

(2.) Post and Telegraph Offices, Eugowra:—*Mr. A. G. Taylor* asked the Postmaster General,—

- (1.) What is the cause of delay in the erection of the new Post and Telegraph Offices at Eugowra?
- (2.) Is it a fact, as alleged by the Progress Committee, that the red-wood house, forwarded two months ago, is rotting through exposure to inclement weather?

Mr. Trickett answered,—

- (1.) The many conflicting statements from the inhabitants and others as to the most desirable position caused some delay in deciding on a site.
- (2.) No; the building material is in good order, and the house is being erected.

(3.) Macleay River Licensing Court:—*Mr. Abigail* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) What are the names of the members of the Macleay River Licensing Court, and on whose recommendation were they appointed?
- (2.) Did the said members grant a conditional publican's license on the 15th instant for premises at Kempsey, after two previous refusals, the latter on the 12th January, 1883, contrary to 45 Vic. No. 14 sec. 41?
- (3.) Is Thomas Kerrigan, ex-Inspector of Police, the owner of the premises?
- (4.) Was James William Wilson acting as Licensing Magistrate on the occasion?
- (5.) Has James William Wilson been acting as agent for the collection of rents for the said Thomas Kerrigan?
- (6.) Was a conditional publican's license granted on the 15th instant for a house to be erected at West Kempsey by the Macleay River Licensing Court?
- (7.) Will the proposed house be within about eighty-five yards of a Public School, and within a short distance of three places of worship, viz., Roman Catholic, Wesleyan, and Church of England?
- (8.) Was Mr. F. Goulburn Panten the Chairman of the Board?
- (9.) Is the same gentleman also Chairman of the Public School Board?
- (10.) Did the Court refuse to receive or entertain a petition lodged in opposition to the said latter license?

Mr.

Mr. Stuart answered,—

(1.) The names of the Licensing Bench, Macleay River Licensing District, are as follows, viz. :— Frederick Goulburn Panton (Chairman), James William Wilson, and Charles Sutherland. Messrs. Panton and Wilson were recommended by the local Bench, at a special meeting for that purpose called by Mr. Lawson, P.M., on 24th January, 1882. Mr. Sutherland was appointed on the recommendation of Mr. R. B. Smith, M.P., on 31st August, 1883.

(2.) I am informed that a conditional license for proposed premises in Belgrave-street, Kempsey, was granted to George Cooper, senior, on 15th January last, under section 33 of the Licensing Act. A license was never refused for the proposed premises, and no license was granted contrary to 45 Vic. No. 14 sec. 41.

(3.) Yes.

(4.) Yes.

(5.) I am informed that James William Wilson has collected rents for Thomas Kerrigan, but has nothing whatever to do with the proposed premises.

(6.) Yes.

(7.) The proposed premises at West Kempsey are, it is understood about 85 yards from the Public School and about 10 chains from the Roman Catholic Church, about 6 chains from the Primitive Methodist Church, and about 4 chains from land owned by the Church of England, upon which there is no Church at present.

(8.) Yes.

(9.) Yes.

(10.) Yes, by a majority.

(4.) Road from Wee Waa to Goangora :—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Was a road marked, and has such been proclaimed (if so, particulars) from the town of Wee Waa to Goangora, Walgett?

(2.) Did such road pass through Jane Flockhart's land at Dalbitere Lagoon, portions Nos. 62, 59, 63, 79, and 80, in all about 24 acres 3 roods 25 perches?

(3.) Did Jane Flockhart apply for compensation, and to what extent; was such granted, or what compensation is intended to be given?

(4.) Was Jane Flockhart informed the land would not be taken, but the old road adopted; and is it now intended to take this land, and to what extent?

Mr. Abbott answered,—

(1.) Yes, a road was proclaimed and confirmed on 14th February, 1879; folio of *Gazette*, 684.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) A claim was made by Jane Flockhart for an area of 24 acres 3 roods 25 perches, and for alleged injury to her property to the amount of £500. No compensation was paid by this Department, as the site of the road was changed back to the position it formerly occupied, which does not traverse any land of Mrs. Flockhart's.

(4.) Mrs. Jane Flockhart does not appear to have been officially informed; but Mr. T. G. Dangar, who was acting on behalf of Jane Flockhart, was personally informed of the facts, and also in reply to his question in Parliament, asked on the 18th March, 1881, that the Works Department would erect the bridge on and resort to the old road, consequently compensation to Jane Flockhart was unnecessary, as the land taken from her under proclamation would revert to her. This Department is unaware of any intention to take any land from Jane Flockhart for a road.

(5.) Hours of Labour of Railway Employés :—Mr. Targett asked the Secretary for Public Works,— Is he aware that Railway employés at some of the Country Stations have to work eight hours on day shift and three hours at night; also, if he is aware that the hours for night-work are from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m.; if so, will he take steps to amend such regulations?

Mr. Stuart answered,—I am informed that it is not the case that Railway employés at some of the Country Stations have to work eight hours on day shift and three hours at night. In some cases the hours for night-work are from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m., but not in all. The duties of night officers, however, are neither onerous nor continuous.

(6.) Live Stock in the Colony in 1882 and 1883 :—Mr. W. J. Fergusson, for Mr. William Clarke, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What was the total number and value of live stock (sheep, horses, cattle, and pigs) in the Colony at the end of the years 1882 and 1883?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The following is the quantity of live stock in the Colony at the end of 1882, taken from the Statistical Register of that year, beyond which there are no published Returns :— Sheep, 31,796,308; horses, 328,026; cattle, 1,859,985; pigs, 154,815; total, 34,139,134, which may be valued roughly at £14,000,000.

(7.) Permanent Defence Force :—Mr. Purves, for Mr. Coonan, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Are all Staff and other Commissioned Officers of the Permanent Defence Force of the Colony required, on appointment, to sign an attestation paper or Oath of Allegiance; if so, how many Officers (giving name and rank) have failed to take such oath up to the 29th January, 1884?

Mr. Stuart answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Commandant :—It is unnecessary (as in the Imperial Service) for such Officers to take the Oath of Allegiance, except in the case of those in the habit of swearing in men at enlistment. It is believed that Lieutenant Colonel Spalding has not subscribed the Oath, but all the other Officers have done so.

(8.) Brewarrina Public School :—Mr. Purves, for Mr. Coonan, asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—

(1.) Whether any tenders were sent in for the erection of the weather-shed at Brewarrina Public School; and if so, how many?

(2.) Whether he has accepted any tender; and if not, does he intend calling for fresh tenders?

(3.) Whether it is his intention to appoint a Board for the Brewarrina District; and if so, when?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

(1.) Yes, two.

(2.) Yes, a tender has been accepted.

(3.) Yes, as soon as possible.

(9.)

- (9.) Whaling Road, North Shore :—Mr. Holtermann asked the Secretary for Mines,—When will he lay, or cause to be laid, upon the Table of this House the papers, plans, minutes, &c., in reference to Whaling Road, North Shore, which were called for some three months since ?

Mr. Abbott answered,—The papers in connection with this Return were received from the Attorney General on the 7th, and were ready on the 28th, January. The cause of delay in laying it upon the Table of the House is the non-receipt of tracings from the Surveyor General. These, it is understood, will be ready to-morrow.

- (10.) Post and Telegraph Office, North Shore :—Mr. Holtermann asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has anything been done towards the resumption of the School of Arts land at St. Leonards, for the purpose of erecting Post Office, Court-house, and Telegraph Office thereon, as promised by Ministers some eight months since ?

Mr. Stuart answered,—Steps are now being taken with a view to the appropriation of this land (not resumption, as it is Government land) for the erection of Post and Telegraph Office and Court-house.

- (11.) Copyrights :—Mr. Holtermann asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it a fact that the Copyright Registrar refused to show any or all Copyright Registrations for a certain photograph, after being offered 1s. for each so registered photograph ; if so, will he give instructions to allow any applicant on applying, by paying a fee of 1s. for each Copyright Registration, to have the same shown to him by the said Registrar ?

Mr. Stuart answered,—I am informed that it is not a fact that the Registrar of Copyrights has refused in any case to allow a search to be made in his books when the search fee has been paid, or to allow an inspection to be made when the inspection fee has been paid. As under the Act and Regulations a separate fee of 1s. is charged for each search and each inspection, applicants are required to particularize the entry they want to see, and are not permitted to make a general search and inspection for 1s.

- (12.) Copper Leases at Molonglo :—Mr. Holtermann asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) What action has he taken with reference to certain copper leases at Molonglo, taken up under mineral licenses by H. M'Neil, E. Holahan, and others, whose right thereto had been disputed by certain holders of a mineral conditional purchase ?

(2.) Has the application of Mr. W. B. Christie and others to purchase under mineral conditional purchase certain spare land in excess of that held by M'Neil and Holahan at Captain's Flat, Molonglo (such land being within a proclaimed gold-field) been refused, or otherwise ?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) It is understood that the areas referred to are held by Mr. M'Neil and party, and are in course of survey for them, pursuant to their applications.

(2.) The land held under mineral license has been excluded from the conditional purchases of Messrs. Mills, Laing, and Christie.

- (13.) The Unemployed :—Mr. McElhone, for Dr. Ross, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has the Government any information by which to enable them to form any estimate, or approximate estimate, of the number of persons who are at present unemployed in Sydney and suburbs ?

Mr. Stuart answered,—The Government is not in possession of any such information.

- (14.) Colonial Sugar :—Mr. McElhone, for Dr. Ross, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What is the chemical composition and nutritive value in saccharine matter of the various samples of our colonial sugars respectively, compared with sugars that are imported ?

(2.) Will he cause, at as early a date as possible, the above information to be furnished in the shape of a Return from the Government Analytical Chemist ?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—I have referred this matter to the Government Analyst, with a direction to obtain samples of colonial and imported sugars, and furnish a report upon the same.

2. LOCAL OPTION :—The undermentioned Petitions in favour of the extension of the principle of Local Option to the renewal of Publicans Licenses were presented by the Members named :—

(1.) By Mr. Hugh Taylor. From the Chairman, on behalf of the Members of " Prince Alfred " Division No. 29 Sons of Temperance, Parramatta, in Meeting assembled.

(2.) By Mr. Pigott. From the Chairman, on behalf of the Members of the " Rose of Ashfield " Tent No. 268 of the Independent Order of Rechabites, in Meeting assembled.
Petitions received.

3. LICENSING ACT :—

(1.) Mr. Cameron presented a Petition from Residents of Sydney and Suburbs, complaining of the present state of the Law regarding the closing of Public Houses on Sundays, and stating that they consider that the provision respecting Travellers should be assimilated to that in the English Law ; and praying the House to adopt measures for giving effect to their wishes.

(2.) Mr. Trickitt presented a similar Petition from Residents of Paddington.
Petitions received.

4. CAPTAIN ARMSTRONG :—Mr. Levien presented a Petition from Richard R. Armstrong, Retired Commander Royal Navy, late Administrator Lord Howe Island, representing that he was removed from the position he held at Lord Howe Island, and thereby sustained pecuniary and other loss ; and praying the House to take his case into consideration, with a view to justice being done to him.
Petition received.

5. PAPER :—Mr. Stuart laid upon the Table,—Notification of resumption of Land required in connection with the Hospital at Forbes.
Ordered to be printed.

6. **MARK DUFFY'S CONDITIONAL PURCHASE**:—Mr. Loughnan (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Return to Order "Mark Duffy's Conditional Purchase," laid upon the Table of this House on 25th January, 1884, be referred to the Select Committee now sitting on the subject. Question put and passed.
7. **TENDERS FOR RAILWAY ROLLING STOCK** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Abigail moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—
 (1.) The names of all the tenderers for the supply of rolling stock on the Government Railways for the next five years.
 (2.) The amount of each tender.
 (3.) Copies of specifications and conditions, in full, under which tenders have been accepted for these works.
 Question put and passed.
8. **IMMIGRATION** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Abigail moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing the number of Immigrants that arrived in ships chartered for the Government during 1883, with particulars of nationality and religion; also the same for the "Selkirkshire," just arrived. Question put and passed.
9. **PAPERS**:—
 Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table,—
 (1.) Abstract of Lands resumed in the County of Ashburnham under the provisions of the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act.
 (2.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Religious and Public Purposes, in accordance with the 5th section of the Act 25 Victoria, No. 1.
 (3.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from sale until surveyed for the preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, in accordance with the 4th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.
 (4.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 4th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.
 (5.) Copies of Correspondence, with Plans, in connection with Mr. E. Lord's application to purchase the Reserve at the end of the Whaling Road and Careening Cove, North Shore.
 Ordered to be printed.
- Mr. Stuart laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made this day,—"Immigration."
 Ordered to be printed.
10. **BREACH OF PRIVILEGE**:—The Order of the Day having been read for the Honorable Member for Morpeth (Mr. Wisdom) to attend in his place to answer a charge of Breach of Privilege to be preferred against him,—
 On motion of Mr. Stuart, and by direction of Mr. Speaker, the Clerk read from the Votes and Proceedings of Friday last the record respecting the Breach of Privilege.
 And Mr. Wisdom being in attendance in his place,—
 Mr. Speaker said, that he assumed that the Honorable Member having heard the extract from the Votes and Proceedings read, would not require that the charge should be further formulated.
 Mr. Wisdom replied in the negative,—and, having made an explanation, expressed his sincere regret for what had taken place, and said that he most freely, fully, and unreservedly apologised to the House for what he had done,—and then withdrew.
 Mr. Stuart moved, That the apology offered by the Honorable Member for Morpeth be accepted by this House.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed.
 The Sergeant-at-Arms, by direction of Mr. Speaker, requested the attendance of the Honorable Member for Morpeth.
 And Mr. Wisdom having re-entered the Chamber, was informed by Mr. Speaker that the House had accepted his apology.
 Whereupon Mr. Wisdom thanked the House.
11. **PRIVILEGE**.—*Seat of Mr. Vaughn*:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. McCulloch,—
 "That the Elections and Qualifications Committee having reported that Robert Matteson Vaughn, Esquire, the Honorable Member for Grenfell, since the date of his election, in conjunction with another person, entered into an agreement with the Government on account of the Public Service, whereby the Seat of the said Robert Matteson Vaughn, Esquire, has become liable to be declared by the Legislative Assembly to be void, and having further reported that the Evidence taken before the Committee of Elections and Qualifications proves that the said Robert Matteson Vaughn, Esquire, since the date of his election, in conjunction with another person, tendered to the Government to construct, completely finish, and maintain the various works for Contract No. 7, Sydney Sewerage, in accordance with the conditions of contract prepared for that purpose, and enclosed a Treasury deposit for £600 sterling, as required by the conditions, and undertook to lodge with the Colonial Treasurer, within seven days from the date of notification of acceptance of the tender, the further sum of £6,000 as security for the due performance of the contract, and agreed to forfeit to the Queen the sum deposited with the tender if the said deposit of £6,000 should not be made or the contract signed as therein mentioned. That the tender was accepted by the Government. That the said Robert Matteson Vaughn, Esquire, in conjunction with another person, then discovered that the tender was for too low a sum, and did not lodge with the Colonial Treasurer within seven days from the date of notification of acceptance of the tender the further sum of £6,000 as security for the due performance of the contract, and the Government notified to the said Robert Matteson Vaughn, Esquire, and such other person, that the contract entered into by them had been cancelled, and the deposit money of £600 forfeited.
 "That,

"That, after a lengthy correspondence, the deposit of £600 was returned to the said Robert Matteson Vaughn, Esquire, and such other person, and that the contract or bond referred to in the said conditions (and which was to be prepared by the Crown Solicitor) for the performance of the said works was not signed by the said Robert Matteson Vaughn, Esquire, and such other person,—

"For the causes shown in the said Report this House declares the Seat of the said Robert Matteson Vaughn to be void."

And the Debate not being resumed,—

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 8.

Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Poole,
Mr. Griffiths,
Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Young.

Tellers,

Mr. Garvan,
Mr. McCulloch.

Noes, 46.

Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Loughnan,
Mr. Stuart,	Mr. Gibbes,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Abigail,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Spring,
Mr. Targett,	Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Roberts,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Olliffe,	Mr. Gray,
Mr. O'Mara,	Mr. A. G. Taylor,
Mr. Coonan,	Mr. Hugh Taylor,
Mr. Day,	Mr. Abbott,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Badgory,
Mr. See,	Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Gill,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. White,	Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. W. J. Fergusson,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Russell Barton,	Mr. Harris,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Stephen,	Mr. Withers.
Mr. Cass,	
Mr. Humphery,	Tellers,
Mr. Dalton,	Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Holtermann,	Mr. Heydon.
Mr. Teeco,	

And so it passed in the negative.

12. CONSERVATION OF WATER:—Mr. Lyne moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That a Royal Commission be appointed to inquire into and report upon the best method of conserving the rainfall of the Colony, of searching for and developing the underground reservoirs of water supposed to exist in the interior, and to inquire into and report upon the practicability, by a general system of water conservation and distribution, of averting the disastrous consequences that at present take place through the periodical droughts to which this Colony is subject.
(2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
Debate ensued.
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
13. CLAIM OF HUGH ESPIE STEPHENSON:—Mr. Coonan moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Report from the Select Committee on "Claim of Hugh Espie Stephenson," brought up on 17th April, 1883, be now adopted.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
14. ROAD FROM GILLESPIE'S LAND TO YASS—QUEANBEYAN ROAD:—Mr. Teeco moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence and other documents having reference to the surveyed Road from the south-east corner of George Gillespie's 320 acres, in the parish of Goorooyaroo, to its junction with the main Yass to Queanbeyan Road, in the parish of Canberra, county of Murray.
Debate ensued.
Question put,—
And Division called for,—but there being no Tellers on the part of the *Noes*, no Division could be had, and Mr. Speaker declared the Question to have passed in the *affirmative*.
15. MILSON'S POINT, NORTH SHORE:—Mr. Holtermann moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of the original grant, plans, description, tracings, correspondence, and all other documents in the possession of the Government having reference to the grant or conveyance from the Crown to — Milson of the land now known as Milson's Point at North Shore.
Question put and passed.
16. UNMARRIED TEACHERS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS:—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—
(1.) The names of all single or unmarried male teachers at present in charge of Schools under the Department of Public Instruction, with the names of the respective Schools, and the number of female pupils attending each School.
(2.) The names of all persons employed as sewing mistresses in our Public Schools, and who, prior to their appointment, had no experience either in public tuition or school management.
(3.) The names of all persons who applied for an appointment of sewing mistress, and who, prior to such application, had experience in public tuition and school management, but whose applications were rejected by the Department.
Question put and passed.

17. COHEN'S ESTATE BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Burns, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of this Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Burns, the report was adopted.

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

18. MORT BAY IMPROVEMENT BILL:—Mr. Cameron, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 21st November, 1883; together with Appendix and a copy of the Bill as agreed to by the Committee.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Cameron then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday next.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned at fifteen minutes before Seven o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 51.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 6 FEBRUARY, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Public Schools at Bathurst and Penrith:—Mr. T. R. Smith asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—

- (1.) The names of all the teachers in Public School at Bathurst, and the salary each receives?
 (2.) The names of all the teachers at Penrith Public School, and the salary of each of such teachers?

Mr. Stuart answered,—I am instructed to say that this will be a lengthy answer, and I will therefore lay it upon the Table in the form of a Return after the questions shall have been disposed of.

- (2.) Resumption of Mount Stromlow, North Shore:—*Mr. Sydney Smith*, for *Mr. Holtermann*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Have any steps been taken since the 30th November last towards resuming Mount Stromlow, on North Shore, as a site for a High-level Bridge, as promised some eight months since?

Mr. Wright answered,—I am not aware of any promise having been made by the Government to resume the site referred to in the Honorable Member's question. The propriety of providing for a High-level Bridge to the North Shore has not yet been discussed.

- (3.) Public School at Parramatta North:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor* asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—Will he say what is the cause of delay in inviting tenders for the building of the Public School at Parramatta North, for which the ground has been resumed and the money voted by Parliament, and which School is much required?

Mr. Stuart answered,—The plans and specifications of the proposed School have just been placed before the Minister for consideration.

- (4.) Working Hours of Railway Porters:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When is it the intention of the Government to carry out the promise made by the late Secretary for Public Works respecting the Railway Porters and the Eight-hour question?

Mr. Wright answered,—The reply given by the late Minister for Works was in the following words:—"The conditions under which these men work are not the same as those of mechanics, because the work of mechanics is continuous, while that of the goods-sheds men is not. The sheds are open for the convenience of the public from 6 a.m. till 5 p.m., but in the course of the day there are intervals during which the receipt and delivery of goods stop, and the men get a spell. It is not possible to do the work in the goods-sheds within eight continuous hours, although practically the men do not really work beyond those hours, notwithstanding they may be required to be present for ten hours."

- (5.) Reformatory for Boys:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Have the Government taken into consideration the advisableness of selecting a site for the establishment of a Reformatory for Boys?
 (2.) If so, and a site has been selected, will the Colonial Secretary state in what part of the county of Cumberland has the selection been made?

Mr. Stuart answered,—The Government have had various sites under consideration, but have not yet come to any determination in this matter.

(6.)

- (6.) **Railway By-laws**:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he cause the 26th By-law, which was approved of by His Excellency the Governor for the management of Railways, and which inflicts a penalty of five pounds on any person making use of insulting, indecent, or abusive language in any carriage or upon any Railway platform or premises, or who shall wilfully impede any Railway officer or servant while in the execution of his duty, to be amended so as to give Justices the power to inflict fines of not less than twenty shillings nor more than five pounds, according to the offence proved?

Mr. Wright answered,—I am advised that no discretionary power can be given to Justices as to the amount of fine to be inflicted for breaches of the By-laws. This power was at one time given, but the Crown Solicitor drew attention to its illegality, and the By-laws were altered accordingly.

- (7.) **Railway from Redfern to Circular Quay**:—Mr. Pigott asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government to lay upon the Table of the House during the present Session, Plans, Sections, and Books of Reference of an extension of the Railway from Redfern to the Circular Quay, and to ask the sanction of this House for the construction of such extension?

Mr. Wright answered,—It is the intention of the Government during the present Session to ask the sanction of the House for the extension of the Railway from Redfern to the Circular Quay; but Plans, Sections, and Books of Reference cannot be laid upon the Table till such sanction is obtained.

- (8.) **Lady Students at Hurlstone College**:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—Did he on different occasions publicly and privately promise to allow pocket money to the lady students at Hurlstone College?

Mr. Stuart answered,—In reply to this question, I have to state that the Minister recently authorized an allowance of £20 per annum to each of these students whilst under training in the College.

- (9.) **Influx of French Criminals from New Caledonia**:—Mr. Merriman asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to take any steps to prevent the influx of French criminals from New Caledonia to this Colony?

Mr. Stuart answered,—This subject has been brought under the consideration of Her Majesty's Government by the Government of this Colony, and we are now awaiting the reply to our despatch. That communication, it is hoped, may have some effect in the way desired by the Honorable Member.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Abbott laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 25th October, 1883,—“Whaling Road, North Shore.”

Mr. Stuart laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return respecting Teachers in the Bathurst and Penrith Public Schools.
- (2.) Return to an Order made on 20th November, 1883,—“Police Station at Burrawang.”
- (3.) By-laws under the Public Vehicles Regulation Act of 1873.
- (4.) By-laws of the Borough of Morpeth, under the Nuisances Prevention Act.
- (5.) By-laws of the Borough of Waverley.
- (6.) By-law of the Borough of Woollabra.
- (7.) Additional By-laws of the Borough of Camperdown.
- (8.) Return to an Order made on 20th November, 1883,—“Mr. Russell's Application for a Publican's License.”
- (9.) Return to an Order made on 12th December, 1883,—“The Police v. Kenna.”
- (10.) Return to an Address adopted on 12th December, 1883,—“Fahy v. Wright.”
Ordered to be printed.
- (11.) Return to an Order made on 23rd November, 1883,—“Prison Labour in Mudjee Gaol.”
- (12.) Return to an Order made on 5th December, 1883,—“Prison Labour in Mudjee Gaol.”

3. **THE TARIFF**:—Mr. Hutchinson presented a Petition from Residents of Balmain, stating that they view with alarm the Tariff proposals now before Parliament; and praying the House to consider seriously certain objections made by them.
Petition received.

4. LICENSING ACT:—

- (1.) Mr. Vaughn, for Mr. Olliffe, presented a Petition from Residents of Sydney and Suburbs, complaining of the present state of the Law regarding the closing of Public Houses on Sundays, and stating that they consider that the provision respecting Travellers should be assimilated to that in the English Law; and praying the House to adopt measures for giving effect to their wishes.
- (2.) Mr. Stuart presented a similar Petition from Residents of Kiama and Sydney.
Petitions received.

5. **LOCAL OPTION**:—Mr. Abigail presented a Petition from the Chairman and Secretary, on behalf of the Members of the “Armour Bearer” Lodge of Good Templars, situated in Pyrmont, in Meeting assembled, in favour of the extension of the principle of Local Option to the renewal of Publicans Licenses.
Petition received.

6. **SINGLETON GAS BILL**:—Mr. Burns presented a Petition from Alexander Munro, of Singleton, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable Alexander Munro to erect Gas-works in the Borough of Singleton.
And Mr. Burns having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* and *Singleton Argus*, newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.

7. COHEN'S ESTATE BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Burns, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Burns then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to enable the Trustees of the Will of Mr. Michael Cohen deceased to sell certain Land in Park and Castlereagh Streets Sydney and to make provision for the investment of the proceeds thereof.*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Trustees of the Will of Mr. Michael Cohen deceased to sell certain Land in Park and Castlereagh Streets Sydney and to make provision for the investment of the proceeds thereof,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee thereon; together with a copy of the Will of Michael Cohen.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 6th February, 1884.

8. WAYS AND MEANS:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

The House adjourned at eight minutes after Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 52.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS •

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 7 FEBRUARY, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Miss Melville, Public School Teacher:—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is the Miss Melville, the teacher of the Public School at Campbelltown, a sister of Mr. N. Melville, the Member for Northumberland?
- (2.) When was she appointed, what salary does she receive, and what is the value of house-rent and perquisites, in addition to the salary?
- (3.) When did she pass her examination, what class did she get at the examination, and what class does she now hold, and how was it obtained?
- (4.) Is it not a fact that she only holds a fifth-class certificate?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

- (1.) I believe she is.
- (2.) On the 12th ultimo; her salary is at the rate of £192 per annum. She will be entitled to an allowance for lodgings equal to the amount she actually pays, provided the sum does not exceed 10s. a week.
- (3.) In 1879. She gained III. A by examination. In December, 1882, she passed an examination for Class II. in all the prescribed subjects excepting French. Some time prior to the formation of an Infants Department, Miss Melville filled the office of assistant in the School, and gave full satisfaction. Her appointment to Campbelltown is conditional on her passing in French next June.
- (4.) There is no such certificate.

(2.) Mineral Leases held by Messrs. Garrett and M'Kenzie:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) In reference to 2,500 and 1,600 acres of mineral lands, held by Mr. T. Garrett, M.L.A. and Mr. W. F. M'Kenzie, near Mount Victoria, and referred to on page 133 of Annual Report, 1880, Department of Mines,—Are the above blocks of land in a Reserve; if so, when were they taken up, under what clause or regulation of the Mining Act was the land taken up, and what is the annual rent per acre of above land?
- (2.) When was the last rent paid by Messrs. Garrett and M'Kenzie, and what amount of rent is now due?
- (3.) What is the total area of land held for mining by Mr. T. Garrett?
- (4.) What is the area under which he is entitled to mine in each district of this Colony?
- (5.) The rent to be paid per acre in each district, and amounts now due, if any, by Messrs. Garrett and M'Kenzie?

Mr. Abbott answered,—I will lay this information upon the Table of the House in the form of a Return.

(3.) Telegraph Office, Armidale:—Mr. Proctor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Who is the contractor for the Telegraph Office, Armidale?
- (2.) What was the amount of his tender?
- (3.) Who are the sureties, and what is the amount of the bond; or, if the security is a cash deposit, what is the amount of such deposit?

Mr. Wright answered,—

- (1.) C. T. Cook.
- (2.) £2,696 18s. 6d.
- (3.) W. Coupland, storekeeper, Peel-street, Tamworth; Jas. Bryant, cordial manufacturer, Mauris-street, Tamworth; amount of bond, £270.

(4.)

- (4.) Temporary Telegraph Office, Armidale :—Mr. Proctor asked the Postmaster General,—
- (1.) Upon whose recommendation was the temporary Telegraph Office, Armidale, selected?
 - (2.) Who is the owner of the property, and what rent is paid for the premises?
- Mr. Trickett answered,—
- (1.) The temporary premises were rented upon the recommendation of the Telegraph Station-master, who received several offers.
 - (2.) The building is the property of Mr. John McDonald, and the rental £1 5s. per week.
- (5.) Parramatta and Granville Railway Stations.—Bridge over Duck River Creek :—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) In reference to the replies given by him to Dr. Ross, on my behalf, relative to the expenditure at the Parramatta and Granville Railway Stations, and the Bridge over Duck River Creek,—Was not that Bridge erected to replace a bridge which had been in existence for about twenty years, or since the Railway from Sydney to Parramatta has been used for traffic?
 - (2.) Was the Parliament of this Colony asked to sanction the inclusion of the amount required to defray the cost of the new Bridge in any Bill authorizing money to be raised by Loan for this work?
- Mr. Wright answered,—
- (1.) No; it was an additional bridge.
 - (2.) Not specifically; it was paid for out of the General Vote for Alterations and Additions.
- (6.) Railway Capital Account :—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is not the capital or loan account of any length of Railway in this Colony closed when such length of Railway has been opened and equipped with the necessary rolling stock, stations, and sidings to work it?
 - (2.) When is the capital account of any length of Railway in this Colony authorized by Parliament to be constructed and equipped from a Vote to be raised by Loan considered to be closed?
- Mr. Wright answered,—
- (1.) No.
 - (2.) It is never closed so long as additional works are required to meet increased traffic. If the line has to be doubled, or if new stations have to be opened, the capital value of the line is increased, and it is proper to charge the cost to capital.
- (7.) Foot-bridge at Parramatta Railway Station :—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Was the iron-plate girder Foot-bridge recently erected at Parramatta Station designed by the Engineer for Existing Lines, or in his Department?
 - (2.) Is it usual to design such bridges of sufficient strength to carry locomotives?
 - (3.) What is the cost of above bridge?
 - (4.) Is it usual to cover iron bridges with tinfoil, or to electroplate them, as in the case of above; bridge?
- Mr. Wright answered,—
- (1.) It was designed by an officer in the Engineer for Existing Lines Branch.
 - (2.) No, and of course the bridge would not carry a locomotive; it certainly looks a heavy bridge for the purpose required, but it is not so heavy as it looks; the weight of superstructure is 4 cwt. per foot run, exclusive of the stairs.
 - (3.) As the bridge is not completed, the cost cannot be given.
 - (4.) No. The patentee of this method of preserving bridges made application to try it on the bridge in question free of charge for material; this was granted, but as it does not seem to adhere properly, the work has been stopped.
- (8.) Payments made by the Government to Newspaper Proprietors :—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) What was the total amount paid to *The Sydney Morning Herald* proprietors for all purposes by the Government for the year 1883; also to the *Echo* and *Sydney Mail* proprietors?
 - (2.) The like as regards the *Evening News* proprietors, and *Town and Country Journal*?
 - (3.) The like as regards *The Daily Telegraph* proprietors; also *The Tribune*?
- Mr. Dibbs answered,—No details of these accounts are preserved in the Treasury. I have applied to the Auditor General (who is in possession of the original vouchers) for the particulars, and I am informed that it will take a considerable time to supply the required information. As soon as obtained, it will be laid upon the Table as a Return.
- (9.) Mr. Dunn's Conditional Purchase at Queanbeyan :—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Lands,—When will Mr. Dunn's 77 acres, selected at Queanbeyan on 14th June, 1883, be surveyed?
- Mr. Farnell answered,—The land has been reported to be improved to a value sufficient to debar it from conditional purchase, and to be also objectionable as excessive in frontage; the selection, consequently, has been recommended for voidance.
- (10.) Castle Hill Public School :—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—
- (1.) Is it not a fact that reports have been received respecting a case of typhoid fever on the premises of the Public School at Castle Hill?
 - (2.) Are there not over seventy children on the roll and attending that School?
 - (3.) Is the Minister aware that on Monday only twenty children attended school, on Tuesday only eight, and this day only four, their parents refusing to allow them to attend a school where a serious case of fever exists?
 - (4.) Will he cause an immediate inquiry to be made by the local Inspector, and, if correct, have the School closed for a short time and the patient removed?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) The attendance on Monday was twenty ; on Tuesday eight. The attendance on Wednesday is not known.

(4.) Inquiries have been made by the Inspector. The local doctor (Dr. Waugh) reports that the disease is not infectious. The teacher has been instructed to use all necessary precautions, and it will not be necessary to close the School, which is not done in similar cases in the Colony.

- (11.) *Wm. Pocknall's Conditional Purchase at Molong* :—*Dr. Ross* asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he say what is the cause of delay in issuing the deeds of grant of a conditional purchase made at Molong, county of Gordon, by *Wm. Pocknall*, on 2nd May, 1878, and transferred to *Eliza Hillan*, and since to *Jas. Gorman*, who has paid up the balance in full on the same ?

Mr. Farnell answered,—Satisfactory proof of the fulfilment of the conditions was not until recently forthcoming. The deed is now in course of preparation.

- (12.) *Land Agent at Molong* :—*Dr. Ross* asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is he aware that the Land Agent at Molong is put to great inconvenience through the want of proper furniture for his office ; if so, will he forward the necessary office appliances ?

Mr. Farnell answered,—I am aware that office furniture is required ; it will be shortly supplied.

- (13.) *Distance between Orange and Forbes* :—*Dr. Ross* asked the Postmaster General,—

(1.) Will he state the measured distance of the telegraph wire between Orange and Forbes ; also the number of miles recognized by the Postal Department that the mail coach has at present to travel to and fro between these two places ?

(2.) In answer to question 4 of Votes and Proceedings No. 45,—Is he aware that the Secretary for Works has stated that the distance is 20 miles shorter than by either the telegraph or the mail coach line ; if so, will he see that steps are taken to have the telegraph wire shortened, and the mail coach saved the trouble of travelling to and fro as at present this so-called unnecessary extra distance ?

Mr. Trickett answered,—

(1.) The telegraph line is a little under 80 miles. The mail line 80 miles.

(2.) I am not aware that my Honorable Colleague, the Secretary for Works, made any definite statement as to the distance.

- (14.) *Standard of Proficiency for School Teachers* :—*Mr. Abigail* asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—Has he any objection to lay upon the Table of this House a copy of the new standard of proficiency issued to teachers in the Department ?

Mr. Stuart answered,—These papers will be laid upon the Table of the House. There is no objection.

- (15.) *Shunters and Porters at Penrith Station* :—*Mr. Sydney Smith*, for *Mr. T. R. Smith*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it a fact that shunters and porters are compelled to work nine and ten hours per day at Penrith, whereas the porters doing similar work at Redfern and Darling Harbour only work eight hours per day ?

Mr. Wright answered,—The porters at Darling Harbour work nine hours a day.

- (16.) *Engineer-in-Chief and Commissioner for Railways* :—*Mr. McElhone* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Have the Government taken any steps, by strictly defining the duties of the Engineer-in-Chief for Railways and the Commissioner for Railways, respectively, to put a stop to the differences between these officers, as disclosed by the printed correspondence moved for in the Legislative Council ; if so, will he have any objection to state what is the nature of the duties for the satisfactory performance of which each of these officers is individually held responsible ?

Mr. Wright answered,—This matter is receiving consideration.

- (17.) *Railway Bridges* :—*Mr. McElhone* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has the Royal Commission appointed to inquire into the alleged instability of the Bridges on the existing lines of Railway commenced their investigations into this subject by inspecting any of the said Bridges, or by examining any witnesses ?

(2.) Has the Secretary for Public Works ascertained when it is probable that the said Royal Commission will send in their Report on this very important subject ?

Mr. Wright answered,—The Commission has not yet been, but will shortly be, appointed.

2. **WILLIAM CRESSWELL** :—*Mr. A. G. Taylor* presented a Petition from Residents of the City of Sydney and Colony of New South Wales, respecting the case of *William Cresswell*, now confined in the Lunatic Asylum at Parramatta, and alleging that *Cresswell* has been identified as *Arthur Orton*, who in the year 1874 was convicted in London of having falsely sworn that he was *Sir Roger Tichborne* ; and praying that a Committee of Inquiry may be held, and if the report be favourable, that *Cresswell* may be removed to London for identification.

And the same having been read by the Clerk, by direction of *Mr. Speaker*,—
Petition received.

3. **LICENSING ACT** :—

(1.) *Mr. Chapman* presented a Petition from Residents of the Glebe and Sydney, complaining of the present state of the Law regarding the closing of Public Houses on Sundays, and stating that they consider that the provision respecting Travellers should be assimilated to that in the English Law ; and praying the House to adopt measures for giving effect to their wishes.

(2.) *Mr. Stephen* presented a similar Petition from Residents of Arncliffe, Cook's River, Canterbury, and Sydney.

Petitions received.

4. THE TARIFF:—

(1.) Mr. McCulloch presented a Petition from persons employed at the Paper Works at Liverpool, alleging that if the duty on Paper be repealed a large number of persons engaged in the manufacture of Paper will be thrown out of employment; and praying the House to give the matter serious consideration.

And the same having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker,—
Petition received.

(2.) Mr. Abigail presented a Petition from Cigar Manufacturers of New South Wales, stating that they view with alarm the proposition to impose a License Fee and Excise Duty on Colonial Manufactured Cigars; and praying that small Factories may be exempted from the said Fee and Duty.

Petition received.

(3.) Mr. McCulloch presented a Petition from Residents in the District of Smithfield, near Parramatta, representing that at a Meeting of the Inhabitants of Smithfield and vicinity a Resolution was passed to the effect that while admitting the necessity of a just scheme of taxation the proposals of the Government are unjust, vexatious, and calculated to oppress the humbler classes of the community; and praying the House to take the Resolution into consideration.

Petition received.

5. PAPERS:—

Mr. Abbott laid upon the Table,—Return respecting Mineral Leases held by Messrs. Garrett and M'Kenzie.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Stuart laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Notifications of Lands resumed for Public School Purposes at Sugarloaf Creek and Tynedale.

(2.) Return to an Order made on 8th November, 1883,—“Public School at Wallalong.”

(3.) Report on the Police Department for 1883.

Ordered to be printed.

6. LOCAL OPTION:—Mr. Abigail presented a Petition from the Chairman, on behalf of the Members of No. 9 Grand Division Sons of Temperance, representing seventeen subordinate Divisions, in Meeting assembled, in favour of the extension of the principle of Local Option to the renewal of Publicans Licenses.

Petition received.

7. MANLY GAS-LIGHT AND COKE COMPANY'S BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Dibbs moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That the Manly Gas-light and Coke Company's Bill be referred to a Select Committee for inquiry and report, with power to send for persons and papers.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Holtermann, Mr. Moses, Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. Russell Barton, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

8. SINGLETON GAS BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

(1.) Mr. Burns moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable Alexander Munro to erect Gas-works in the Borough of Singleton.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Burns having presented this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of the sum of Twenty-five Pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled “A Bill to enable Alexander Munro to erect Gas-works in the Borough of Singleton,”—read a first time.

9. CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled “An Act to amend the Law relating to the incapacity of persons holding Offices of profit under the Crown to be elected or sit or vote as Members of the Legislative Assembly and to declare the elections of certain persons holding such Offices to have been valid and for other purposes,”—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, including an amendment in the Title, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 7th February, 1884.

JOHN HAY,
President.

CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 7th February, 1884.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, Title. Omit “and to declare the elections of certain persons holding such offices to have been valid”

Page 1, Preamble, lines 4 and 5. Omit “and to declare the elections of certain persons holding such offices to be valid”

Page 1, clause 1, line 13. After “fifty-four” omit remainder of clause.

Page 2, clause 2, line 9. Omit “or by resolution of both Houses thereof”

Page 2, clause 2, line 10. Omit “or” insert “and”

Page 2. After clause 2 insert the following new clause:—

“3. If any Member of the said Assembly shall accept any office of profit or pension from the Crown during pleasure or for term of years his election shall be thereupon and is hereby declared to be void and a writ shall forthwith issue for a new election Provided that nothing

“in

" in this or the last preceding section contained shall extend to any person in receipt only of pay half-pay or a pension as an officer in Her Majesty's Navy or Army or who shall receive any new or other commission in the Navy or Army respectively or any increase of pay on such commission or to any of the officers enumerated in the Schedule hereto or referred to in the last preceding section who shall accept any other office of the Executive Government referred to in the said section."

Page 2, clause 3, lines 12 to 14. *Omit* "Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the eighteenth section of the Constitution Act (hereinafter repealed) no person who while holding an office of profit under the Crown" *insert* "No member of the Executive Council either now or in the past other than the Minister of Public Instruction who"

Pages 2 and 3, clause 4 *Omit* clause 4.

Page 3, clause 6, line 11. *After* "eighteenth" *omit* "section"

Page 3, clause 6, line 11. *Omit* "so much of the"

Page 3, clause 6, line 11. *At end of line add* "s" to "section"

Page 3, clause 6, line 12. *Omit* "as is contained in the proviso thereto."

Examined,—

JOSEPH DOCKER,
Chairman of Committees.

With reference to this Message, Mr. Speaker invited the attention of the House to the amendments in clauses 3 and 4. These portions of the Bill were an exercise of the right of this House to determine matters relating to their own elections. On such matters this House possessed exclusive jurisdiction. It was for the House now to consider whether these amendments were material. If the House held that opinion, as he did, then the amendment of clause 3, and the omission of clause 4, were infractions of one of the undoubted privileges of this House.

Mr. Stuart then moved, That the Bill be laid aside.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

10. CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2):—

(1.) Mr. Stuart moved, That the Order of Leave under which the Constitution Act Amendment Bill was brought in be now read.

Question put and passed.

And the said Order of Leave (as recorded in the Votes and Proceedings of Friday, 18th January, 1884) read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker.

(2.) Mr. Stuart then presented a Bill, intituled "A Bill to amend the Law relating to the incapacity of persons holding Offices of profit under the Crown to be elected or sit or vote as Members of the Legislative Assembly and to declare the elections of certain persons holding such Offices to have been valid and for other purposes,"—which was read a first time.

Mr. Stuart moved, That the Bill be printed, and that the second reading stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

11. WAYS AND MEANS:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 8 FEBRUARY, 1884, A.M.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

12. GRAFTON LIGHTING COMPANY'S BILL:—Mr. Purves, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before the Select Committee, for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 13th December, 1883; together with Appendix, and a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee.

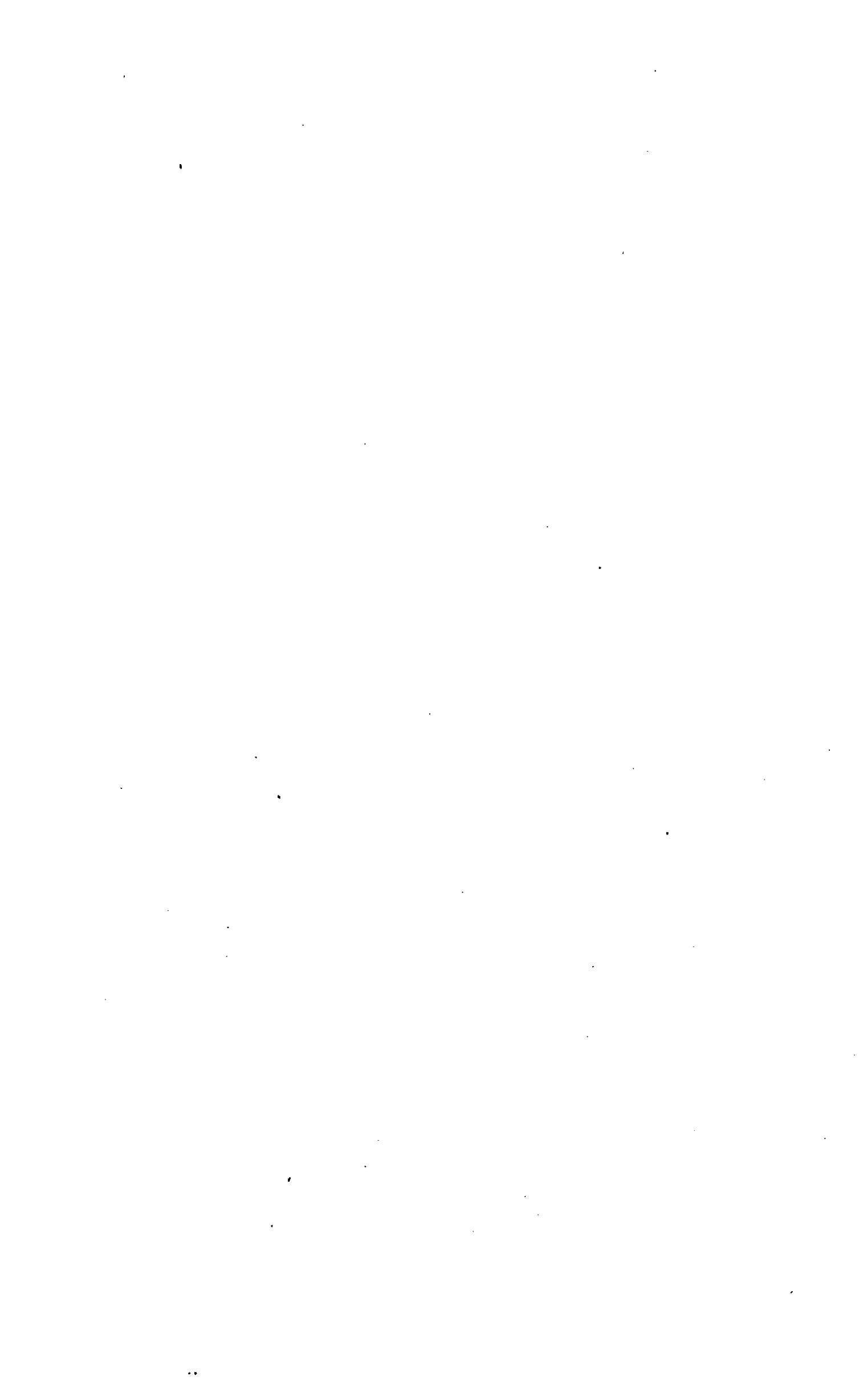
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Purves then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday, 29th February.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned at twenty minutes after Twelve o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 53.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 8 FEBRUARY, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

ADJOURNMENT:—Sir John Robertson moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

2. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Trucking-yards for Cattle:—*Mr. Cameron*, for Mr. Badgery, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Are trucking-yards provided for stock at Tarago; if not, when will they be ready?

(2.) Will yards be ready for loading stock at Bungendore by the time the Railway is opened to that place?

(3.) Are yards provided so as to be ready for use at the time of opening of the Railway to up-country places?

Mr. Wright answered,—

(1.) Trucking-yards are being erected, and it is expected that they will be ready shortly.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) Every endeavour will be made to have stock-yards ready for use at the time of opening any Railway extension.

- (2.) Cooma Railway:—*Mr. Cameron*, for Mr. Badgery, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will tenders be called for a further extension of the Cooma Railway; and will he say what is the cause of the delay?

Mr. Wright answered,—There has been no unnecessary delay, as the Railway requirements of other districts have to be attended to. Every exertion is being made to get the plans completed, and tenders will be invited as early as practicable.

- (3.) Mr. E. K. Crace:—*Mr. A. G. Taylor* asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Is it a fact that in January last complaints were made by the Gininderra Free Selectors Association that Mr. E. K. Crace had refused to allow the unobstructed use of a road from Gillespie's 320 acres to the main Yass and Queanbeyan road?

(2.) Did the Secretary for Mines inform the Secretary of the Association, by letter, that Mr. Crace's obstruction of the road was illegal, and rendered him liable to be proceeded against under indictment as for a nuisance, or to have the obstruction summarily removed by any one requiring to use the road?

(3.) Is he aware that a number of the residents, acting on that advice, summarily removed the obstruction, and that Mr. Crace was aided by the Police to deter them, and then threatened to criminally prosecute any one interfering with the obstruction?

(4.) Is he aware that Mr. Crace has issued Supreme Court writs against these residents; and has his Department refused to aid them in the legal maintenance of their rights?

(5.) Is it also true that the Department has since been induced to grant a deviation from the said road, so as to allow Mr. Crace's obstruction to remain in full force and virtue?

(6.) Is it true that Mr. Crace has fenced off several other public roads, and threatened to civilly and criminally prosecute any of the public who remove the obstructions?

Mr. Abbott answered;—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) I am not aware.

(4.)

- (4.) Not aware. The road has been provided for the use of the public; to keep the road open for traffic devolves upon the public.
- (5.) It is not true.
- (6.) I am not aware.
- (4.) Mr. Thomas Hungerford:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Was one Thomas Hungerford, a Justice of the Peace, convicted at Muswellbrook on the 22nd January last of committing an unprovoked assault upon one John M'Donald?
- (2.) Did the Bench inflict on Hungerford a penalty of £5 and £4 16s. 10d. costs, or four months imprisonment in Maitland Gaol?
- (3.) If so, does the Colonial Secretary intend to retain Mr. Hungerford's name on the Commission of the Peace?
- Mr. Stuart answered,—
- (1.) I am informed that Mr. Thomas Hungerford, J.P., was convicted at Muswellbrook, on the 22nd January last, of committing an assault upon one John M'Donald.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) The matter must be inquired into before the Government can declare its intention.
- (5.) Public Schools, Armidale and Araluen:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—Is it a fact that female pupils at the Public Schools at Armidale and Araluen became *enciente* through the instrumentality of a pupil teacher; if so, was the pupil teacher allowed to resign, and was he afterwards promoted to the charge of a Public School?
- Mr. Stuart answered,—I am instructed that no such fact is known.
- (6.) Permanent Defence Force:—Mr. Coonan asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Under what regulation does he, in his reply of the 5th instant to my question respecting the Defence Force, pronounce it to be "unnecessary" for officers other than "those in the habit of swearing in men at enlistment" to take the Oath of Allegiance?
- (2.) Does the Colonial Secretary, in the same reply, include the Commandant in the words "all the other officers have done so"; if so, on what date did that officer subscribe the Oath of Allegiance?
- Mr. Stuart answered,—
- (1.) The Commandant informs me that it is under clauses 4 and 5 of the Military and Naval Forces Regulation Act of 1871.
- (2.) Yes; he subscribed the Oath of Allegiance on the formation of the Permanent Force in 1871, before Captain Chatfield, J.P.
- (7.) Southern Railway:—Mr. Melville, for Mr. Combes, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he be good enough to state whether a report was written by the Commissioner for Railways upon certain alleged dangers and imperfections on the Southern Railway, pointed out by *The Argus* newspaper; if so, will he have any objection to lay the same upon the Table of the House?
- Mr. Wright answered,—To the former part of the question, yes; to the latter, no.
- (8.) Consolidated Revenue and Trust Fund Accounts:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) The amount of balance at present standing to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Account, and what the same was at this date last year?
- (2.) The amount of outstanding liabilities that stand as charges against our present credit balance?
- (3.) Will he enumerate, or state in detail, in what way the Surplus Balance (£1,846,228) of 1883 has been expended, specifying the nature of the work, and the sum expended in each case respectively?
- (4.) The amount of Trust Fund Securities in Treasury chest?
- Mr. Dibbs answered,—
- (1.) The balance on Consolidated Revenue Fund on 7th February, 1884, was £2,525,870 16s. 6d. The balance on Consolidated Revenue Fund on 7th February, 1883, was £3,991,035 0s. 10d.
- (2.) As the balances of appropriations are only made up at the close of each month, the outstanding liabilities against the present credit balance cannot readily be ascertained.
- (3.) The required information can only be furnished in the form of a Return, which would take some considerable time to prepare.
- (4.) The amount of Trust Fund Securities in Treasury chest is £631,834 18s. 3d.
- (9.) Forbes and Wilcannia Railway:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) In answer to question 4 of Votes and Proceedings No. 45,—Will he state if from the Statistical Register, or from what other source the information has been obtained, that the line from Orange to near Forbes *via* Toogong is 20 miles shorter, 40 per cent. better country, 50 per cent. larger population, and probably £90,000 more cheaply constructed?
- (2.) Will he cause a copy of such information, from whatever source obtained (official or otherwise) to be laid upon the Table of this House?
- Mr. Wright answered,—I did not give in reply to the question referred to the answer with which I am credited by the Honorable Member's present question.
- (10.) Mr. Brissenden's Additional Conditional Purchase, County Nicholson:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Lands,—When will an order be made to survey Mr. Brissenden's additional conditional purchase, county Nicholson, parish of South Merrowie?
- Mr. Farnell answered,—Instructions have already issued for the survey.
- (11.) Surplus Revenue Account:—Mr. Burns, for Sir John Robertson, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What was the amount of money in the Treasury to the credit of the Surplus Revenue Account on the 31st day of December, 1882?
- Mr. Dibbs answered,—There is no separate and distinct account kept in the books of the Treasury called the "Surplus Revenue Account;" but the balance at the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund on the 31st December, 1882, inclusive of £200,000, then due to it by the Treasurer's Advance Account, was £1,088,753 5s. 2d., against which there were outstanding liabilities to the extent of £2,242,514 11s. 2d., leaving an estimated surplus of £1,846,238 16s., which has since been reduced by appropriations of Parliament and other charges to £257,867 2s.

3. LICENSING ACT:—

- (1.) Mr. Levison presented a Petition from Residents of Sydney and Suburbs, complaining of the present state of the Law regarding the closing of Public Houses on Sundays, and stating that they consider that the provision respecting Travellers should be assimilated to that in the English Law; and praying the House to adopt measures for giving effect to their wishes.
 - (2.) Mr. Holtermann presented a similar Petition from Residents of Sydney and surrounding Districts.
 - (3.) Mr. Dibbs presented a similar Petition from Residents of St. Leonards and Sydney.
 - (4.) Mr. Holtermann presented a similar Petition from Residents of St. Leonards and Sydney.
 - (5.) Mr. Copeland presented a similar Petition from Residents of Sydney and Suburbs.
 - (6.) Mr. Olliffe presented a similar Petition from Residents of Sydney and Suburbs.
 - (7.) Mr. Day presented a similar Petition from Residents of Albury and Sydney.
 - (8.) Mr. Slattery presented a similar Petition from Residents of Paddington and Sydney.
- Petitions received.

4. BENCH OF MAGISTRATES, WEST KEMPSEY AND GLADSTONE (*Formal Motion*):—*Dr. Ross*, for Mr. Abigail, moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all complaints, minutes, reports, petitions, and decisions against the Bench of Magistrates, or any of them, at West Kempsey and Gladstone, in the Macleay River District, during the five years ending on the 31st December, 1883.
Question put and passed.

5. MR. HANSAKER, LATE INSPECTOR OF CONDITIONAL PURCHASES (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Melville moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all documents relative to the appointment of — Hansaker as Inspector of Conditional Purchases, including all recommendations of his application by any persons, and the time the said Hansaker remained in the Government Service; also copies of all reports on his conduct, and cause of his leaving the Service; also copies of all vouchers for payment of said Hansaker's salary, and orders, if any, presented and acknowledged on and in behalf of the said Hansaker for the receipt of his salary; also a statement as to the circumstances under which Hansaker became a conditional purchaser of Crown Lands in the Scone or Murrumbidgee Districts, and as to how the conditional purchases became forfeited.
Question put and passed.

6. SINGLETON GAS BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Burns moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That the Singleton Gas Bill be referred to a Select Committee for inquiry and report, with power to send for persons and papers.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Chapman, Mr. DeSalis, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Day, Mr. Dangar, Mr. Poole, Mr. Teece, Mr. Holtermann, and the Mover.
Question put and passed.

7. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Stuart moved, pursuant to Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing through all its stages in one day of a Bill to amend the Law relating to the incapacity of persons holding offices of profit under the Crown to be elected or sit or vote as Members of the Legislative Assembly, and to declare the elections of certain persons holding such offices to have been valid, and for other purposes.
Question put and passed.

8. PAPER:—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Copy of a Report from a Select Committee of the House of Commons appointed to consider the best means of promoting the despatch of Public Business in that House. Also a *précis* of the Practice and Regulations of Legislative Assemblies in Colonies possessing Responsible Government; and of Legislative Assemblies in Foreign Countries.
Ordered to be printed.

9. ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill,—Mr. Burns moved, That the Order of the Day be postponed until Friday, 14th March.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

10. POSTPONEMENTS:—The Orders of the Day Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5 of General Business postponed, to follow after Order of the Day No. 1 of Government Business.

11. SUPREME COURT APPELLATE JURISDICTION BILL:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill postponed until Friday, 7th March.

12. CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2.):—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Stuart moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Stuart, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.

On motion of Mr. Stuart, the report was adopted.

Mr. Stuart then moved, "That" the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.

Mr.

Mr. Garrett moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "That," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of clause 3 and the Schedule."

Question,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—put and negatived.

Question,—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words omitted be there inserted,—put and passed.

Question then,—That the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of clause 3 and the Schedule, put and passed.

On motion of Mr. Stuart, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill 2^o, with further amendments.

On motion of Mr. Stuart, the report was adopted.

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.

The House adjourned at twenty-three minutes before Ten o'clock, until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 54.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 12 FEBRUARY, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Molong and Parkes Road:—Mr. Proctor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 (1.) Are the Government aware that some miles of road between Molong and Parkes, on this and the other side of the Dungeon, after being expensively constructed, are in an impassable condition, and have not been used since constructed, eighteen months since, owing to the imperfect and inadequate way in which the contractor has blinded his work, especially Darkins's contract?
 (2.) Who is the Road Superintendent for the Parkes District?
 (3.) Has he reported on the above alleged state of things?
 (4.) Will the Government instruct some independent officer to report upon this matter?
 (5.) Is it true that one of the road contractors had £5 deducted from the balance of his pay on unfinished work which cost the Government £20 to make good?

Mr. Wright answered,—

- (1.) No. There are only 45 chains of metalling altogether, including one piece completed in June, 1882, on which there has been no traffic. This was properly blinded, but owing to the dry weather the blinding has been blown away or worked into the metal. The road will be re-blinded when wet weather comes, as it is no use doing it in dry weather.
 (2.) Mr. Crummer.
 (3.) Yes, in October last.
 (4.) It is not necessary.
 (5.) The local officer is not aware of anything of the sort.

- (2.) Miss Morrow, Protestant Orphan School:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—Will he say why was Miss Morrow's name not inserted in the salary abstract for January in connection with the Protestant Orphan School?

Mr. Stuart answered,—Because other employment has been found her, as her services are no longer required in connection with the Protestant Orphan School.

- (3.) School at Pokolbin:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—
 (1.) Is it a fact that a site for a new School has been agreed upon and surveyed at Pokolbin, on the ground that the present building is inconveniently situated?
 (2.) If so, in the face of this, is it a fact that a kitchen is to be erected at the old School?
 (3.) When will tenders be called for the erection of a new School at Pokolbin?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

- (1.) A more central site than the present one has been agreed upon, but has not yet been surveyed.
 (2.) It was intended to erect a kitchen at the old School, but action in that matter has been stopped.
 (3.) It is not contemplated to erect new buildings, but to remove the existing buildings to the new site. Tenders for the work will be invited when the new site is secured.
- (4.) Clerks of Petty Sessions as Registrars of Births, &c.:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—
 (1.) Is it a fact that in the separation of most of the appointments of Clerks of Petty Sessions and Land Agents, in October, 1882, the appointments of Registrars of Births, &c., were in the majority of instances taken from the Clerks of Petty Sessions who had held the appointments since their creation, and conferred on the newly-appointed Land Agents, with fees?
 (2.) If so, why were the appointments conferred on the Land Agents?
 (3.) Is it intended to re-appoint Clerks of Petty Sessions to the office?

Mr.

Mr. Stuart answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Registrar General:—

(1.) In October 1882 nearly all Clerks of Petty Sessions who were Registrars of Births, &c., were required to continue their services as Registrars without fees. There were six Clerks of Petty Sessions, who were relieved of their duty as Registrars, and Land Agents appointed in their place. There are eighty Clerks of Petty Sessions in country districts who now hold the position of Registrars of Births, &c.

(2.) In some instances Clerks of Petty Sessions expressed their inability to carry out the duties of Registrars, and Land Agents have been appointed to that office.

(5.) Halls Conditional Purchase, Narrabri District:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. Dangar, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) What decision has been arrived at in the conditional purchase cases of John E. Hall, 73-25, 27th March, 1873, portion No. 18, and M. A. Hall's 73-26, portion No. 16, same date, county of Jamison, parish of Quebri, Narrabri District, through which a road 10 or 20 chains wide has been marked, in lieu of the usual one of 3 chains?

(2.) What is the purport of L. S. Dowe's reports in these cases?

(3.) Is the Minister aware these cases have been a long time undecided; if so, will steps be taken at once, if not already done, to arrive at a decision, and enable the Halls to proceed with the improvements in accordance with the requirements of the Land Acts?

Mr. Farnell answered,—As yet no decision has been arrived at; but in expectation of an early decision upon a case submitted to the Attorney General for opinion, which will govern the action which will be taken in this road, viz., from Walgett to Narrabri, reference will now be made to the Public Works Department, with a view of ascertaining whether the Messrs. Halls land might not altogether be avoided.

(6.) Trucks for Emu Railway Station:—*Mr. T. B. Smith* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) The number of applications that have been sent from 21st July, 1883, to 30th January, 1884, to the Minister, Commissioner for Railways, Inspector at Penrith, or any other officer of the Railway Department, in reference to the supply of empty trucks for the Emu Station or Siding leading to gravel pits?

(2.) The number of trucks supplied during the time mentioned?

(3.) Is there a short supply of trucks?

(4.) Is he aware that fully fifty trucks are required daily at Emu Plains, whereas the average now supplied does not number half?

(5.) Is it a fact that although telegrams and letters were sent for trucks for the last three days, that only five trucks were sent on 31st January, 1884?

Mr. Wright answered,—

(1.) During the period named fourteen communications have been received respecting the short supply of empty trucks for Emu, one by the Minister, six by the Commissioner, and seven by the Traffic Manager.

(2.) 5,927, averaging over thirty-six per day.

(3.) Occasionally there has been a short supply of trucks. This has arisen from various causes. Sometimes owing to the great demand for empties at the coal sidings, and for the wool and grain traffic, the supply of trucks at Emu has had to be curtailed, and at other times the supply has been stopped because the consignees had not taken delivery of the stone, and loaded trucks were blocking the receiving stations. The supply of empties is now, however, equal to the demand.

(4.) Fifty trucks is the largest number that has been ordered by consignors for any one day, and when this number has been supplied for two or three days they have not succeeded in loading them.

(5.) I find that on the 31st January six trucks only were supplied.

(7.) Convictions under the Licensing Act at Parramatta:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor* asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) The number of persons convicted for drunkenness in the Police District of Parramatta for the years 1881 and 1882, giving the numbers in each year separately?

(2.) The number of licensed publicans summoned, and the number convicted for selling during prohibited hours and on Sundays, in the Police District of Parramatta, giving each year separately?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

(1.) 1881, 223; 1882, 236.

(2.) 1881, 1; 1882, 1.

(8.) *Mrs. Booty*:—*Mr. Lynch*, for Dr. Ross, asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is it true that Mrs. Booty, since she was convicted at the November Sittings of the Quarter Sessions at Wellington, has been an inmate of the gaol hospital at Bathurst, and her life despaired of, from heart disease through confinement and the severity of the sentence inflicted, acting on a weak constitution?

(2.) If so, will he see that immediate steps be taken to obtain a medical report of her case, with the view that the term of imprisonment may be reduced so that her life may be spared?

Mr. Stuart answered,—I am informed by the Visiting Surgeon to the Bathurst Gaol that Mrs. Booty is in a weak state of health, but in no danger.

(9.) Drainage of Sydney and Suburbs:—*Mr. Barbour*, for Mr. Murray, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) What amount was paid to Mr. W. Clark, C.E., for his report on the drainage of the City of Sydney, dated 19th July, 1877?

(2.) Has the Minister's attention been called to the recommendation for surveys and levels contained in pages 21 and 26 of that report?

(3.) What action has been taken on that report?

(4.) How much of the City of Sydney has been surveyed and levelled?

(5.) How much of it has been mapped?

- (6.) How many lithographs have been published, and what part of the City do they include?
 (7.) Does the answer to Mr. Murray's question of November last imply that the whole City and Suburbs have been surveyed, levelled, and mapped, in accordance with Mr. Clark's recommendation, or that the Government do not intend to carry it out any further?
 (8.) What is the cost of the survey so far?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) £8,417 7s. 5d.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) The employment of from seven to twelve Surveyors from 1880 to present date.

(4.) The extent of the City surveyed and levelled is indicated upon a map which I will presently lay upon the Table of the House.

(5.) So far as the City proper is concerned, the information is given on the map before mentioned up to December last. Seventy-three maps are awaiting efficient assistance to complete them.

(6.) Nine sheets, on a scale of 2 chains to an inch, and five maps of City sections, on a scale of 40 feet to an inch.

(7.) No; the answer conveyed only the fact that the survey was in advance of any probable requirements up to that date. The survey was then, and is now, still progressing satisfactorily.

(8.) In consequence of the surveys recommended by Mr. Clark having been carried on concurrently with other Sydney surveys, the actual amount cannot be given, but it is estimated that it has cost from its commencement in 1879 to the present time, £30,070.

- (10.) Reserves for Trigonometrical Stations :—*Mr. Barbour*, for Mr. Murray, asked the Secretary for Lands,—In cases of alienation of Foreshore Reserves of 66 or 100 feet from high-water mark, are existing or proposed Trig Stations being reserved?

Mr. Farnell answered,—No; when necessary, the Stations can be with ease replaced.

- (11.) Government Draughtsmen :—*Mr. Barbour*, for Mr. Murray, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Did Mr. Hoskins, when Minister for Lands, issue a circular directing that draughtsmen employed and paid by the Government would not be allowed to make tracings or maps for private individuals?

(2.) Did the draughtsmen sign a book acknowledging having seen this circular?

(3.) Is the Surveyor General now taking effective steps to insure that this order is being rigidly enforced?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) Yes.

- (12.) Travelling Allowances to Police and Gaol Warders :—*Mr. Barbour*, for Mr. Murray, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What is the allowance per night given to Police Sergeants, Troopers, and Constables when absent from their stations on duty?

(2.) Is there a barrack and spare bed at halting places; and what allowance?

(3.) What allowance do Gaol Warders get when on escort; and is there any difference made between them and Constables?

(4.) What allowance do Superintendents, Inspectors, and Sub-inspectors get when absent on duty?

Mr. Stuart answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Inspector General of Police :—

(1.) Four shillings.

(2.) When practicable spare rooms and bedding are provided for Police travelling, in which case no allowance is made.

(3.) Seven shillings and six-pence per diem.

(4.) Superintendents are allowed twenty shillings per night, Inspectors and Sub-inspectors twelve shillings.

- (13.) Resumption of Land for Police Purposes at Murrumburrah :—*Mr. Spring* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) How long is it since the Government bought or resumed for Police purposes a portion of land in the town of Murrumburrah, the property of Mr. John Dillon?

(2.) Has Mr. Dillon been yet paid for that land?

(3.) When were the papers connected with this case sent from the office of the Crown Solicitor to the Inspector General of Police, and on what date were they forwarded by that officer to the Surveyor General's Department, and where are they now lying?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

(1.) The purchase of this land was sanctioned on 15th June, 1882.

(2.) No.

(3.) I find that the papers were sent to the Crown Solicitor on the 5th July, 1882, but they were returned by him, as the descriptions were incorrect. They are still with the Surveyor General.

- (14.) Mail between Hill End and Mudgee :—*Mr. A. G. Taylor* asked the Postmaster General,—Has he decided yet to call tenders for the conveyance of a mail between Hill End and Mudgee?

Mr. Trickett answered,—I have determined, after reading the reports, not to call for tenders.

- (15.) Telegraph Office at Fairfield :—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. Lackey, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that when the Honorable Saul Samuel was Postmaster General the Fairfield Railway Station was gazetted a Public Telegraph Office?

(2.) If so, has it since been closed, and upon whose recommendation?

(3.)

(3.) Has the present Minister any intention of fulfilling his promise to the Deputation, and open a Public Telegraph Office at this Station?

Mr. Wright answered,—

(1.) No; it was gazetted as a Railway Telegraph Station only.

(2.) No.

(3.) The business is not sufficient to warrant the opening of a Public Telegraph Office at Fairfield; and I am not aware of making any such promise.

(16.) *Ca. Sa.* Summonses in Metropolitan District Court:—Mr. Withers asked the Minister of Justice,—Is it true that Mr. District Court Judge Dowling, or any other Judge of the Metropolitan District Court, has at any time within the last three months given instructions that no *ca. sa.* summonses should be issued or heard in the abovenamed Court in any judgment where the amount did not exceed £10?

Mr. Stuart answered,—I am informed that Judge Dowling did once state from the Bench that it was doubtful whether writs of *ca. sa.* could issue in cases where the amounts in dispute were under £10, as the Legislature had not given such a power to the Small Debts Courts in such cases. Judge Dowling states he has never refused writs in such cases, and has always granted them when asked, and never given orders to the contrary. Judge Wilkinson has, I am informed, never expressed any opinion on the subject or given any such instructions.

(17.) Cook's River Bridge:—Mr. Garrard asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) The total weight of wrought iron in superstructure of Cook's River Bridge?

(2.) Cost per ton f.o.b. in England?

(3.) Cost per ton landed at any wharf in Sydney harbour?

(4.) Number and size of cast-iron cylinders, total weight, and cost per ton f.o.b. in England?

(5.) Cost per ton of same landed on wharf in Sydney harbour?

(6.) Number of segment cylinders, if any, and cost per ton f.o.b. in England?

(7.) Cost per ton of same landed on wharf in Sydney harbour?

(8.) Names of contractors?

Mr. Wright answered,—

(1.) Estimated weight, 142 tons.

(2.) £15 5s. per ton.

(3.) £16 12s. 7d. per ton.

(4.) Eight cylinders, each 5 feet diameter; weight, about 100 tons; cost, £6 per ton.

(5.) £8 4s. 8d. per ton.

(6 & 7.) There are no cylinders in segments.

(8.) The Stockton Forge Company.

2. LICENSING ACT:—

(1.) Mr. Trickett presented a Petition from Residents of Paddington and Sydney, complaining of the present state of the Law regarding the closing of Public Houses on Sundays, and stating that they consider that the provision respecting Travellers should be assimilated to that in the English Law; and praying the House to adopt measures for giving effect to their wishes.

(2.) Mr. Badgery presented a similar Petition from Residents of Cooma and Sydney.

(3.) Mr. Dibbs presented a similar Petition from Residents of St. Leonards and Sydney.

(4.) Mr. Hutchinson presented a similar Petition from Residents of Balmain and Sydney.

(5.) Mr. Sutherland presented a similar Petition from Residents of Redfern and Sydney.

(6.) Mr. Farnell presented a similar Petition from Residents of Armidale and Sydney.

(7.) Mr. O'Connor presented a similar Petition from Residents of Newtown and Sydney.

(8.) Mr. Merriman presented a similar Petition from Residents of Sydney and Suburbs.

(9.) Mr. Griffiths presented a similar Petition from Residents of Sydney and Suburbs.

(10.) Mr. Moses presented a similar Petition from Residents of Canterbury and Sydney.

Petitions received.

3. PROPERTY TAX.—LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL:—Mr. Pigott presented a Petition from Mark J. Hammond, Chairman of a Public Meeting of Residents of Ashfield, assembled for the consideration of the proposed Property Tax, representing that at a Meeting held at the Town Hall, Ashfield, Resolutions were agreed to disapproving of the Financial Scheme of the Government for the raising of additional Revenue, and urging that the Local Government Bill should precede any scheme for direct taxation; and praying the House to favourably consider the premises. And the same having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker,—
Petition received.

4. PAPERS:—

Mr. Stuart laid upon the Table,—Return to an Address adopted on 19th December, 1883, a.m.,—
“New South Wales Artillery.”

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table,—Diagram illustrating the progress of the Survey of the City of Sydney.

Ordered to be lithographed.

5. LOCAL OPTION:—Mr. Melville presented a Petition from the Chairman and Secretary, on behalf of the Members of the “Hope of Lambton” Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, situated in the Hunter River District, in Meeting assembled, in favour of the extension of the principle of Local Option to the renewal of Publicans Licenses.
Petition received.

6. WINDSOR GAS-LIGHT COMPANY BILL:—Mr. Slattery, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 25th October, 1883; together with Appendix, and a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Slattery then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday next.

Question put and passed.

7. MRS. ANNE FRANCES LILBURN COLE:—Mr. Loughnan presented a Petition from Mrs. Anne Frances Lilburn Cole, wife of Stephen Cole, formerly Commissioner for Crown Lands for the Darling and Albert Districts, setting forth that her husband after serving for more than thirty years in the Public Service retired through ill-health, and that she has, at the request of her husband, repeatedly addressed the Government in regard to his claim for a pension; and praying the House to cause inquiry to be made, with a view to justice being done in the case.

Petition received.

8. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Stuart moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly at twenty-five minutes before Six o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

BDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 55.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 13 FEBRUARY, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

ELECTORATE OF BATHURST:—

(1.) *Issue and return of Writ*:—Mr. Speaker informed the House, that upon the passing of the Resolution of the 31st January last declaring the Seat of Francis Bathurst Suttor, Esquire, vacant, he had issued a Writ for the election of a Member to serve in the room of Mr. Suttor, and that such Writ had been duly returned, with a Certificate endorsed thereon by the Returning Officer of the election of Francis Bathurst Suttor, Esquire, to serve as Member for the Electoral District of Bathurst.

(2.) *Member Sworn*:—Mr. Suttor having taken and subscribed the Oath, and signed the Roll of the House, took his Seat as Member for the Electoral District of Bathurst.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Consolidated Revenue Fund:—*Mr. McElhone*, for Mr. T. R. Smith, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—In what Bank or other place of security is the balance described in page 11 of the Ways and Means for 1884 as a cash balance at the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund on 31st December, 1883, amounting to £2,511,016 5s. 10d. deposited?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The information asked for by the Honorable Member will be found in the Statement of Treasury Balances and their distribution at pages 94 and 95 of the Ways and Means for 1884.

(2.) Acetic Acid:—Mr. Abigail asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) How much acetic acid is now in bond?

(2.) Who have been the principal importers of acetic acid for the past three years, and the quantity imported by each?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The quantity of acetic acid now in bond is about 700 gallons. Last year about 6,500 gallons paid duty in Sydney. The list of importers I will lay upon the Table to-morrow.

(3.) Police Protection at Parramatta and Granville:—*Mr. Abigail*, for Mr. Hugh Taylor, asked the Minister of Justice,—Is he aware of the great necessity that exists for further Police protection of property and persons at Parramatta North and Granville; if so, will he cause an immediate inquiry to be made, and give instructions to have it carried out by having one Policeman stationed at Parramatta North and an extra one at Granville?

Mr. Stuart answered,—On this subject the Inspector General of Police reports as follows:—
“Three additional Police have been provided at Parramatta during the past twelve months. A second Constable is not urgently required at Granville. Numerous demands have been made of late for increased Police protection, with which it is impossible to comply without enormously increasing the expenditure. Discrimination is therefore as far as possible used so as to select those points where the wants are of the most urgent character.”

(4.) Railway Refreshment Rooms at Penrith:—*Mr. Abigail*, for Mr. Hugh Taylor, asked the Minister of Justice,—Is he aware that the general public of Penrith and district can be supplied with spirituous and fermented liquors at all hours on Sunday at the Penrith Railway Station Refreshment Rooms, contrary to the Licensing Act; if so, will he have a report sent for from the Police of Penrith, and have this Sunday selling put a stop to immediately?

Mr. Stuart answered,—I am not aware, nor can I find that there is any truth in the report. I am given to understand that on one Sunday refreshments were sold to two passengers who arrived by No. 28 up goods train, but the room was closed immediately afterwards.

(5.)

- (5.) Steam Ferry Service between Sydney and North Shore :—Mr. Hutchinson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—If it is the intention of the Government to take the sense of this House upon the question of establishing a Steam Ferry Service between Sydney and the North Shore before accepting tenders for the supply of steam ferry boats for such a service?

Mr. Wright answered,—The sense of the House has already been taken on this subject, and the sum of £40,000 voted for the work, and a portion of the money spent.

- (6.) Revenue of Municipalities :—Mr. Brunker, for Mr. Humphery, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he cause to be laid upon the Table of this House the Return as to the revenue, &c., of Municipalities, so far as the information already furnished will allow, at the same time giving the names of Municipalities which have neglected to supply the information asked for?

Mr. Stuart answered,—I will presently lay upon the Table a Return of the information already received, with a list of the Municipalities that have failed to furnish the information asked for.

- (7.) Post and Telegraph Office, New South Head Road :—Mr. McElhone asked the Postmaster General,—

(1.) Has Mr. P. O'Connor offered to the Government a house on the New South Head Road, in the neighbourhood of Double Bay, for a Post and Telegraph Office; if so, is the price asked for the above property £3,500?

(2.) Is it a fact that the Government valuation is £4,500?

(3.) Have other properties in the neighbourhood of this one been offered to the Government; if so, who are the owners of the various properties offered, and what is the price asked by each person, and the names of them?

(4.) Have the Government decided to purchase any property in the above neighbourhood; if so, have they decided to purchase Mr. P. O'Connor's property?

Mr. Trickett answered,—

(1.) Mr. P. O'Connor offered a property at the corner of Point Piper, Edgecliff, and New South Head Roads, Woollahra, for £4,000, and numerous and representative petitions were presented in support of such purchase.

(2.) No.

(3.) No.

(4.) Since the late Post Office in the locality, formerly kept by Miss Maclean, has been closed, owing to Miss Maclean giving up the same, the Government have determined to resume Mr. P. O'Connor's premises.

3. LICENSING ACT :—

(1.) Mr. Barbour, for Mr. Butcher, presented a Petition from Residents of Paddington and Sydney, complaining of the present state of the Law regarding the closing of Public Houses on Sundays, and stating that they consider that the provision respecting Travellers should be assimilated to that in the English Law; and praying the House to adopt measures for giving effect to their wishes.

(2.) Mr. Barbour, for Mr. Butcher, presented a similar Petition from Residents of Waverley and Paddington.

Petitions received.

4. PROPERTY TAX.—DUTY ON TEA :—Mr. Garrett presented a Petition from J. J. O. Atkinson, Chairman of a Public Meeting of Residents of Berrima, protesting against the proposed Taxes as stated in the Treasurer's Budget Speech, particularly the tax on Real and Personal Property and the duty on Tea; and praying that in dealing with the financial proposals of the Government the House will favourably consider their representations.

Petition received.

5. PAPERS :—

Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 23rd October, 1883,—“The Three Million Loan.”

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Wright laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 23rd October, 1883,—“Messrs. T. R. Smith and Co.”

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Stuart laid upon the Table,—Return (*in part*) to an Order made on 13th February, 1883,—“Revenue of Municipalities.”

Ordered to be printed.

6. LOCAL OPTION :—Mr. Suttor presented a Petition from the Officers of the “Pride of the West” Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, in favour of the extension of the principle of Local Option; and praying the House to take the premises into consideration.

Petition received.

7. CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL, No. 2, (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Stuart, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Stuart then moved, That the Title of the Bill be “*An Act to amend the Law relating to the incapacity of persons holding Offices of profit under the Crown to be elected or sit or vote as Members of the Legislative Assembly and to declare the elections of certain persons holding such Offices to have been valid and for other purposes.*”

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled “*An Act to amend the Law relating to the incapacity of persons holding Offices of profit under the Crown to be elected or sit or vote as Members of the Legislative Assembly and to declare the elections of certain persons holding such Offices to have been valid and for other purposes,*”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 13th February, 1884.

8. **CONDITIONAL PUBLICANS LICENSES GRANTED AT WEST KEMPSEY** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Abigail moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all applications, petitions, and evidence in connection with the granting of two conditional publicans licenses at West Kempsey on Tuesday, 15th January, 1884.
Question put and passed.
9. **RAILWAY LINE FROM GLEN INNES TO INVERELL** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Murray moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all letters, reports, and other documents relating to the survey of the Railway Line from Glen Innes to Inverell.
Question put and passed.
10. **RAILWAY CHARGES** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Targett moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return of the relative charges made for parcels and agricultural or pastoral produce upon the Great Western, Northern, and Southern Lines for up and down transit for 100, 200, and 300 miles.
Question put and passed.
11. **WILLIAM CRESSWELL** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Bruncker moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House,—
(1.) Copies of all correspondence between the Government of New South Wales and the Imperial Government, and all other sources, from the 8th October, 1878, to the present period, referring in any manner to an inmate of the Lunatic Asylum, Parramatta, called William Cresswell; also copies of all letters or documents which have been received from Thomas Cresswell, or any other person, by the Superintendent, or any other person engaged in the management or conduct of the said Asylum.
(2.) Copies of all correspondence which has at any time taken place between the Inspector General of Police in New South Wales and the Inspector of Prisons in Victoria relative to an inquiry respecting two persons who had been imprisoned in Victoria, and whose names were given by Mr. Joseph Eckford, of Sydney, and whether the said Inspector of Police, before giving a reply to the said inquiry, consulted with or sought the advice of the Attorney General; and if so, the substance of such consultation or advice.
Question put and passed.
12. **MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

(1.) St. Philip's Parsonage Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Trustees of St. Philip's Church Sydney to lease a certain piece of Land situate in the City of Sydney Parish of St. Philip and to apply the rents and profits thereof*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 13th February, 1884.

JOHN HAY,
President.

(2.) Walgett English Church and Parsonage Land Sale Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable Thomas Clark Richard Kirby Thompson and Arthur Gray Trustees of certain Land situate in the town of Walgett to sell the same and provide for the application of the proceeds thereof*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 13th February, 1884.

JOHN HAY,
President.

(3.) Limitation of Actions for Trespass Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to alter the Law respecting remedies for Trespass to Land*,"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 13th February, 1884.

JOHN HAY,
President.

LIMITATION OF ACTIONS FOR TRESPASS BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 13th February, 1884.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, clause 1, line 8. Omit "3" insert "4"
Page 1, clause 2, line 9. Omit "hereafter"
Page 1, clause 2, line 10. After "land" insert "committed after the passing of this Act"
Page 1, clause 2. At end of clause add "Provided always that nothing hereinbefore contained
" shall apply to any plaintiff who at the time when such act of trespass was committed
" was beyond seas or under any legal disability"
Page 2, clause 4, line 13. Omit "January" insert "May"

Examined,—

JOSEPH DOCKER,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered that the Council's amendments be taken into consideration on Friday next.

(4.) Hutchinson Estate Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to enable William Matthew Hutchinson Gibbons Richard Hutchinson Roberts and Arthur Huffington or other the Trustees for the time being of the Will of William Hutchinson deceased to sell certain Land and Houses in York-street and Clarence-street in the City of Sydney and to provide for the application of the proceeds thereof*,"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 13th February, 1884.

JOHN HAY,
President.

HUTCHINSON ESTATE BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 13th February, 1884.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 4, clause 1, lines 33 and 34. *Omit* "to sell and dispose of the piece of land described in the "Schedule hereto" *insert* "with the consent of all mortgagees and incumbrancers of the "land described in the Schedule hereto or of any part or share thereof to sell and dispose "of the said land"
- Page 4, clause 1, lines 38 to 41. *Omit* "free from the incumbrances of such of the incumbrancers "as shall consent to the sale and subject to the incumbrances of such of them as shall not "consent"
- Page 4, clause 1, line 45. *After* "from" *insert* "all mortgages charges and incumbrances and "from"
- Page 5, clause 3, lines 1 to 3. *Omit* "for the purposes of computation the amount (if any) due "on the incumbrances of such incumbrancers as shall not consent to the sale shall be "added to the net purchase moneys and"
- Page 5, clause 3, line 7. *Omit* "computed"
- Page 5, clause 3, lines 7 to 9. *Omit* "deducting from such sum the amounts (if any) charged upon "the share in question and due to such incumbrancers as shall not consent to the sale "and"
- Page 5, clause 3, line 10. *Omit* "such"
- Page 5, clause 3, lines 10 and 11. *Omit* "as shall consent to the sale"
- Page 5, clause 3, line 13. *Omit* "last mentioned"

Examined,—

JOSEPH DOCKER,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the Council's amendments be taken into consideration on Friday next.

(5.) Saywell's Tramway Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to authorize the construction and maintenance of a Tramway from the proposed Bay-street Station on the Illawarra Railway to and along Lady Robinson's Beach*,"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 13th February, 1884.

JOHN HAY,
President.

SAYWELL'S TRAMWAY BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 13th February, 1884.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 2, preamble, line 1. *Omit* "and a Government Reserve."
- Page 3, clause 11, line 50. *After* "carriages" *insert* "and the number of persons limited to be "carried therein respectively"
- Page 4, clause 11, line 14. *Omit* "may" *insert* "shall"
- Page 4, clause 11, lines 14 and 15. *Omit* "a maximum and minimum penalty" *insert* "penalties "which shall in no case exceed the sum of ten pounds"
- Page 4, clause 11, line 17. *Omit* "any"
- Page 4, clause 11, line 17. *Omit* "relating to matters"
- Page 4, clause 12, line 25. *Omit* "all of"

Examined,—

JOSEPH DOCKER,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the Council's amendments be taken into consideration on Friday next.

13. WAYS AND MEANS:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means having been read,—

Motion made (*Mr. Dibbs*) and Question proposed, "That" Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair. Sir John Robertson moved, pursuant to *Contingent Notice*, that the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "That," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "the financial policy of the Government is unsatisfactory to this House." Question proposed, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question. Debate ensued.

And

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 14 FEBRUARY, 1884, A.M.

Mr. McElhone moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 30.

Sir John Robertson,
Mr. Burns,
Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Roberts,
Mr. Young,
Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Fletcher,
Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Spring,
Mr. A. G. Taylor,
Mr. Lackey,
Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. Combes,
Mr. Cameron,
Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Tooth,
Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Gibbes,
Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Garrett,
Dr. Ross,
Mr. Teece,
Mr. Proctor,
Mr. Henry Clarke.

Tellers,

Mr. Brunker,
Mr. McLaughlin.

Noes, 59.

Mr. Stuart,	Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Purves,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Olliffe,
Mr. Stephen,	Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Poole,
Mr. Trickett,	Mr. Loughnan,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Gray,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Leviau,
Mr. Heydon,	Mr. Targett,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Hallyer,
Mr. Gorrick,	Mr. Moses,
Mr. Murray,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Pigott,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. George Campbell,
Mr. Levin,	Mr. Merriman,
Mr. Day,	Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Cramsie,	Mr. O'Mara,
Mr. Tarrant,	Mr. W. B. Campbell,
Mr. Quin,	Mr. Humphery,
Mr. Russell Barton,	Mr. Machattie,
Mr. Dalton,	Mr. McQuade,
Mr. Harris,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Wilson,
Mr. Ryrie,	Mr. Coonan,
Mr. Cass,	Mr. Melville.
Mr. Mackinnon,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Withers,	Mr. Butcher,
Mr. D. A. Ferguson,	Mr. Sec.
Mr. Holtermann,	
Mr. Griffiths,	
Mr. Gould,	
Mr. De Salis,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Question again proposed, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.

Debate continued.

Question,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—put and passed.

Original Question,—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair,—put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

The House adjourned at eight minutes before Three o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 56.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 14 FEBRUARY, 1884.

1.^c The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Unsurveyed Conditional Purchases:—*Mr. Cameron*, for *Mr. Spring*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) How many conditional purchases taken up in the year 1882 are still unsurveyed?
- (2.) How many taken up in the year 1883 are still unsurveyed, giving the number taken up in each month in both years, and the number remaining unsurveyed from each month?

Mr. Farnell answered,—Next week I will lay upon the Table of the House a Return giving the information asked for.

(2.) Railway Charges on Hides, Leather, and Wattle Bark:—*Mr. McElhone* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What was the Railway charge per ton and per truck on hides from Sydney to South Creek and Windsor in 1883?
- (2.) The like as regards wattle bark?
- (3.) The charge per ton or truck on leather from South Creek and Windsor to Sydney in 1883?
- (4.) What are the latest rates charged on above goods; and what is the increased charge per ton or truck as compared with the rates of 1883 on above goods?

Mr. Wright answered,—

(1.) Dry hides, Sydney to South Creek, 5s. 4d. per ton; wet hides, Sydney to South Creek, 3s. 4d. per ton; wet hides, Sydney to Windsor, 3s. 10d. per ton; dry hides, Sydney to Windsor, 6s. 2d. per ton.

(2.) 3s. 4d. per ton to South Creek, and 3s. 10d. to Windsor.

(3.) Leather (loose), South Creek to Sydney, 13s. 3d. per ton; leather (in bales and bundles), South Creek to Sydney, 11s. per ton; leather (in bales and bundles), Windsor to Sydney, 12s. 8d. per ton; leather (loose), Windsor to Sydney, 15s. 4d. per ton.

(4.) All the rates are the same, except that while the goods were previously carried at the rates named in lots of 1 ton and upwards per truck the minimums now are 4 tons under class A and 2 tons under B.

This was done to secure better loading for the waggons, as it was found that in many cases the loads obtained were so low that the traffic did not pay. It is provided, however, that if the minimum loads are made up by consignments belonging to other persons, each consignment will be charged at actual weight (not being less than 1 ton) as before, and the Department is offering every facility to make up loads. The object is not to increase the rates, but to try and command better loading for the trucks, thereby reducing working expenses and at the same time avoiding complaints of the scarcity of waggons. By arrangement with the Department producers can easily forward their consignments in the same trucks, in which case the rates would not be higher than before. The question is receiving further consideration, with the view of making the alteration fall as lightly as possible upon the public consistent with obtaining paying loads.

(3.) Railway Charges on Hay and Corn between Quirindi and Maitland:—*Mr. McElhone* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What was the Railway rate per truck or ton on hay and corn from East or West Maitland to Quirindi during 1883?

(2.) What was the Railway charge per truck or ton on wheat or hay from Quirindi to East or West Maitland during the year 1883?

(3.)

- (3.) What are the latest Railway charges per truck or ton on above goods from East or West Maitland to Quirindi, or from Quirindi to West or East Maitland ?
 (4.) What is now the increased charge per truck or ton from above places on above goods to places mentioned over and above the rates charged in year 1883 ?

Mr. Wright answered,—

- (1.) West Maitland to Quirindi—Hay per truck, £1 17s. 7d. ; corn per ton, 11s. 7d.
 (2.) Same as No. 1.
 (3.) Same as No. 1 ; corn to be sent, however, in 4-ton lots.
 (4.) No alteration in the rates ; but in the case of corn an alteration has been made in the manner of charging, which is fully explained in answer to Question No. 2 on the previous page.

- (4.) Bridge at Lake Macquarie :—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the bridge erected across the entrance to Lake Macquarie has only an opening 28 feet wide ?
 (2.) Is he aware that this bridge interferes with the traffic to Lake Macquarie ?
 (3.) Is he aware that certain parties are getting steamers built to trade to Lake Macquarie, which will be here about April, and that these steamers will require an opening at least 30 feet wide to get through the bridge ; if so, will he cause the opening in the bridge to be made 30 feet wide ?

Mr. Wright answered,—

- (1.) Yes. The bridge was built for the Blackwattle Causeway, and on the filling up of Blackwattle Bay was transferred to the Lake Macquarie entrance.
 (2.) It may do so to some trifling extent.
 (3.) Yes.

- (5.) Steam Ferries :—Mr. Hutchinson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—In the event of the Government establishing a Steam Ferry Service between Sydney and North Shore, will they be prepared to establish a similar Service between Sydney and Balmain, Sydney and Hunter's Hill, Sydney and Manly, Sydney and Watson's Bay, Newcastle and Stockton ?

Mr. Wright answered,—It is not the intention of the Government to establish Steam Ferry Services between the places named by the Honorable Member.

- (6.) Timber for Railway Purposes :—Mr. Vaughn, for Mr. Proctor, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Who was the successful tenderer for the supply of timber to the Railway Department for the year 1884 ?
 (2.) Has the contractor supplied any timber to that Department during last month ; and if so, how much, and has he been paid for it ; and if not already paid, when is it likely he will be paid, and what is the amount due to him ?
 (3.) Is it the intention of the Government to permit a transfer of that contract to another person ; and if so, to whom ?

Mr. Wright answered,—

- (1.) Mr. Jabez Brown.
 (2.) Yes ; timber to the value of £750 has been supplied, not yet paid for, but will be in a few days.
 (3.) It has been agreed to transfer the contract to Messrs. R. Wilkinson, senior and junior, upon their giving approved security.

- (7.) Mr. Edward Collins, Public School Teacher :—Mr. McElhone asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—

- (1.) When did Edward Collins, teacher of the Redbank Public School, Manning River, obtain Class III. section B ?
 (2.) When did he obtain Class III. section A ?
 (3.) What classification did he apply for when III. A was awarded to him ?

Mr. Wright answered,—

- (1.) Mr. Collins did not obtain Class III. section B.
 (2.) On the 19th December, 1881.
 (3.) Class III. section B ; but his papers, on examination, were considered deserving of III. A.

2. VICTORIAN COAL-MINING COMPANY'S BILL :—Mr. Cameron, for Mr. Fletcher, presented a Petition from Thomas Saywell, of Sydney, merchant, trading as the Victorian Coal-mining Company, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the construction and maintenance of a Line of Railway from land near Mount Kembla to the Sea Coast at Red Point, Port Kembla, near Wollongong.

And Mr. Cameron having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* and *Illawarra Mercury*, newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
 Petition received.

3. LICENSING ACT :—Mr. Coonan presented a Petition from Residents of Sydney and Suburbs, complaining of the present state of the Law regarding the closing of Public Houses on Sundays, and stating that they consider that the provision respecting Travellers should be assimilated to that in the English Law ; and praying the House to adopt measures for giving effect to their wishes.
 Petition received.

4. IMMIGRATION :—Mr. Garrard presented a Petition from S. J. Young, Chairman of a Public Meeting of Electors of Balmain, protesting against the expenditure of public money for Immigration purposes ; and praying the House to strike out from the Estimates the £150,000 proposed for Immigration.
 Petition received.

5. **WAYS AND MEANS** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.
The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), that the report be *now* received.
The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows :—
(2.) *Resolved*,—That to make good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Service of the year 1884 there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales the sum of £2,060 for the Establishment of His Excellency the Governor for the year 1884.
On motion of Mr. Dibbs, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
6. **POSTPONEMENTS** :—The Orders of the Day Nos. 2 to 8 of Government Business postponed until to-morrow.
7. **GEORGE DOUGHERTY'S CONDITIONAL PURCHASE** :—*Mr. Burns*, for Mr. Gould, moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the matter of the forfeiture of George Dougherty's conditional purchase made at the Lands Office, Gunnedah, on 18th May, 1876.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Farnell, Mr. Barbour, Mr. McElhone, Mr. Burns, Mr. Abigail, Mr. Day, Dr. Ross, and Mr. Gould.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned at twenty-two minutes before Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 57.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 15 FEBRUARY, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Water Supply for St. Leonards:—*Mr. Abigail*, for *Mr. Holtermann*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has any definite course yet been decided upon by the Government respecting a water supply for St. Leonards; and if so, at what point is it proposed to deliver the water?

(2.) Will the Minister take steps for the immediate extension of the abovementioned supply, the urgent necessity for which was shown on 12th February, when a fire broke out in a house situated amongst a number of others and there was no water to be had?

Mr. Wright answered,—Yes; a contract for the supply of the necessary pipes was let on the 15th December, 1883. The Municipalities of St. Leonards have informally expressed their opinion that it will be sufficient for the present to deliver the water at St. Leonards at such height as it will reach by gravitation from Crown-street Reservoir, which would be about 120 feet above sea-level; but by a simple and economical arrangement it can be delivered into a Reservoir at the highest level, and such as will command the whole of St. Leonards by gravitation.

- (2.) Lady Students at Hurlstone College:—*Mr. A. G. Taylor* asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—Have the lady students at Hurlstone College received yet the allowance due to them for last year—some £16 each; if not, when will the money be paid them?

Mr. Stuart answered,—I understand that this has been, or is being, given.

- (3.) University Lectures:—*Mr. A. G. Taylor* asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—

(1.) Did he promise to make provision on this year's Estimates for the expenditure necessary for a course of Evening Lectures in connection with the Sydney University; if so, has he done so?

(2.) Is the contemplated expenditure included in the vote asked for on account of the Public Instruction Department for this year?

Mr. Stuart answered,—I understand that the Minister for Public Instruction is at the present time in correspondence with the authorities of the University so that this amount should be paid from the increased endowment which appears upon the Estimates in favour of that Institution.

- (4.) Estate of the late James M'Nab:—*Mr. A. G. Taylor* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What sums of money have been paid to the Trustee or Trustees in the estate of the late James M'Nab, ironmonger; and at what dates?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The total sum paid is £3,020 15s. 3d., details of which I will lay upon the Table presently.

- (5.) The Master-in-Equity:—*Mr. A. G. Taylor* asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Will he state the hours the Master-in-Equity is supposed to be in attendance at his office?

(2.) Is he aware the present Master seldom attends earlier than 11 o'clock; and is it not a fact that appointments are made for 11 o'clock, and that the Master is frequently not in attendance before half-past 11?

(3.) How many appointments (if any) were given during the year 1883 before the Master between the hours of 2 and 3-30 p.m.?

Mr.

Mr. Stuart answered,—The Master-in-Equity has furnished the following information in answer to the Honorable Member's questions:—

- (1.) From half-past 10 to 11 a.m.
- (2.) The warrants for attendance before the Master are made returnable at 11 o'clock, the same time as the Equity Cases commence before the Primary Judge in Equity. Before 11 a.m. the Master attends to formal matters in Equity and Lunacy; and for the last six months, during the Chief Clerk's absence from office through sickness, the Master has taken, and is still taking, a large portion of his duties. The Master is invariably at his Chambers before 11 o'clock.
- (3.) Appointments are not usually made returnable between 2 and 3.30 p.m. except when there is a pressure of business, though now, from his increased duties, the business usually occupies the afternoon. There were eight appointments in 1883 set down specially for 2 p.m.

(6.) Railway Merchandise Rate-sheet:—*Mr. Suttor* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that a new merchandise rate-sheet for the Railways came into force on 1st February, and that the first official notice of the change of rates was made on the 29th January last?
- (2.) Is it a fact that under the old rates a ton of flour was carried from Bathurst to Sydney for 13s. 1d., and that under the new rates the charge is £2 5s. 8d.?
- (3.) Is the rate upon a ton of potatoes carried from Sydney to Bathurst £1 3s. 11d., the old rate being 13s. 1d.?
- (4.) Is it a fact that under the new rates 1 ton 1 cwt. of potatoes, or any portion of a ton, are charged for as being 2 tons?
- (5.) Do the Government intend to continue to levy these rates?

Mr. Wright answered,—

- (1.) The new rate-sheet came into force on 1st February. The intention to make the change was made known to the public by a paragraph in *The Sydney Morning Herald* and other papers as far back as 30th November last.
- (2.) 1 ton was charged 13s. 1d., and no more is charged now, provided that 4 tons are put into the truck. As I explained yesterday, in reply to a similar question, the loading placed on the trucks was so small that the traffic was being conducted at a loss, and a higher minimum of load per truck had to be enforced.
- (3.) The figures quoted are not correct; but, generally, this question is replied to by the answer given above.
- (4.) Yes; 2 tons at B rates, unless other consignments are loaded in the same truck, which will bring up the load to 4 tons of A or 2 tons of B traffic; but where that is done the consignment would only be charged actual weight.
- (5.) The matter is receiving further consideration.

(7.) Railway Refreshment Rooms:—*Mr. Abigail*, for *Dr. Ross*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Are there any regulations by which the charges for refreshment at Railway Stations in the interior are limited or regulated; if so, will he state by what authority the travelling public are charged 1s. for a cup of (so-called) tea or coffee?

Mr. Wright answered,—Yes; a scale of charges is conspicuously exhibited in all the Refreshment Rooms. The authorized charge for a cup of tea or coffee of the best quality is sixpence.

(8.) Teacher in Crown-street Public School:—*Mr. Withers* asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—Is it a fact that a teacher in the Crown-street Public School has been in the Police Lock-up for drunkenness; if so, how many times, and the dates; and does he still retain his position in the School?

Mr. Stuart answered,—I am instructed to state that after all the inquiry that has been made, there does not appear to be any record that can be traced of a teacher in the Crown-street Public School having been in a lock-up. Therefore I come to the conclusion that the charge is without foundation.

2. PAPER:—*Mr. Stuart* laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 30th January, 1884,—“Redfern Public School.”
Ordered to be printed.

3. PUBLIC TANKS, WELLS, AND DAMS (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. A. G. Taylor*, for *Mr. Dangar*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—

- (1.) The number of Public Tanks, Wells, or Dams constructed, or in course of construction, in the Namoi, Gunnedah, Gwydir, Bogan, and Bourke Electorates (distinguishing the Electorate), specifying the road upon which constructed, name of the place, and distance from each other on the same line of road.
- (2.) The name of contractor in each case, the cost of construction, and amounts paid since by way of repairs, and if such were let by tender or otherwise.
- (3.) How such are worked,—by whim, windmill, windlass, or horse-power; if fenced in, or how protected.
- (4.) Denoting those handed over to the Mines Department for management,—the uncompleted ones, with the names of contractors, and time fixed for completion.
- (5.) Yearly rent received from each of these, names of lessees and caretakers, scale of charges adopted at each, with copy of general regulations, and if such has been published for general information.
- (6.) Numbers, particulars, area, and date of proclamation in *Gazette* of all Travelling Stock Reserves connected with or surrounding such Tanks, Wells, or Dams, and if such are fenced, or intended to be.
- (7.) Names of present Tank Inspectors; copies of their reports, or of Stock Inspectors, or any other person relating in any way to these Tanks, &c.

Question put and passed.

4. SPIRITS, WINE, AND BEER.—CONVICTIONS UNDER THE LICENSING ACT (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Hutchinson moved, pursuant to Notice, That the following Returns be laid upon the Table of this House for the years 1881, 1882, and 1883 respectively:—
- (1.) The quantity in gallons of spirits, wines, and beers respectively imported into this Colony.
 - (2.) The quantity in gallons of spirits, wines, and beers respectively manufactured in this Colony.
 - (3.) The quantity in gallons of spirits, wines, and beers respectively imported and manufactured per head of the population of the Colony.
 - (4.) Also Returns from each Police District of the Colony, including the Metropolitan District, under the following heads:—
 - (a) The number of licensed houses in each district.
 - (b) The number of colonial wine, wholesale wine and spirit, and brewers licenses respectively in each district; also the number of licenses to distil spirits.
 - (c) The number of convictions for drunkenness.
 - (d) The number of convictions for drunkenness, with obscene or indecent language.
 - (e) The number of convictions for drunkenness, with riotous behaviour.
 - (f) The number of convictions for drunkenness, with common assault.
 - (g) The number of convictions for drunkenness, with assault upon the Police.
 - (h) The number of offences of the above nature committed between 8 a.m. on Saturday and 8 a.m. on Sunday; and the like between 8 a.m. on Sunday and 8 a.m. on Monday.
 - (i) The number of convictions for selling on Sunday.
 - (j) The number of convictions for selling during prohibited hours other than for Sunday selling.
 - (k) The number of convictions for selling adulterated liquors.
- That such Returns in future be laid upon the Table of this House and printed as soon after the close of the year as possible.
Question put and passed.
5. VICTORIAN COAL-MINING COMPANY'S BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Cameron, for Mr. Fletcher, moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the construction and maintenance of a Line of Railway from land near Mount Kembla to the Sea Coast at Red Point, Port Kembla, near Wollongong.
Question put and passed.
6. MONK-WEARMOUTH COLLIERY RAILWAY BILL:—Mr. Burns, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 18th December, 1883; together with Appendix, and a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Burns then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday, 7th March.
Question put and passed.
7. FOREST LODGE, NEAR TARLO, ESTATE BILL:—Mr. Teece, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 29th January, 1884; together with a copy of the Bill as agreed to by the Committee.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Teece then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday, 29th February.
Question put and passed.
8. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Suttor moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present.
Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being only nineteen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely,—Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Merriman, Mr. Cass, Mr. Garvan, Mr. Sec, Mr. Brunner, Mr. Melville, Mr. McCulloch, Sir John Robertson, Mr. Burns, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Suttor, Mr. McLaughlin, Mr. Young, Mr. Garrard, Mr. Abigail, Mr. Holtermann, Mr. Teece, and Mr. Griffiths,—
Mr. Speaker adjourned the House at five minutes after Seven o'clock, until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 58.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 19 FEBRUARY, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Vote for Railway Working Expenses:—*Mr. Griffiths*, for *Mr. McElhone*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Does the Commissioner for Railways debit the Vote for working expenses with the cost of stationery, advertising, and printing for Railway services?

(2.) What was the cost of each of the above items for the years 1880, 1881, and 1882, and to what Votes were they charged?

(3.) What was the reputed net revenue of the Railways for those years; and what would have been the actual net revenue if the cost of the above items had been charged to the Vote for working expenses?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

(1.) No; Votes are taken annually under the Treasury for these services for the Public Departments generally. The practice of charging to these General Votes the expenditure for stationery, printing, and advertising in connection with the Railways, has been brought under attention from time to time, but it has been held that the services rendered free of charge by the Railways in the carriage of Volunteers, the unemployed, visitors to the Colony, and others, are a sufficient set off. The question was revived at the end of last year, when the Commissioner urged that exact debit and credit accounts in this respect should be kept and adjusted. The proposal is under consideration.

(2.) The estimated cost, including the Tramway service, was as follows:—

1880 ...	Stationery, £1,168 ...	Printing, £5,749 ...	Advertising, £2,312
1881 ...	do 2,239 ...	do 7,076 ...	do 1,851
1882 ...	do 3,354 ...	do 8,880 ...	do 2,642

(3.) The reputed net revenue, and the revenue if these services had been debited to working expenses without credit being taken for the per contra account, would be as under:—

1880 ...	£518,834, less £9,229 =	£509,605
1881 ...	716,334 ,, 11,167	705,167
1882 ...	787,294 ,, 14,876 =	772,418

- (2.) Water Supply for Sydney and Suburbs:—*Mr. Withers* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What Suburbs will the Auxiliary Water Supply Scheme for Sydney supply on its way to Sydney?

(2.) Where is it to be delivered in Sydney?

(3.) In what quantity will it be delivered in Sydney?

(4.) What is the estimated cost of the whole works necessary for the Auxiliary Scheme?

(5.) What quantity of water is it proposed to deliver at the Crown-street, Paddington, Woollahra, Waverley, Petersham, and North Shore Reservoirs respectively by the Auxiliary Scheme?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

(1.) The whole of the suburbs of Sydney.

(2.) Crown-street.

(3.) The open canal will be capable of delivering over 50 million gallons per day at a point $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles on the Sydney side of the Prospect Reservoir where the open canal terminates; from thence to the Potts Hill, $9\frac{3}{4}$ miles from Prospect, the piping will be capable of delivering 26 million gallons per day, with ultimate capabilities, by duplicating the pipes, of increasing the delivery to 52 million gallons. The remaining $11\frac{1}{2}$ miles from Box Hill to Sydney will be covered with one 42-inch pipe, in the first instance capable of delivering $13\frac{1}{2}$ million gallons per day, which may be doubled, trebled, or quadrupled by laying down additional pipes as the necessity for an increased supply may arise.

(4.) About £30,352.

(5.) Whatever quantity these suburbs may require, which will of course alter as the population increases. (3.)

- (3.) Trial Bay Prison :—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for *Mr. McCulloch*, asked the Minister of Justice,—When will the Trial Bay Prison be completed and brought into use?

Mr. Stuart answered,—Fresh tenders have recently been invited for the completion of the work, and until a satisfactory tender shall have been received it is not possible to say when the work will be completed.

- (4.) Typhoid Fever :—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for *Mr. McCulloch*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is he aware that typhoid fever prevails to a very serious extent along the Railway line in course of construction from Homebush to the Hawkesbury River, and that the cause of the fever is supposed to be the contamination of the water available for drinking purposes; if so, has anything been done to abate the evil; and will the Government cause inquiry to be made into the matter with a view to providing some remedy?

Mr. Stuart answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Medical Adviser to the Government :—“Inquiry has already been made into this matter, and it has been elicited that upon the Railway line in course of construction between Homebush and the Hawkesbury River twenty persons have been affected with typhoid fever during the past four months. All the patients have been removed to hospital either at Parramatta or Sydney. The Surgeon employed by the contractors has at the present time no case of fever under his care at the camp.”

- (5.) The Case of Walshe :—*Mr. A. G. Taylor* asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a man named Walshe was arrested at Obley on the 3rd instant by Constable Nies for riding a horse which had a small sore on the back?

(2.) Did the Constable lock Walshe up for four hours on the above charge; and did he also refuse to accept bail tendered by an hotelkeeper?

(3.) If so, will he cause inquiry to be made, and issue instructions to make bail compulsory in cases of cruelty to animals?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

(1.) I am informed that Walshe was arrested by Constable Nies for riding a horse with a very sore back on 31st January last, and pleaded guilty to the charge.

(2 and 3.) No. *Mr. Hunt, J.P.*, the adjudicating Magistrate, reports that Walshe was in custody barely an hour, and in view of the fact that he was in charge of a lot of cattle, and a heavy fine might have necessitated his imprisonment and entailed losses on the owner of the cattle, a very light fine was inflicted, and he was cautioned. Bail was never asked for or refused, and if asked for would have been granted, as customary in such cases.

- (6.) Darling Harbour Railway :—*Mr. Abigail* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government to extend the Darling Harbour Railway from its present terminus northward to Pyrmont Bay through the land recently resumed for such purpose?

Mr. Stuart answered,—The question of extending the Railway from the present terminus at Darling Harbour to Pyrmont Bay has not yet been considered by the Government.

- (7.) Recreation Ground at Wingham :—*Mr. Young* asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is the dedication of the Recreation Ground at Wingham sufficiently advanced to allow of Trustees to be named and the deeds to be issued; if not, will he cause the matter to be expedited?

Mr. Farnell answered,—No. It is alleged that the Post and Telegraph Office encroaches upon portion of the land; and the question is being investigated in the Survey Office.

- (8.) Public School at Castle Hill :—*Mr. Hugh Taylor* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it not a fact that the Public School at Castle Hill has recently been closed by order of the Minister of Public Instruction on account of outbreak of typhoid fever there?

(2.) Will he cause an inspection to be made by some competent person, and report upon the sanitary condition of the Public Schools of the Colony?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

(1.) The School was authorized to be closed for a week because of the non-attendance of pupils, owing to a case of fever in the Teacher's residence.

(2.) The sanitary condition of the Public Schools is now under investigation. A special report on the Castle Hill School is being obtained.

- (9.) Attendants at Hospitals for the Insane :—*Mr. Hugh Taylor* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has the Colonial Secretary received petitions from the male and female attendants of the Parramatta, Gladesville, Callen Park, and Newcastle Hospitals for the Insane, praying for certain alterations in the hours which they are compelled to work; if so, has he arrived at any decision in the matter?

Mr. Stuart answered,—No petition has been received recently; but some time ago a representation was made by the Honorable Member on the subject, which was reported upon by *Dr. Manning*, and the report was communicated to him.

- (10.) The Budget Speech :—*Sir John Robertson* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Did he forward to England for publication there an account or report of his last Budget Speech; if he did so, will he lay a copy of the same upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Stuart answered,—A condensed report of the Budget Speech was sent to England. I will lay a copy of it upon the Table if the Honorable Member wishes it.

- (11.) Students at Hurlstone :—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for *Mr. Suttor*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) From what fund is the allowance to the students at Hurlstone to be paid?

(2.) Do the Government intend to grant a similar allowance to the students at Fort-street, and also to the pupil teachers who are not receiving a salary sufficient to supply their wants?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

(1.) From Vote for allowances to students in training.

(2.) The allowance is intended to place the students in Hurlstone College in the same pecuniary position, as nearly as possible, as the female students when they attended Fort-street Training School. They then got an allowance at the rate of £72 a year while in training. (12.)

(12.) The Art Gallery :—Mr. Combes asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it the intention of the Government, as reported, to erect a brickwork casing round the present temporary Art Gallery in the Inner Domain?
- (2.) If so, before proceeding with any such work, will he lay upon the Table of the House copies of the correspondence between the Trustees of the Art Gallery and the Government on the subject of the proposed new building as an Art Gallery?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

- (1.) No determination in this matter has been arrived at.
- (2.) Yes.

2. LICENSING ACT:—

- (1.) Mr. Hugh Taylor presented a Petition from Residents of Parramatta and Sydney, complaining of the present state of the Law regarding the closing of Public Houses on Sundays, and stating that they consider that the provision respecting Travellers should be assimilated to that in the English Law; and praying the House to adopt measures for giving effect to their wishes.
- (2.) Mr. Cameron presented a similar Petition from Residents of Sydney and Suburbs.
- (3.) Mr. Dangar presented a similar Petition from Residents of Walgett and Sydney.
- (4.) Mr. Stuart presented a similar Petition from Residents of Wollongong and Sydney.
- (5.) *Mr. Barbour*, for Mr. Jones, presented a similar Petition from Residents of Wagga Wagga and Sydney.
- (6.) Mr. Tarrant presented a similar Petition from Residents of Kiama and Sydney.

Petitions received.

3. PROPOSED TAXATION :—Mr. Pigott presented a Petition from John Gelding, Chairman of a Public Meeting of Inhabitants of Petersham, praying the House to reject the Taxation proposed by the Colonial Treasurer.
Petition received.

4. ENGINEERING ASSOCIATION INCORPORATION BILL :—Mr. Poole presented a Petition from Members of the Engineering Association of New South Wales, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate a Society called the "Engineering Association of New South Wales."
And Mr. Poole having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald*, newspaper, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.

5. GREAT COBAR COPPER-MINING COMPANY TRAMWAY BILL :—Mr. Hutchinson, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 23rd January, 1884; together with a copy of the Bill as agreed to by the Committee.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Hutchinson then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday, 7th March.
Question put and passed.

6. RAILWAY BRIDGE OVER THE MURRUMBIDGEE RIVER :—Mr. Loughnan presented a Petition from Residents in and around Wagga, Hay, and Narrandera, alleging that it is the intention of the Railway Department to erect the Railway Bridge over the Murrumbidgee River upon the Narrandera-Jerilderie line at a height of only 22 feet above summer level, and stating that if this course be persisted in the navigation of the river will be stopped; and praying the House to cause inquiry to be made into the circumstances of the case.
And the same having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker,—
Petition received.

7. PAPERS :—

Mr. Abbott laid upon the Table,—Return (*in part*) to an Order made on 23rd January, 1884,—
"Claim of Matthew M'Ivor to a Tin-mine at Pheasant's Creek."
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Stuart laid upon the Table,—Copy of a Telegram sent to London communicating the substance of the Treasurer's Budget Speech.
Ordered to be printed.

8. SINGLETON GAS BILL :—Mr. Burns (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee of Session 1881, on the Singleton Gas Bill, be referred to the Select Committee now sitting on the Bill.
Question put and passed.

9. JOHN COMINS'S CONDITIONAL PURCHASES AT WAGGA WAGGA (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Barbour moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all documents, minutes, letters, and other papers in connection with the conditional purchases of John Comins, No. 73-8,111 and 8,112, made at Wagga Wagga on 7th August, 1873.
Question put and passed.

10. RESUMPTION OF MR. O'CONNOR'S PROPERTY NEAR DOUBLE BAY (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. McElhone moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all letters, petitions, minutes, or other documents related to or in any way connected with the purchase or resumption of the property of Mr. Patrick O'Connor, near Double Bay, for a Post and Telegraph Office.
Question put and passed.

11. ADJOURNMENT :—Sir John Robertson moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.

12. GLEBE ISLAND BRIDGE :—Mr. Garrard moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in view of the Resolution passed by this House on 1st May, 1877, that all Tolls levied upon Public Bridges should be abolished,—This House is of opinion that the practice of levying Tolls upon the Glebe Island Bridge should be discontinued “forthwith.”

Debate ensued.

Mr. Dibbs moved, That the Question be amended by omitting the word “forthwith.”

Question proposed, That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.

Debate continued.

Question put, That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.

The House divided,

Ayes, 31.

Mr. Burns,	Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Fletcher,
Mr. Farnell,	Dr. Ross,
Sir John Robertson,	Mr. Withers,
Mr. Young,	Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. A. G. Taylor,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Coonan,
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. De Salis,
Mr. Spring,	Mr. Merriman,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. See,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Day.
Mr. Mitchell,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Humphery,	Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Pigott,	Mr. Tecece.
Mr. Holtermann,	
Mr. Garrett,	

Noes, 13.

Mr. Stuart,
Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Trickett,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Levin,
Mr. Tighe,
Mr. Dalton,
Mr. Murray,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,
Mr. Garvan.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Vaughn.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original Question then put and passed.

13. RAILWAY ROUTE COMMITTEE :—Mr. Pigott moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Resolution of this House passed on the 15th day of January, 1884,—

“(1.) That, in future, when copies of plans, sections, and books of reference of any proposed Railway are laid upon the Table of this House, in accordance with clause 9 of 22 Victoria No. 19, such plans, sections, and books of reference shall forthwith be referred to a Select Committee of this House, and that such Committee have full power to send for persons and papers to inquire into the matter submitted to them, and to report to this House with all reasonable despatch.

“(2.) That such Committee be a Sessional Committee, to be elected by this House as soon as possible after the opening of each Session of Parliament, and shall be styled the ‘Railway Route Committee,’ and have power to sit during any adjournment of this House,”—be rescinded.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 32.

Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Dalton,	Mr. Gibbs,
Mr. A. G. Taylor,	Mr. Young,
Mr. T. R. Smith,	Mr. Abigail,
Mr. De Salis,	Mr. Spring,
Mr. Pigott,	Mr. Withers,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Targett,
Mr. Tecece,	Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Tarrant,	Mr. Holtermann,
Mr. Proctor,	Mr. See,
Mr. George Campbell,	Mr. Garrett.
Dr. Ross,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. McElhone,	Mr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Merriman.
Mr. Harris,	

Noes, 18.

Mr. Stuart,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Griffiths,
Mr. Trickett,	Mr. Fremlin.
Mr. Abbott,	
Mr. Farnell,	
Mr. Vaughn,	
Mr. Day,	
Mr. W. J. Fergusson,	
Mr. Butcher,	
Mr. Levin,	
Mr. Chapman,	
Mr. Melville,	
Mr. Poole,	
Mr. Mitchell,	
Mr. Barbour,	
Mr. O'Mara.	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

14. ARMIDALE GAS COMPANY'S INCORPORATION BILL :—Mr. Sydney Smith, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 24th January, 1884; together with a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Smith then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday, 29th February.

Question put and passed.

15. RELIGIOUS PERSUASIONS OF PUPILS ATTENDING PUBLIC SCHOOLS :—Mr. A. G. Taylor moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the pupils attending the Public Schools of this Colony should not be required to state their religious belief, and no record should be kept of the religious persuasions of the pupils.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Young moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Debate continued.

Question

Question put, That this Debate be now adjourned.
The House divided.

Ayes, 23.

Mr. De Salis,	Mr. McLaughlin,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Harris,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Proctor,
Mr. T. R. Smith,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Merriman,
Mr. Spring,	Mr. Trickett,
Mr. Day,	Mr. Abbott,
Mr. Levin,	Mr. Withers.
Mr. W. J. Ferguson,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Lynch,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Young.
Mr. Chapman,	
Mr. Fremlin,	

Noes, 12.

Mr. Stuart,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Holtermann,
Mr. Poole,	Mr. Garvan.
Mr. McElhone,	
Mr. A. G. Taylor,	
Mr. Griffiths,	
Mr. Copeland,	
Mr. Vaughn,	
Mr. Farnell,	
Mr. Barbour.	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday, 4th March.

16. **DUNLOP v. MOORE**:—Mr. Abigail moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the action of the Colonial Secretary in *re* Dunlop v. Moore, in pronouncing the verdict of a lawfully constituted Police Court an entire miscarriage of justice, and in condemning the decision of the Presiding Magistrate, was irregular and improper, and calculated to bring the administration of justice into contempt.
Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

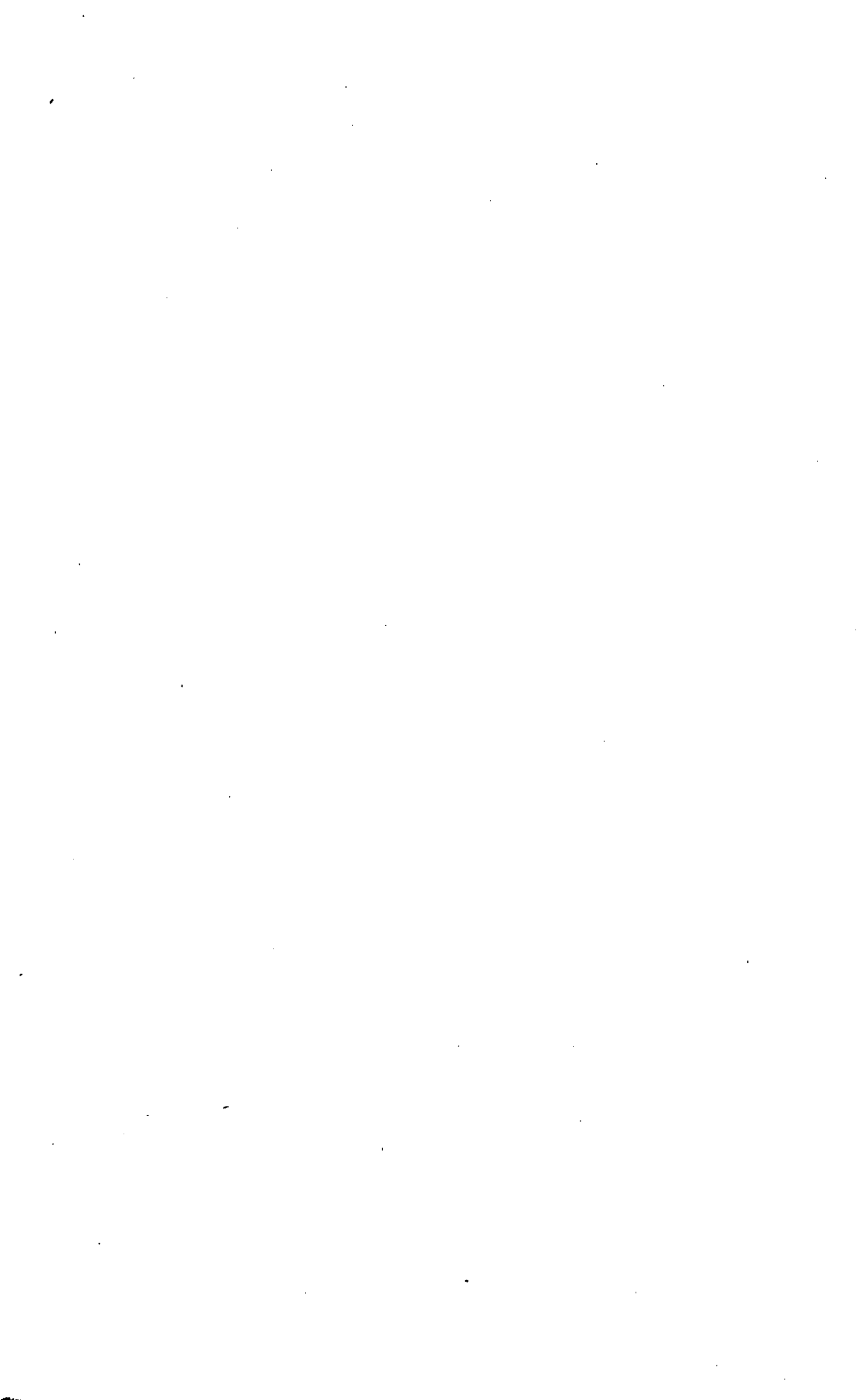
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Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

17. **JOHN ROXBURGH MILES**:—Mr. A. G. Taylor moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence, letters, papers, &c., connected with the application of John Roxburgh Miles for employment in the Railway Department.
Question put and passed.
18. **CLAIM OF STEPHEN COLE**:—Mr. Garvan, for Mr. Loughnan, moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the claim of Stephen Cole, as set forth in the Petition presented to this House on the 12th February, 1884.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Farnell, Sir John Robertson, Mr. A. G. Taylor, Mr. De Salis, Mr. McElhone, Mr. White, Mr. Levien, Mr. Merriman, Mr. Lynch, and Mr. Loughnan.
Question put and passed.
19. **NEWINGTON ESTATE**:—Mr. McElhone moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
(1.) Copies of all correspondence, minutes, &c., between the late Colonial Treasurer (Mr. Watson) or any other Minister or official, in reference to resumption of land at Newington Estate for a Powder Magazine, the said land supposed to belong to Messrs. Sutherland and Wetherill.
(2.) Also copies of all letters, correspondence, &c., between Messrs. Sutherland and Wetherill and any other person and the Government in reference thereto.
Question put and passed.
20. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
(1.) Parliamentary Prorogation Curtailment Bill; second reading;—*until Tuesday, 4th March*
(2.) Legislative Assembly Quorum Bill; second reading;—
(3.) Mineral Conditional Purchases Repeal Bill; second reading;—*until Friday, 7th March.*
(4.) Contempts Punishment Bill; second reading;—
(5.) Law of Seduction Amendment Bill; second reading:—*until Friday, 14th March.*
(6.) Windsor Gaslight Company Bill (as amended and agreed to in Select Committee); second reading;—*until Friday, 29th February.*
(7.) Limitation of Actions for Trespass Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of Legislative Council's amendments;—*until Friday, 14th March.*
(8.) Hutchinson Estate Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of Legislative Council's amendments;—
(9.) Saywell's Tramway Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of Legislative Council's amendments;—*until Friday next.*
(10.) Licensing Acts Amendment Bill; second reading;—*until Friday, 21st March.*
(11.) Compensation for Land taken for Roads and Streets; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill;—*until Friday, 14th March.*
(12.) Compensation for Land taken for Roads and Streets; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor;—
21. **MORT BAY IMPROVEMENT BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Cameron moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Cameron, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

The House adjourned at two minutes before One o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 59.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 20 FEBRUARY, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Prison Labour in Mudgee Gaol:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Minister of Justice,—Has he given orders yet to stop the competitive character of the prison labour in Mudgee Gaol, and of the steam-saw therein employed; if not, when will he give such directions?

Mr. Stuart answered,—Instructions have been sent for the purpose indicated by the Honorable Member's question.

- (2.) Well at Murray Hut:—*Mr. Barbour*, for Mr. Wilson, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Were tenders called for in the usual way for sinking a Well at Murray Hut; if so, who is the successful tenderer, and what is the amount of tender?

Mr. Wright answered,—The contractor for sinking trial shaft tendered for this Well, and his offer was accepted by me:—*John Hewlett*, £170.

- (3.) Rylstone Railway:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has he decided yet at what date the Rylstone Railway will be opened?

Mr. Wright answered,—This length will not be ready for opening for some time, and consequently no decision has been arrived at on the subject.

- (4.) Compensation to Mr. James Donnelly:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Did the Engineer for Roads at Mudgee recommend the payment of £20 to Mr. James Donnelly, of Stony Creek, Wollar Road, as compensation for land taken from Donnelly some months ago; if so, will he say why the money has not been paid to Donnelly?

Mr. Wright answered,—The papers are now with the Survey Department to take necessary action. As soon as they are returned to the Works Department a definite reply will be given to the Honorable Member's question.

- (5.) Typhoid Fever:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—On account of the large number of men employed on the Railway line from Homebush to the Hawkesbury, and the great number of these persons being taken ill with typhoid fever, and who have to be taken either to Sydney or Parramatta Hospitals, which are now being overcrowded with patients, and many of them from the Railway line, and application having been made to the Medical Officer of the Parramatta Hospital to have a cottage fitted with beds to receive them, and the funds of the Institution being very low,—Will the Minister give instructions to have a Temporary Hospital erected somewhere near the centre of this work for the accommodation of the patients?

Mr. Stuart answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Medical Adviser to the Government:—"The Fever Hospital, Little Bay, is not overcrowded, but, on the other hand, ample accommodation is there available for any cases of fever likely to occur either in the Metropolitan District or on the Railway line between Homebush and the Hawkesbury. The Surgeon in charge of the Railway camp has been informed that arrangements for the removal of patients will be made immediately on notice being given to the Medical Adviser to the Government." In reply to the latter portion of the question, I do not feel warranted at the present time in incurring the expense that would thus be involved.

- (6.) Windsor Railway Station:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is he aware of the very primitive and inefficient accommodation at the Windsor Railway Station and premises; if so, will he cause an immediate inquiry to be made, with a view of having suitable Railway accommodation for the large and thriving population of Windsor and district being made for the officials and public at this important Railway Station?

Mr. Wright answered,—I am not aware of any such thing; but I am aware that a new Railway Station-house for Windsor was opened on the 13th instant, and that a Station-master's residence is in course of erection.

(7.)

(7.) Captain Rossi:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Minister of Justice,—When will the papers be printed and laid upon the Table of this House in the case of Captain Rossi?

Mr. Stuart answered,—The papers will be ready in the course of a few days.

(8.) Post and Telegraph Offices, Parramatta:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Postmaster General,—On account of the large and increasing population, and the business transacted at the Post and Telegraph Offices at Parramatta, and the great want of accommodation at these Offices,—Will he give instructions to have the buildings inspected, and if found inadequate, have the necessary alterations and additions made, so as to have the large business transacted there carried out with greater satisfaction to the officers and general public than is being done at the present time?

Mr. Trickett answered,—No representations have been made as to inadequate accommodation at the Parramatta Post Office. The building was only erected in 1880, at a cost of £4,384. Inquiry will be made.

(9.) Berrima Colliery:—Mr. Garrett asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Upon whose information or report did he order Inspector Rowan to inspect the Berrima Colliery, in order to ascertain whether the same was safe or not?

(2.) What was the nature or mode of such information or report?

Mr. Trickett answered,—I have received the following reply to this question from my Honorable Colleague:—"I must decline to state the name of the person who gave me the information, as the communication was made in confidence. I may add that I have the power to order at any time an inspection of and report upon any coal-mine."

(10.) Assistant Clerk of Petty Sessions, Mudgee:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Minister of Justice,—Has he decided yet to appoint an Assistant Clerk of Petty Sessions at Mudgee?

Mr. Stuart answered,—No.

(11.) Cemetery at Junee Junction:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) How long has the Cemetery at Junee Junction been surveyed?

(2.) When will steps be taken to clear and fence this Cemetery, or to vote money for that purpose?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) The plan of the Cemetery was received on the 21st December last, but as the area is within the Sebastopol, Junee and Eurongilly Gold-field, the Mines Department has been referred to for report as to any objection, in view of gold-mining interests, to the appropriation of the land. Should no objection exist, the dedication will be proceeded with.

(2.) Should an application be made for a sum of money to fence this land, after dedication, it will be dealt with after the passing of the Estimates.

(12.) Students at Hurlstone College:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—

(1.) Is it true that the lady students at Hurlstone College received only £10 each for allowance of pocket money for the last half-year?

(2.) Does the Department intend to make them no allowance for the five weeks vacation at Christmas, when they are boarded by their friends?

(3.) Is the Minister aware that the students have to pay their own Railway fares when journeying between their homes and the College; if so, will he issue free-passes to them?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

(1 & 2.) Yes, and that is the allowance up to 31st December. No deduction is made on the ground alluded to.

(3.) Free-passes are only issued to teachers at vacation time, and then only to enable them to return to their homes.

(13.) Report on Mines Department:—Mr. W. J. Fergusson asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) When will the Report of the Mines Department for the year 1883 be issued?

(2.) Can he state the reason for the delay in issuing the Report for 1882?

Mr. Trickett answered,—

(1.) The Report for 1883 will be in the hands of the Government Printer next month.

(2.) The delay in the issue of the Report for 1882 was caused by difficulty in obtaining Returns from Mining Companies, and others, the pressure of work upon the officers charged with the preparation of the report, and the pressure of work at the Government Printing Office.

(14.) High-level Bridge, Wardell-street, Petersham:—Mr. Pigott asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is he aware that the closing of the entrance to the Petersham Railway Station from Wardell-street is causing the greatest inconvenience to the public; if so, will he take steps to have the High-level Bridge to Wardell-street, which was promised some three years ago, commenced without further delay?

Mr. Wright answered,—The gate referred to was closed temporarily, but will be opened again to-morrow.

(15.) Post Office Carvings:—Mr. Cameron asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it his intention to order the removal of the Post Office Carvings at once, or wait till the scaffolding has been removed and a better opportunity afforded to the public of judging of their general effect?

Mr. Wright answered,—The Colonial Architect has been instructed to remove the Carvings, in accordance with the recommendation of the Board recently appointed to examine and report upon them; but before doing so, he has been requested to submit a plan of what he proposes to substitute for them.

- (16.) Superintendent of Fire Brigades:—Mr. Cameron asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has he any objection to inform the House what steps have been, or are being, taken to fill the office of Superintendent of Fire Brigades?

Mr. Stuart answered,—As soon as the Bill passed, I placed myself in communication with the Agent General, and instructed him to avail himself of the services and experience of Captain Shaw; and also to confer with some of the large Insurance Companies at Home, to learn if a suitable person can be recommended to us for the office. I have received a telegram from the Agent General, in which he says two or three very likely men have been very strongly recommended, and he wishes to know whether I will instruct him to make a selection, or whether he shall wait until I have received the testimonials which he has despatched by mail. I have replied that he is to wait until I shall have myself seen the recommendations. There is a gentleman here from England who has applied, and who has testimonials from Captain Shaw, and from many other persons; but until I have heard from the Agent General, with Captain Shaw's recommendation, no appointment will be made.

- (17.) Overcrowding Public Buildings:—Mr. Cameron asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it his intention to take any steps during the present Session to deal with the subject of the overcrowding of theatres and other places of public resort?

Mr. Stuart answered,—It will not be possible for the Government to determine upon any fixed plan until the final report of the Royal Commission has been received. Some delay has taken place in the preparation of that report, and I have urged that it be placed before us as soon as possible.

2. LICENSING ACT:—

(1.) Mr. Cameron presented a Petition from Residents of Sydney and Suburbs complaining of the present state of the Law regarding the closing of Public Houses on Sundays, and stating that they consider that the provision respecting Travellers should be assimilated to that in the English Law; and praying the House to adopt measures for giving effect to their wishes.

(2.) Mr. Copeland presented a similar Petition from Residents of Sydney and Suburbs.

(3.) Mr. Moses presented a similar Petition from Residents of Cook's River and Sydney.

(4.) Mr. Stephen presented a similar Petition from Residents of West Botany.
Petitions received.

3. PROPOSED TAXATION:—Mr. Griffiths presented a Petition from John Hardie, Esquire, Mayor of Sydney, as Chairman of a Public Meeting of Citizens of Sydney, held at the Town Hall, showing that Resolutions were unanimously adopted expressing the opinion of the Meeting that an equitable revision and reduction of the Public Expenditure should accompany any system of increased Taxation, and that the proposed tax on Property would be a serious charge upon the industry and frugality of the people; and that the proposed remission of Customs Duties on certain articles, and the imposition of an increased duty on Tea, would prove injurious and unjust to classes already bearing their fair share of taxation; and praying the House to take the several matters named into serious consideration, with a view to relief.
And the same having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker,—
Petition received.

4. PAPER:—Mr. Wright laid upon the Table,—Statement showing the cost of the construction of the Railway Line from Gunnedah to Narrabri *via* Boggabri.
Ordered to be printed.

5. SOUTHERN AND SOUTH-WESTERN RAILWAYS:—Mr. Loughnan presented a Petition from Residents of the District of Wagga Wagga, alleging that the present arrangements for the effective working of Railways on the Southern and South-Western Lines are inefficient, and not conducive to the public convenience or welfare; and praying that a Select Committee may be appointed to inquire into the matter.
Petition received.

6. ENGINEERING ASSOCIATION INCORPORATION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

(1.) Mr. Poole moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate a Society called the "Engineering Association of New South Wales."
Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Poole having presented this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of the sum of Twenty-five Pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled "A Bill to incorporate a Society called the 'Engineering Association of New South Wales,'"—read a first time.

7. WAYS AND MEANS:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means having been read,—
Motion made (*Mr. Dibbs*) and Question proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.
Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

8. WITHDRAWAL OF ESTIMATES FOR 1884:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Dibbs, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,

Message, No. 18.

Governor.

The Governor requests that the Estimates-in-Chief for 1884 and Supplementary Estimates for 1883 and previous years, which accompanied His Excellency's Message No. 12, of 22nd January, 1884 (except in so far as the Committee of Supply may have voted any sums therein submitted), may be returned to him, with a view to the substitution of Amended Estimates in lieu thereof.

Government House,

Sydney, 20th February, 1884.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr.

Mr. Dibbs then moved, That His Excellency's Message No. 18 be now taken into consideration.
Question put and passed.

And the Message having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker,—

Mr. Dibbs moved, That the request contained in His Excellency's Message No. 18 be complied with, and that an Address be accordingly presented to his Excellency returning the Estimates which accompanied his Message No. 12 of the 22nd January, 1884.

Question put and passed.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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9. AMENDED ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1884, AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR 1883 AND PREVIOUS YEARS :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Dibbs, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor.

Message No. 19.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th clause of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the accompanying Amended Estimates of Expenditure for the year 1884, and Supplementary Estimates for 1883 and previous years, in substitution for those submitted with the Governor's Message No. 12 of 22nd January, 1884.

Government House,
Sydney, 20th February, 1884.

Ordered to be printed, together with the accompanying Estimates, and referred to the Committee of Supply.

10. VOTE OF CREDIT :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Dibbs, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor.

Message No. 20.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th clause of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that provision be made for defraying the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of February, 1884; together with provision for other Services of an urgent nature.

Government House,
Sydney, 20th February, 1884.

Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of Supply.

11. CONSTITUTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2.) :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Law relating to the incapacity of persons holding Offices of Profit under the Crown to be elected or sit or vote as Members of the Legislative Assembly and to declare the elections of certain persons holding such Offices to have been valid and for other purposes,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 20th February, 1884.

JOHN HAY,
President.

12. VACANT SEAT :—Mr. Stuart moved, That the Committee of Elections and Qualifications having reported that George Houstoun Reid, Esquire, one of the Honorable Members for East Sydney, was incapable of being elected or of sitting or voting as a Member of the Legislative Assembly, the Seat of the said George Houstoun Reid, Esquire, is hereby declared to be vacant.
Question put and passed.

13. POSTPONEMENTS :—The Orders of the Day of Government Business Nos. 2 to 8 postponed until to-morrow.

14. PAPER :—Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table,—Estimates of the Ways and Means of the Government of New South Wales for the year 1884.
Ordered to be printed.

15. MORT BAY IMPROVEMENT BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Cameron, the report was adopted.

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

The House adjourned at ten minutes after Twelve o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 60.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 21 FEBRUARY, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Teacher of Public School, Cessnock:—*Mr. Day*, for *Mr. McElhone*, asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—

(1.) Has it been reported to the Department that the Teacher of the Public School at Cessnock has been repeatedly drunk?

(2.) Has a report been sent to the Department that, in consequence of the Teacher's drunken habits, numbers of children at Cessnock are kept away from the School?

(3.) Was an inquiry held into the conduct of the Teacher of the above School; if so, will he lay a copy of the report upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

(1.) It is the case that he has been so reported, but the report was found, upon investigation, to be unsupported by evidence.

(2.) No.

(3.) Yes; the whole of the papers in this case will be laid upon the Table in the course of a few days.

(2.) Payment of Jurors Fees:—*Mr. A. G. Taylor* asked the Minister of Justice,—When will he cause the Jurors on the inquest held at Hill End in November last on the late John Johnson to be paid the £9 jury fees for which they signed vouchers on the 8th November last?

Mr. Stuart answered,—No application for the payment of Jurors fees in this case has been received at this Department. I am informed, however, by the Coroner of the district, *Mr. W. A. Steel*, that a voucher was prepared and signed, but owing to the Jurors having omitted to furnish an authority for the payment of the money, unavoidable delay has arisen in forwarding the papers. The matter will, however, receive immediate attention.

(3.) Roads near Mandurama:—*Mr. A. G. Taylor* asked the Secretary for Mines,—When will the following Roads near Mandurama be opened:—Road No. 84-155; 83-192-10 S.G., R 2607, and B 1801-2009; and B 2344-2009, gazetted on the 25th January, 1883; also, Road Mandurama to Burnt Yards, surveyed by *Mr. Blackett*?

Mr. Abbott answered,—The papers in reference to these Roads were only submitted to me to-day. They have been delayed, however, by the re-survey of the Roads. I will decide in a few days.

(4.) Daniel Ryan's Case:—*Mr. A. G. Taylor* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Did the Bench of Magistrates at Lithgow send a man named Ryan to gaol for eighteen months for obscene language, assault, &c., arising out of drunkenness; if so, what were the various penalties imposed upon Ryan, and were the sentences cumulative?

(2.) How long has Ryan served; and has he not been also flogged since his admission into gaol?

(3.) Will he take steps to prohibit Magistrates from passing cumulative sentences up to eighteen months for crimes connected with drunkenness?

(4.) Will he order Ryan's immediate release?

Mr. Stuart answered,—The information I have obtained in answer to the Honorable Member's question is comprised in a statement which, being somewhat lengthy, I will presently lay upon the Table.

2. **PROPOSED TAXATION** :—Mr. R. B. Smith presented a Petition from P. C. Hill, Chairman of a Public Meeting of Residents of the Macleay River, held at the School of Arts Kempsey, communicating certain Resolutions agreed to by the Meeting respecting the Taxation proposals of the Colonial Treasurer; and praying the House to take the several matters referred to into favourable consideration.
Petition received.
3. **PAPERS** :—Mr. Stuart laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Papers connected with the case of Daniel Ryan, confined in Bathurst Gaol.
(2.) Return to Orders made on 17th and 29th January, 1884,—“Civil Service Superannuation Bills.”
(3.) Return to an Order made on 23rd January, 1884,—“Cultivation of Oysters.”
Ordered to be printed.
4. **SINGLETON GAS BILL** :—Mr. Burns, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 8th February, 1884; together with a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Burns then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday, 21st March.
Question put and passed.
5. **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS (Formal Motion)** :—Mr. Dibbs moved, pursuant to Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing of a Bill, intituled “A Bill to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1884” through all its stages in one day; and would also preclude the Resolutions of the Committees of Supply and of Ways and Means respectively, whereon the Bill is proposed to be founded, being received on the same day on which they are come to by the said Committees respectively.
Question put and passed.
6. **MORT BAY IMPROVEMENT BILL (Formal Order of the Day)**,—on motion of Mr. Cameron, read a third time, and passed.
Mr. Cameron then moved, That the Title of the Bill be “*An Act to enable Mort's Dock and Engineering Company (Limited) to close certain Streets through their property at Mort Bay and to establish new Streets in lieu thereof.*”
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message :—
MR. PRESIDENT,
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled “*An Act to enable Mort's Dock and Engineering Company (Limited) to close certain Streets through their property at Mort Bay and to establish new Streets in lieu thereof.*”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee thereon.
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 21st February, 1884.
7. **SUPPLY** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.
The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, that the report be now received.
The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows :—
(4.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £581,000, being £471,000 to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of February or following month of the year 1884, at the rates which have been sanctioned for 1883, subject to the rate of any reduction that may hereafter be made in the expenditure of the year 1884; £100,000 to meet wages to become due to Railway employes during the month of March, 1884, and to cover the expenditure in February, 1884, in excess of the monthly allowance at the rate of last year's appropriation, and for Railway Services generally; and £10,000 to meet wages to become due to employes in the Department of Harbours and Rivers during the month of March, 1884, and to cover the expenditure in February, 1884, in excess of the monthly allowance at the rate of last year's appropriations, and for other Services of an urgent nature.
On motion of Mr. Dibbs, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
8. **WAYS AND MEANS** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again at a later hour of the day.
The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, that the report be now received.
The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows :—
(4.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Services of the year 1884, the sum of £581,000 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.
On motion of Mr. Dibbs, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
9. **CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 3)** :—
(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Dibbs, that a Bill be brought in, founded on Resolution of Ways and Means (No. 4), to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1884. (2.)

- (2.) Mr. Dibbs then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1884*,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and now read a second time.

- (3.) Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Dibbs, the report was adopted.

Ordered, that the Bill be now read a third time.

- (4.) Bill read a third time,—and, on motion of Mr. Dibbs, passed.

Mr. Dibbs then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1884*."

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1884*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 21st February, 1884.

10. POSTPONEMENTS:—The Orders of the Day of Government Business Nos. 3 to 8 inclusive postponed until Wednesday next.

11. ASSENT TO BILLS:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Mr. Stuart, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

- (1.) Constitution Act Amendment Bill (No. 2):—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,

Message No. 21.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Law relating to the incapacity of persons holding Offices of Profit under the Crown to be elected or sit or vote as Members of the Legislative Assembly and to declare the elections of certain persons holding such Offices to have been valid and for other purposes*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,

Sydney, 21st February, 1884.

- (2.) Walgett English Church and Parsonage Land Sale Bill:—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,

Message No. 22.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable Thomas Clark Richard Kirby Thompson and Arthur Gray Trustees of certain Land situate in the Town of Walgett to sell the same and provide for the application of the proceeds thereof*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,

Sydney, 21st February, 1884.

- (3.) St. Philip's Parsonage Bill:—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,

Message No. 23.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Trustees of St. Philip's Church Sydney to lease a certain piece of Land situated in the City of Sydney Parish of St. Philip and to apply the rents and profits thereof*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,

Sydney, 21st February, 1884.

12. WAYS AND MEANS:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means having been read,—

Motion made (*Mr. Dibbs*), and Question proposed, "That" Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Copeland moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "That," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words,—*"In making any change in the fiscal policy of the country:—"*

"(1.) That as a means of raising further revenue, this House is of opinion that it would be judicious for the Government to propose an *ad valorem* duty of 10 per centum on billiard tables, guns, carriages, velvets, silks, satins, laces, furs and feathers, fireworks, furniture, upholstery, gas-fittings, looking-glass, plate-glass and glass ware, gold-leaf, cutlery, musical, optical, scientific and surgical instruments, jewellery, marble and granite, pictures, paintings, and statuary, saddlery and harness, silver plate and plated ware, and watches and clocks. " (2.)

" (2.) That, in the opinion of this House, a tax upon property would be satisfactory if limited to freehold land; exclusive of the value of houses, buildings, and other structures erected thereon, exempting all land being the property of one person, whether in one or more allotments, up to the capital value of £1,000; that such tax should be at the rate of 5s. for every £100 of capital value over and above £1,000 and up to £5,000, and at the rate of 10s. upon every £100 over and above £5,000 of capital value.

" (3.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor."

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.

Debate continued.

Mr. Vaughn moved, That this Debate do now adjourned.

Debate ensued.

Question put, That this Debate be now adjourned.

And Division called for,—but there being no Tellers on the part of the *Noes*, no Division could be had, and Mr. Speaker declared the Question to have passed in the *affirmative*.

Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Wednesday next.

The House adjourned at half-past Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 61.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 22 FEBRUARY, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Roads at Havilah:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for *Mr. A. G. Taylor*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—
When will he take steps to throw open the Public Roads at Havilah, near Mudgee, which have been fenced off by the lessee of the Havilah and Pipeclay Runs?

Mr. Abbott answered,—Only one letter has been received that complained of obstructions to traffic on a road in the parish of Bayly, county of Phillip, being part of the road from Botobolar to Mudgee, which has, upon the Surveyor's report, been preliminarily notified in the *Government Gazette* of 8th February, 1884, folio 991. This is the only road which has been found necessary to survey within the Havilah Estate.

- (2.) Wooden Pavement in Parramatta-street:—*Mr. Day*, for *Mr. Tarrant*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is there any portion of the Parramatta-street wooden pavement, whether on high or low ground, where any single 500 square yards are in a satisfactory condition?

(2.) In reply to my questions of 4th December,—When will the Return be made of the cost of coal-tar used in laying the pavement mentioned in the itemised account of cost?

(3.) When will the Return be made of cost of broken stone used in working into void spaces between the wooden blocks?

(4.) Under the head of "Material," for what special purpose were eight barrels of cement used?

(5.) Under the head of "Material," what were the 198 gallons of pitch required for?

(6.) If twenty men per day on the average have been required for repairs since taking over the pavement from the contractor, is the sum stated of £1,477 19s. sufficient to pay their wages?

(7.) If evidence exists that new wooden blocks have been used in repairs, was this information withheld?

Mr. Wright answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) As the coal-tar was supplied by the contractors, and the cost of it included in the price they were paid for laying the wooden blocks, no account of the quantity they used was kept.

(3.) About 663 tons of screenings were used for filling the void spaces between the wooden blocks.

(4.) The cement was used for repairing foundations where the ground had sunk over water and gas-pipe tracks laid in by Corporation.

(5.) The tar was used for screenings required for void spaces between wooden blocks after being replaced.

(6.) Yes.

(7.) The information was inadvertently omitted. The cost of the new blocks was £7 16s. 6d.

- (3.) Post Office in William-street:—*Mr. Griffiths* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What was the amount voted for the erection of new Post Office in William-street?

(2.) Have plans been prepared for the buildings; if so, what was the estimate of the Colonial Architect of cost of such buildings?

(3.) Have tenders been invited once or more times for the work; if so, what were the amounts of such tenders, and why have none been accepted?

Mr. Wright answered,—

(1.) £2,500.

(2.) Yes; £2,300.

(3.) Tenders have been received on two occasions; but on account of the amounts on each occasion being considered excessive, a tender has not been accepted. As fresh tenders have been invited for the 4th proximo, it would not be fair to the parties tendering to state the amounts, nor it is usual to do so.

(4.)

(4.) Police acting as Inspectors of Nuisances:—*Mr. Sydney Smith*, for *Dr. Ross*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it in accordance with Police Regulations for Officers in the Police Force to act as Inspectors of Nuisances under the Municipalities Act, and to receive salary for the same?

Mr. Stuart answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Inspector General of Police:—"Such appointments have been made in some Municipalities, when no other eligible persons could be found to accept the office; but as a rule the Inspector General objects to Constables holding the appointment, as it interferes with the performance of their legitimate duties. A small allowance is paid for the work."

(5.) Station-house at Summer Hill:—*Mr. A. G. Taylor* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will steps be taken towards the erection of a Station-house at Summer Hill?

Mr. Wright answered,—The question of a Station-house at this Platform is under consideration.

(6.) Wharfage Scheme and City Railway:—*Mr. A. G. Taylor* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has *Mr. Whitton* or *Mr. Moriarty*, or either of them, furnished a report concerning the proposed new Wharfage Scheme and City Railway; if so, will he lay such report upon the Table of the House?

Mr. Wright answered,—*Mr. Whitton* has furnished his report, and *Mr. Moriarty's* will be ready next week.

2. LICENSING ACT:—*Mr. Merriman* presented a Petition from Residents of Sydney and Suburbs, complaining of the present state of the Law regarding the closing of Public Houses on Sundays, and stating that they consider that the provision respecting Travellers should be assimilated to that in the English Law; and praying the House to adopt measures for giving effect to their wishes.
Petition received.

3. VICTORIAN COAL-MINING COMPANY'S BILL:—*Mr. Cameron* having presented this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of the sum of Twenty-five Pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to authorize the construction and maintenance of a Line of Railway from land near Mount Kembla to the Sea Coast at Red Point Port Kembla near Wollongong*,"—read a first time.

4. MONK-WEARMOUTH COLLIERY RAILWAY BILL:—*Mr. Cameron* presented a Petition from the Owner and Lessees of *Scott's Grant*, in the Parish of *Teralba*, County of *Northumberland*, praying the House to take into consideration the circumstances stated in the Petition, so that they may not be unjustly treated.
Petition received.

5. PAPER:—*Mr. Cohen* laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 4th December, 1883,—"*Mr. Dent, Inspector of Weights and Measures*."
Ordered to be printed.

6. ADJOURNMENT:—*Mr. Griffiths* moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.

7. ENGINEERING ASSOCIATION INCORPORATION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Poole* moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That the Engineering Association Incorporation Bill be referred to a Select Committee for inquiry and report, with power to send for persons and papers.
(2.) That such Committee consist of *Mr. Day*, *Mr. Barbour*, *Mr. Vaughn*, *Mr. Murray*, *Mr. Fremlin*, and the Mover.
Question put and passed.

8. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
(1.) Intercolonial Free Trade; resumption of adjourned Debate;—*until Friday, 28th March*.
(2.) Petty Sessions Jurisdiction Extension Bill; second reading;—*until Friday, 6th June*.
(3.) District Courts Act further Amendment Bill; second reading;—*until Friday next*.
(4.) Criminal Law further Amendment Bill; second reading;—*until Friday, 2nd May*.
(5.) Dubbo Gas Company's Incorporation Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—*until Friday next*.
(6.) Liabilities for Nuisances Limitation Bill; second reading;—
(7.) District Courts Act further Amendment Bill (No. 2); to be } *until Friday, 4th April*.
further considered in Committee;—
(8.) Railway Rates for Goods; resumption of adjourned Debate;—*until Friday, 21st March*.
(9.) Hutchinson Estate Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of }
Legislative Council's amendments;— } *until Tuesday next*.
(10.) Saywell's Tramway Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of }
Legislative Council's amendments;— }

The House adjourned at eighteen minutes after Five o'clock, until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 62.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 26 FEBRUARY, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Sydney Smith moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Payment of Members of the Volunteer Force:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for *Mr. McCulloch*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has Captain Byrnes, commanding No. 1 Company of the 3rd Regiment of Volunteers, been prevented from paying the members of his Company for their services for the quarter ending 30th September, 1883; if so, will the Colonial Secretary direct the authorities to place Captain Byrnes in a position to pay his men without any further delay?

Mr. Stuart answered,—I am informed by the Commandant that this is not the case, inasmuch as a cheque for services rendered by the Corps during the quarter ended 30th September, 1883, less certain deductions on account of damage, &c., to arms, was forwarded to Captain Byrnes on the 27th October following. The cheque has, however, been retained by Captain Byrnes, and it is understood that the men have not yet been paid in consequence, it is believed, of the deductions in question. Inquiry is now being made into the matter.

(2.) Clerk of Petty Sessions, Cooma:—*Mr. Teece*, for *Mr. A. G. Taylor*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Did the Clerk of Petty Sessions at Cooma express his inability to carry out the duties of Registrar of Births, &c., or did he desire to be relieved of that office?

(2.) What salary is paid the Clerk of Petty Sessions at Cooma, and what salaries are paid to the Land Agent, the Registrar of Births, &c., and the Assistant Land Agent?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) The Clerk of Petty Sessions receives a salary of £350 per annum, the Land Agent £350 per annum, and the Assistant Land Agent £150 per annum. The office of Registrar of Births, &c., is held by the Land Agent, who receives the customary fees of office—about £70 per annum.

(3.) Teachers in Public Schools:—*Mr. Teece*, for *Mr. A. G. Taylor*, asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—

(1.) How many unclassified Teachers are there in charge of Public Schools under the Department?

(2.) How many classified Teachers are in receipt of a lower salary than unclassified ones?

(3.) How many Teachers are there in charge of schools of a lower grade than they are entitled to by their classification; and how many are there in charge of schools higher than they are entitled to according to their classification?

Mr. Stuart answered,—The information asked for by the Honorable Member is being prepared, and will be laid upon the Table in the shape of a Return.

(4.) Railway Trial Surveys:—*Mr. W. J. Fergusson* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) The number of Railway Trial Surveys which have been applied for during the years 1880, 1881, 1882, and 1883?

(2.) The number of Trial Surveys granted during the above years?

(3.) The costs of all Trial Surveys during the above years?

(4.) Will he lay a list of all Trial Surveys applied for and granted during the above years upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Wright answered,—I will lay this information upon the Table in the course of a few days.

(5.)

- (5.) Drill-master for Public Schools at Parramatta :—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—Will he give instructions that a Drill-master be sent to the Public Schools at Parramatta, to instruct the pupils in the same way that is being carried out at Newtown and Petersham Public Schools?

Mr. Stuart answered,—The two Drill-masters in the employ of the Department are fully employed, and it is not intended to appoint any additional officers. It is the duty of the Teachers to drill pupils in Schools not attended by Drill-masters.

- (6.) Wheat at Gerogery Railway Station :—Mr. Lyne asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is he aware that a large quantity of wheat is lying uncovered at the Gerogery Railway Station; if so, will he take steps to provide more shed accommodation than at present?

Mr. Wright answered,—It has accumulated there owing to the inability of the owners to take delivery; it is covered with tarpaulins. The platform is being widened, and will be covered in.

- (7.) Attendants at Lunatic Asylums :—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—With reference to my communications, as well as the question and answer thereto, regarding the petition from the male and female attendants of Lunatic Asylums,—Have the petitions referred to been received yet; and if so, what decision (if any) has been arrived at by the Government?

Mr. Stuart answered,—The petitions have been received, and the proposals of the petitioners are considered unreasonable, being that they obtain no less than 10 per cent. of holidays throughout the year; yet, looking to the nature of their duties, I have concluded that some concession is due to them, and have accordingly given instructions that the present seven days annual leave be extended to fourteen days, and that the necessary addition be made to the staff to render that alteration feasible.

- (8.) Water Supply for Glen Innes and Emmaville :—Mr. W. J. Fergusson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What steps have been taken to supply Glen Innes and Emmaville with water, as promised some time since?

Mr. Wright answered,—No steps can be taken in these matters until Parliament shall have voted further supply for country water works.

- (9.) Water Frontage at Manly :—Mr. Lyne asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to sell to Mr. John Woods, or to any other person, the water frontage opposite Mr. Woods's residence at Manly?

(2.) Is any portion of the said frontage closed to the public; if so, will the Minister cause steps to be taken to have such obstruction removed?

Mr. Farnell answered,—I beg to refer the Honorable Member to the answers given by me on the 16th ultimo in reply to Question No. 8.

3. ENGINEERING ASSOCIATION INCORPORATION BILL :—Mr. Poole, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 22nd February, 1884; together with a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee.
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Poole then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday, 7th March.
Question put and passed.

4. LICENSING ACT :—

(1.) *Mr. Olliffe* presented a Petition from Residents of Sydney and Suburbs, complaining of the present state of the Law regarding the closing of Public Houses on Sundays, and stating that they consider that the provision respecting Travellers should be assimilated to that in the English Law; and praying the House to adopt measures for giving effect to their wishes.

(2.) *Mr. Butcher* presented a similar Petition from Residents of Paddington and Sydney.

(3.) *Mr. Copeland* presented a similar Petition from Residents of Sydney and Suburbs.
Petitions received.

5. PAPERS :—

Mr. Wright laid upon the Table,—Copies of Reports and Minutes by the Commissioner for Railways, in reply to a letter appearing in the Melbourne *Argus*, and signed "Veritas," respecting the Great Southern Railway.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table,—Return to an Address adopted on 8th February, 1884,—“Mr. Handsaker, late Inspector of Conditional Purchases.”

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Despatch respecting Declaration between the Governments of Great Britain and of Sweden and Norway respecting the Privileges of Commercial Travellers.

(8.) General Abstract of Bank Liabilities and Assets for the Quarter ended 31st December, 1883.
Ordered to be printed.

6. NECROPOLIS ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—*Mr. Cohen* presented a Bill, intituled “A Bill to amend the Necropolis Act of 1867,”—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

7. VICTORIAN COAL-MINING COMPANY'S BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—*Mr. Cameron*, for *Mr. Fletcher*, moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That the Victorian Coal-mining Company's Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, with power to send for persons and papers.

(2.) That such Committee consist of *Mr. Lackey*, *Mr. Young*, *Mr. Cameron*, *Mr. Hutchinson*, *Mr. Targett*, *Mr. McCourt*, *Mr. Teece*, *Mr. Pigott*, and *Mr. Fletcher*.

Question put and passed.

8. CLAIM OF MR. THOMAS HORTON :—Mr. Purves moved, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the claim of Mr. Thomas Horton, as set forth in the Return laid upon the Table of this House on 27th November, 1883, for the balance of money due to him for silver assayed by the Sydney Mint.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Copeland, Mr. Dibbs, Mr. W. J. Fergusson, Mr. Fremlin, Mr. Gibbes, Mr. Merriman, Mr. Murray, Mr. See, Mr. Targett, and the Mover.
 (3.) That the Return to Order laid upon the Table of this House on 27th November, 1883, be referred to such Committee.
 Question put and passed.
9. WHALING ROAD, NORTH SHORE :—Mr. Holtermann moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Return to Order "Whaling Road, North Shore," laid upon the Table of this House on 6th February, 1884, be printed.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put.
 The House divided.

Ayes, 3.

Mr. Day.

Tellers,

Mr. Holtermann,

Mr. Melville.

Noes, 32.

Mr. Wisdom,

Mr. Purves,

Mr. Wilson,

Mr. Tooth,

Mr. Cameron,

Mr. Proctor,

Mr. Slattery,

Mr. Hugh Taylor,

Mr. Teece,

Mr. Abigail,

Mr. Abbott,

Mr. Spring,

Mr. Stuart,

Mr. Farnell,

Mr. Sydney Smith,

Mr. Cohen,

Mr. O'Connor,

Mr. Suttor,

Mr. Combes,

Mr. W. J. Fergusson,

Mr. Trickett,

Mr. Merriman,

Mr. Machattie,

Mr. Olliffe,

Mr. Copeland,

Mr. William Clarke,

Mr. McCourt,

Mr. Griffiths,

Mr. Garvan,

Mr. Barbour.

Tellers,

Mr. H. H. Brown,

Mr. Cass.

And so it passed in the negative.

10. CLAIM OF RODERICK MCKENZIE :—Mr. H. H. Brown moved, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the claim of one Roderick McKenzie to a special lease of Crown Lands at Mossgeil, near Ivanhoe (Papers 83-25,256 Mis., lease 83-97.)
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Farnell, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Day, Mr. Levin, Mr. Spring, Mr. Targett, Mr. A. G. Taylor, Mr. Fletcher, and the Mover.
 Question put and passed.
11. SYDNEY CORPORATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill postponed until Tuesday, 11th March.
12. HUTCHINSON ESTATE BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Burns, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.
 On motion of Mr. Burns, the report was adopted.
 Ordered, that the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council :—
 MR. PRESIDENT,
 The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable William Matthew Hutchinson Gibbons Richard Hutchinson Roberts and Arthur Huffington or other the Trustees for the time being of the Will of William Hutchinson deceased to sell certain Land and Houses in York-street and Clarence-street in the City of Sydney and to provide for the application of the proceeds thereof.*"
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 26th February, 1884.
13. SAYWELL'S TRAMWAY BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Stuart, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.
 On motion of Mr. Stuart, the report was adopted.
 Ordered, that the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council :—
 MR. PRESIDENT,
 The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorize the construction and maintenance of a Tramway from the proposed Bay-street Station on the Illawarra Railway to and along Lady Robinson's Beach.*"
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 26th February, 1884.

The House adjourned at seven minutes after Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 63.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 27 FEBRUARY, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Land at corner of Liverpool and Thompson Streets :—Mr. Olliffe asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Is he aware that an allotment of land, the property of the Government, situated at the junction of Liverpool, Bourke, and Thompson Streets, has been excavated to some considerable depth, and left wholly unprotected from traffic, thereby exposing the inhabitants to great danger regarding their lives and limbs ?

(2.) Is he aware also that the said excavation is the receptacle for the deposit of rubbish of a most objectionable character and liable to breed disease ; if so, will he cause the necessary steps to be taken to remove the grievances above complained of ?

Mr. Stuart answered,—I am not aware that an allotment of land, the property of Government, at the junction of Liverpool, Bourke, and Thompson Streets, has been used as described in the question of the Honorable Member. I have endeavoured to investigate this matter, and I regret to say that this land is not the property of Government. I find that at the frontage to Liverpool and Thompson Streets, not to Bourke-street, the excavation has been filled up with good wholesome stuff, and that there is no risk to life or limb. A notice board has been put up on the land purporting to be by order of the Mayor of Sydney, stating that any person depositing rubbish on the ground will be prosecuted.

(2.) Stock and Agricultural Returns :—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—In the annual collection of Stock and Agricultural Returns, &c., is he aware of any instance in which persons failed or refused to furnish the Police with such information ; if so, will he state the number of cases, and in what districts they have occurred ?

Mr. Stuart answered,—The Inspector General of Police informs me that no such cases have been reported.

(3.) Quarantining Sheep :—Mr. Day, for Mr. Lyne, asked the Secretary for Mines,—Will he state the charge made for quarantining the sheep which were the means of introducing scab into the Colony ?

Mr. Abbott answered,—No charge is made for quarantining, but the owners of the sheep had to pay the following charges :—Keep of sheep in quarantine, £716 8s. ; dressing, £24 15s. ; transport, £16 2s. 6d. ; veterinary attendance (blindness of sheep), £18. Total, £775 5s. 6d.

(4.) Water Supply for Public School, Granville :—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—Is he aware of the totally insufficient water supply for the children attending the Public School, Granville ; if not, will he cause an immediate inquiry to be made, and cause a proper and sufficient supply of water to be provided for this School ?

Mr. Stuart answered,—No information upon this subject has reached the Department, but inquiry will be made as to the sufficiency or otherwise of the water supply for the School.

(5.) Public School, Smithfield :—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—

(1.) Is he aware of the dilapidated and unhealthy building which the Public School Teacher at Smithfield is compelled to reside in ?

(2.) Is he aware of the very bad and unhealthy state of the out-buildings at this School at the present time, so much so that if immediate steps are not taken to have them remedied, fever or other serious complaints are certain to break out ; if so, will he give immediate instructions to have this School and premises inspected and reported upon, with a view of having them attended to without delay ?

Mr.

Mr. Stuart answered,—

(1.) I am informed that the Teacher's house was repaired about twelve months ago, and that it is neither dilapidated nor unhealthy, but is a very fair residence.

(2.) The out-buildings are being converted into earth closets.

(6.) Inspection of Wines and Spirits:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What steps (if any) are taken for testing spirits, wines, and beer sold in the Colony, with a view of ascertaining if adulteration, as commonly alleged, is carried on?

(2.) Will instructions be issued for carrying out a regular and systematic inspection by competent authorities of all such spirits, wines, and beer sold in the Colony?

Mr. Cohen answered,—Instructions have been issued to the Police to obtain samples from time to time of all liquors sold by licensed vendors, and large numbers of such samples have been obtained and submitted to the Government Analyst for examination. The practice will be continued.

(7.) Expenditure on Roads:—*Mr. Garrett* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Having reference to that part of the Treasurer's Supplementary Financial Statement to the effect that it is intended to omit from the proposed expenditure upon Roads the sum of £104,000,—Will he cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, forthwith, a Schedule showing in detail the works the omission of which from the originally proposed Estimate will effect the reduction above referred to?

Mr. Wright answered,—I have no objection to lay the explanation required by the Honorable Member upon the Table of the House, and will do so in a day or two.

(8.) Discharging Ships:—*Mr. Abigail* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What are the usual hours for British and Foreign Ships to discharge general merchandise in the port of Sydney?

(2.) On how many occasions has the Collector of Customs given authority for goods to be landed after the usual appointed hours since 1st January?

(3.) Is he aware that the extending of the appointed hours for landing merchandise, more especially on Saturdays after noon, has given great facility for the pilfering of merchandise from the open wharfs, thereby causing serious loss to importers from the fact of their being unable to take delivery of goods when landed during unusual hours?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

(1.) The appointed hours for the discharge of ships are as follows:—From 1st October to 31st March, from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m.; from 1st April to 30th September, from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and on Saturdays, until 1 p.m.

(2.) Authority for landing after the above-quoted hours is daily applied for and granted, excepting on Saturdays, when such authority is only given under very special conditions.

(3.) The Collector of Customs is aware that facilities for pilfering are offered by discharge after the authorized hours, and he therefore requires applicants for extended time to undertake that the interests of consignees shall be duly protected at the risk and expense of the master, owners, or agents requiring such permission.

(9.) The "Hansard":—*Mr. Garrard*, for *Mr. Copeland*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is he aware that the delay in publishing "Hansard" is productive of great inconvenience to Members, especially when many amendments are made in Committee on important Bills?

(2.) Is there any reason why (with our large Government Printing Establishment) the weekly "Hansard" should not be published on Saturday of the same week?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—I am having the question of the more speedy delivery of the "Hansard" inquired into.

(10.) Precedence of Civil over Criminal Business:—*Mr. Buchanan* asked the Minister of Justice,—Is he satisfied with the explanation of the District Court Judges as to their giving precedence to Civil Business over Criminal?

Mr. Cohen answered,—On the grounds stated by Judges Docker and Murray, I scarcely see my way at present to press for a change in the arrangements until power is obtained to postpone Courts of Quarter Sessions in the absence of the Chairman.

2. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS:—

(1.) *Seat of Henry Emanuel Cohen, Esquire*:—*Mr. Pigott*, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications in reference to the Seat of *Mr. Cohen*.

Report read by the Clerk, by direction of *Mr. Speaker*, as follows:—

"The Committee of Elections and Qualifications duly appointed on the 16th October, 1883, to whom was referred on the 19th December, 1883, the question whether Henry Emanuel Cohen, Esquire, the Honorable Member for West Maitland, was not at the time of his election as Member for West Maitland incapable of being so elected, by reason of his then holding an office of profit under the Crown which had not been gazetted by His Excellency the Governor as carrying with it the qualification of election to the Legislative Assembly,—have agreed to the following Report:—

"That since the above question was referred to them the 'Constitution Act Amendment Act of 1884' has been passed, whereby it is declared that,—

"4. No person holding any of the offices of profit under the Crown mentioned in the eighteenth section of the Constitution Act as an official Member of the Government or any office enumerated in the Schedule hereto who has at any time before the passing of this Act been elected a Member of the Legislative Assembly shall be deemed to have been illegally elected or to have been incapable of sitting or voting as such Member on any of the following grounds, viz.:—

"(1.) That the Governor with the advice of the Executive Council did not by a notice in the Government Gazette declare such person (whether by his own name or that of his office) capable of being elected a Member of the said Assembly.

"(II.)

“(II.) That at the time of his election five additional officers within the meaning of such section had already been declared capable by any such notice of being elected Members of the said Assembly or that at any such time the power of the Governor with the advice of the Executive Council to declare from time to time by a notice in the *Government Gazette* any additional officer capable of being elected a Member of the Legislative Assembly had been exhausted.’

“(III.) That in consequence of the abeyance or discontinuance of the offices of Auditor-General and Solicitor-General as offices constituting their holders official Members of the Government the maximum number of official Members capable of being elected Members of the said Assembly had been reduced below the aggregate number limited by the said section.

“Provided that nothing in this section shall apply to the holders of the office of Minister of Public Instruction.’

“The Committee therefore deem it unnecessary to further consider the matter referred to them.

“No. 2 Committee Room,
“27th February, 1884.

“W. H. PIGOTT,
“Chairman.”

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Pigott, that the Report and Minutes of Proceedings be printed.

(2.) *Adjournment of the Committee*:—Mr. Pigott moved, That the Committee of Elections and Qualifications have leave to adjourn *sine die*, the matters referred to them having been disposed of.

Question put and passed.

3. LICENSING ACT:—

(1.) Mr. Cameron presented a Petition from Residents of Sydney and Suburbs, complaining of the present state of the Law regarding the closing of Public Houses on Sundays, and stating that they consider that the provision respecting Travellers should be assimilated to that in the English Law; and praying the House to adopt measures for giving effect to their wishes.

(2.) Mr. Lynch presented a similar Petition from Residents of Cowra and Sydney.

(3.) Mr. Garrett presented a similar Petition from Residents of Camden and Sydney.

(4.) Sir John Robertson presented a similar Petition from Residents of Mudgee and Sydney.

(5.) Mr. Mitchell presented a similar Petition from Residents of Newtown and Sydney.

Petitions received.

4. PAPERS:—Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Statement showing the amounts paid by the Government to the Proprietors of the *Sydney Morning Herald*, the *Echo*, the *Sydney Mail*, the *Evening News*, the *Town and Country Journal*, the *Daily Telegraph*, and the *Tribune*, for all purposes, for the year 1883.

(2.) Return showing the quantity, in acres, of Country and Suburban Land alienated since the foundation of the Colony.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Stuart laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Reports of Dr. Clark and Dr. Mackellar on the sanitary condition of the Public Schools in the City of Sydney and Suburbs.

(2.) Lands resumed for Public School purposes at Chalkerville, Corrowong, Golspie, Mundongo, Wagga Wagga, and Wallsend.

(3.) Further Return to an Address adopted on 6th July, 1877,—“Immigration,”—Steam-ship “Abergeldie.”

Ordered to be printed.

5. VICTORIAN COAL-MINING COMPANY'S BILL:—Mr. McCourt presented a Petition from Francis O'Donnell, of Five Islands Estate, near Wollongong, representing that the Railway proposed to be constructed at Wollongong by the Victorian Coal-mining Company will pass through the Estate of which he is the lessee, and that in consequence a large portion of the Estate would be rendered useless; and praying the House to give the premises favourable consideration, with a view to relief. Petition received, and referred to the Select Committee on the Bill.

6. PROPOSED TAXATION:—Mr. McCourt presented a Petition from William Moses, Chairman of a Public Meeting of Inhabitants of Burrawang and surrounding Districts, communicating certain Resolutions agreed to by the Meeting; and praying the House to give the Resolutions favourable consideration. Petition received.

7. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. O'Connor moved, That this House do now adjourn. Debate ensued. Question put and negatived.

8. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 3):—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled “*An Act to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1884*,”—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 27th February, 1884.

JOHN HAY,
President.

9. WAYS AND MEANS:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Dibbs, “That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair,”—upon which Mr. Copeland had moved, That all the words after the word “That” be omitted, with a view to the insertion in their place of the words “in making any change in the fiscal policy of the country,—

“(1.) That, as a means of raising further revenue, this House is of opinion that it would be judicious for the Government to propose an *ad valorem* duty of 10 per centum on billiard tables, guns, carriages, velvets, silks, satins, laces, furs and feathers, fireworks, furniture, upholstery, gas-fittings, looking-glass, plate-glass and glass-ware, gold-leaf, cutlery, musical, optical, scientific and surgical instruments, jewellery, marble and granite, pictures, paintings, and statuary, saddlery and harness, silver-plate and plated-ware, and watches and clocks.

“(2.) That, in the opinion of this House, a tax upon property would be satisfactory if limited to freehold land, exclusive of the value of houses, buildings, and other structures erected thereon, exempting all land being the property of one person, whether in one or more allotments, up to the capital value of £1,000; that such tax should be at the rate of 5s. for every £100 of capital value over and above £1,000 and up to £5,000, and at the rate of 10s. upon every £100 over and above £5,000 of capital value.

“(3.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.”

And the Question being again proposed,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—the House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Mr. Combes moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until to-morrow.

The House adjourned at twenty-five minutes before Twelve o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 64.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 28 FEBRUARY, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Railway Surveyors:—*Mr. Young*, for *Mr. Garrett*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—The names and dates of appointment of the present Railway Surveyors?

Mr. Wright answered,—I will presently lay upon the Table of the House a Return giving the required information.

- (2.) Trade Marks Act:—*Mr. William Clarke* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he entrust some officer with the duty of prosecuting, or instruct him (perhaps the Chief Inspector of Distilleries, as in Victoria) to prosecute under the provisions of the Trade Marks Act, 1865 (28 Vic. No. 9) “every person who shall sell, utter, or expose either for sale or for any purpose of trade or manufacture * * any chattel or article with any forged or counterfeited trade mark, and more especially with regard to wines, spirits, and tobacco?”

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The Act referred to provides all the necessary machinery for prosecutions for any infringement of Trade Marks registered in the Colony, but does not contain any provision, so far as I am able to discover, for the appointment of a special officer by the Government. It appears to me that the rightful owner of any Trade Mark, or his agent, may proceed against any offender.

- (3.) Abattoir Road:—*Mr. Garrard* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) How much of the vote of £4,000 for putting the Abattoir Road in repair has been expended?
(2.) Has there been any exceptionally heavy work or special work at any particular part of the Road; if so, where, and at what cost?
(3.) What amount has been expended upon that portion of the said Road within the Municipality of Leichhardt?

Mr. Wright answered,—

- (1.) Vote was for £2,000, not £4,000, and the whole amount has been expended.
(2.) Yes; cutting down hill between White Bay Hotel and Flood's Hotel, and filling outside of causeway to a width of 60 feet, on which work a sum of £368 was expended.
(3.) £933 11s. 4d.

- (4.) Railway Revenue Audit:—*Mr. McElhone* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) In reference to item of £1,475, page 27 of the Estimates, No. 3 Railway Revenue Audit,—Is it intended that the new Audit Branch referred to above shall exercise complete supervision over all the Railway Loan Votes and over all items of expenditure whatever to be debited against such Votes?

- (2.) Or is it intended that the new Officers referred to above shall only audit and check the accounts as furnished to them by the Account Branch of the Commissioner for Railways Department?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

- (1.) No; the Railway expenditure, both under Loan Votes and Annual Departmental Votes, comes under the general audit applied to all expenditure for the Public Service.
(2.) The work of the new Branch applies only to the returns of traffic receipts as audited by the Railway Traffic Auditor, together with an independent inspection of the traffic accounts at the Railway Stations.

- (5.) Railway from Muswellbrook to Merriwa:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has the Trial Survey of a Railway from Muswellbrook to Merriwa been stopped; if so, can he state why it has been stopped, and when the survey is likely to be again proceeded with?

Mr. Wright answered,—This Trial Survey has been temporarily abandoned on account of the absence of water on the route of survey. It can be proceeded with again after the drought in that district has broken up.

- (6.) Iron Railway Bridges:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has he yet appointed the Commission to inquire into the construction and condition of the Iron Railway Bridges of this Colony; if so, who are the persons appointed as Commissioners?

(2.) Has any opportunity been offered to Mr. Whitton of nominating one or more gentlemen to this Commission?

(3.) Is it not a fact that Mr. Goodchap has virtually nominated the whole of the members of this Commission?

(4.) Is Mr. Franki, Manager for Mort's Dock Company, one of the Commissioners; if so, are not Mort's Dock Company large Government contractors?

(5.) Is not Professor Kernott, of Melbourne University, one of the Commissioners; if so, has that gentleman had any practical acquaintance in the construction or erection of large Iron Railway Bridges in England or elsewhere?

Mr. Wright answered,—

(1.) The Commission has not been issued.

(2.) Neither Mr. Whitton nor Mr. Cowdery have, for obvious reasons, been offered an opportunity for nominating members of the Commission.

(3.) No, Mr. Goodchap has not been consulted in the matter.

(4.) Mr. Franki, it is understood, will be unable to act.

(5.) Professor Kernott has not been appointed one of the Commissioners as yet, although his services have been sought for. There can be no question as to this gentleman's qualification to conduct the inquiry and afford the information required, if his services can be obtained.

- (7.) North Shore Steam Ferry Boats:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Have tenders been called for the construction of the Steam Ferry Boats to run to the North Shore; if so, has any tender been accepted for their construction?

Mr. Wright answered,—Yes; the tenders are to be opened on the 18th of March.

- (8.) Bridge over the Hunter at Denman:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Have tenders yet been called for the erection of a Bridge over the Hunter River at Denman; if not, when will tenders be called for its erection?

Mr. Wright answered,—Yes; tenders were invited in January for an Iron Bridge, but the lowest tender being too high, it was decided to erect a Timber Bridge instead, and tenders will be invited in ten days.

- (9.) Public Expenditure in Electorates of The Macleay and The Macleay and Hastings:—Mr. Pigott asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What is the total amount of money voted for Public Works during the past five years in the present Electorate of the Macleay, and The Electorate of The Macleay and Hastings before their subdivision?

(2.) What were the Works for which such moneys were voted, and what was the amount voted for each work?

Mr. Wright answered,—I shall lay the information sought by the Honorable Member's questions upon the Table of the House on Tuesday next.

- (10.) Township of Manildra:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) How many times has the township of Manildra been surveyed, and the design of the same altered?

(2.) The amount of expenses incurred in surveying the same, and the area thereof?

(3.) When will the survey or plans of the same be completed, and the town lots offered for public sale?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) Twice. The first approved design of the village of Manildra was altered on account of the proposed Line of Railway between Orange and Forbes being taken through it. A re-survey was in consequence rendered necessary.

(2.) The amount paid for the surveys of town allotments, and suburban portions for auction sale, was £284 3s. 1d. The area so measured was 320 acres.

(3.) The plan of the re-survey was approved by the Surveyor General on the 26th November, 1883. The question of the sale of the allotments will receive early consideration.

- (11.) Land Agent at Molong:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it true that the present Land Agent at Molong receives fees in his capacity of Registrar of Births, &c.; if so what amount was paid to him last year?

(2.) Did the former Land Agent perform the same work without fee or reward?

(3.) Will he cause a Return to be laid upon the Table of this House showing the number of Registrars of Births, &c. (Land Agents or otherwise) who are in receipt of fees, and those without, specifying the amount, and the name of the district in each case respectively?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

(1.) The sum of £55 1s. 9d. was paid for the year 1883 as fees.

(2.) The former Land Agent for Molong was the Clerk of Petty Sessions and Registrar of Births, &c., and he received fees according to allowance to Clerks of Petty Sessions to the end of September, 1882, when he was relieved of the office.

(3.) A Return shall be called for.

(12.)

(12.) Reserve No. 2,542, County Urana :—Mr. Barbour asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is it true that Reserve No. 2,542, county Urana, parish Lockhart, will be open for selection on the 6th March next?
- (2.) How much of this Reserve has been scrubbed, and how much per acre will the conditional purchaser have to pay the lessee for such scrubbing in the event of selection being successful?
- (3.) Under what conditions was the scrubbing of this Reserve undertaken by the lessee?
- (4.) Was this Reserve revoked soon after the lessee finished scrubbing it?
- (5.) Has this Reserve been revoked at the request of the lessee, or the general public?
- (6.) Will this Reserve be open for *bona fide* settlement on the 6th March next, as advertised in the *Government Gazette*?
- (7.) Who recommended the revocation of this Reserve, and for what purpose?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) No; the land is within a proclaimed gold-field, and was reserved from conditional sale by proclamation dated the 22nd instant.

(2, 3, & 4.) I have no information in reference to these questions.

(5.) No.

(6.) No.

(7.) The Surveyor General, the recommendation having been endorsed by the Department of Mines.

2. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES :—Mr. Stuart moved (*by consent*) without Notice, That John Lackey, Esquire, do take the Chair in Committee of the Whole House for this day only.
Question put and passed.

3. MEDICAL BILL :—

(1.) Mr. Stuart presented a Petition from duly qualified Medical Practitioners residing and practising in the Colony of New South Wales, praying the House not to pass the Medical Bill now before Parliament, but in substitution for it to introduce a Bill solely for the purpose of imposing penalties on persons who, not being registered in accordance with the existing laws of this Colony, shall wilfully and falsely pretend to be legally qualified Medical Practitioners.

(2.) Mr. Withers presented a Petition from Residents in Windsor, Richmond, the Hawkesbury Valley, and contiguous neighbourhood, praying that certain amendments suggested by them may be made in the Medical Bill.
Petitions received.

4. PAPERS :—

Mr. Cohen laid upon the Table,—Return to an Address adopted on 4th December, 1883,—“ Captain Rossi.”
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Wright laid upon the Table,—Return showing the names and dates of appointment of present Railway Surveyors.
Ordered to be printed.

5. IMMIGRATION :—Mr. Abigail presented a Petition from Residents of Bulli, praying the House to withdraw the sum of £75,000 placed on the Estimates for 1884 for Immigration.
Petition received.

6. LICENSING ACT :—

(1.) Mr. Moses presented a Petition from Residents of Botany, complaining of the present state of the Law regarding the closing of Public Houses on Sundays, and stating that they consider that the provision respecting Travellers should be assimilated to that in the English Law; and praying the House to adopt measures for giving effect to their wishes.

(2.) Mr. O'Connor presented a similar Petition from Residents of Sydney.

(3.) Mr. T. R. Smith presented a similar Petition from Residents of Penrith and Sydney.
Petitions received.

7. RAILWAY TRAFFIC AT URALLA (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Copeland moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing the traffic done at Uralla for the year 1883, specifying goods, passengers, and stock; also the amount of revenue earned during the same period.
Question put and passed.

8. CLAIM OF STEPHEN COLE (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. William Clarke, for Mr. Loughnan, moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all letters, papers, minutes, and correspondence of all kinds, relating to the claim of Stephen Cole, on which subject a Select Committee is now sitting.
Question put and passed.

9. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 3) :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Stuart, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor.

Message No. 24.

A Bill, intituled “ *An Act to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1884,*”—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

*Government House,
Sydney, 28th February, 1884.*

10. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir John Robertson moved, That this House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put.
 The House divided.

Ayes, 14.

Mr. O'Mara,
 Mr. Moses,
 Mr. Ohapman,
 Mr. Tighe,
 Mr. Stokes,
 Mr. Day,
 Mr. Poole,
 Mr. Harris,
 Mr. Withers,
 Mr. Olliffe,
 Mr. Garrard,
 Mr. Heydon.

Tellers,

Mr. Loughnan,
 Mr. Fremlin.

Noes, 41.

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. George Campbell,
Mr. Stuart,	Mr. Holborow,
Sir John Robertson,	Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Spring,	Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Young,	Dr. Ross,
Mr. Wisdom,	Mr. Barbour,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. W. R. Campbell,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Trickett,	Mr. White,
Mr. W. J. Fergusson,	Mr. De Salis,
Mr. Combes,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Quin,	Mr. Targett.
Mr. Levin,	
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Tellers,
Mr. T. R. Smith,	Mr. Merriman,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. McCourt.
Mr. Levien,	

And so it passed in the negative.

11. WAYS AND MEANS:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Dibbs, "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair,"—upon which Mr. Copeland had moved, That all the words after the word "That" be omitted, with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "in making any change in the fiscal policy of the country,—
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- "(3.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor."
- And the Question being again proposed,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—the House resumed the said adjourned Debate.
- Mr. Targett moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
 Question put and passed.
 Ordered that the Debate be adjourned until Wednesday next.
12. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Stuart (*by consent*) moved, That this House at its rising this day do adjourn until Tuesday next.
 Question put and passed.
- The House adjourned accordingly at twenty-seven minutes after Eleven o'clock, until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 65.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 4 MARCH, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

ELECTORATE OF EAST SYDNEY:—

- (1.) *Issue and Return of Writ*:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that, upon the passing of the Resolution of the 21st February a.m., declaring the Seat of George Houstoun Reid, Esquire, vacant, he had issued a Writ for the election of a Member to serve in the room of Mr. Reid, and that such Writ had been duly returned, with a certificate endorsed thereon by the Returning Officer of the election of Sydney Burdekin, Esquire, to serve as a Member for the Electoral District of East Sydney.
- (2.) *Member Sworn*:—Mr. Burdekin having taken and subscribed the Oath, and signed the Roll of the House, took his Seat as a Member for the Electoral District of East Sydney.

2. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Travelling Sheep by Mr. McCaughey:—Mr. Barbour asked the Secretary for Mines,—Is it a fact that Mr. McCaughey, the owner of Corree, Goolgumbla, and Coonong Stations, lately started about 30,000 sheep from these Stations, travelling them towards Queensland, and after getting near the Border were allowed to return to the Stations from which they started without the owner having to pay the mileage rates provided by the Sheep Act to be paid for returning travelling sheep?

Mr. Abbott answered,—It is not a fact, as he has deposited the mileage rates, pending inquiry into the matter and decision as to whether payment shall be enforced.

- (2.) Level-crossing at Wilson-street, Albury:—Mr. Day asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is he aware that the level-crossing on the Southern Line of Railway at Wilson-street, Albury, is the most dangerous level-crossing in New South Wales; if so, will he take immediate steps to close this crossing in order to avoid accidents to travellers on the Great Southern Road?

Mr. Wright answered,—I am not aware that the crossing is exceptionally dangerous; it will be made more secure than it is by the introduction of the interlocking system.

- (3.) Siding at Fairfield Station:—Mr. Hugh Taylor, for Mr. McCulloch, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the siding at Fairfield Station, promised by him to a Deputation some months ago, be proceeded with?

Mr. Wright answered,—I am not aware that a siding was promised for Fairfield. Some alteration to the goods-shed was promised; and there is correspondence in the office, which is receiving attention, respecting a siding for Mr. Stimpson, but there is nothing about a siding for general use.

- (4.) Water Supply for Grenfell and Young:—Mr. Vaughn asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Was there a sum of £1,500 set apart for providing water for the towns of Grenfell and Young—£750 to be expended in each town?

(2.) How much money has been expended at Grenfell for the abovementioned purpose?

(3.) How much for the same purpose at Young?

Mr. Wright answered,—

(1.) Yes; £1,500 was voted, 1878 Estimates, for water supply for Young and Grenfell.

(2 & 3.) £22 18s. 6d. only for surveys at both places.

- (5.) Water Supply for Schools in Electorate of Gloucester:—Mr. White asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—

(1.) Is the Government aware that bush fires have been raging in many parts of the Gloucester Electorate, and that through some mismanagement or neglect two or three Public Schools have been without water?

(2.) Have tanks been applied for; when, by whom, and at what dates?

(3.) Have they been supplied?

(4.) Is he aware that water has to be carried from a stinking well at one place, and that the water has to be exposed for twelve hours before being used?

Mr.

Mr. Stuart answered,—

(1.) The Department has not been made aware of the existence of bush fires in the Gloucester Electorate. The District Inspector reported in November and January last respectively, that the Schools at Salt Ash and William Town were not provided with a sufficient number of tanks, and recommended that additional ones be supplied.

(2.) In November last Mr. R. H. D. White, M.L.A., represented the necessity for an underground tank at William Town; and in the same month Miss Clara Squire, the Teacher at Salt Ash, applied for a tank.

(3.) Arrangements were made on the 22nd of last month for the supply of an iron tank to each School.

(4.) I am not aware; but if the Honorable Member will give me further information, I will cause inquiry to be made.

(6.) Public School at Hawk's Nest.—*Mr. White* asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—

(1.) Is he aware that the foundation of the Public School at Hawk's Nest is giving way through the sand being blown away from the supports?

(2.) Has he received a tender to fill in with stone instead of wood at a reasonable and small cost?

(3.) Is he aware that white ants abound in the vicinity of the School?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) A tender for filling in with wood has now been received. The cost of filling with stone would be 40 per cent. more than with wood, and would not be any more effective.

(3.) As the buildings are of wood, the planking to keep the sand down is not likely to be more affected by white ants than the rest of the building.

(7.) Expenditure on Railways.—*Mr. Poole* asked the Secretary for Public Works:—

(1.) Will he say what was the total capital expended on all Lines opened for traffic at the end of 1883?

(2.) What was the total expenditure for working the Lines during the year 1883?

Mr. Wright answered,—The auditing, balancing, and examining of the records, where such large and varied transactions as the above are concerned, necessarily occupy a considerable period after the close of the year, as the books are kept open until the 31st January; and it is impossible to give correct answers to the above questions until sufficient time has been allowed to examine and test the accounts. The examination is being rapidly proceeded with, and it is expected that the information can be given in about a week from this time.

(8.) Fencing at Public School, Albury.—*Mr. Day* asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—

(1.) When will tenders be invited for the fencing at the Girls Public School at Albury?

(2.) Is there any reason why this fencing was not completed when the School was finished?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

(1.) It is expected that a tender will be received for this work in a few days.

(2.) This fencing was not done when the School was finished, because it was intended to alter the levels of the ground to improve the drainage.

(9.) Public School near Gerogery.—*Mr. Lyne* asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—Will he give imperative instructions that the new Public School near the township of Gerogery be proceeded with, without any further delay?

Mr. Stuart answered,—Arrangements have been made with the contractor to proceed with the buildings on a reduced plan.

(10.) Road on the Upper Burra.—*Mr. Lyne* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he cause to be placed upon the Supplementary Estimates the sum of £200 for the formation of the Road on the Upper Burra, from Alexander Baillie's to the Timber Reserve on the left bank of the Burra Creek, near Tumberumba?

Mr. Wright answered,—The local officer of the Roads Department has been requested to report, but no answer has yet been received.

(11.) Telegraph Office at Jindera.—*Mr. Lyne* asked the Postmaster General,—When will the Telegraph Office at Jindera be open to the public?

Mr. Trickett answered,—This line is expected to be completed in about a fortnight, when arrangements will be made for opening the Station.

(12.) Public Bridges and Ferries.—*Mr. Roberts*, for *Mr. Wisdom*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the Return relative to the cost of construction, &c., of Ferries and Bridges throughout the Colony, ordered by the Legislative Assembly on the 8th November last, be laid upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Wright answered,—I will presently lay the Return in question upon the Table.

(13.) Railway from Molong to Manildra.—*Mr. Vaughn*, for *Dr. Ross*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Are the plans of the further extension of the Railway from Molong to Manildra (and which have received the sanction of both Houses of Parliament) being prepared, or are they in readiness; if so, will he state when tenders will be invited for the same, and the work proceeded with?

(2.) When will the plans and books of reference of the Railway from Manildra to near Forbes and Wilcannia be in readiness to lay upon the Table of this House?

(3.) Will he state if anything, and what, has been done towards getting these plans in readiness to submit to Parliament?

Mr. Wright answered,—

(1.) The plans and sections for the proposed extension from Molong to Manildra are not ready.

(2 & 3.) Parliament has not yet approved of a line from Forbes to Wilcannia.

(14.)

(14.) Fitzroy Iron Bridge:—Mr. Tecce asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) When will the Fitzroy Iron Bridge on the main Southern Road from Goulburn to Sydney be open for traffic?
- (2.) What was, or is, the contract time for the delivery in Sydney of the iron superstructure for this Bridge?
- (3.) Are the contractors or the Government responsible for the delay, if any; and from what cause has it arisen.
- (4.) What provision will be made by the Government for the road traffic in the event of the river rising a few feet?

Mr. Wright answered,—

- (1.) In about four months.
- (2.) According to contract, ironwork was to be delivered before 19th November, 1883.
- (3.) Some delay occurred in transmission of plans to Agent General. Any other delay in England was from default of contractor.
- (4.) There is a temporary bridge at present available for road traffic. Should an extraordinary flood occur, other means will be adopted.

(15.) Ringbarking on Reserve No. 2,542, County of Urana:—Mr. Barbour asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Is he aware that the lessee of the Brookong Run, near Urana, has ringbarked and scrubbed Reserve No. 2,542, county Urana?
- (2.) Was he authorized to do this, and under what conditions?
- (3.) Will he inform the House whether gold has been found on the above Reserve, or do indications exist of gold being there; and will he state if this is the cause of the Reserve being re-gazetted?

Mr. Abbott answered,—

- (1.) Certain timber was ringbarked upon the Brookong Run some years ago, and about 40 chains along the northern boundary of Reserve No. 2,542, included in Travelling Stock Reserve No. 991, has been ringbarked under authority granted 22nd December, 1882. No report received respecting remainder of Reserve.
- (2.) Excepting for the portion within Reserve No. 991, there is no record of authority being granted to ringbark or scrub Reserve No. 2,542, county of Urana. The authority granted 22nd December, 1882, is subject to the provisions of the Ringbarking Act, and to the usual conditions, viz.:—(1.) "Notice must be given to the Department of Mines within one month after ringbarking has been begun." (2.) "In the event of the Run being transferred this permission will no longer be available, but a fresh authority within the limits of the original permission might be granted to the transferee on application if found unobjectionable." It permits pine under 5 inches diameter at butt and white and yellow box to be ringbarked, but excepts forty of the best pine saplings over 4 inches in diameter per acre where growing, and the yellow box within 3 chains of the main road.
- (3.) Gold is said to have been found in several places in the locality, but there is no evidence that any has been found within Reserve No. 2,542. The formations are of a gold-bearing nature. That is not the reason for re-gazetting the Reserve.

3. IMMIGRATION:—Mr. A. G. Taylor presented a Petition from Inhabitants of Clifton and District, praying the House to reject the sum of £75,000 proposed on the Estimates for Immigration. Petition received.

4. THE TARIFF:—Mr. A. G. Taylor presented a Petition from persons representing the Cigar Makers of New South Wales, alleging that if the Tariff proposals in regard to Cigars are adopted their employers will be unable to compete with the makers of imported Cigars, and that their services will no longer be required; and praying the House to redress the grievances complained of. Petition received.

5. LICENSING ACT:—

(1.) Mr. Dalton presented a Petition from Residents of Tambaroora and Sydney, complaining of the present state of the Law regarding the closing of Public Houses on Sundays, and stating that they consider that the provision respecting Travellers should be assimilated to that in the English Law; and praying the House to adopt measures for giving effect to their wishes.

(2.) Mr. Copeland presented a similar Petition from Residents of Sydney and Suburbs.

(3.) Mr. Griffiths presented a similar Petition from Residents of Sydney.

(4.) Mr. Trickett presented a similar Petition from Residents of Paddington and Sydney. Petitions received.

6. PAPERS:—

Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Further Return to an Address made on 8th February, 1884,—“Mr. Handsaker, late Inspector of Conditional Purchases.”

(2.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from sale until surveyed for the Preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, in accordance with the 4th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.

(3.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 4th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Wright laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Statement showing the Public Expenditure in the Electorates of The Macleay and The Macleay and Hastings from 1879 to 1883.

(2.) Return to an Order made on 8th November, 1883,—“Public Bridges and Ferries.”

(3.) Schedule showing in detail the amounts intended to be omitted from the Estimates for 1884 for Roads and Bridges.

Ordered to be printed.

7. **MUDGE RAILWAY (Formal Motion)** :—Mr. Day moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all minutes made by the Honorable the Colonial Treasurer, the Engineer-in-Chief for Railways, and the Honorable the Minister for Works, having reference to the vote of money taken and recently supplemented for the construction of the Mudgee Railway. Question put and passed.
8. **RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE IN THAT PART OF THE COLONY WEST OF THE 146TH MERIDIAN OF LONGITUDE (Formal Motion)** :—Mr. Wilson, for Mr. Quin, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House Returns showing, as far as can be ascertained, the revenue received from, and the amount of money expended by the Government in that portion of the Colony west of the 146 meridian of longitude annually during the successive years from 1871 inclusive, such Returns to show the revenue received under the following heads :—
 (1.) *Land*—Auction Sales, including town, suburban, and country lands, number of acres, amount : Conditional Purchases, number of acres, amount : Improvement Purchases, number of acres, amount : amount received as rent from all classes of Crown Lands whatsoever : amount not otherwise specified.
 (2.) *Customs*—Including sums paid under convention by South Australia.
 (3.) *Revenue* received from other sources not specified, including license fees, &c.
 (4.) *Returns* to show sums spent on Railways, river improvements, constructing tanks and wells on stock routes, public buildings, and other public works.
 Question put and passed.
9. **TRUSTEES ACT AMENDMENT BILL (Formal Motion)** :—
 (1.) Mr. W. J. Fergusson moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Trustees Act of 1852.
 Question put and passed.
 (2.) Mr. Fergusson presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to amend the Trustees Act of 1852,*”—which was read a first time.
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 25th March.
10. **CONTRACTORS PARLIAMENTARY DISQUALIFICATION BILL (Formal Motion)** :—
 (1.) Mr. Poole moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Constitution Act in respect to certain disqualifications.
 Question put and passed.
 (2.) Mr. Poole presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to amend the Constitution Act in respect to certain disqualifications,*”—which was read a first time.
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 25th March.
11. **PATRICK HANNAN'S MINING CLAIM AT TEMORA** :—Mr. Spring (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That all the papers ordered by the House on the 5th December, 1881, to be printed, relating to the dismissal of Mr. Margules, Mining Registrar at Temora, be referred to the Select Committee appointed by this House to inquire into the alleged illegal transfer of the mining claim of Patrick Hannan, at Temora.
 Question put and passed.
12. **FRIDAY SITTINGS** :—Mr. Lyne moved, pursuant to Notice, That, unless otherwise ordered, Friday shall not be a sitting day of this House for the remainder of the present Session.
 Debate ensued.
 Mr. Copeland moved, That the Question be amended by the addition of the words “and that Notices of Motions and Orders of the Day respectively should take precedence on alternate “Tuesdays.”
 Question proposed, That the words proposed to be added be there added.
 Debate continued.
 Question put, That the words proposed to be added be there added.
 The House divided.

Ayes, 16.

Mr. William Clarke,
 Mr. Cohen,
 Mr. Gill,
 Mr. Copeland,
 Mr. Melville,
 Mr. Levin,
 Mr. Chapman,
 Mr. D. A. Ferguson,
 Mr. Mosca,
 Mr. Vaughn,
 Mr. Lyne,
 Mr. Stokes,
 Mr. Dalton,
 Mr. Lynch.

Tellers,

Mr. Machattie,
 Mr. Purves.

Noes, 46.

Mr. Farnell,	Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Stuart,	Mr. Sutherland,
Sir John Robertson,	Mr. Badgery,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Hugh Taylor,
Mr. Combes,	Mr. Poole,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Abigail,
Mr. Burdekin,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. R. B. Smith,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Tarrant,	Mr. Spring,
Mr. Sec,	Mr. Proctor,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Gray,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Day,	Mr. Roberts,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. W. J. Fergusson,	Mr. Wright,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Merriman,
Mr. Bruncker,	Mr. Trickett,
Mr. Olliffe,	Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Holtermann,	Mr. O'Connor.
Mr. Pigott,	
Mr. McCulloch,	Tellers,
Mr. Harris,	Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Humphery,	Mr. Griffiths.

And so it passed in the negative.

Original

Original question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 18.

Mr. William Clarke,
Mr. Gray,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Moses,
Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Holtzmann,
Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Dalton,
Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. D. A. Ferguson,
Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Levin,
Mr. Melville,
Mr. Machattie,
Mr. Purves.

Tellers,

Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Badgery.

Noes, 43.

Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Stuart,
Sir John Robertson,
Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Combes,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Burdekin,
Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. Young,
Mr. Tarrant,
Mr. Wright,
Mr. Griffiths,
Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Trickett,
Mr. Merriman,
Mr. Burns,
Mr. Roberts,
Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Gray,
Mr. Proctor,
Mr. Spring,
Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Mitchell,

Mr. Tecce,
Mr. Poole,
Mr. Abigail,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,
Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Pigott,
Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Harris,
Mr. Humphery,
Mr. Olliffe,
Mr. Brunker,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. W. J. Fergusson,
Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Day,
Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Garrard.

Tellers,

Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. See.

And so it passed in the negative.

13. **THE POLICE FORCE**:—Mr. Olliffe moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the Government should, at an early date, take the necessary steps for augmenting the Police Force of the Colony, and for increasing the pay throughout the Force, with a view to greater efficiency.

Debate ensued.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

14. **NORTH SHORE STEAM FERRY SERVICE**:—Mr. Hutchinson moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House does not approve of the establishment by the Government of a Steam Ferry Service between Sydney and the North "Shore," as such Service would enter into direct competition with a similar Service successfully established and satisfactorily worked by private enterprise.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Suttor moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "Shore," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "and is of opinion that the sum of £40,000 appropriated for the purpose of constructing the Steam Ferry should be distributed amongst Suburban and Country Municipalities as a partial endowment for the year 1884 on the same condition as that granted last year.

"That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor."

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.

Debate continued.

Mr. Abbott moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Debate ensued.

Question,—That this Debate be now adjourned,—put and negatived.

Original Question and amendment again stated.

Question again proposed, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.

Debate continued.

Proposed amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question again stated.

Debate continued.

Mr. William Clarke moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "Shore."

Question,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—put and negatived.

Main Question put,—That this House does not approve of the establishment by the Government of a Steam Ferry Service between Sydney and the North Shore.

The House divided.

Ayes, 24.

Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Combes,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Roberts,
Mr. Young,
Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Tarrant,
Mr. Spring,
Mr. Burdekin,
Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Griffiths,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Teece,
Mr. Gray,
Mr. Harris,
Mr. Merriman,
Mr. Garvan,
Mr. A. G. Taylor,
Mr. Purves,
Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Day,
Mr. Brunker,
Mr. Hutchinson.

Tellers,

Noes, 17.

Mr. Abbott,
Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Trickett,
Mr. Wright,
Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Melville,
Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Levin,
Mr. Cass,
Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Holtermann,

Mr. Chapman,
Mr. McQuade.

Tellers,

Mr. W. J. Fergusson,
Mr. Wilson.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

15. **THE CASE OF MR. J. H. HANDSAKER**:—Mr. Melville moved, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the circumstances under which J. H. Handsaker was appointed Acting Inspector of Conditional Purchases; and also upon the circumstances under which the salary, or any part of it, of the said J. H. Handsaker was paid to John McElhone, Esquire, one of the Members for The Upper Hunter.
- (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Targett, Mr. Badgery, Mr. Moses, Mr. Day, Mr. Merriman, Mr. Copeland, Mr. William Clarke, Mr. Burns, Mr. Farnell, and the Mover.

And

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 5 MARCH, 1884, A.M.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

16. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Dog Act further Amendment Bill postponed until Friday 28th March.
17. RELIGIONS PERSUASIONS OF CHILDREN ATTENDING PUBLIC SCHOOLS :—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. A. G. Taylor,—“That, in the opinion of this House, the pupils attending the Public Schools of this Colony should not be required to state their religious belief, and no record should be kept of the religious persuasions of the pupils,”—
And the Question being again proposed,—the House resumed the said adjourned Debate.
Mr. Cameron moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.
18. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—
(1.) Parliamentary Prorogation Curtailment Bill ; second reading ;—*until Friday, 28th March.*
(2.) Medical Bill ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Tarrant, “That this Bill be now read a second time” ;—*until Friday, 25th April.*
(3.) Grafton Lighting Company’s Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*) ; second reading ;—*until Friday, 28th March.*
(4.) Forest Lodge, near Tarlo, Estate Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*) ; second reading.
(5.) Armidale Gas Company’s Incorporation Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*) ; second reading.
(6.) Windsor Gas-light Company Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*) ; second reading. } *until Friday, 14th March.*
(7.) District Courts Act further Amendment Bill ; second reading ;—*until Friday, 28th March.*
(8.) Dubbo Gas Company’s Incorporation Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*) second reading ;—*until Friday next.*

The House adjourned at five minutes before One o’clock a.m., until Four o’clock p.m. This Day.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 66.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 5 MARCH, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Constable Nies:—Dr. Ross asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Have any complaints been made respecting the conduct of Constable Nies, of Obley—by whom, when, and on what grounds; if so, has any action been taken in the matter, and will he state the result of the same?

(2.) Is it a fact that, on the information of Constable Nies, one George Henry Tempest, of Molong, a Magistrate of the territory, has been summoned to appear before the Obley Bench on a charge of using insulting language towards the Constable—the language complained of being that the Magistrate thought that he (Constable Nies) in the case of Walsh, who is a respectable person, exceeded his duty in locking him up on a frivolous charge?

(3.) Have any previous complaints been made against the Obley Police; if so, will he cause copies of all complaints and correspondence to be laid upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Cohen answered,—

(1.) Yes, by Mr. Tempest, J.P., of Molong, by letter dated 4th February last, wherein he complains of the alleged illegal action of Constable Nies in arresting a man named Walshe, who, he represented, was locked up in gaol for three hours upon a charge of riding a horse with a sore back. It appeared, however, that the Constable acted within the powers conferred by section 5 of the Cruelty to Animals Prevention Act (14 Vic. No. 40), although the Inspector General of Police disapproved of locking up a respectable man upon such a charge, and considers that the proper course would have been to have taken Walshe direct before a Magistrate or to have admitted him to bail. It appeared also that Walshe was in custody barely an hour, and pleaded guilty to the charge against him, and that he has made no complaint of being aggrieved at the action taken by Constable Nies in the matter.

(2.) A summons had been issued against Mr. Tempest, for the 29th ultimo, for insulting behaviour in the public street, whereby a breach of the peace might have been occasioned; but, upon subsequent inquiry into all the facts, it was thought proper to advise the withdrawal of the summons against Mr. Tempest.

(3.) Mr. Ardill has made various complaints against Senior-constable Schrader, of the Obley Police, but on investigation they were judged to be unfounded and vexatious. The papers are voluminous, but there would be no objection to their production if desired.

- (2.) Masonic Hall, Sydney:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a portion of the new Masonic Hall, Castlereagh-street, Sydney, has been rented by the Government for Police Court purposes?

(2.) Is it a fact that the Government have agreed to pay the sum of £2,000 per annum rent; if not, will he state upon what conditions the Hall has been rented?

Mr. Cohen answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) No; but an agreement has been entered into to hire the new Masonic Hall, with several rooms, when required for Quarter Sessions purposes, at £12 12s. per day of twenty-four hours, in the event of the Criminal Court at Darlinghurst sitting at the same time as the Quarter Sessions. It is anticipated that only two sittings of each Court will occur simultaneously during the year.

(3.)

- (3.) Typhoid Fever :—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Will he cause an immediate inquiry to be made with reference to the alarming cases of typhoid fever and the deaths that have taken place at the Water Works at Prospect?
 - (2.) The Public School being in the centre of these Works, and there being 100 children attending, and as the parents refuse to allow them to attend school on account of the sickness prevailing at that place,—Will he cause the School to be closed for a time while this dangerous complaint is so prevalent?
- Mr. Wright* answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) Pending receipt of the District Inspector's Report it is not deemed advisable to close the School.
- (4.) Water Supply for Public School, Granville :—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Has any report been received from the Teacher of the Public School at Granville as to the want of water for the pupils at that School, numbering about 300?
 - (2.) If no report has been received either by the Department for Public Instruction or the Inspector, will he make immediate inquiries, with a view to have this important matter remedied without delay?
- Mr. Wright* answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) Yes; the District Inspector has already been instructed to inquire into this matter.
- (5.) Railway Fruit-trucks :—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—With reference to the application made about nine months ago by the fruit-growers of Parramatta and district for increased facilities for sending their fruit to the Sydney markets, and also of the ruinous manner in which their fruit-cases were thrown about after being returned to the Railway Station, and the promises of the Minister that arrangements should be immediately made giving them increased facility, and as nothing has as yet been done to remedy the great loss these persons have to suffer by not having their fruit at market in time for purchasers,—Will the Minister give instructions for fruit-trucks to be taken to Sydney from Parramatta every morning by one of the three luggage trains which passes between 5 and 7 o'clock every morning, to prevent the necessity for arrangements being made with Mr. Jeannerett to take their fruit to Sydney by steamer?
- Mr. Wright* answered,—The bulk of the Parramatta fruit traffic is at present carried by the train reaching Darling Harbour at 4 a.m. There have not been any complaints for some months that fruit has arrived too late for the market, because it has always arrived in time, and every facility is given to consignees at Darling Harbour to get delivery of it. The returned empty fruit-cases are not handled by the Railway men at Redfern Goods-sheds; they are placed in the trucks by the carters who bring them to the Station, and at Parramatta they are unloaded by a man employed by the fruit-growers. Inquiry will be made as to the possibility of sending the fruit by one of the trains named.
- (6.) Railway Bridge and Platform, Harris Park :—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—With regard to my further question of 16th January last, and answer thereto,—When will tenders be called for erection of Bridge and Platform at Harris Park, Parramatta, which are much needed on account of the large and increasing population at that place?
- Mr. Wright* answered,—The time mentioned within which tenders would be called has not yet expired; it will not expire till the 16th instant, at which time tenders will be invited.
- (7.) Sub-way at Parramatta Railway Station :—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—With reference to my question of 23rd January, 1884, and the reply thereto,—What decision has been arrived at regarding the Railway Bridge at Parramatta and the necessity of having a Sub-way at west end of such Bridge for the convenience of the travelling public by Railway?
- Mr. Wright* answered,—A Sub-way is not considered necessary.
- (8.) Glen Innes Gaol :—Mr. W. J. Fergusson asked the Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) Will he state the cause of delay in calling for tenders for the erection of the Glen Innes Gaol?
 - (2.) Have plans been prepared for the Gaol Buildings?
- Mr. Cohen* answered,—
- (1.) Delay has arisen through the length of time entailed by negotiations for the purchase of a site which was deemed the most suitable, and the further inquiry necessitated by the failure of such negotiations as to the suitability of another suggested site, which inquiry is now being urged on.
 - (2.) Plans are being prepared, but cannot be completed until the site has been determined and the particulars thereof furnished to the Colonial Architect.
- (9.) Railway to Rylstone :—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Did he state, in answer to a recent question, that the Railway would probably be opened to Rylstone early in March; if so, what are the causes of delay?
 - (2.) Will he state when the Railway will be opened?
- Mr. Wright* answered,—
- (1.) Yes; it was then expected that the Line to Rylstone would be ready early in March, but in consequence of a difficulty in obtaining suitable ballast at convenient places the contractors have not been able to finish at the date named.
 - (2.) The Line will not be finished to Rylstone before May.
- (10.) Seduction of Female Convicts in Gaols :—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Minister of Justice,—When will the papers relating to the alleged seductions of female convicts in Darlinghurst and Tamworth Gaols be laid upon the Table of this House?
- Mr. Cohen* answered,—I will presently lay this Return upon the Table of the House.

- (11.) **Railway Goods Rates** :—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the altered rate of freight for goods makes it cheaper for persons with small consignments to receive their goods per carrying firms than direct by rail?
 - (2.) Will he order a renewal of the old rates of freight, or so alter them that the profit will accrue to the Consolidated Revenue, and not to private firms?
- Mr. Wright answered,—
- (1.) The class of goods that is affected is not carried by forwarding agents, and at the small Stations, which are said to be most affected by the change, the carrying firms have no agents or means of carriage.
 - (2.) The revenue derived will accrue to the Railway Department.
- (12.) **Resumption of Mr. O'Connor's Property at Woollahra** :—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Did he at any time visit and inspect the property of Mr. Patrick O'Connor, situated at junction of Ocean-street and South Head Road, which has lately been resumed by the Government for a Post and Telegraph Office?
 - (2.) Is it not a fact that he was driven to the said property to inspect it by Mr. D. O'Connor, M.L.A., in Mr. O'Connor's buggy some time ago?
- Mr. Wright answered,—
- (1.) No, I never visited and inspected the property referred to by the Honorable Member.
 - (2.) Yes, I drove past the property on one occasion in Mr. D. O'Connor's buggy.
2. **IMMIGRATION** :—Mr. Hugh Taylor presented a Petition from Edwin Flower, Chairman of a Public Meeting of Residents of Parramatta, praying the House to refuse to sanction any further expenditure of public money for the purpose of Assisted Immigration.
Petition received.
3. **PAPERS** :—
- Mr. Cohen laid upon the Table,—Return to an Address adopted on 29th November, 1883,—
"Intimacy with Female Prisoners in Gaols."
Ordered to be printed.
- Mr. Wright laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 23rd October, 1883,—
"Wollongong and Kiama Harbour Works."
Ordered to be printed.
- Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table,—Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Religious and Public Purposes, in accordance with the 5th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.
Ordered to be printed.
4. **VICTORIAN COAL-MINING COMPANY'S BILL** :—Mr. Merriman presented a Petition from Ebenezer Vickery, of Sydney, Merchant, Chairman of the Mount Kembla Coal and Oil Company, praying for leave to appear by Counsel or Attorney before the Select Committee now sitting on the Victorian Coal-mining Company's Bill, for the purpose of protecting the interests of the Mount Kembla Coal and Oil Company, and with permission to call such Witnesses as may be considered desirable.
And the same having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker,—
Petition received, and referred to the Select Committee on the Bill.
5. **MONK-WEARMOUTH COLLIERY RAILWAY BILL** :—Mr. Gorrick presented a Petition from John Black, owner of land proposed to be affected by this Bill, praying for leave to appear at the Bar of this House and to be heard in opposition to the Bill.
Petition received.
6. **LICENSING ACT** :—Mr. Loughnan presented a Petition from Residents of Narrandera and Sydney, complaining of the present state of the Law regarding the closing of Public Houses on Sundays, and stating that they consider that the provision respecting Travellers should be assimilated to that in the English Law; and praying the House to adopt measures for giving effect to their wishes.
Petition received.
7. **ADJOURNMENT** :—Mr. A. G. Taylor moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 16.

Mr. O'Mara,
Mr. Loughnan,
Mr. Figott,
Mr. Fremlin,
Mr. Harris,
Mr. Tighc,
Mr. Cass,
Mr. Levin,
Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Day,
Mr. Poole,
Mr. Lync.

Tellers,

Mr. T. B. Smith,
Mr. Moses.

Noes, 39.

Mr. Bruce Smith,	Mr. Merriman,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. McCulloch,
Sir John Robertson,	Mr. See,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Garyan,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Humphery,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Hugh Taylor,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Dalton,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Macbattie,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Fletcher,
Mr. Proctor,	Mr. Gould,
Mr. Gibbs,	Dr. Ross,
Mr. McQuade,	Mr. W. J. Fergusson,
Mr. Combes,	Mr. White.
Mr. A. G. Taylor,	
Mr. Targott,	Tellers,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Purves.
Mr. Roberts,	

And so it passed in the negative.

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8. **BOROUGHES OF RANDWICK AND PADDINGTON BILL**:—Mr. Burns, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 7th December, 1883; together with Appendix, and a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee. Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Burns then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday, 4th April.
Question put and passed.
9. **DEED OF GRANT OF LAND TO DAVID SCOTT (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. Garrett moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a copy of the Deed of Grant issued to David Scott, of Sydney, 12th July, 1839, for 2,560 acres of land, county of Northumberland.
Question put and passed.
10. **MORNING STAR EXTENDED QUARTZ CLAIM (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. Vaughn moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers, reports, application, letters, declaration, and documents in connection with the application to lease by Heffernan and Marshall a certain area of land known as the Morning Star Extended Quartz Claim, a portion of the Morning Star Gold-mining Company's property.
Question put and passed.
11. **WAYS AND MEANS**:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Dibbs, "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair,"—upon which Mr. Copeland had moved, That all the words after the word "That" be omitted, with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "in making any change in the fiscal policy of the country,—
" (1.) That, as a means of raising further revenue, this House is of opinion that it would be judicious for the Government to propose an *ad valorem* duty of 10 per centum on billiard tables, guns, carriages, velvets, silks, satins, laces, furs and feathers, fireworks, furniture, upholstery, gas-fittings, looking-glass, plate-glass and glass ware, gold-leaf, cutlery, musical, optical, scientific and surgical instruments, jewellery, marble and granite, pictures, paintings, and statuary, saddlery and harness, silver plate and plated ware, and watches and clocks.
" (2.) That, in the opinion of this House, a tax upon property would be satisfactory if limited to freehold land, exclusive of the value of houses, buildings, and other structures erected thereon, exempting all land being the property of one person, whether in one or more allotments, up to the capital value of £1,000; that such tax should be at the rate of 5s. for every £100 of capital value over and above £1,000 and up to £5,000, and at the rate of 10s. upon every £100 over and above £5,000 of capital value.
" (3.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor."
And the Question being again proposed,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—the House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 6 MARCH, 1884, A.M.

Question put, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.

The House divided.

Aycs, 42.

Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Levin,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Butcher,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Withers,
Mr. Trickett,	Mr. Cass,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Griffiths,	Mr. Harris,
Mr. Moses,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. White,	Mr. Machattie,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. George Campbell,
Mr. See,	Mr. Loughnan,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. D. A. Ferguson,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Gibbes,	Mr. A. G. Taylor,
Mr. Spring,	Dr. Ross,
Mr. Oonnan,	Mr. Burdekin.
Mr. Slattery,	
Mr. Holtermann,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Teece,	Mr. Merriman,
Mr. Stokes,	Mr. Humphery.

Noes. 13.

Mr. Melville,
Mr. Ellis,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Day,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Poole,
Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Proctor,
Mr. Fremlin,
Mr. Tighe.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Targett.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original Question,—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair,—put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported Progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to certain Resolutions.

Ordered, that the reception of the Resolutions stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

The House adjourned at twenty-four minutes before Three o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 67.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 6 MARCH, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Dam, Nepean River:—*Mr. Sydney Smith*, for *Mr. T. R. Smith*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Has he received a report from Penrith with reference to the carting away boulders, &c., out of the Dam of the Nepean River?
 (2.) Is he aware that the carting away of these boulders will in a short time seriously shorten the water supply?
 (3.) Will he take immediate steps to put a stop to the letting away this water-shed?

Mr. Wright answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
 (2.) It is said so.
 (3.) The question is receiving attention, with the view to an immediate remedy being applied.

- (2.) Sydney Water Supply Works:—*Mr. Burns* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What progress has been made with the Sydney Water Supply Works, and when it is probable the new Water Supply will be available for general use?

Mr. Wright answered,—The whole of the Works to the point (which is within about 11 miles of Sydney), where the water will be conducted through pipes to the Reservoir at Crown-street, are under contract, and the greater part finished; and within two years I hope the Nepean Water will be available for the supply of Sydney and Suburbs.

- (3.) Vacancy in the Police Force:—*Mr. A. G. Taylor* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Was the vacancy in the Police Force, caused by the death of Captain Zouch, filled by the appointment of Inspector Morrisett?
 (2.) Were there any applicants for the vacancy thus created?
 (3.) If so, was Lieutenant Nathan one of the applicants for Inspector Morrisett's position, and by whom was he recommended?

Mr. Wright answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
 (2 and 3.) No.

- (4.) Headland's Case:—*Mr. A. G. Taylor* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he cause a sum of money to be placed on this year's Estimates as compensation to a young man named Headland, injured at a Railway accident at Bathurst in November last?

Mr. Wright answered,—It is not considered that this lad is entitled to a money compensation. He is a son of one of the Railway firemen, and on the occasion of the accident was travelling free. His hotel expenses were paid, and medical and nursing expenses, and he was sent home free after he had completely recovered.

- (5.) The Permanent Force:—*Mr. A. G. Taylor* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he give orders allowing married members of the Permanent Force who live out of Barracks to travel free on the Tram-cars in going to and returning from their Barracks?

Mr. Wright answered,—I am not prepared to issue such instructions.

- (6.) Mudgee Pastures and Stock Protection Society:—*Mr. A. G. Taylor* asked the Secretary for Mines,—Has he decided yet what amount of subsidy he will give the Mudgee Pastures and Stock Protection Society; and if so, what is the amount?

Mr. Abbott answered,—No; I shall do so in a few days; the balance sheet was only received in the Department on the 27th ultimo.

(7.)

(7.) Tunnabutta Public School:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—Did he promise to remit the fine of £24 imposed on Messrs. Hayward & Gordon for delay in constructing the Tunnabutta Public School; if not, will he do so?

Mr. Abbott answered,—No promise was made to remit the fine of £24 imposed on Messrs. Hayward and Gordon for delay in completing their contract. Having read the papers, I am of opinion these contractors have no claim for a remission of the penalty.

2. LICENSING ACT:—

(1.) Mr. Cameron, for Mr. Fletcher, presented a Petition from Residents of Lake Macquarie and Sydney, complaining of the present state of the Law regarding the closing of Public Houses on Sundays, and stating that they consider that the provision respecting Travellers should be assimilated to that in the English Law; and praying the House to adopt measures for giving effect to their wishes.

(2.) Mr. Dangar presented a similar Petition from Residents of the Namoi and Sydney.

(3.) Mr. Olliffe presented a similar Petition from Residents of Sydney.
Petitions received.

3. PAPERS:—

Mr. Wright laid upon the Table,—List of Railway Trial Surveys applied for and granted during the years 1880, 1881, 1882, and 1883.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Abbott laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Correspondence respecting the conduct of the Teacher of the Public School at Cessnock.

(2.) Return to an Order made on 14th November, 1883,—“Superior School at Wagga Wagga.”
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 5th March, 1884,—“Deed of Grant of Land to David Scott.”

Ordered to be printed.

4. ASSENT TO BILLS:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Mr. Dibbs, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

(1.) Saywell's Tramway Bill:—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor.

Message No. 25.

A Bill, intituled “An Act to authorize the construction and maintenance of a Tramway from the proposed Bay-street Station on the Illawarra Railway to and along Lady Robinson's Beach,”—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 6th March, 1884.

(2.) Hutchinson Estate Bill:—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor.

Message No. 26.

A Bill, intituled “An Act to enable William Hutchinson Gibbons Richard Hutchinson Roberts and Arthur Huffington or other the Trustees for the time being of the Will of William Hutchinson deceased to sell certain Land and Houses in York-street and Clarence-street in the City of Sydney and to provide for the application of the proceeds thereof,”—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 6th March, 1884.

5. MATRIMONIAL CAUSES ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Matrimonial Causes Act,’”—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 6th March, 1884.

JOHN HAY,
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Dibbs, read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.

6. WAYS AND MEANS:—The Order of the Day having been read for the reception of certain Resolutions from the Committee of Ways and Means,—the Chairman of Committees moved, That the Resolutions be now received.

Question put and passed.

The Resolutions were then read a first time, as follows:—

(5.) Resolved,—That towards raising the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty, from and after and inclusive of the twentieth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four, there shall be raised, levied, collected, and paid upon Tobacco “manufactured” or cut in any tobacco factory, on being entered for home consumption, a duty of one shilling per pound, and upon Cigars and Cigarettes on being entered for home consumption a duty of two shillings and sixpence per pound.

(6.)

Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
 Debate ensued.

Question,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—put and passed.
 Mr. Day moved, That the Resolution be amended by the insertion after the word "pound" in line 4 of the words "on imported leaf and sixpence on Colonial leaf."

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be inserted be there inserted.
 Debate ensued.

Point of Order :—Mr. McElhone requested Mr. Speaker's ruling whether it was in order for the Honorable Member, Mr. Day, to propose a second amendment, the House having just negatived an amendment proposed by him.

Mr. Speaker said that it was not in order for the Honorable Member to propose another amendment.

Question put, That Resolution (5.) be agreed to.

The House divided.

Ayes, 38.		Noes, 21.	
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Lynch,	Mr. Wisdom,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Butcher,	Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Mackinnon,	Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Gould.
Mr. Trickett,	Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. R. B. Smith,	
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Young,	
Mr. Griffiths,	Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Dangar,	
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Holtermann,	Mr. Fletcher,	
Mr. Fremlin,	Mr. Merriman,	Mr. Proctor,	
Mr. Moses,	Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Burdekin,	
Mr. Dalton,	Mr. Levin,	Mr. Garrett,	
Mr. Murray,	Mr. White,	Mr. Sydney Smith,	
Mr. Olliffe,	Mr. George Campbell,	Mr. Roberts,	
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Purves,	Mr. Levien,	
Mr. Tighe,	Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Holborow,	
Mr. Burns,	Mr. W. J. Fergusson,	Mr. O'Connor,	
Mr. Melville,	Mr. William Clarke.	Mr. McElbone,	
Mr. Gray,	<i>Tellers,</i>	Mr. Lyne,	
Mr. Humphery,	Mr. Stokes,	Mr. Abigail,	
Mr. Withers,	Mr. Chapman.	Mr. Day.	
Mr. Harris,			

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Resolution proposed,—

(6.) *Resolved*,—That towards raising the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty, from and after and inclusive of the twentieth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four, in lieu of the existing Customs Duties now raised, levied, collected, and paid upon the several articles, goods, wares, and merchandise imported into the Colony hereunder mentioned, the Duties of Customs specified against each (which shall be payable on all such of these goods as were then and are now in bond) shall thereafter be raised, levied, collected, and paid :—

Beer, Ale, Porter, Spruce, or other Beer—	s. d.
In bottles—for six reputed quarts or twelve reputed pints	0 9
Cigars and Cigarettes	per lb. 6 0
Opium and any preparation or solution thereof not imported for use as a known medicine...	per lb. 20 0
Spirits—On all kinds of Spirits imported into the Colony, the strength of which can be ascertained by Sykes's hydrometer	per proof gal. 12 0
No allowance beyond 16.5 shall be made for the under proof of any Spirits of a less hydrometer strength than 16 u.p.	
Case Spirits—Reputed contents of two, three, or four gallons shall be charged :—	
Two gallons and under shall be charged as two gallons.	
Over two gallons and not exceeding three as three gallons.	
Over three gallons and not exceeding four as four gallons.	
Stearine	per lb. 0 1
Tobacco—Delivered from ship's side or from a Customs Bond for home consumption—manufactured, unmanufactured, and Snuff...	per lb. 8 0
Do. Unmanufactured—entered to be manufactured in the Colony at the time of removal from a Customs Bond or from an importing ship to any licensed tobacco manufactory for manufacturing purposes only into Tobacco, Cigars, or Cigarettes	per lb. 1 0
Wines—Sparkling—for six reputed quarts or twelve reputed pint bottles	10 0
Do. Other kinds—	
In bottles—for six reputed quarts or twelve reputed pint bottles	5 0

Mr. Dibbs moved, That Resolution (6.) be agreed to.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Butcher moved, That the Resolution be amended by the insertion at the end of line 15 of the words "excepting Geneva, on which no allowance shall be made for less than hydrometer strength "of 25 under proof."

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be inserted be there inserted.

Debate ensued.

Proposed amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Question,—That Resolution (6.) be agreed to,—put and passed.

7. TOBACCO BILL:—

- (1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Dibbs, that a Bill be brought in, founded on Resolution of Ways and Means No. 5, for imposing a Duty on Tobacco manufactured in New South Wales, and for regulating the Manufacture of Tobacco in bond.
- (2.) Mr. Dibbs then *presented* a Bill, intituled "*A Bill for imposing a Duty on Tobacco manufactured in New South Wales and for regulating the Manufacture of Tobacco in bond,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.

8. CUSTOMS DUTIES BILL:—

- (1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Dibbs, that a Bill be brought in, founded on Resolution of Ways and Means No. 6, to grant to Her Majesty certain Duties of Customs, and to amend the Customs Regulation Act in certain particulars, and for other purposes.
- (2.) Mr. Dibbs then *presented* a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to grant to Her Majesty certain Duties of Customs and to amend the Customs Regulation Act in certain particulars and for other purposes,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.

9. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply having been read,—Motion made (*Mr. Dibbs*) and Question proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.
Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 7 MARCH, 1884, A.M.

Question,—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair,—put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

10. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Dibbs (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That this House at its rising this day do adjourn until Tuesday next.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly at seven minutes before Four o'clock a.m., until *Tuesday next* at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 68.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 11 MARCH, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

PAPER:—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—New Rules of Procedure adopted by the House of Commons, and applicable (under Standing Order No. 1) to the proceedings of this House.
Ordered to be printed.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Waiting-room at Greta Station:—Mr. Burns asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Whether he intends to cause an additional Waiting-room to be erected at Greta Station; and if so, when?

Mr. Wright answered,—There is no pressing necessity for a Gentlemen's Waiting-room at Greta.

(2.) Bridge over Mulbring Creek:—Mr. Burns asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Whether any, and if any what, decision has been arrived at in reference to the application of the 13th September last for the erection of a Bridge over Mulbring Creek, near the junction of Mulbring and Cessnock Roads?

Mr. Wright answered,—A sum of £850 has been placed on Estimates for current year for the Bridge in question.

(3.) Water Supply for Sydney and Suburbs:—Mr. Burdekin asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Have the main pipes and other material required in connection with the Nepean Water Supply been ordered?

(2.) Does the Minister, acting for the Board of Water Supply and Sewerage, intend to have main pipes laid in those Suburbs adjacent to the line of water supply, so that when the temporary supply is available in Sydney the Suburbs in question may participate in the supply simultaneously with the City; if so, have the pipes and other necessary material been ordered?

Mr. Wright answered,—

(1.) Plan and specification are very nearly completed, and tenders will be immediately invited for them.

(2.) The Suburbs in question will be treated in the same manner as the City of Sydney, which latter is at its own cost laying down the necessary reticulation pipes.

(4.) Wages of Railway Workmen:—Mr. Burdekin asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it a fact that while the Railway employes generally have received an additional 6d. per diem, some of these men who received 1s. extra per diem for living in tents along the line, and other hardships, have had this 1s. per diem taken off, and so, instead of receiving an additional 6d. per diem, these men have suffered a diminution in their wages of 6d. per diem?

Mr. Wright answered,—From inquiries made, I cannot learn that any men who received 1s. a day allowance in addition to tents have been deprived of this allowance.

(5.) Illawarra Railway:—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What sum of money has been spent on the survey of the Illawarra Railway Line between Macquarie River and Kiama?

(2.) How many different surveys, or parts thereof, have been made, and at whose suggestion were they so made?

(3.) When is it likely that the above surveys will be completed, and tenders called for for the construction of the Railway referred to?

(4.) Are Messrs. C. & E. Millar carrying out their contract for part 1 Illawarra Railway Line in its entirety, *i.e.*, from Redfern through Bottle Forest and about 4 miles south of the same, in all about 24 miles from Sydney?

(5.) If so, what compensation has been or is to be paid to them in consequence of the Government stopping their work on the last 8 miles?

(6.) If Messrs. Millar have given up the contract on the last 8 miles, what arrangements are made for completing the above portion?

Mr.

Mr. Wright answered,—

- (1.) About £2,170.
- (2.) Three separate routes have been surveyed, with deviations on two of these routes—suggested by Dr. Tarrant, and Residents of Jamberoo, and by myself, after my visit to the district.
- (3.) The surveys have been completed, and the working plan and section will be finished in a month.
- (4.) No.
- (5.) No compensation has been paid, or is to be paid.
- (6.) Messrs. Millar Brothers have given up the work, and the completion of their contract will form a portion of section No. 2.

(6.) Patent Cement Company :—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that he, the Colonial Secretary, the Colonial Treasurer (Mr. G. R. Dibbs), the Secretary for Public Works (Mr. F. A. Wright), J. Sutherland, Esq., M.P., and Mr. C. A. Goodchap (Commissioner for Railways), were shareholders in a Patent Cement Company which was registered some time ago?
- (2.) What are the names of the other shareholders in the Company?
- (3.) Was this Company registered since the present Government have been in office?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The question of the Honorable Member is of a nature that affects the private business of Honorable Members of this House, and as it refers to matters in which the public are in no way interested or concerned, I decline to give an answer.

(7.) Consolidated Pre-leases :—Mr. McElhone asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) In reference to what are known as Consolidated Pre-leases,—Is it not a fact that several persons hold immense areas of land under what are known as Consolidated Pre-leases?
- (2.) If so, is it not a fact that a vast area of these Pre-leases (Consolidated) does not join the lands for which Pre-leases were granted?
- (3.) Is it not a fact that only 1,920 acres can be held under our Land Laws as one Pre-lease?
- (4.) Will he take the necessary steps to abolish forthwith all Consolidated Pre-leases?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

- (1.) No; there are only eleven Consolidated Pre-emptive Leases.
- (2.) No, with one exception.
- (3.) No.
- (4.) The Land Bill now before the House will deal with the matter.

(8.) Reformatory for Boys :—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—Taking into consideration the urgent necessity for the establishment of a Reformatory for Boys,—Will the Government take into consideration the advisableness of placing upon the Additional Estimates the sum of £12,000 (withdrawn from original Estimates for 1884) in aid of the above?

Mr. Stuart answered,—The Honorable Member is under a misapprehension in this matter. The Government has not withdrawn £12,000 from the original Estimates for 1884, for on those Estimates there was no sum whatever for Reformatory, nor has it written off £12,000 from the £20,000 placed upon the Surplus Estimates of last year, but has merely determined that, inasmuch as the whole £20,000 cannot be spent this year, the sum of £12,000 may be discarded from the Treasurer's Estimates of the present year. I embrace, however, this opportunity to explain the views of the Government in this important matter. When £20,000 was placed upon the 1883 Surplus Estimates, the intention was to take a portion of the Field of Mars Common for the purpose, and as that Common had been set apart for sale to recoup the cost of the bridges, it was necessary to provide for the purchase money of the land required, the same as if it had to be purchased from a stranger. Since then the Government has in contemplation the establishment of the Reformatory Farm upon land forming a portion of 1,200 acres between Rookwood and the Liverpool Road, which belongs to the Government, and if that be carried out the estimated purchase money will not be required. Far from abandoning the project, I have been preparing a Bill, which I hope shortly to submit to this House, for the purpose of carrying into effect this long-desired scheme; and to allay the fears which have been expressed as to curtailment of the funds necessary for the purpose, I would desire to point out that there has been for nineteen years standing unused £25,000 for the purpose of a Penitentiary. This money was raised by loan in the year 1865, and no further step has been taken towards the establishment of such an Institution. Reformatories both for Boys and Girls seem to me to fall within the meaning of that appropriation, or to be so near akin to it that the Bill I allude to will, amongst other provisions, ask this House to sanction its being used for this purpose.

(9.) Public Baths for Parramatta :—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—With regard to my question of 4th December, 1883, and the answer thereto, respecting the resumption of a portion of the Market Reserve, Parramatta North, as a site for Public Baths,—What decision (if any) has been arrived at in the matter?

Mr. Stuart answered,—The papers in connection with this matter are now in the hands of the Surveyor, with instructions to survey the land.

(10.) Immigration :—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) The total number of Female Immigrants who have arrived by the last six vessels in New South Wales?
- (2.) The total number who were available for hire?
- (3.) The number who were brought out entirely at the expense of the Colony, and the cost per head?
- (4.) The number who were brought out under Assisted Immigration Regulations, and the cost per head to the Colony?

Mr. Stuart answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Agent for Immigration :—

- (1.) 346, exclusive of wives coming with their husbands.
- (2.) Ninety-three.
- (3.) None.
- (4.) 346, twenty-eight of whom were wives coming to join their husbands. The average contract price paid was £13 13s. 6d. per statute adult; less amount paid by each female adult, £2; balance, £11 13s. 6d.

(11.) Immigration :—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is he aware of the great scarcity of Female Domestic Servants in the Colony, and will he instruct the Agent General to provide the Colony with this class of Immigrants?

Mr. Stuart answered,—I am aware of the fact, and have instructed the Agent General to take all necessary steps to obtain a supply; but I am informed that this is a class of immigrants of whom it is difficult to obtain the number required.

(12.) The Permanent Force :—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it a fact that a Trumpeter in the Permanent Force was recently placed under arrest for saying at the mess-table that “the Non-commissioned Officers were like the British Aristocracy”?

Mr. Stuart answered,—The Commandant reports that he is apprised by the Officer Commanding the Artillery that a Trumpeter was made a prisoner at large for saying at the dinner-hour, in an improper manner, that the Non-commissioned Officers were the aristocrats of the Force. I intend to make further inquiry into this matter.

(13.) Mr. William Morris :—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Minister of Justice,—Did a Mr. William Morris recently forward a Petition to His Excellency the Governor; if so, what became of the Petition, and has a reply been sent to Mr. Morris?

Mr. Cohen answered,—Yes; and the allegations contained in the Petition are being inquired into. An acknowledgment of the receipt of the Petition appears to have been forwarded to Mr. Morris on the 25th ultimo, and a further communication will be forwarded to him when the necessary inquiries shall have been completed.

(14.) Mr. Moore, Teacher of Public School, Junee Junction :—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—

(1.) How long has Mr. John D. Moore, Teacher of the Public School at Junee Junction, been suspended?

(2.) How long since Mr. Moore received any salary from the Department?

(3.) Is it a fact that, through the Department retaining money due to him, he has been for some weeks in destitute circumstances and in ill-health?

Mr. Abbott answered,—

(1.) Mr. Moore was suspended on the 23rd November last.

(2.) The salary which accrued during his suspension has recently been paid.

(3.) I am not aware; but Mr. Moore's position, whatever it may be, is due entirely to his own misconduct.

(15.) Junction of Railways of New South Wales and Queensland :—Mr. W. J. Fergusson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has any arrangement been made with the Queensland Government as to the junction of the Great Northern Railway with the Queensland Railway Line?

(2.) Is it his intention to ask the sanction of this House during the present Session to the construction of a Line to connect the Railways of the two Colonies?

Mr. Wright answered,—No final arrangements have been made; but communications on the subject will be immediately re-opened.

(16.) Mr. Dunlop :—Mr. Abigail asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What was the character of Mr. Dunlop, the plaintiff in the case of *Dunlop v. Moore*, during the many years he was in the New South Wales Police Force?

(2.) What is the report of the Police in reference to the present mode of conducting the business, by Dunlop, of his hotel at York and Drutt Streets?

Mr. Stuart answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Inspector General of Police :—

(1.) His conduct was good.

(2.) He conducts his licensed house satisfactorily.

(17.) Tramway in Harris-street, Pyrmont :—Mr. Abigail asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has the Municipal Council of Sydney accepted the terms of the Government in the matter of laying wooden blocks and the Tramway along Harris-street, to Pyrmont; if so, will the work be proceeded with early?

Mr. Wright answered,—The Municipal Council of Sydney have consented to pay their proportion of the cost of paving Harris-street; and the question of constructing the Tramway along this street is now being considered.

(18.) Public School at Major's Plain :—Mr. Day asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—

(1.) How long is it since tenders were accepted for the erection of the Public School at Major's Plain?

(2.) Is he aware that the contractor has not yet commenced the work?

(3.) Will the Minister take immediate steps to have this contract carried out without any further delay?

Mr. Abbott answered,—

(1.) Mr. Joseph Bulmer's tender was accepted on the 14th January last.

(2.) It is believed that the work has not yet been commenced.

(3.) The contractor has been instructed to proceed at once with the work.

3. LICENSING ACT :—

(1.) Mr. Hugh Taylor presented a Petition from Residents of Parramatta and Sydney, complaining of the present state of the Law regarding the closing of Public Houses on Sundays, and stating that they consider that the provision respecting Travellers should be assimilated to that in the English Law; and praying the House to adopt measures for giving effect to their wishes.

(2.) Mr. Moses presented a similar Petition from Residents of George's River.

(3.)

(3.) Mr. Griffiths presented a similar Petition from Residents of Sydney.

(4.) Mr. Holtermann presented a similar Petition from Residents of St. Leonards and Sydney.
Petitions received.

4. VICTORIAN COAL-MINING COMPANY'S BILL :—⁷

(1.) Mr. Burns presented a Petition from D'Arcy Wentworth, by Fitzwilliam Wentworth, his Attorney in New South Wales, praying that he may be heard by his Counsel or Solicitor before this House, or before the Select Committee now sitting on the Victorian Coal-mining Company's Bill, in opposition to the Bill.
Petition received.

(2.) Mr. Burns (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That leave be given to Mr. Fitzwilliam Wentworth, as Attorney for Mr. D'Arcy Wentworth, to be heard by Counsel or Solicitor before the House or Select Committee on the Victorian Coal Mining Company's Bill, and that such Counsel or Solicitor be allowed to adduce evidence before the Committee in opposition to the said Bill.
Question put and passed.

5. PAPERS :—

Mr. Abbott laid upon the Table,—Return showing the Cost of Public Tanks and Wells.
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Stuart laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Amended and Additional By-laws of the Municipality of Wagga Wagga.

(2.) Regulations for the Volunteer Naval Artillery.

(3.) Further Return to an Address adopted on 6th July, 1877,—“ Immigration,”—Ship “ Peterborough ” and Steamship “ Lusitania.”

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 14th November, 1883,—“ Arbitration Case, Hickey and Gordon.”

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Cohen laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 13th February, 1884,—“ Conditional Publicans Licenses granted at West Kempsey.”

6. MANLY GAS-LIGHT AND COKE COMPANY'S BILL—Mr. Dibbs, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 7th February, 1884 ; together with a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Dibbs then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday, 21st March.

Question put and passed.

7. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Abigail moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

8. BADHAM ANNUITY BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Purves moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Thursday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the payment out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of an Annuity to the Widow of the late Professor Badham.

Question put and passed.

9. RESUMPTION OF MR. O'CONNOR'S PROPERTY AT WOOLLAHRA (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. McElhone moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—

(1.) Copies of all reports, minutes, &c., from any officer of the Post Office, Electric Telegraph, or Works Departments in reference to the suitability or otherwise of the property of Mr. Patrick O'Connor, situated at the junction of Ocean-street and South Head Road, for a Post and Telegraph Office.

(2.) Also copies of all correspondence between the Postmaster General and any officer of his Department, or any Department, and Mr. McLean, in reference to the offer of Mr. McLean to build and lease premises to the Government for a Post and Telegraph Office at the junction of South Head Road and Darling Point Road.

Question put and passed.

10. VACATING SEATS BY ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE :—Mr. O'Mara moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, it is inexpedient to declare vacant the Seat of any Member of the Legislative Assembly who may accept office as a Minister of the Crown.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 17.

Mr. Stuart,	Tellers,
Mr. Dibbs,	
Mr. Farnell,	
Mr. Trickett,	
Mr. Barbour,	
Mr. O'Connor,	
Mr. Lynch,	
Mr. Poole,	
Mr. W. J. Fergusson,	
Mr. Gray,	
Mr. Spring,	
Mr. Fromlin,	
Mr. Holtermann,	
Mr. O'Mara,	
Mr. Abbott.	

Mr. William Clarke,
Mr. Stephen.

Noes, 30.

Sir John Robertson,	Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Badgery,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. R. B. Smith,	Dr. Ross,
Mr. Wisdom,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Tarrant,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Humphery,
Mr. McElhone,	Mr. Griffiths,
Mr. McLaughlin,	Mr. Targett,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Dangar,	Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Proctor,	Tellers,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	
Mr. McQuade,	
Mr. Burdekin,	
	Mr. Harris,
	Mr. Lyne.

And so it passed in the negative.

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11. **AD VALOREM DUTIES**:—Mr. Melville presented a Petition from John Desmond Fitzgerald, Esquire, Solicitor, as Chairman of a Public Meeting of persons engaged in the Furniture Trades of Sydney and of the Colony generally, praying that a duty of 10 per centum may be imposed on all imported articles of Furniture.
Petition received.
12. **WITHDRAWAL OF VOTE FOR PUBLIC WORKS**:—Mr. Burdekin presented a Petition from J. E. Drayton, Chairman of a Public Meeting of Residents of Sydney, praying the House to vote against the proposal of the Government to stop the Public Works of the Colony.
Petition received.
13. **IMMIGRATION**:—Mr. Mitchell presented a Petition from G. F. Garton, Chairman of a Public Meeting of Residents of Newtown, praying the House to refuse to sanction the expenditure of any public money for the purpose of Assisted Immigration.
Petition received.
14. **SYDNEY CORPORATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL**:—Mr. O'Connor presented a Petition from Residents of Sydney, praying the House to pass this Bill.
Petition received.
15. **MR. STUART'S MINERAL CONDITIONAL PURCHASES**:—Mr. McElhone moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the nature and value of the improvements made on the Mineral Conditional Purchases of the Colonial Secretary, Alexander Stuart, situated between the National Park and Coal Cliff, and contiguous to the Illawarra Railway, more particularly if the improvements made on the Mineral Conditional Purchases of Mr. A. Stuart are in connection with mining for coal or other minerals, as provided for by the Lands and other Acts relating to the taking up Mineral Conditional Purchases; and if the improvements made on the above Mineral Conditional Purchases are of the value of £2 an acre, as provided by law.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Burns, Mr. Combes, Mr. Copeland, Mr. Fletcher, Mr. Harris, Mr. Lackey, Mr. Murray, Mr. Vaughn, Mr. Wright, and the Mover.
Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 12 MARCH, 1884, A.M.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 3.	Noes, 23.
Mr. Harris. <i>Tellers,</i> Mr. Holtermann, Mr. McElhone.	Mr. Dibbs, Sir John Robertson, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Trickett, Mr. Abbott, Mr. W. J. Fergusson, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Tarrant, Mr. O'Mara, Mr. Humphery, Mr. William Clarke, Mr. Griffiths, Mr. McCulloch, Mr. Melville, Mr. Gray, Mr. A. G. Taylor, Mr. Slattery, Mr. McLaughlin, Mr. Merriman, Mr. Stephen. <i>Tellers,</i> Mr. Burdekin, Mr. Badgery.

And so it passed in the negative.

16. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
(1.) Sydney Corporation Act Amendment Bill; second reading;—*until Tuesday, 25th March.*
(2.) Religious Persuasions of Children attending Public Schools; resumption of adjourned Debate;—*until Tuesday, 25th March.*
17. **LEGAL PRACTITIONERS AMALGAMATION BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. A. G. Taylor moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 5.	Noes, 11.
Mr. Trickett, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Melville. <i>Tellers,</i> Mr. Griffiths, Mr. McLaughlin.	Mr. Abbott, Mr. Stuart, Mr. Badgery, Mr. Burns, Mr. Stephen, Mr. Gray, Mr. Lyne, Mr. Harris, Mr. William Clarke. <i>Tellers,</i> Mr. McCulloch, Mr. W. J. Fergusson.

And it appearing by the Tellers Lists that there was not a Quorum present, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House at One o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 69.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 12 MARCH, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Diamond Drills :—Mr. Abigail asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) What has been the total cost of the Diamond Drills, the stock of appliances or plant for working, the amount paid or now due for repairs, carriage, labour, and superintendence since their introduction into the Colony to 1st March, 1884?

(2.) What number of Diamonds have been purchased, also the total cost of same to date?

(3.) What number of Diamonds are now in actual use in the Drills or in stock, also their present total value?

(4.) What has been the total amount of revenue received, or now due, for the service of the Diamond Drills in proving the value of Conditional Mineral Selections in the counties of Camden, Cumberland, and Northumberland, to date?

(5.) Will the amount expended by the Government in proving by the use of the Diamond Drills the Mineral Selections be accepted as a fulfilment by the Selectors of the improvement conditions on such Selections, whether minerals of value are discovered or not?

Mr. Abbott answered,—

(1.) £29,083 Os. 7d.

(2.) 1,059; cost, £3,937 4s. 5d.

(3.) 831; approximate value, £3,147 15s. 4d.

(4.) This question cannot be answered in its present form, as the Department is not aware of the titles of the land bored upon, as it is not a matter which concerns the Department. So far as can be ascertained, only £285 19s. 2d. has been paid for boring on land coming within the description in this question.

(5.) No money has been expended by the Government in proving Mineral Selections.

- (2.) Post Office, Parramatta North :—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Postmaster General,—On account of the large increase of population, and also the business transacted at the Post and Telegraph Office, Parramatta,—Will he cause an inquiry to be made as to the necessity of having a Branch Post Office at Parramatta North, instead of the two little pillars which are now used, and which are found to be very inconvenient?

Mr. Trickett answered,—Inquiry will be made into the matter referred to.

- (3.) Police Magistrate for Parramatta, Ryde, and Liverpool :—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Minister of Justice,—Is he aware of the large amount of business transacted at the Police Offices, Parramatta, Ryde, and Liverpool; if so, will he cause inquiry to be made into this matter, and consider the advisableness of appointing a Police Magistrate, whose duty it would be to attend to these important Police Courts?

Mr. Cohen answered,—No particular representation has been made to me respecting the increase of business at the Police Courts named, or as to the necessity for appointing a Police Magistrate for the Courts in question; but I will cause inquiry to be made on the subject, and give the matter due consideration.

- (4.) Public School, Parramatta North :—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—Is he aware that the accommodation at the Public School Parramatta North is inadequate for the attendance; if so, will he take steps to have the new building erected on the land long ago resumed for that purpose?

Mr. Abbott answered,—The present accommodation is adequate for the requirements. A wooden building will, however, be erected on the new site, so as to remove the objections to the use of the tent. (5.)

- (5.) Destitute Children's Asylum, Randwick :—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) The number of children over the age of twelve years in Randwick Asylum eligible for apprenticeship, in accordance with the Act and By-laws of that Institution ?
 - (2.) The amount paid per annum by the Government for the maintenance of such children ?
 - (3.) The number of applications for apprentices registered on the books of Randwick Asylum ?
 - (4.) The number of patients under treatment in the Catherine Hayes Hospital, and the nature of their complaints ?
 - (5.) The number of children not inmates of the said Hospital, but under treatment for sore eyes, ringworm, and skin eruptions ?
 - (6.) What steps (if any) are taken to separate children of this class from the healthy inmates of the Institution in the dormitories, playgrounds, and school-houses ?
- Mr. Stuart answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Institution, through the Inspector of Public Charities :—
- (1.) 21.
 - (2.) £20 6s. 6d. per head last year.
 - (3.) 321.
 - (4.) 46, namely :—Ophthalmic, 21 ; abscess, 3 ; epilepsy, 1 ; ringworm, 3 ; scald-head, 12 ; scarlatina, 1 ; contusion, 4 ; chicken pox, 1.
 - (5.) Sore eyes, 15 ; ringworm, 7 ; skin eruption, 4 ; total, 26.
 - (6.) All directions given by the Medical Officer are carried out.
- (6.) Joseph Maitland :—Mr. Barbour asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that a sum of £160 is due and payable to one Joseph Maitland, of Young, and that payment has been refused on presentation of voucher and order signed by Maitland ?
 - (2.) Has Maitland instituted legal proceedings against the Crown for the recovery of the amount ; if so, has the question of defending the action received the consideration of the Government ?
- Mr. Dibbs answered,—
- (1.) The £160 alleged to be due to Joseph Maitland is detained in the Treasury for the present under guarantee from another claimant.
 - (2.) I am not aware of any legal proceedings having been instituted by Maitland.
- (7.) General Cemetery, Mudgee :—*Mr. T. R. Smith*, for Mr. A. G. Taylor, asked the Secretary for Lands,—When will the Mudgee General Cemetery be opened ?
- Mr. Farnell answered,—The Cemetery was dedicated on the 18th January last, and Trustees for the different portions will be appointed when nominated by the heads of the respective denominations who have been asked to do so. To-day a letter was received from the Honorable Member nominating Trustees for the General Burial Ground.
- (8.) Post and Telegraph Offices, Tamworth :—*Mr. Loughnan*, for Mr. Gill, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) When does he intend to take action with reference to the resumption of land for Post and Telegraph Offices at Tamworth ?
 - (2.) Have plans and specifications been prepared for Post and Telegraph Offices, Tamworth ; if so, when will tenders be called for same ?
- Mr. Wright answered,—
- (1.) So soon as the necessary description shall have been furnished to this Department by the Surveyor General, in whose hands the matter stands at present.
 - (2.) Plans are in course of preparation, and tenders will be invited as soon as the resumption of the site shall have been proclaimed.
- (9.) Expenditure on Public Works by Harbours and Rivers Department :—Mr. Burdekin asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What is the total amount of money expended on Public Works during 1883 by the Harbours and Rivers Department, distinguishing the amount spent on the water supply ?
- Mr. Wright answered,—Sydney water supply, £368,042 13s. 6d. ; providing water supply for country towns, £71,165 0s. 10d. ; other works, £294,404 19s. 5d. ; total, £733,612 13s. 9d.
- (10.) Registrar General's Department :—Mr. Burdekin asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) What is the estimated cost of repairs to the two buildings adjoining St. James School (now High School) Elizabeth-street, to fit them up as a branch of the Registrar General's Department ?
 - (2.) What branch of that Department is to occupy the buildings when altered ?
 - (3.) What description of documents is it proposed to keep there ?
 - (4.) What is the salary of the Registration Clerk in the Land Titles Office ?
 - (5.) What is the salary of the Index Clerk in the same Department ?
 - (6.) What are the salaries of the Messengers in the Colonial Secretary's Office ?
- Mr. Stuart answered,—
- (1.) £275.
 - (2.) The Drawing Branch of the Land Titles Office.
 - (3.) No documents will be kept there.
 - (4.) £150 per annum.
 - (5.) £125 per annum.
 - (6.) Two at £174—thirty-eight and twenty-seven years service ; one at £120—thirteen years service ; two at £90—one four years service ; one at £52.
- (11.) High-level Bridge over Darling Harbour Railway :—Mr. Merriman asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Have the Government taken any steps for the construction of a High-level Bridge over the Darling Harbour Railway at William-Henry-street ?
- Mr. Wright answered,—Yes ; plans are being prepared with a view to tenders being invited.
- 2.) Road from Great Western Road to Perkins's :—Mr. T. R. Smith asked the Secretary for Public Works,—If a survey was made of Road from Great Western Road, Euston Creek, towards Mr. Perkins's, about two years since ; if so, will he give instructions to have the Road handed over to the Trustees, Messrs. Shand, Perkins, Weston, Wright, and Walker ?
- Mr.

Mr. Wright answered,—

(1.) Yes; a Road leading from a Reserved Road joining the Great Western Road was opened as far as east boundary of Campbell's (now Shepherd's) 1,100 acres, on 17th March, 1883. It is proposed that work on Road in question should be carried out by the Department.

(13.) Removal of Piles in Nepean River :—Mr. T. R. Smith asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he give directions for the removal of the old piles in the Nepean River at Penrith in order to prevent the accumulation of rubbish, and to admit of the boat race between Hanlan and the Champion of New South Wales being rowed on the river in question?

Mr. Wright answered,—It is the intention of the Government to have the old piles referred to by the Honorable Member removed.

2. LICENSING ACT:—

(1.) Mr. Dibbs presented a Petition from Residents of St. Leonards and Sydney, complaining of the present state of the Law regarding the closing of Public Houses on Sundays, and stating that they consider that the provision respecting Travellers should be assimilated to that in the English Law; and praying the House to adopt measures for giving effect to their wishes.

(2.) Mr. Wright presented a similar Petition from Residents of Redfern.

(3.) Mr. Chapman presented a similar Petition from Residents of The Glebe.

(4.) Mr. Merriman presented a similar Petition from Residents of Sydney.

(5.) Mr. Copeland presented a similar Petition from Residents of Sydney and Suburbs.

(6.) Mr. Trickett presented a similar Petition from Residents of Paddington and Sydney.

(7.) Mr. Copeland presented a similar Petition from Residents of Sydney.

(8.) Mr. Stuart presented a similar Petition from Residents of Bulli and Sydney.

Petitions received.

3. PAPERS :—

Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table,—Customs Statistics for the year 1883.

Mr. Stuart laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return to an Order made on 18th January, 1884,—“Prince Alfred and Sydney Hospitals.”

(2.) Further Return to an Address adopted on 6th July, 1877,—“Immigration,”—Ship “Stirlingshire.”

Ordered to be printed.

4. CUSTOMS DUTIES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Dibbs moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 43.

Mr. Stuart,	Mr. Targett,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. George Campbell,
Mr. Wright,	Dr. Ross,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. D. A. Ferguson,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Harris,
Mr. Trickett,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Gill,	Mr. Poole,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Lyne,
Mr. T. R. Smith,	Mr. Stephen,
Mr. O'Mara,	Mr. Gould,
Mr. Day,	Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Merriman,
Mr. Jones,	Mr. W. J. Fergusson,
Mr. Mackinnon,	Mr. Hugh Taylor,
Mr. Olliffe,	Mr. William Clarke,
Mr. Cramsie,	Mr. Vaughn.
Mr. Burns,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Quin,	
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Moses,
Mr. Gibbes,	Mr. Griffiths.
Mr. Russell Barton,	

Noes, 10.

Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Fletcher,
Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Abigail,
Mr. Spring,
Mr. Teece,
Mr. Levien,
Mr. Burdekin.

Tellers,

Mr. Holborow,
Mr. A. G. Taylor.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Speaker, left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

Ordered, that the adoption of the report stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

5. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council :—

(1.) Dubbo Cattle Sale-yards Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled “*An Act to authorize the Erection and Maintenance of Cattle Sale-yards by the Municipal Council of Dubbo within the said Municipality,*”—with the amendment indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendment the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 12th March, 1884.*

JOHN HAY,
President.

DUBBO CATTLE SALE-YARDS BILL

Schedule of the Amendment referred to in Message of 12th March, 1884.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 2, clause 6, line 40. *After "levied" insert "by the said Council."*

Examined,—

JOSEPH DOCKER,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the Council's amendment be taken into consideration on Friday next.

(2.) Moffitt's Estate Leasing Enabling Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable John Williams or other the Trustee or Trustees for the time being of the Will of William Moffitt deceased to lease certain portions of the Real Estate of the said William Moffitt deceased,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee thereon.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 12th March, 1884.*

JOHN HAY,
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Burns, read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 21st March.

6. TOBACCO BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Dibbs moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 32.

Nocs, 18.

Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Cramsie,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. McCulloch,	Mr. Russell Barton,
Mr. Gill,	Mr. Withers,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Machattie,	Mr. George Campbell,
Mr. Gibbs,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. O'Mara,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. Moses,
Mr. Harris,	Mr. Fremlin.
Mr. Garvan,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Merriman,	Mr. Quin,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Poole.
Mr. Olliffe,	

Mr. Wisdom,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Gould.
Mr. Garrett,	
Mr. Burdekin,	
Mr. Sydney Smith,	
Mr. Teece,	
Mr. Tooth,	
Mr. Henry Clarke,	
Mr. McElhonn,	
Mr. Abigail,	
Dr. Ross,	
Mr. Holborow,	
Mr. Sutherland,	
Mr. Day,	
Mr. Lyne.	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.

Mr. Dibbs (*with the concurrence of the House*) moved, "That" the report be *now* adopted.

Mr. Farnell moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "That," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "the Bill be recommitted for the purpose of reconsidering clause 7."

Question put, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—

And Division called for,—but there being no Tellers on the part of the *Ayes*, no Division could be had, and Mr. Speaker declared the Question to have passed in the *negative*.

Question,—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words omitted be there inserted,—put and passed.

Question then,—That the Bill be recommitted for the purpose of reconsidering clause 7,—put and passed.

On motion of Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill 2^o, with a further amendment.

Mr. Dibbs (*with the concurrence of the House*) moved, That the report be *now* adopted.

Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 13 MARCH, 1884, A.M.

Point of Order.—Mr. Wisdom called Mr. Speaker's attention to clause 5 of the Bill—providing for the payment of a License Fee—and requested his ruling whether this clause, which related to trade, was properly before the House, not having been covered by a Resolution considered in a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. Speaker ruled that the clause was not regularly before the House.

Question

Question again proposed, "That" the report be now adopted.

Mr. Cohen moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "That," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "the Bill be recommitted for the purpose of omitting clause 5 and the Schedule."

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.

Debate ensued.

Proposed amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question,—That the report be now adopted,—by leave, withdrawn.

Ordered, that the adoption of the report stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

7. SUPPLY.—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported Progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

The House adjourned at twenty minutes before One o'clock, a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 70.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 13 MARCH, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk informed the House that Mr. Speaker was unavoidably absent.

Whereupon the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the second Standing Order of this House.

2. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Railway-crossing at Store-street, Glen Innes:—Mr. W. J. Fergusson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it his intention to grant the Crossing over the Railway Line at Store-street, Glen Innes, as asked for by the Municipal Council; if so, when?

Mr. Wright answered,—The Council has been informed that a Crossing cannot be conveniently given over the Railway in continuation of Store-street, as at this place there will be four lines of rails and 6 feet of cutting. Store-street has not been interfered with, as it now terminates at Lambeth-street, which forms the eastern boundary of the Government Reserve on which the Railway Station is placed.

- (2.) Mineral Leases, Vegetable Creek:—Mr. W. J. Fergusson asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) How many complaints have been received from Vegetable Creek of the non-compliance of the labour conditions in all Mineral Leases in that district?

(2.) Will he state what action has been taken in reference to the complaints?

Mr. Abbott answered,—

(1.) The Bailiff reports periodically upon all Leases in the district which are not being worked, but the number of complaints made could not be ascertained without searching through the records for the past twelve years.

(2.) Upon receipt of every such complaint, the Lessee is called upon to show cause, and if upon inquiry the complaint is sustained, the Lease is cancelled.

- (3.) Hawes-street, Glen Innes:—Mr. W. J. Fergusson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Do the Government intend to apply any sum out of the money voted for Approaches to Railways to make Hawes-street, Glen Innes, to the Passenger Station?

(2.) Have any complaints been made that the grades in Meade-street are so steep that the street is next to useless?

Mr. Wright answered,—

(1.) It is proposed to do some work on Hawes-street.

(2.) Yes, a telegram to that effect was received this morning.

- (4.) Mr. E. G. Ward, Registrar General:—Mr. Hugh Taylor, for Mr. A. G. Taylor, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Does Mr. E. G. Ward, Registrar General, receive £800 a year for official services?

(2.) Has he during the last year received £750 for services as Executor to the Estate of the late William Perry?

(3.) Did he apply to the Court for an additional 5 per cent. commission, and endeavour to substantiate his claim by an affidavit?

(4.) Is the following a true copy of one clause in the affidavit:—"I have devoted nearly twelve months continuous personal attention to such subdivision and sale, and have bestowed a vast amount of time and trouble thereon?"

(5.) Has the Colonial Secretary considered whether such employment, as stated in Mr. Ward's affidavit, is consistent with his official position and duties?

(6.) Did the recent defalcations of Mr. Duff arise partly from lack of official supervision by his superior officer?

Mr.

Mr. Stuart answered,—

- (1.) The salary of the Registrar General is £750 per annum.
- (2, 3, & 4.) I am not in a position to answer these questions.
- (5.) I am informed by Mr. Ward that he has taken care not to allow his executorship to interfere with his public duties.
- (6.) I am not able to answer this question.

(5.) Berrima Coal :—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Have the Government entered into a contract for the supply of 5,000 tons of Berrima coal, or for any less quantity, or do they propose to do so?
- (2.) Is it a fact that the Berrima coal is so bad that engines using it have to be stopped every few miles to get up steam?

Mr. Wright answered,—

- (1.) The Government had a contract last year with the Berrima Company, under which 5,000 tons of coal—the balance of a larger quantity—has yet to be supplied.
- (2.) No.

(6.) Sorters in General Post Office :—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Postmaster General,—

- (1.) How many hours per day are the Sorters in the General Post Office supposed to work, as provided by the Postal Regulations?
- (2.) How many hours per day have they worked, as shown by the average in the Attendance Book for the past four weeks?
- (3.) How many hours did they work overtime during these four weeks, and how much per hour were they paid for this overtime work?
- (4.) What amount per hour are the Permanent Artillery allowed for working in the Post Office on Fridays?
- (5.) How many days leave of absence per annum are the Sorters allowed?
- (6.) Is it a fact that the Sorters have to work from three to five hours on Public Holidays, and receive no leave in lieu of such labour?

Mr. Trickett answered,—

- (1.) Eight hours per diem is the time fixed for Newspaper-sorters to work.
- (2.) Eight hours and fifty minutes.
- (3.) Twenty hours, for which they were allowed 25s. 6d.—the usual monthly allowance.
- (4.) 1s. 3d. per hour, and have from two to three hours work each Friday—six men being employed.
- (5.) No stated allowance; but applications for leave to the extent of not more than a fortnight annually are granted as far as practicable, exclusive of occasional holidays or partial holidays.
- (6.) It is necessary, in the public interest, that both Clerks and Sorters of the Mail Branch should work for a few hours on Public Holidays, and as compensation portions of other days are given, on application, when business permits.

(7.) Gas for Callan Park Lunatic Asylum :—Mr. Young asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
Is it a fact that he has ordered the Colonial Architect's Department to supply to the Member for Parramatta copies of all letters that have passed between that Department and the Australian Gas-light Company relative to the supply of gas to Callan Park Lunatic Asylum; together with copies of all letters, orders, specifications, and invoices of gas-plant ordered by the Government for the abovenamed Asylum?

Mr. Wright answered,—No, I have given no orders of the kind.

(8.) Public School, Rolland's Plains :—Mr. Young asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the Public School at Rolland's Plains has been without a Teacher since the 20th December, 1883?
- (2.) Is it a fact that the District Inspector nominated a Teacher for this School in December last; if so, when is it intended to appoint a Teacher for this School, and so allow the children residing in the neighbourhood a chance of obtaining a fair education?

Mr. Abbott answered,—

- (1.) Yes. The Christmas Vacation extended from 20th December to 14th January.
- (2.) On 31st December last a nomination was received from the District Inspector. The nomination was one of a series affecting several Teachers, and as the proposal involved the disrating of at least one Teacher it became necessary to return the recommendation to the District Inspector for further report. On the 5th instant a Teacher was instructed to take charge of the Rolland's Plains School.

(9.) Teacher at Bow-Bow Creek School :—Mr. Young asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—

- (1.) What allowance is made to the Teacher at Bow-Bow Creek School in lieu of a residence?
- (2.) What would be the approximate cost of building a Teacher's residence at this place in conjunction with the new School?

Mr. Abbott answered,—

- (1.) 4s. per week.
- (2.) A residence constructed of wood, containing three rooms and kitchen, would cost about £250.

(10.) Engineers Corps :—Mr. Withers asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Of what does the establishment of the Engineers Corps now consist?
- (2.) Are the Officers and Non-commissioned Officers professional men?
- (3.) What are the trades and professions of the men of the Corps?
- (4.) What is the average attendance during the last twelve months?
- (5.) What is the yearly pay of a Commissioned Officer and other Officers when efficient?
- (6.) What is the pay of the Non-commissioned Officers and men when efficient?

Mr.

Mr. Stuart answered,—

(1.) One major, one captain, one lieutenant, four sergeants, six corporals, two buglers, and forty-five sappers.

(2.) The Officers are professional men; the Non-commissioned Officers are tradesmen.

(3.) Blacksmiths, bricklayers, carpenters, engineers, painters, plumbers, plasterers, stonemasons, and saddlers.

(4.) At continuous training, fifty-two; lectures, forty-one; other parades, forty-six.

(5 and 6.) As a *maximum*, *i.e.*, for attendance at six days continuous training, sixteen daylight drills, sixteen night drills, and two lectures: Major, £50, with £20 command pay; captain, £40; lieutenant, £30; colour-sergeant, £17; sergeant, £15; first corporal, £14; second corporal, £13; bugler, £10; sapper, £12. As a *minimum*, *i.e.*, for attendance at six days continuous training, twelve day-light drills, twelve night-drills, and two lectures: Major, £43 15s., with £20 command pay; captain, £35; lieutenant, £26 5s.; colour-sergeant, £14 17s. 6d.; sergeant, £13 2s. 6d.; first corporal, £12 5s.; second corporal, £11 7s. 6d.; bugler, £8 15s.; sapper, £10s. 10s.

(11.) Torpedo Corps:—Mr. Withers asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Of what does the establishment of the Torpedo Corps now consist?

(2.) Are the Officers and Non-commissioned Officers professional electricians?

(3.) What are the trades and professions of the men of the Corps?

(4.) What is the average attendance during the past twelve months?

(5.) What is the yearly pay of the Commanding Officer and the Officers when efficient?

(6.) What is the pay of the Non-commissioned Officers and men when efficient?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

(1.) One major, one captain, four lieutenants, seven sergeants, ten corporals, two buglers, and seventy-five privates.

(2.) Four Officers and two Non-commissioned Officers are professional electricians.

(3.) Electricians, engineers, blacksmiths, carpenters, seamen, boatmen, two buglers, and twenty-two of various callings.

(4.) At continuous training, sixty-two; lectures, fifty; other parades, fifty.

(5 and 6.) As a *maximum*, *i.e.*, for attendance at six days continuous training, sixteen daylight drills, sixteen night drills, and two lectures: Major, £150, and £50 command pay; captain, £100; first lieutenant, £60; second lieutenant, £40; colour-sergeant, £30; sergeant, £25; first corporal, £20; second corporal, £15; bugler, £10; and private, £12. As a *minimum*, *i.e.*, for attendance at six days continuous training, twelve daylight drills, and twelve night drills, and two lectures: Major, £131 5s., and £50 command pay; captain, £87 10s.; first lieutenant, £52 10s.; second lieutenant, £35; colour-sergeant, £26 5s.; sergeant, £21 17s. 6d.; first corporal, £17 10s.; second corporal, £13 2s. 6d.; bugler, £8 15s.; private, £10 10s.

(12.) Public School, Cassilis:—Mr. McLaughlin asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—

(1.) When were tenders received for the erection of a Kitchen, &c., for the Public School at Cassilis?

(2.) When does he propose to accept or reply to the tenders received?

Mr. Abbott answered,—

(1.) 6th February, 1884.

(2.) The tenders are so high that it is proposed to invite fresh ones.

(13.) Court-house, Merriwa:—Mr. McLaughlin asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What are the names of the persons who tendered for the contract of making additions to the Court-house in Merriwa, and the amount of their tenders respectively?

(2.) Is it a fact that the Minister has twice called for tenders for this work, and is now for a third time calling for fresh tenders?

(3.) Why has the Minister not accepted any of the tenders he has already received?

Mr. Wright answered,—

(1.) *First Tenders*: P. L. Clarke, £3,000; O. Saunders, £2,849. *Second Tenders*: O. Saunders, £2,699 10s.; same, if work be modified, £2,499 10s.; W. Taylor & Son, £3,191; R. Dumbrell, £3,220.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) A tender was not accepted in either case, as the prices asked for the work were considered excessive.

(14.) Pipes for Nepean Water Supply:—Mr. Burdekin asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What description of pipes is it proposed to use for bringing the Nepean Water into Sydney—wrought or cast-iron?

(2.) If wrought-iron, can Colonial iron be advantageously used for the purpose?

(3.) If cast-iron is to be used, is it not a well-known fact that great delay will be caused on the receipt of the pipes through the disinclination of ship-owners to bring this description of cargo?

Mr. Wright answered,—

(1.) Both wrought and cast iron pipes are proposed to be used.

(2.) It is difficult to say, as no wrought-iron plates have been as yet made in the Colony. But as it is proposed to invite tenders in the Colony, as well as in England, the Colonial manufacturers and importers will have an opportunity of tendering.

(3.) There may be some delay in this respect, which is, however, unavoidable; but large quantities of pipes for the Newcastle Waterworks have been imported without any very serious difficulty.

3. PAPERS:—

Mr. Abbott laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Report from the Trustees of the Sydney Free Public Library for 1883-4.

(2.) Return to an Order made on 31st January, 1884,—“Cost of Constructing certain Public Schools.”

Ordered to be printed.

Mr.

Mr. Wright laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return to an Order made on 11th December, 1883,—“ Railway Traffic between Picton and Harden.”
- (2.) Return to an Order made on 19th February, 1884,—“ John Roxburgh Miles.”
- (3.) Return to an Order made on 28th February, 1884,—“ Railway Traffic at Uralla.”

Ordered to be printed.

4. LICENSING ACT :—

- (1.) Mr. Chapman presented a Petition from Residents of The Glebe, complaining of the present state of the Law regarding the closing of Public Houses on Sundays, and stating that they consider that the provision respecting Travellers should be assimilated to that in the English Law; and praying the House to adopt measures for giving effect to their wishes.
- (2.) Mr. Burdekin presented a similar Petition from Residents of East Sydney.
- (3.) *Mr. A. G. Taylor*, for Mr. Cameron, presented a similar Petition from Residents of Sydney.
- (4.) Mr. Olliffe presented a similar Petition from Residents of Sydney and Suburbs.

Petitions received.

5. METROPOLITAN MAGISTRATES ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Cohen moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Metropolitan Magistrates Act of 1881.

Question put and passed.

6. LEGAL PRACTITIONERS AMALGAMATION BILL (NO. 2) (*Formal Motion*) :—

- (1.) Mr. A. G. Taylor moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to regulate the Rights and Responsibilities of Legal Practitioners.

Question put and passed.

- (2.) Mr. Taylor presented a Bill, intituled “ *A Bill to regulate the Rights and Responsibilities of Legal Practitioners,* ”—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 25th March.

7. RAILWAY EXTENSION FROM MURRUMBURRAH TO BLAYNEY :—Mr. Wright moved, pursuant to Notice, “ That ” this House approves of the Plans, Sections, and Book of Reference of the second part of the proposed Railway from Murrumburrah to Blayney—being a length from Young to Blayney, a distance of about 92½ miles—laid before the House on the 19th December, 1883, in accordance with the 9th section of the Government Railways Act 22 Victoria No. 19.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Vaughn moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word “ That,” with a view to the insertion in their place of the words “ before this House approves of the Plans, Sections, and Book of Reference of the second part of the proposed Railway from Murrumburrah to Blayney, the question should be referred to a Select Committee for inquiry and report.”

“(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Poole, Mr. Wright, Mr. Coonan, Mr. Proctor, Mr. Day, Mr. Lyne, Mr. McElhone, Mr. Garrard, and the Mover.”

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.

Debate continued.

Mr. Speaker entered the House, and took the Chair.

Question put, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.

The House divided.

Ayes, 54.

Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Machattie,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Targett,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Cohen,	Dr. Ross,
Mr. Purves,	Mr. D. A. Ferguson,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Humphery,
Mr. Heydon,	Mr. George Campbell,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Cramsie,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Quin,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Mitchell,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Merriman,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. Dalton,	Mr. Dangar,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Pigott,
Mr. Stephen,	Mr. Tarrant,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Spring,
Mr. Trickett,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Combes,	Mr. Holtermann,
Mr. Wisdom,	Mr. A. G. Taylor,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Tighe,	Mr. Harris,
Mr. Lynch,	
Mr. Murray,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Burdekin,	Mr. Brunker,
Mr. Olliffe,	Mr. Melville.

Noes, 7.

Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Griffiths,
Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Day,
Mr. McElhone.

Tellers,

Mr. Proctor
Mr. Coonan.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original Question put,—That this House approves of the Plans, Sections, and Book of Reference of the second part of the proposed Railway from Murrumburrah to Blayney—being a length from Young to Blayney, a distance of about 92½ miles—laid before the House on the 19th December, 1883, in accordance with the 9th section of the Government Railways Act 22 Victoria No. 19.

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The House Divided.

Ayes, 53.

Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Dalton,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Merriman,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Tarrant,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Pigott,
Mr. Purves,	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Tecce,
Mr. Quin,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Mitchell,	Mr. Cramsie,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Humphery,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. D. A. Ferguson,
Mr. Tighe,	Dr. Ross,
Mr. Lynch,	Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Murray,	Mr. Spring,
Mr. Burdekin,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Holtermann,
Mr. Machattie,	Mr. A. G. Taylor,
Mr. Targett,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. Harris,
Mr. Wisdom,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Combes,	Mr. Olliffe,
Mr. Abbott,	
Mr. Trickett,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. George Campbell,
Mr. Stephen,	Mr. Heydon.
Mr. Suttor,	

Noes, 6.

Mr. Proctor,
Mr. Coonan,
Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Day.

Tellers,

Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. Vaughn.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

8. CUSTOMS DUTIES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Dibbs moved, That the report from the Committee of the Whole on this Bill be now adopted.

Point of Order.—Mr. Garrett invited Mr. Speaker's attention to clauses 9 and 10 of the Bill, contending that these clauses related to trade, and not being covered by a Resolution of a Committee of the Whole were not properly before the House.

Mr. Speaker said that in his opinion the clauses referred to related to trade, and not being authorized by a Resolution from any Committee were not regularly before the House.

Question again proposed, "That" the report be now adopted.

Mr. Cohen moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "That," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "the Bill be recommitted for the purpose of omitting clauses 9 and 10."

Question,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—put and negatived.

Question,—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words omitted be there inserted,—put and passed.

Question then,—That the Bill be recommitted for the purpose of omitting clauses 9 and 10,—put and passed.

On motion of Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill 2^o, with further amendments. Ordered, that the adoption of the report stand an Order of the Day for Wednesday next.

9. TOBACCO BILL:—The Order of the Day for the adoption of the report on this Bill read,—and, on motion of Mr. Dibbs, discharged.

Ordered, that the Bill be withdrawn.

10. WAYS AND MEANS:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that a Point of Order had arisen in the Committee, and obtained leave to sit again as soon as Mr. Speaker's decision had been given thereon.

The Chairman then reported the *Point of Order* as follows:—

In Committee of Ways and Means the following Resolution was under consideration:—

(7.) *Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to regulate the appointment of warehouses to be called Tobacco Factories, and for licensing the same, and for the imposition of an annual fee to be payable for such license, for the registration and licensing of persons and their places of business, for the sale of tobacco, cigars, or cigarettes, and for the imposition of an annual fee to be payable for such license to sell, and for other purposes.

When exception was taken to it by the Honorable Member for Camden (Mr. Garrett), on the ground that it was not one which should be proposed in Committee of Ways and Means, as it did not propose a tax but a fee, and also affected trade, and should therefore be proposed in a Committee of the Whole House, on notice given.

That he (the Chairman) had given his opinion that the Resolution was properly before the Committee.

Mr. Speaker ruled in accordance with the opinion given by the Chairman.

On

On motion of Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the Committee resumed.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), that the report be now received.

The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—

- (7.) *Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to regulate the appointment of warehouses to be called Tobacco Factories, and for licensing the same, and for the imposition of an annual fee to be payable for such license, for the registration and licensing of persons and their places of business, for the sale of tobacco, cigars, or cigarettes, and for the imposition of an annual fee to be payable for such license to sell, and for other purposes.

On motion of Mr. Dibbs, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

11. TOBACCO-BILL (No. 2.) :—

- (1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Dibbs, That a Bill be brought in, founded on Resolutions of Ways and Means Nos. 5 and 7, for imposing a Duty on Tobacco manufactured in New South Wales, and for regulating the manufacture of Tobacco in Bond, for the appointment of warehouses to be called Tobacco Factories, and for licensing the same, for the imposition of an annual fee to be payable for such license, for the registration and licensing of persons and their places of business, for the sale of tobacco, cigars, or cigarettes, and for the imposition of an annual fee to be payable for such license to sell, and for other purposes.

- (2.) Mr. Dibbs presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill for imposing a Duty on Tobacco Manufactured in New South Wales and for regulating the Manufacture and Sale under License of Tobacco in Bond and for other purposes*,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.

12. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Dibbs (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That this House at its rising this day do adjourn until Tuesday next.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly at half-past One o'clock a.m., until *Tuesday next* at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 71.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 18 MARCH, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) The Case of Barney M'Donald:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that during the past month Mr. District Court Judge Docker sentenced a man named Barney M'Donald, convicted of horse stealing at Narrabri for the first time, to ten years hard labour?
 - (2.) Did he at the close of the Narrabri Sessions say that he "had been compelled to carry out a painful duty in sentencing the prisoner under the new Act passed by the Legislature"?
 - (3.) Will the Government interfere to prevent the imposition of sentences of ten years penal servitude for stock stealing?
 - (4.) Will any reduction be made in Barney M'Donald's sentence?

Mr. Cohen answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) I am informed by Judge Docker that he did not use the remarks attributed to him; but he made reference to the fact that passing heavy sentences in some cases was a painful duty which Judges had to discharge. He states there were no extenuating circumstances in M'Donald's case, and that he is not prepared to make any recommendation in prisoner's favour.
 - (3 & 4.) There appears to be no ground for interference at the present time.
- (2.) Illawarra Railway:—Mr. Poole, for Mr. Loughnan, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) What steps does he intend to take to complete that portion of section No. 1 of the Illawarra Railway which has been abandoned by the contractor?
 - (2.) Is it the intention of the Department to finish the work by day labour; if so, when will it be commenced?
 - (3.) If it is intended to do the work by contract, when will tenders be invited?

Mr. Wright answered,—

- (1.) The completion of this section will be included in contract No. 2 of the Illawarra Railway.
 - (2.) No; the work will be let by contract.
 - (3.) The plans and sections are in course of preparation, and tenders will be invited as early as practicable.
- (3.) Areas of Unalienated Land in Eastern, Central, and Western Divisions:—Mr. R. B. Smith, for Mr. Burdekin, asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) What is the estimated area of the unalienated land in the Eastern Division as described in the new Land Bill?
 - (2.) Also the same with regard to the Central and Western Divisions?
 - (3.) The estimated areas of land in these Districts fit for agricultural purposes, for pastoral purposes, and the area unavailable for useful occupation either from scrubby nature, mountainous character, or general barrenness?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

- (1.) The estimated area on the 1st October last was about 40,467,000 acres.
- (2.) The estimated areas were on the 1st October last about 40,095,000 acres and 78,764,000 acres respectively.
- (3.) There is not sufficient information at the disposal of the Department to permit of a reliable reply being given; but I hope to have it at no distant date.

(4.)

- (4.) Hall's Conditional Purchases :—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands,—Referring to my questions and replies (see Votes and Proceedings No. 54, 12th February, 1884) respecting Hall's Conditional Purchases in the Narrabri District,—Has the opinion of the Attorney General been received in the case therein alluded to, and has reference been made and reply received from the Works Department as to the Road avoiding Hall's land, and the nature of such reports?
Mr. Abbott answered,—With respect to the question submitted to the Attorney General for opinion (Murch Brothers case), no decision has reached the Department. Upon reference to the Works Department, it has been ascertained that the Local Roads Officer has not yet reported as to the change of site for the Road.
- (5.) Schools in the Namoi Electorate :—Mr. Dangar asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—When will the Return relating to Schools in the Namoi Electorate, ordered by this House on 27th December last (see Votes and Proceedings No. 31), be laid upon the Table of the House?
Mr. Abbott answered,—I will presently lay the Return referred to upon the Table of the House.
- (6.) North Coast Railway :—*Mr. R. B. Smith*, for Mr. Young, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 (1.) How many Surveyors are now employed on the North Coast Railway Line Trial Survey?
 (2.) What is the date of last report from these Surveyors; and how much ground had each gone over from his starting point at that date?
 (3.) Will the Minister take steps to expedite the completion of this important Survey?
Mr. Wright answered,—
 (1.) Three Surveyors are employed between Maitland and Grafton.
 (2.) A report from each of these Surveyors was sent in on the 29th ultimo. At that date the Surveyor working from Grafton had completed 62 miles, the one working from Maitland 12 miles, and the one at The Hastings 10 miles. In addition to this portion of the Coast Survey, a Trial Survey has been nearly completed from The Richmond to Byron Bay, and thence to The Tweed.
 (3.) Yes.
- (7.) Letters of Registration of Inventions :—Mr. Poole asked the Minister of Justice,—Will he say what is the amount paid to the Attorney General and Crown Solicitor respectively from the fees paid to obtain Letters of Registration for the years 1881, 1882, and 1883?
Mr. Cohen answered,—In 1881 the Attorney General was paid £520, and the Crown Solicitor £574 12s. In 1882 the Attorney General was paid £635, and the Crown Solicitor £701 13s. 6d. In 1883 the Attorney General was paid £715, and the Crown Solicitor £790 1s. 6d.
- (8.) Immigration :—Mr. Burns asked the Colonial Secretary,—
 (1.) The number of Assisted Immigrants who arrived in the Colony from the 1st July to the 31st December, 1883?
 (2.) The like information for the period from the 1st January to the 29th February, 1884?
 (3.) The number of Assisted Immigrants who received "maintenance orders" from the 1st July, 1883, to the 29th February, 1884, and the total cost thereof to the Government?
 (4.) The total amount received in England by the Immigration Officers, or other persons in the service of the Government, from the 1st July to the 31st December, 1883, and from the 1st January to the 29th February, 1884, respectively, for transmission to the Colony, on the private account of Assisted Immigrants?
Mr. Stuart answered,—
 (1.) 5,214.
 (2.) 1,994.
 (3.) Forty-three availed themselves of maintenance orders, viz. :—Three single men, eight married couples, with their twenty-four children; total, forty-three—the cost being £23 1s.
 (4.) From 1st July to 31st December, 1883, by drafts on Bank of New South Wales, £10,933 17s. 6d.; from 1st January to 29th February, 1884, by drafts on Bank of New South Wales, £2,981 15s.; total, £13,915 12s. 6d. This amount, however, is irrespective of drafts on other Banks or of cash held by Immigrants, respecting which I am unable to obtain any authentic information.
- (9.) Mittagong Public School :—*Mr. W. J. Fergusson*, for Mr. McCourt, asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—
 (1.) Does the Mittagong Public School rank as a 5th-class?
 (2.) Is this School now entitled by regulations to a Sewing Mistress and two Pupil Teachers?
 (3.) What was the average attendance at this School during October, November, and December of last year?
 (4.) Have any School Teachers in Berrima district had their salaries reduced because of the attendance falling below the prescribed standard; if so, what is the name of such School, and amount of reduction?
Mr. Abbott answered,—
 (1.) Yes.
 (2.) No; the School is entitled to a Work Mistress and a Pupil Teacher.
 (3.) October, 72·9; November, 77; December, 74·9.
 (4.) No.
- (10.) Boundaries of Police District of Berrima :—*Mr. Barbour*, for Mr. McCourt, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
 (1.) Did the residents of Barrengarry petition for an alteration of boundaries of the Police District of Berrima?
 (2.) Will he say why such alteration was made, and did the Bench of Magistrates at Moss Vale report against such alteration?
Mr. Stuart answered,—
 (1.) No; but a communication was received by the Government from the Honorary Secretary of the Kangaroo Valley Progress Committee on the subject.

(2.) It was represented that much inconvenience was experienced by the inhabitants of Kangaroo Valley, more especially the business people, owing to the boundary line between the Shoalhaven and Berrima Police Districts passing through the centre of the Valley, one half of which was in the Shoalhaven and the other in the Berrima District, the consequence being that tradespeople suing for debts, persons on the Shoalhaven side had to attend the Court at Broughton Creek, a distance of 12 miles, while persons residing on the Berrima side had to attend at Moss Vale, a distance of about 22 miles in an opposite direction. It was therefore suggested that the boundary line should be so altered as to include the whole of Kangaroo Valley in the Shoalhaven District. The Benches at Broughton Creek and Nowra reported in favour of the proposed alteration, and the Inspector General of Police also concurred; but the Bench at Moss Vale were adverse to any change of boundaries, as it would (in their opinion) lead to confusion, and in a variety of ways cause trouble and uncertainty. It was, however, deemed expedient, in view of the public inconvenience, to carry out the suggested alteration, and the amended boundaries were duly notified in the *Government Gazette* of 29th February last.

- (11.) Tramway Employés:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it a fact that the employés on the Trams receive no pay whatever during the periods when they are disabled from working through injuries sustained in the due performance of their dangerous duties?

Mr. Wright answered,—It is not a fact.

- (12.) Mr. Perrott, Police Magistrate, Waratah:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—Did Mr. Perrott, the Police Magistrate at Waratah, make the following statement from the Bench recently:—"Some scoundrels flashed dark lanterns on my house last night, and I followed them till I overtook them. If I had not been out of breath I would have brained them, and by G—d I will wing with a revolver the next person that flashes a dark lantern on my premises?"

Mr. Cohen answered,—The requisite information to answer this question is not complete; and it would be desirable that it be postponed for two or three days.

- (13.) The Case of Matthew Lahy:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Was a man named Matthew Lahy arrested at Wellington for travelling 5,000 sheep without a permit?

(2.) Is Lahy a well-known resident of Wellington, and should he not have been proceeded against by summons?

(3.) Did the Bench dismiss the case?

Mr. Cohen answered,—

(1.) I am informed that a man named Matthew Lahy was arrested at Wellington for travelling 5,000 sheep without a permit, and that he was without such permit or other written authority, and in illegal and adverse possession of the sheep, and keeping them in a starving condition.

(2.) Lahy is said to be a well-known resident of Wellington, and frequently before the Police Court there. The circumstances of the case, and the 429th section of the Criminal Law Amendment Act of 1883, seemed to have formed justification for Lahy's arrest.

(3.) I am informed, the case was dismissed after Lahy had promised to restore the sheep.

- (14.) Illawarra Railway:—Mr. Poole asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he say when it is expected the South Coast Railway will be completed to Cook's River, and if it is the intention of the Government to then open that portion for public traffic?

Mr. Wright answered,—This portion of the Line will probably be finished in about three months, but it would not be desirable to open it until the length to Hurstville is ready.

- (15.) Railway Proposals:—Mr. W. J. Fergusson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Will he state when he will submit his new Railway Proposals?

(2.) Will he submit them in time to give Members an opportunity to make inquiries respecting the new Lines he intends to propose?

(3.) Will he submit with the Proposals the reports of the different Surveyors and the opinion of the Engineer-in-Chief for Railways?

Mr. Wright answered,—

(1.) When the present business before the House will admit of it.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) I hope to submit the proposals to the House in such a form, and with such detailed information as will be satisfactory to the House.

- (16.) Letter-boxes at General Post Office:—Mr. Burns asked the Postmaster General,—The number of Letter-boxes let at the General Post Office, and the amount received by the Department for the accommodation thereby provided, for the year 1883?

Mr. Trickett answered,—Number of boxes let during 1883, 668; amounts received during 1883, £1,033; exclusive of forty-nine allotted to Public Departments, for which no rent was paid. At the present time there are 742 boxes in use in all.

- (17.) Joseph Maitland:—Mr. Barbour asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Did he receive a letter from Messrs. Cope and King, enclosing a petition praying that a nominal defendant be named to receive writ at the instance of Joseph Maitland, who claims £160 due to him from the Treasury; if so, has he decided to name such nominal defendant?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The Colonial Treasurer has been appointed nominal defendant in this case. The appointment was gazetted on the 14th instant, and Messrs. Cope and King were apprised by letter of that date.

- (18.) Millgate v. The Honorable John Smith:—Mr. Hugh Taylor, for Dr. Ross, asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he cause any additional correspondence that may have arisen since the original papers were printed in the Conditional Purchase Case, George Millgate v. the Honorable John Smith, to be laid upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Farnell answered,—I will lay a copy of these papers upon the Table as soon as possible.

(19.) Roads in the Wollombi Electorate :—*Mr. E. B. Smith*, for *Mr. Gorrick*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is the Minister aware that complaints and petitions have been sent to the Commissioner for Roads by the people of Wollombi, calling attention to the mismanagement of Roads in that Electorate and to the employment of maintenance men ?

(2.) Is he aware that maintenance men are largely employed in that Electorate over whom there is no supervision, and that there is no guarantee, beyond their bare word, that work for which they are paid has been performed ?

(3.) Is he aware that public moneys voted for Roads and Public Works in the Wollombi Electorate have remained unexpended in some instances for more than two years, and that instances now exist of extraordinary delay ?

(4.) Will he cause an immediate inquiry to be made into the manner in which maintenance men are employed and paid, and to the alleged delay in expending public moneys voted for Roads and Public Works in the Electorate of Wollombi, and have a report furnished ?

Mr. Wright answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Maintenance men are employed in the usual way, with occasional visits from the Officer. Their work speaks for itself, and any man neglecting his work is removed.

(3.) Delays have occurred in consequence of difficulties in getting possession of land, but no votes have been allowed to lapse.

(4.) Yes.

2. PAPERS :—

Mr. Abbott laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 7th December, 1883,—“Schools in the Namoi Electorate.”

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Wright laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 17th January, 1884,—“Port Macquarie and Walcha Road.”

Ordered to be printed.

3. LICENSING ACT :—

(1.) *Mr. Chapman* presented a Petition from Residents of The Glebe, complaining of the present state of the Law regarding the closing of Public Houses on Sundays, and stating that they consider that the provision respecting Travellers should be assimilated to that in the English Law ; and praying the House to adopt measures for giving effect to their wishes.

(2.) *Mr. Dibbs* presented a similar Petition from Residents of Manly and St. Leonards. Petitions received.

4. TEACHERS EMPLOYED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION (*Formal Motion*) :—*Mr. Abigail* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing the names of all classified Teachers at present employed by the Department of Public Instruction, with the following particulars regarding each :—

(1.) The name and classification by examination, also by work.

(2.) The date of appointment, with name of School.

(3.) Class of School, with salary attached.

(4.) Date of each removal, with name of School removed to.

(5.) Class of School, with salary attached.

(6.) Classification by examination, or by work of each Teacher at date of each removal.

Question put and passed.

5. EXPENDITURE UNDER PUBLIC INSTRUCTION ACT (*Formal Motion*) :—*Mr. Burns*, for *Mr. Suttor*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—

(1.) The total expenditure under the Public Instruction Act in 1882.

(2.) The total amount provided for expenditure in the Estimates for 1883.

(3.) The total amount proposed to be provided for 1884.

(4.) The total number of children attending the Schools under the Act in 1882.

(5.) The total number of children attending the Schools under the Act in 1883.

(6.) The amount expended in 1883 on new school buildings, additions, repairs, and weather-sheds commenced in 1882 and completed in 1883.

(7.) The amount expended in 1883 on new school buildings, additions, repairs, and weather-sheds commenced in 1883 and completed before the close of the year.

(8.) The amount expended in 1883 on new school buildings, additions, repairs, and weather-sheds commenced in 1883, but not completed before the close of the year.

(9.) The estimated total amount expended, or to be expended, on the erection and completion of new school buildings, additions, repairs, tents, and weather-sheds for which contracts were accepted in 1882.

(10.) The total number of pupils such Schools were designed to accommodate.

(11.) The estimated total amount expended, or to be expended, on the erection and completion of new school buildings, additions, repairs, and weather-sheds for which contracts were accepted in 1883.

(12.) The total number of pupils such Schools were designed to accommodate.

Question put and passed.

6. THE “HANSARD” (*Formal Motion*) :—*Mr. A. G. Taylor* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence between the Colonial Secretary, the Principal Shorthand Writer, and the Government Printer, relative to the earlier publication of “Hansard.”

Question put and passed.

7. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES—*Mr. Stuart* (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That *John Fitzgerald Burns*, Esquire, do take the Chair in Committee of the Whole House for this day only.

Question put and passed.

8. **POSTPONEMENTS** :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—
- (1.) Electoral Act Amendment Bill ; second reading ;—*until Friday, 18th April.*
 - (2.) Contempts Punishment Bill ; second reading ;—
 - (3.) Law of Seduction Amendment Bill ; second reading ;—
- } *until Friday next.*
9. **LIMITATION OF ACTIONS FOR TRESPASS BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Farnell, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.
- Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and *Mr. Burns* reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.
- On motion of Mr. Farnell, the report was adopted.
- Ordered, that the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council :—
- MR. PRESIDENT,
- The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to alter the Law respecting remedies for Trespass to Land.*"
- Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 18th March, 1884.*
10. **POSTPONEMENTS** :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—
- (1.) } Compensation for Land taken for Roads and Streets ; consideration in
 - (2.) } Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill,—
 - (3.) Forest Lodge, near Tarlo, Estate Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*) ; second reading ;
 - until Friday, 28th March.*
 - (4.) Armidale Gas Company's Incorporation Bill (*as amended and agreed to in*
 - Select Committee*) ; second reading ;—
 - (5.) Windsor Gas-light Company Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select*
 - Committee*) ; second reading ;—
- } *until Friday next.*
11. **DUBBO CATTLE SALE-YARDS BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Sir Patrick Jennings, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendment made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.
- Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and *Mr. Burns* reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendment.
- On motion of Sir Patrick Jennings, the report was adopted.
- Ordered, that the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council :—
- MR. PRESIDENT,
- The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendment made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorize the Erection and Maintenance of Cattle Sale-yards by the Municipal Council of Dubbo within the said Municipality.*"
- Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 18th March, 1884.*
12. **POSTPONEMENTS** :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—
- (1.) Badham Annuity Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the payment out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of an Annuity to the Widow of the late Professor Badham ;—
 - (2.) Supreme Court Appellate Jurisdiction Bill ; second reading ;—
 - (3.) Monk-Wearmouth Colliery Railway Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*) ; second reading ;—
 - (4.) Great Cobar Copper-mining Company Tramway Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*) ; second reading ;—
 - (5.) Mineral Conditional Purchases Repeal Bill ; second reading ;—
 - (6.) Legislative Assembly Quorum Bill ; second reading ;—
 - (7.) Engineering Association Incorporation Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*) ; second reading ;—*until Friday, 11th April.*
 - (8.) Dubbo Gas Company's Incorporation Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*) ; second reading ;—*until Friday next.*
- } *until Friday next.*

The House adjourned at twenty minutes after Five o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 72.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 19 MARCH, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Free Railway Passes :—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 (1.) The names of all persons to whom Life Railway Free Passes have been given; and the reasons for the issue of such Passes?
 (2.) Is it intended to continue the issue of these Passes; and if so, on what grounds?

Mr. Wright answered,—

(1.) Life Passes on the Government Railways are issued as under :—To the Lieutenant Governor, after being in office one year; to the Chief Justice, after being in office five years; to the President of the Legislative Council, after being in office one year; to the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, after being in office one year; to the Premier of the Colony, after being in office three years; to the Secretary for Public Works, after being in office three years; to any other Minister of the Crown, after being in office seven years. Life Passes are also issued by the authority of the Governor and the Executive Council to persons who have rendered services of pre-eminent value to the Colony. Passes have been issued to the Honorable Sir Alfred Stephen, C.B., K.C.M.G., Lieutenant Governor; Sir James Martin, Knight, Q.C., Chief Justice; the Honorable Sir John Hay, K.C.M.G., President, Legislative Council; Sir G. Wigram Allen, Knight, Speaker, Legislative Assembly; the Honorable Edmund Barton, Speaker, Legislative Assembly; the Honorable Sir Henry Parkes, K.C.M.G., Premier; the Honorable Sir John Robertson, K.C.M.G., Premier; the Honorable James Byrnes, Secretary for Public Works; the Honorable John Sutherland, Secretary for Public Works; the Honorable John Lackey, Secretary for Public Works; John Rae, Esquire, M.A., upon retiring from the position of Commissioner for Railways; the late Captain W. H. Hovell, for eminent services; the late Reverend W. B. Clarke, for eminent services; the late Reverend J. D. Lang, for eminent services; the late Thomas Woore, for eminent services; the late Lady Cowper, for distinguished services of the late Sir Charles Cowper; Miss Cowper, for distinguished services of the late Sir Charles Cowper.

(2.) Yes, on the same grounds.

- (2.) Tramway from Castle Hill and Baulkham Hills to Parramatta :—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Taking into consideration the enormous amount of fruit produced in the Castle Hill, Baulkham Hills, and adjoining district, as well as the large amount of general produce raised, and the large and increasing population of these districts,—Will the Minister have inquiry made as to the advisableness of having a cheap single Tram-line laid down from a central position in these districts to the Railway Station, Parramatta?

Mr. Wright answered,—Inquiry will be made.

- (3.) Attendance at Schools :—Mr. Burdekin asked the Colonial Secretary,—
 (1.) What was the number of children of school-going ages (between six and fourteen years), in the City during 1883?
 (2.) What number of such children were receiving education?
 (3.) What number were not receiving education?
 (4.) What means have the Government for ascertaining the number of children receiving education, or the reverse?

(5.)

(5.) Do the Attendance Officers under the Public Schools Act visit the homes of the people generally to see whether the children are receiving instruction, or do they confine their attention to those children on the Public School Rolls who may happen not to have attended school during the required number of days?

(6.) If the Attendance Officers confine their duties to the Public Schools Attendance Rolls, whose duty is it to look after those children receiving no education at all?

Mr. Abbott answered,—

(1, 2, 3, and 4.) There is no law compelling parents to register their children, or compelling private Teachers to record the names and attendance of their pupils. It is not possible, therefore, to answer these questions with any degree of accuracy.

(5.) The School Attendance Officers do not confine their attention to the children on the Public School Rolls, but make searching inquiries in every direction respecting children supposed not to be attending school, solicit information from the most prominent people in the various localities, and visit factories, shops, and all industries where young children are likely to be employed.

(6.) Answered by No. 5.

(4.) Private Letter-boxes :—*Mr. Merriman*, for *Mr. W. J. Fergusson*, asked the Postmaster General, Will he cause some inquiries to be made as to the working of the Private Letter-box System in America before carrying out the proposal contained in his Circular of 8th March?

Mr. Trickett answered,—I have already directed a letter to be sent to the Postal Authorities, United States, America (where the Private Letter-box System is very largely used), asking for the fullest information as to the system generally, and particularly as to the mode of sorting adopted there. In regard to the Circular referred to by the Honorable Member, I may state that it appears to me that the present system of sorting could not, in any event, be altered until the end of this year, being the date of expiry of the term for which present box-holders took their boxes; but the utmost care will be taken that no change will be made calculated to lessen the usefulness of the boxes, or to inconvenience box-holders.

2. LICENSING ACT:—

(1.) *Mr. Merriman* presented a Petition from Residents of Sydney and Suburbs, complaining of the present state of the Law regarding the closing of Public Houses on Sundays, and stating that they consider that the provision respecting Travellers should be assimilated to that in the English Law; and praying the House to adopt measures for giving effect to their wishes.

(2.) *Mr. Cameron* presented a similar Petition from Residents of Sydney and Suburbs.

(3.) *Mr. Moses* presented a similar Petition from Residents of Kogarah.

Petitions received.

3. PAPERS:—

Mr. Wright laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 28th November, 1883,—“Conveyance of Railway Materials.”

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Further Correspondence in connection with the Conditional Purchase Case, *George Millgate v. the Honorable John Smith, M.L.C.*

(2.) Return (*in part*) to an Order made on 20th November, 1883,—“Premises Rented and Property held by the Government in Sydney.”

(3.) Return to an Order made on 5th February, 1884,—“*Milson's Point, North Shore.*”

(4.) Return to an Order made on 13th December, 1883,—“*Mineral Conditional Purchases made by F. M. Mills, W. Jaing, and W. B. Christie.*”

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Abbott laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 16th January, 1884,—“*Working Coal under Railways, Roads, and Streets.*”

4. METROPOLITAN MAGISTRATES ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by *Mr. Cohen*, and read by *Mr. Speaker* :—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor.

Message No. 27.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to amend the “*Metropolitan Magistrates Act of 1881.*”

Government House,

Sydney, 19th March, 1884.

Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

5. TOBACCO BILL (No. 2) :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by *Mr. Dibbs*, and read by *Mr. Speaker* :—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor.

Message No. 28.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill for imposing a Duty on Tobacco manufactured in New South Wales, and for regulating the manufacture of Tobacco in bond.

Government House,

Sydney, 19th March, 1884.

Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

6. CUSTOMS DUTIES BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Abbott moved, That the report from the Committee of the Whole on this Bill be now adopted.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

7. TOBACCO BILL (No. 2) :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Abbott moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Point of Order.—Mr. A. G. Taylor requested Mr. Speaker's ruling whether this Bill was properly before the House, contending that several of its provisions related to trade, and should have been based upon a Resolution of the whole House, and not upon a Resolution of the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Speaker ruled that the Bill was properly before the House.

Question,—That this Bill be now read a second time,— put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

Ordered, that the adoption of the report stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

8. BUTCHERS SHOPS (METROPOLITAN POLICE DISTRICT) SUNDAY CLOSING BILL :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to prohibit within the Metropolitan Police District the Opening of Butchers Shops on Sundays,*"—with the amendment indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendment the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 19th March, 1884.

JOHN HAY,
President.

BUTCHERS SHOPS (METROPOLITAN POLICE DISTRICT) SUNDAY CLOSING BILL.

Schedule of the Amendment referred to in Message of 19th March, 1884.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, clause 2. Omit clause 2.

Examined,—

JOSEPH DOCKER,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the Council's amendment be taken into consideration to-morrow.

9. METROPOLITAN MAGISTRATES ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Cohen, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Metropolitan Magistrates Act of 1881.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), that the report be now received.

The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows :—

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to amend the Metropolitan Magistrates Act of 1881.

On motion of Mr. Cohen, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

(2.) Mr. Cohen presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Metropolitan Magistrates Act 1881,*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

10. NECROPOLIS ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Cohen moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Cohen, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Cohen, the report was adopted.

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

11. MATRIMONIAL CAUSES ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Cohen moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Cohen, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

12. SUPPLY :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Abbott, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
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And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 20 MARCH, 1884, A.M.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

The House adjourned at eighteen minutes before Three o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 73.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 20 MARCH, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Running-shed at Eveleigh:—Mr. Garrard asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) The name of the contractor for new Running-shed at Eveleigh, and the amount of his contract?
- (2.) The amount of the next lowest tender?
- (3.) The contract time for completion of the work, and the penalty for non-completion of same?
- (4.) Is the work likely to be completed by such date; if not, is it the intention of the Department to enforce the penalty?
- (5.) Is the work being done in accordance with the plans and specifications exhibited to the colonial tenderers?
- (6.) Was the work, now being erected, passed in England, or in Sydney?
- (7.) Did any of the tenderers undertake to do the work in the Colony?

Mr. Wright answered,—

- (1.) The contractor is W. H. Jennings, and the amount of his contract £38,600.
- (2.) £39,600.
- (3.) 9th September, 1883. Penalty for non-completion, £50 per week, or part of a week beyond the date named.
- (4.) It has not been completed within contract time, and penalties are being enforced.
- (5.) Yes.
- (6.) The work was passed in Sydney.
- (7.) None of the tenderers undertook to do the work in the Colony.

(2.) Branch Railway to Brewarrina:—Mr. Hugh Taylor, for Mr. Dangar, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Has the Government received the report of the Engineer-in-Chief for Railways relative to the proposed Branch Line of Railway to Brewarrina *via* Tarcoon, Bogan River; and if so, has the Government decided to include that Branch in the Supplementary Estimates to be submitted to Parliament?
- (2.) Has the Government decided to make a road from Brewarrina to Byerock *via* Tarcoon, as surveyed by Mr. Surveyor Whitlock, whereby a saving of 33 miles in travelling from Brewarrina to Byerock would be effected, the present road *via* Gongolgon being 83 miles?
- (3.) Does the Government intend building a Station-house at Byerock?

Mr. Wright answered,—

- (1.) A Report has been received; but I am not prepared to say whether this Line will be included in the Railway policy of the Government.
- (2.) The only survey made by Mr. Whitlock was a trial survey for proposed Line of Railway.
- (3.) Yes.

(3.) Renewal of Publicans Licenses:—Mr. Olliffe asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Is it not a fact that already the Police have filed some scores of objections to the renewal of certain Publicans Licenses in the Metropolitan District, the applications to be heard at the Annual Licensing Court?
- (2.) Will he be good enough to state the number and nature of such objections?
- (3.) Is it not a fact that many of these objections are founded on the mere suspicion of trading during illegal hours?
- (4.) Is it a fact that the Stipendiary Magistrates have totally ignored the 24th section of the Amending Licensing Act, which reads as follows:—"A license granted under the principal or this Act shall not be liable to cancellation under the seventy-second section of the Principal Act unless the holder thereof shall be proved to have been thrice convicted after the passing of this Act within three years of an offence punishable under the said Act as amended by this Act?"

Mr.

Mr. Cohen answered,—

(1, 2, and 3.) I am informed that the date for holding the April Quarterly Licensing Meeting has not yet been fixed, and no objections have therefore been filed to the renewal of Publicans Licenses in the Metropolitan District. No Annual Licensing Meetings are now held, as the Act only makes provision for the holding of Quarterly Meetings.

(4.) No.

(4.) Railway Trucks :—Mr. Olliffe asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) How many Railway trucks are now waiting repairs at Redfern and Eveleigh ?

(2.) How many men were employed on the work of repairing the said trucks up to the evening of Monday, the 17th instant ?

(3.) Has the Railway Department superabundance of trucks ?

(4.) Do the Southern Mail Trains invariably, three or four times a week, arrive at the Redfern Station about half-an-hour late of schedule time ?

Mr. Wright answered,—

(1.) 401, out of a total of 4,875.

(2.) Ninety-three men.

(3.) No, and those under repair are being pushed on with the utmost expedition.

(4.) They do not invariably run late this year. Out of a total of eighty trains, twenty have been 25 minutes and upwards late.

(5.) Sorters in General Post Office :—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Postmaster General,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the average number of hours which the Sorters of the General Post Office work is nine, and not eight, as previously stated ?

(2.) Did they make an application to the Secretary for an increase in their overtime allowance ?

(3.) Did the Superintendent of Mails detain this application for six weeks ?

Mr. Trickett answered,—

(1.) The answer previously given was perfectly correct. The Stampers and Sorters are expected to work eight hours a day ; but the average time they actually worked during the last month was eight hours and fifty minutes, as stated, for which they received 25s. 6d. each as overtime allowance. It will be understood that these officials did not work eight hours and fifty minutes every day. This is merely the average arrived at by including the special attendances in connection with Friday nights and the English Mail work.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) The Superintendent reports :—“The application was held over for consideration, as the Sorters had recently received an extra allowance for Fridays work, and he was in doubt at first whether he could recommend it.”

(6.) Gaol at Walgett :—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is it a fact that Inspector Henry has condemned the new Gaol at Walgett, on account of the composition in the foundation ?

(2.) Has another Inspector been sent to inspect ?

(3.) Has the second Inspector been instructed to pass the said building ?

Mr. Cohen answered,—

(1.) No ; I am informed that a portion of the work only in the building was condemned by Inspector Henry.

(2.) Another Inspector also examined the work.

(3.) No.

(7.) Model of Townshend's Cylinder Machine :—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has the model of Mr. Townshend's cylinder machine come back from Melbourne yet ?

(2.) When will it be set up in the Redfern Yard for inspection ?

Mr. Wright answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) No application has been made in this respect. It was exhibited at the Engineer's Exhibition held in Sydney last year.

(8.) Compulsory Education :—Mr. Burdekin asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—Did the Conference of School Inspectors, held last year in Sydney, make any recommendation respecting the working of the compulsory clause of the Public Instruction Act (43 Vic. No. 23) ; if so, will the Minister have any objection to state the purport of their recommendation ?

Mr. Abbott answered,—Yes. The following are the recommendations made by the Conference of Inspectors :—

(1.) That, in the event of the Public Instruction Act being amended, clause 20 should be so altered that the period of compulsory attendance may be thirty-five days in each quarter instead of seventy days in each half year, and that the penalties provided by the Act may be inflicted quarterly. Further, that the words in section 3 of that clause—“two miles by the nearest road”—should be altered to two miles by the nearest route ; and, in the case of children over ten years of age, it should read *three* miles instead of *two*.

(2.) That the onus of proof as to cause of non-attendance should be thrown upon the parent instead of upon the Attendance Officer.

(3.) That there should be compulsory registration of the attendance of pupils in all Private Schools, and that the Teachers of such Schools should be required to obtain a license to teach.

(4.) That, as at present, an Attendance Officer has no power to demand the name or residence of a child found upon the street, the Conference is of opinion that, for the purposes of this Act, Attendance Officers should be sworn in as Special Constables.

2. PAPERS :—

Mr. Wright laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return showing the Classification and proposed Distribution of the Vote for 1884 for Subordinate Roads under the Officers of the Roads Department.

(2.) Return showing the Classification and proposed Distribution of the Vote for 1884 for Subordinate Roads under Trustees.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr.

Mr. Stuart laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) By-law of the Municipal District of Gulgong, under the Nuisances Prevention Act of 1875.
- (2.) Return to an Order made on 11th December, 1883,—“Purchase of Paling's Property.”

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Abbott laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 5th March, 1884,—“Morning Star Extended Quartz Claim.”

Ordered, that the document be referred to the Select Committee now inquiring into “Patrick Hannan's Mining Claim at Temora.”

3. VICTORIAN COAL-MINING COMPANY'S BILL:—Mr. Stuart presented a Petition from E. D. Nicolle, of White Heath, Lake Illawarra, near Wollongong, stating several objections to the passing of this Bill; and praying the House to give full consideration to his objections. Petition received, and referred to the Select Committee on the Bill.

4. LICENSING ACT:—

(1.) Mr. Holtermann presented a Petition from Residents of Manly and St. Leonards, complaining of the present state of the Law regarding the closing of Public Houses on Sundays, and stating that they consider that the provision respecting Travellers should be assimilated to that in the English Law; and praying the House to adopt measures for giving effect to their wishes.

(2.) Mr. Copeland presented a similar Petition from Residents of Sydney and Suburbs.

(3.) Mr. Merriman presented a similar Petition from Residents of Sydney and Suburbs.

(4.) Mr. Hugh Taylor presented a similar Petition from Residents of Parramatta and Sydney.

(5.) Mr. Cameron presented a similar Petition from Residents of Sydney.

(6.) Mr. O'Connor presented two similar Petitions from Residents of Sydney and Suburbs.

Petitions received.

5. CUSTOMS DUTIES BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Dibbs, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Dibbs then moved, That the Title of the Bill be “*An Act to grant to Her Majesty certain Duties of Customs and to amend the 'Customs Regulation Act' in certain particulars and for other purposes.*”

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled “*An Act to grant to Her Majesty certain Duties of Customs and to amend the 'Customs Regulation Act' in certain particulars and for other purposes.*”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 20th March, 1884.

6. NECROPOLIS ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Cohen, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Cohen then moved, That the Title of the Bill be “*An Act to amend the 'Necropolis Act of 1867.'*”

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled “*An Act to amend the 'Necropolis Act of 1867.'*”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 20th March, 1884.

7. ALLOWANCE TO WITNESSES ATTENDING CRIMINAL TRIALS (*Formal Motion*):—*Dr. Ross*, for Mr. Tarrant, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence, minutes, and other papers respecting a proposal of the Clerk of the Peace to amend the Schedule of Allowance to Medical and other Witnesses attending Criminal Trials. Question put and passed.

8. TOBACCO BILL (No. 2):—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Dibbs moved, That the Report from the Committee of the Whole on this Bill be now adopted. Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

9. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the Committee of Supply,—Mr. Dibbs moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair. Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 21 MARCH, 1884, A.M.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

10. POSTPONEMENTS:—The remaining Orders of the Day of Government Business postponed until Wednesday next.

11. BUTCHERS SHOPS (METROPOLITAN POLICE DISTRICT) SUNDAY CLOSING BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendment made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendment.

On motion of Mr. O'Connor, the Report was adopted.

Ordered, that the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendment made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to prohibit within the Metropolitan Police District the opening of Butchers Shops on Sundays.*"

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 21st March, 1884, a.m.*

The House adjourned at twenty-five minutes after One o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 74.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 21 MARCH, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) By-laws of the Municipal Council of Narrabri:—Mr. Dangar asked the Colonial Secretary,—
When will the By-laws of the Municipal Council of Narrabri, submitted some time back, be approved of, certified, and gazetted, in order that the same may be placed in operation by that Municipality?

Mr. Stuart answered,—These By-laws are under reference to the Attorney General, whose decision upon them will be given in a few days.

- (2.) Railway Bridges:—*Mr. Day*, for Mr. Poole, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) Will he say who were the persons originally gazetted as a Royal Commission to examine and report upon the Railway Bridges of the Colony?
(2.) Is that Commission still in existence; if so, what progress has it made?
(3.) Have any of the Commissioners been superseded, or have they resigned; if so, who, and for what reason?

Mr. Wright answered,—

- (1.) Messrs. G. A. Morell, W. M'D. Courtney, J. P. Franki, N. Selfe, and J. Edgington.
(2.) The Commission was not issued.
(3.) No; but it has been deemed advisable to revise the constitution of the Commission.

- (3.) Mr. Perrott, P.M., Waratah:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—Did Mr. Perrott, the Police Magistrate at Waratah, make the following statement from the Bench recently:—
“Some scoundrels flashed dark lanterns on my house last night, and I followed them till I overtook them. If I had not been out of breath I would have brained them, and by G—d I will wing with a revolver the next person that flashes a dark lantern on my premises”?

Mr. Cohen answered,—It appears that, provoked by previous but very recent repeated annoyances from a number of persons who seem to have studiously disturbed the quiet of his home and alarmed his family by throwing stones and flashing lanterns on to his house, the Police Magistrate, after having descended from the Bench, and not whilst occupying it, said:—“If my place is attacked by stones again, and I have to follow, and the ruffian will not stand when I call upon him to do so, I will wing him with a bullet from a revolver.” Mr. Perrott, however, expresses his regret for having used the words alluded to, though uttered under great provocation.

- (4.) Examination of School Teachers:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. Abigail, asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—Were the questions put to Teachers at the last December Examinations known at the Fort-street School previous to the Examinations, and has any Inspector reported the matter to the Department; if so, what steps have been taken in the matter?

Mr. Abbott answered,—The Department is not in possession of any information of the kind. Both the Examiners and the Sydney Inspectors have been consulted, but they know nothing of the matter.

- (5.) Stewart's Case:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Minister of Justice,—
(1.) Was a man named Stewart committed for trial to the Bathurst Quarter Sessions by the Cowra Bench, and has the venue been since changed to Grenfell?
(2.) Why has the venue been so changed?
(3.) Is it a fact that one of the prisoner's bondsmen resides near Grenfell?

Mr.

Mr. Cohen answered,—

(1.) Stewart was committed to Bathurst Circuit Court (not Quarter Sessions), and the trial of his case has been ordered to take place at Grenfell Quarter Sessions.

(2.) On representations made by several local Justices to the effect that it would entail considerable expense and loss of time to the Crown witnesses, and also to the defendant and his witnesses, if they were compelled to attend at Bathurst, and that their respective residences were much nearer to Grenfell than to Bathurst.

(3.) Defendant's bondsman resides at Bumbaldry, near Grenfell.

(6.) Railway Trial Survey, Borenoro to Forbes:—Mr. Stokes asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has Mr. Surveyor Sharkey furnished his report upon the Trial Survey from Borenoro to Forbes, *via* Cudal and Eugowra?

(2.) If satisfied that the adoption of this Line would be an immense saving in capital and distance, when will he ask the House to sanction a deviation from the original Line, that the question of rival routes may be settled?

Mr. Wright answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) This will be dealt with at an early date.

(7.) Ringbarking on Mundawaddera Run:—Mr. Day asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Did the Lessee of the Mundawaddera Run, in the Murrumbidgee District, obtain permission to ringbark any portion of the timber on above Run; if so, what quantity, and what is the date of the permit?

(2.) If such permission was given, are the following selections embraced within the area, *viz.*:—F. Leischke's 625 acres, selected at Wagga Wagga on the 22nd February, 1883, and P. F. Leischke's 640 acres, selected on 29th March, 1883, at Wagga Wagga?

Mr. Abbott answered,—

(1.) Yes; permission was granted on 11th July, 1882, to the Lessee of Mundawaddera Run to ringbark certain timber upon about 7,000 acres.

(2.) F. Leischke has included in his 625 acres, and P. J. Leischke has included in his 640 acres, some portion of the land which the Lessee of Mundawaddera Run was authorized to ringbark. The remainder of the land conditionally purchased by the Messrs. Leischke was previously held under pre-lease by the owner of the Run, and while so held was ringbarked.

(8.) Joseph Maitland:—*Mr. Day*, for Mr. Barbour, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Will he say why the vouchers and order presented by Joseph Maitland's Agent for the sum of £160 are being detained on presentation for payment at the Treasury?

(2.) Will he give immediate instructions for the return of such order and vouchers to Mr. Maitland's Agent, in order to admit of Mr. Maitland's Solicitor preparing case for action against the Crown?

Mr. Stuart answered,—The information asked for in these questions has already been supplied to Mr. Maitland's Agent by letter from the Treasury of 20th February last.

(9.) Railway from Molong to Manildra:—*Mr. Cameron*, for Dr. Ross, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Are the working plans of the Railway from Molong to Manildra (No. 2 section) being prepared; if so, will he state when tenders will be invited for the construction of the same?

(2.) Are the plans of the third section from Manildra to near Forbes being prepared; if so, when will they be ready to be laid upon the Table of this House for approval?

Mr. Wright answered,—If the Honorable Member will refer to the Business Paper of the 4th instant, he will find I have already given answers to these questions.

2. LICENSING ACT:—

(1.) Mr. Burdekin presented a Petition from Residents of East Sydney and Suburbs, complaining of the present state of the Law regarding the closing of Public Houses on Sundays, and stating that they consider that the provision respecting Travellers should be assimilated to that in the English Law; and praying the House to adopt measures for giving effect to their wishes.

(2.) Mr. Copeland presented a similar Petition from Residents of Sydney and Suburbs. Petitions received.

Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present.

Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being only nineteen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely,—Mr. Abbott, Mr. Burdekin, Mr. Burns, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Copeland, Mr. Day, Mr. Farnell, Mr. W. J. Fergusson, Mr. Fremlin, Mr. Griffiths, Mr. Loughnan, Mr. McLoughlin, Mr. Melville, Mr. Olliffe, Mr. O'Mara, Mr. Spring, Mr. Stuart, and Mr. Wright,—

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House at twenty minutes before Five o'clock, until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 75.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 25 MARCH, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Roads and Bridges in Electorate of Mudgee:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for *Mr. A. G. Taylor*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it a fact that out of the twenty-five items eliminated from the Roads and Bridges section of the Estimates five are within the Electorate of Mudgee?

Mr. Wright answered,—Only three of the items appear to be for works in the Mudgee Electorate.

(2.) Siding at Huntley Railway Station:—*Mr. William Clarke* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Will he construct a Siding at the Huntley Railway Station on condition that the land required for the purpose is given?

(2.) During his proposed tour of inspection on the Western Line of Railway, will he inspect the Railway Stations at Orange, Spring Hill, and Millthorpe, with a view to improving the accommodation at those places?

Mr. Wright answered,—

(1.) The traffic does not justify the outlay of any public money at this place.

(2.) Yes, I will inspect all the Stations on the Line.

(3.) Tramways:—*Mr. Proctor* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Who is the principal officer of the Tramway traffic?

(2.) Who appoints and who dismisses the motor-drivers and conductors?

(3.) What instructions from time to time have been given to the drivers of the motors as to speed at which they are to travel?

(4.) If given, were they in writing, or otherwise; if in writing, will the Minister lay a copy of such instructions upon the Table?

(5.) What is the maximum speed at which motors are to be driven?

(6.) Have any directions been given to drivers of motors to ease off or slacken speed if they see any obstruction on the line?

Mr. Wright answered,—

(1.) *Mr. James Roberts* is the Superintendent of Tramway Traffic.

(2.) The motor-drivers and conductors are appointed and dismissed by the respective Heads of the Locomotive and Traffic Branches, with the approval of the Commissioner for Railways.

(3 and 4.) The instructions are embodied in the printed rules and regulations, supplemented by written instructions to meet exceptional cases. I will presently lay upon the Table of the House a copy of the rules and regulations and written instructions given to the men subsequent thereto.

(5.) Ten miles per hour is the maximum speed.

(6.) Yes.

(4.) Immigrants per "Warwick":—*Mr. Hugh Taylor* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) The total number of Female Immigrants who arrived per s.s. "Warwick"?

(2.) The total cost to the country for the passages of such Immigrants?

(3.) The total number who were available for hire to the general public?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

(1.) 107 single women.

(2.) Approximately, £1,400.

(3.) Twenty-six.

(5.)

- (5.) Destruction of Rabbits at Peat's Ferry :—Mr. Holtermann asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) How many men are employed by the Government to catch or destroy rabbits at Peat's Ferry North ?
 - (2.) How long have such men been employed or stationed at the place mentioned ?
 - (3.) What amount of money has been paid to these men for wages and expenses ?
 - (4.) How many rabbits have they caught or destroyed from the time they commenced operations at Peat's Ferry North up to the present ?

Mr. Abbott answered,—

- (1.) Five.
- (2.) Four since 3rd January last, one since 10th.
- (3.) £87 18s. 6d.
- (4.) It is impossible to state what number are killed as they are suffocated in their holes and there left ; but 150 holes have been carboned. As it was most essential that rabbits should not be allowed to spread and get a footing on the hilly country north of the Hawkesbury, and as Mr. Campbell and some of the other owners of infested land at Peat's Ferry, although repeatedly called upon to take steps for clearing it, refused to do so, a party was put on Mr. Campbell's land, which has been cleared (for which he will have to pay), as well as a portion of Crown Lands ; and the party is at present at work on Mr. Withers's land, which is now the only portion infested.

- (6.) Lavender Bay Baths :—Mr. Holtermann asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) What amount of money (if any) has been voted or granted in aid of the Lavender Bay Baths during the year 1883 ?
 - (2.) If any sums have been so voted or granted, how have they been expended ?
- Mr. Dibbs answered,—
- (1.) £200.
 - (2.) The whole sum paid to Dr. Ward, C. H. Woolcott, and E. Lord, to be expended in repairs and improvements, Lavender Bay Baths.

- (7.) Nepean Water Supply Scheme :—Mr. Humphery asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) What will be the diameter of the pipe-line forming part of the Nepean Water Supply Scheme ?
 - (2.) Have any of the required pipes been ordered ?
 - (3.) Has inquiry been made, and with what result, for the purpose of ascertaining the time it will take to obtain delivery in Sydney from England or elsewhere (should it be necessary to procure them out of the Colony) of the 13½ miles of pipes, as estimated in Mr. Clarke's Report ?

Mr. Wright answered,—

- (1.) The diameter will vary according to the position, the greater portion being 42 inches.
- (2.) No ; but tenders are very shortly to be invited.
- (3.) Yes ; the whole of the pipes can be delivered in Sydney in about fifteen months after acceptance of tender.

- (8.) Nowra Wharf :—*Mr. T. R. Smith*, for Mr. Humphery, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it a fact that although the Nowra Wharf has been completed nearly two years the public have not access to it ; if so, will he cause the necessary steps to be taken to open this Wharf for the use of the public without further delay ?

Mr. Wright answered,—It appears that the Vote was not sufficient to complete all the necessary works in connection with this Wharf ; but I will issue orders to have the work finished without further delay.

- (9.) Free Public Library :—Mr. Poole asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—Will he cause the bound volumes of the periodical literature of the day (quarterlies and monthlies) to be transferred from the Free Public Library to the Lending Branch of that Institution ?

Mr. Abbott answered,—I have obtained a report from the Trustees, and will presently lay upon the Table a copy of the same.

- (10.) Railway to Glen Innes :—Mr. W. J. Fergusson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Can he state when the Railway will be opened to Glen Innes ?
 - (2.) Has he any intention of opening the Line at Glencoe before the opening at Glen Innes ?
 - (3.) Can he state the cause of the delay in the opening of this extension ?

Mr. Wright answered,—

- (1.) Probably in June next.
- (2.) No, as opening to Glencoe would delay the completion of the Line to Glen Innes.
- (3.) The delay on the part of the contractor in completing the works.

- (11.) Walgett Streets :—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. Dangar, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has, or will, any provision been made in the Estimates out of any General Vote for the repair of the main streets of Walgett, as promised ?

Mr. Wright answered,—No provision now on Estimates. Amount was taken off before Estimates were printed ; but the necessity for such work will be considered.

2. LICENSING ACT :—

- (1.) Mr. Gibbes presented a Petition from Residents of Newtown and Sydney and Suburbs, complaining of the present state of the Law regarding the closing of Public Houses on Sundays, and stating that they consider that the provision respecting Travellers should be assimilated to that in the English Law ; and praying the House to adopt measures for giving effect to their wishes.

- (2.) Mr. Fletcher presented a similar Petition from Residents of Newcastle and Sydney.

Petitions received.

3. PAPERS :—

Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 12th December, 1883,—“ M'Ilveen and Clift Brothers Conditional Purchases.”
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Wright laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Rules and Regulations, with General Instructions, for the conduct of Traffic, &c., on the Government Tramways.

(2.) Return respecting the Railway Yards at Penrith.

(3.) Return to an Order made on 13th February, 1884,—“ Railway Charges.”

Ordered to be printed.

4. DUMP CARS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Sydney Smith moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all minutes, letters, reports, and other documents having reference to the ordering of a number of Dump Cars from Carson, Woods & Co.
Question put and passed.

5. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Dibbs moved, pursuant to Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing of a Bill, intituled “ A Bill to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1884 ” through all its stages in one day; and would also preclude the Resolutions of the Committees of Supply and of Ways and Means respectively, whereon the Bill is proposed to be founded, being received on the same day on which they are come to by the said Committees respectively.

Question put and passed.

6. TOBACCO BILL No. 2 (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Dibbs, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Dibbs then moved, That the Title of the Bill be “ *An Act for imposing a Duty on Tobacco Manufactured in New South Wales and for regulating the Manufacture and Sale under License of Tobacco in Bond and for other purposes.* ”

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled “ *An Act for imposing a Duty on Tobacco Manufactured in New South Wales and for regulating the Manufacture and Sale under License of Tobacco in Bond and for other purposes.* ”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 25th March, 1884.*

7. VOTE OF CREDIT :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Dibbs, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,

Message No. 29.

Governor.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th clause of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that provision be made for defraying the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of March, 1884; together with provision for other Services of an urgent nature.

*Government House,
Sydney, 25th March, 1884.*

Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of Supply.

8. BATHURST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH GRANT RESUMPTION BILL :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Abbott, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,

Message No. 30.

Governor.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to authorize the resumption by Her Majesty of a portion of the Presbyterian Church Grant in the City of Bathurst, for the purpose of widening a Lane between the said Grant and the Public School Site, and to declare the Trusts on which the purchase money of the land resumed shall be held, and for other purposes.

*Government House,
Sydney, 25th March, 1884.*

Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

9. FEDERAL COUNCIL BILL :—Mr. Heydon moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That, as the proceedings of the Delegates at the late Intercolonial Conference, including the Federal Council Bill prepared and sent by them to the Secretary of State for the Colonies for enactment in the British Parliament, have not yet been submitted to this House for its consideration, and it is stated in the London telegrams that the British Cabinet is about dealing with the said Bill,—This House resolves that, in its opinion, it is desirable before the said Federal Council Bill, or any Bill based upon it, be passed into law by the British Parliament, that such Bill should be submitted to the Parliament of this Colony.

(2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor, with the request that he will transmit the same to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

10. CLAIM OF MATTHEW M'IVOR TO A TIN-MINE AT PHEASANT'S CREEK:—*Mr. Melville*, for *Mr. Fletcher*, moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the claim of Matthew M'Ivor to a Tin-mine at Pheasant's Creek.

(2.) That such Committee consist of *Mr. Abbott*, *Mr. Henry Clarke*, *Mr. Garvan*, *Mr. Levien*, *Mr. Poole*, *Mr. Sutherland*, "*Mr. Coonan*, *Mr. Loughnan*," *Mr. Copeland*, and *Mr. Fletcher*.

Mr. W. J. Fergusson moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the names of *Mr. Coonan* and *Mr. Loughnan*, with a view to the insertion in their place of the names of *Mr. Melville* and *Mr. Targett*.

Question,—That the names proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—put and negatived.

Question,—That the names proposed to be inserted in place of the names omitted be so inserted,—put and passed.

Main Question,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the claim of Matthew M'Ivor to a Tin-mine at Pheasant's Creek.

(2.) That such Committee consist of *Mr. Abbott*, *Mr. Henry Clarke*, *Mr. Garvan*, *Mr. Levien*, *Mr. Poole*, *Mr. Sutherland*, *Mr. Melville*, *Mr. Targett*, *Mr. Copeland*, and *Mr. Fletcher*,—put and passed.

11. TRUSTEES ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—*Mr. W. J. Fergusson* moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of *Mr. Fergusson*, *Mr. Speaker* left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Friday, 4th April.

12. CONTRACTORS PARLIAMENTARY DISQUALIFICATION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—*Mr. Poole* moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of *Mr. Poole*, *Mr. Speaker* left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

13. SYDNEY CORPORATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—*Mr. O'Connor* moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 21.

<i>Mr. Abbott</i> ,	<i>Mr. Hugh Taylor</i> ,
<i>Mr. O'Connor</i> ,	<i>Mr. Slattery</i> ,
<i>Sir John Robertson</i> ,	<i>Mr. A. G. Taylor</i> ,
<i>Mr. Cameron</i> ,	<i>Mr. Fletcher</i> ,
<i>Mr. Day</i> ,	<i>Mr. Levin</i> ,
<i>Mr. Melville</i> ,	<i>Mr. Merriman</i> ,
<i>Mr. Teece</i> ,	<i>Mr. Gould</i> .
<i>Mr. Burdekin</i> ,	<i>Tellers</i> ,
<i>Mr. Griffiths</i> ,	
<i>Mr. Garrett</i> ,	<i>Mr. See</i> ,
<i>Mr. McLaughlin</i> ,	<i>Mr. Wilson</i> .
<i>Mr. W. J. Fergusson</i> ,	

Noes, 6.

Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Trickett,
Mr. Wright.

Tellers,

Mr. Brunner,
Mr. William Clarke.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of *Mr. O'Connor*, *Mr. Speaker* left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of *Mr. O'Connor*, the report was adopted.

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

14. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day respecting Religious Persuasions of Children attending Public Schools postponed until Tuesday next.

15. LEGAL PRACTITIONERS AMALGAMATION BILL (No. 2):—The Order of the Day having been read,—*Mr. A. G. Taylor* moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of *Mr. Taylor*, *Mr. Speaker* left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.

On motion of *Mr. Taylor* (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

16. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—

(1.) Licensing Acts Amendment Bill; second reading;—*until Friday, 18th April*.

(2.) Singleton Gas Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—*until Tuesday next*.

(3.) The Orders of the Day Nos. 8 to 17 inclusive postponed, to follow after Order of the Day No. 18.

(4.) Supreme Court Appellate Jurisdiction Bill; second reading;—*until Friday, 25th April*.

(5.) Railway Rates for Goods; resumption of adjourned Debate;—*until Tuesday, 22nd April*.

17. **MANLY GAS-LIGHT AND COKE COMPANY'S BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Dibbs moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Question put and passed.
 Bill read a second time.
 On motion of Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
 On motion of Mr. Dibbs, the report was adopted.
 Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.
18. **POSTPONEMENTS** :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—
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| (1.) | Moffitt's Estate Leasing Enabling Bill; second reading;— | until Tuesday next. |
| (2.) | Contempts Punishment Bill; second reading;— | } until Friday next. |
| (3.) | Law of Seduction Amendment Bill; second reading;— | |
| (4.) | } Compensation for Land taken for Roads and Streets;— | until Friday next. |
| (5.) | | |
| (6.) | Armidale Gas Company's Incorporation Bill (<i>as amended and agreed to in Select Committee</i>); second reading;— | until Friday next. |
| (7.) | Windsor Gas-light Company Bill (<i>as amended and agreed to in Select Committee</i>); second reading;— | until Tuesday, 15th April. |
| (8.) | Badham Annuity Bill;— | until Tuesday next. |
| (9.) | Monk-Wearmouth Colliery Railway Bill (<i>as amended and agreed to in Select Committee</i>); second reading;— | until Friday, 4th April. |
| (10.) | Great Cobar Copper-mining Company Tramway Bill (<i>as agreed to in Select Committee</i>); second reading;— | } until Friday next. |
| (11.) | Mineral Conditional Purchases Repeal Bill; second reading;— | |
| (12.) | Legislative Assembly Quorum Bill; second reading;— | |
| (13.) | Dubbo Gas Company's Incorporation Bill (<i>as amended and agreed to in Select Committee</i>); second reading;— | |

The House adjourned at twenty-six minutes after Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 76.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 26 MARCH, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Coroner for District of Newcastle:—Mr. Melville asked the Minister of Justice,—Was the Police Magistrate of Waratah, and the other Magistrates of Waratah and Wallsend, invited to attend a Meeting to recommend a suitable person to act as Coroner for the Newcastle District?

Mr. Cohen answered,—Such invitation as was given was given only to those Magistrates (eighteen in number) who either reside in Newcastle or attend the Bench there, and I do not think that the Police Magistrate of Waratah was one of these.

- (2.) The Joachim Family:—Mr. Lyne asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Was a petition to the Governor in Council received some months ago, praying the House to give consideration to the position in which the various members of the Joachim Family are left by the action of the Government in forfeiting their selections?

(2.) Has any action been taken by the Executive, as promised by the Honorable the Minister for Lands to be definitely taken within a month?

(3.) If action is not yet taken, will the matter be dealt with by the Executive Council at an early date?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) I am not aware that any promise was given by the Honorable Minister for Lands with regard to the matter being taken cognizance of within any definite period, and it has not yet been dealt with by the Executive Council.

(3.) It will be dealt with as soon as the state of the public business will permit of the time being given to it which it seems to demand.

- (3.) Business of the House:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will the Government consider the advisableness of submitting a motion to set apart either or both Tuesdays and Fridays for Government Business, to enable them to proceed with the Land Bill and other important matters as early as possible, and bring the Session to a close, little or no business having been transacted lately on those days?

Mr. Stuart answered,—I think this is a question relating to the ordinary political action of the Ministry of the time, which it is utterly impossible for me to answer—"Will the Government consider." The Government have many things to consider, and I have no doubt they will take this among others into their consideration.

- (4.) Erysipelas:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it a fact that a patient suffering from erysipelas was recently sent from either the Sydney Hospital or Infirmary in one of the public cabs of the city plying for hire; if so, why was not the proper conveyance for the use of such patient used in this instance?

Mr. Stuart answered,—I have made inquiry into this matter, and the Inspector of Public Charities reports that inquiry has been made at the Sydney Hospital, but no information has been elicited in regard to such a case as that alluded to. But if the Honorable Member will give me fuller particulars as to name and other circumstances it shall be further inquired into. The authorities have no knowledge of it as a case by itself.

- (5.) Branch Post Office, Parramatta North:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Postmaster General,—Has he caused an inquiry to be made, according to his promise, with reference to the great want of a Branch Post Office for Parramatta North; if so, what decision has been arrived at?

Mr. Trickett answered,—In giving an answer to a similar question upon a former occasion, I stated that I would direct the Inspector to inquire into this matter, and I think he has gone to Parramatta to-day for that purpose.

(6.) Attendance at Schools :—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—

(1.) How many cases of default in attendance, alleged or suspected, were investigated and reported upon by School Attendance Officers during the years 1881, 1882, and 1883 respectively ?

(2.) How many prosecutions, and how many convictions for default in school attendance took place during the years 1881, 1882, and 1883 respectively ?

(3.) What was the average school attendance throughout the Colony in the year previous to the appointment of School Attendance Officers ?

(4.) What was the average school attendance throughout the Colony in the year 1883 ?

(5.) What official duties other than those relating to school attendance are performed by Attendance Officers ?

(6.) Do School Attendance Officers look out for and report as to children residing in localities remote from any School, with a view to the possible adoption of some means of instruction ?

Mr. Abbott answered,—I will presently lay this information upon the Table in the form of a Return.

(7.) Old Western Road :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—Is he aware that a promise was made to Dr. Ross in November last in reference to a complaint that the Old Western Road from Kite's Swamp to East Molong had been obstructed, and that the matter would be inquired into and a report obtained thereon ; has that report been obtained ; if so, when, and will the contents of the same be communicated to Dr. Ross as promised, or to the Municipal Council ?

Mr. Abbott answered,—A communication from the Borough Council of Molong respecting the alleged obstruction referred to was sent to the District Surveyor in December last for a report. The report has not been received.

(8.) Township of Cudal :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—Has the population boundary of the township of Cudal been proclaimed ; if so, when did the notification of the same appear in the *Government Gazette* ?

Mr. Farnell answered,—Yes, at a distance of 2 miles from the outside boundary of the town. The notification was by the publication of the Census on the 30th August, 1882.

(9.) Acting Secretary for Public Works :—Mr. McElhone asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Did any Minister draw the pay of Minister for Works from the time Mr. Copeland resigned until the time his successor was appointed ?

(2.) If so, which Minister drew the pay of the Minister for Works during the above time, and how much pay did he draw as Acting Secretary for Works ?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

(1.) No Minister drew the pay of the Minister for Works from the time Mr. Copeland resigned until the appointment of his successor.

(2.) According to the best of my ability I performed the work during the time, but I drew no pay for it.

(10.) Surveyor of Public Parks :—Mr. Abigail asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has any person lately been appointed Surveyor of Public Parks ; if so, at what salary, and what is his name ?

(2.) How many Parks has he to survey, and what duties has he to perform ?

(3.) Has an Assistant been appointed to assist him, and what are his duties, and what is his salary ?

(4.) Besides the above salaries, what other expenses are attached to these new offices ?

(5.) Are not Public Parks vested in Trustees ?

(6.) How long has the above Surveyor been in the Colony ?

(7.) Has he been paid any salary up to the present time ; if so, was the salary voted ; and if not, what Vote was it paid out of ?

Mr. Stuart answered,—In reply to these questions, I desire to say that Mr. Cooper has been appointed to the position of Surveyor of Public Parks. There are about thirty Parks, or applications for Parks, and a great many sites have been offered or suggested above that number. These have all to be surveyed. I am not aware of any Assistant having been appointed other than a chain-bearer. The only expenses in regard to this service are the necessary travelling expenses. Public Parks are not generally vested in Trustees. In the case of lands resumed, the Parks become vested in the Minister for Works as sole Trustee. The duties of the Surveyor are to survey the Parks which have been applied for, or sites which have been recommended. Many of these Parks had been long promised, and as nothing had been done towards the fulfilment of these promises, the people in the various districts concerned were dissatisfied ; and therefore, in order that the work might be done at once, I commissioned this gentleman to do it. There have been salaries paid in previous years from the Vote for Public Works ; but I considered it due to this House that it should understand the cost of this work, and therefore placed it in a distinct Vote.

2. PAPERS :—

Mr. Abbott laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Information respecting the School Attendance Branch under the Department of Public Instruction.

(2.) Report of the Trustees of the Free Public Library respecting the transfer of Periodicals to the Lending Branch of that Institution.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Trickett laid upon the Table,—Statement of Accounts of the Government Savings Bank for the year 1883.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Stuart laid upon the Table,—Report of the Board for the Protection of the Aborigines.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 28th November, 1883,—“ House of the Good Shepherd, and Sydney Female Refuge.”

Ordered to be printed.

3. LICENSING ACT :—Mr. Chapman presented a Petition from Residents of Pymont, complaining of the present state of the Law regarding the closing of Public Houses on Sundays, and stating that they consider that the provision respecting Travellers should be assimilated to that in the English Law ; and praying the House to adopt measures for giving effect to their wishes. Petition received.

4. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council :—

(1.) Cohen's Estate Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to enable the Trustees of the Will of Mr. Michael Cohen deceased to sell certain Land in Park and Castlereagh Streets Sydney and to make provision for the investment of the proceeds thereof*,"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 26th March, 1884.

JOHN HAY,
President.

COHEN'S ESTATE BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 26th March, 1884.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, Preamble, line 14. *After "Hoffnung" insert "And whereas after this Act had been reported upon by a Select Committee of the Legislative Assembly the said Priscilla Cohen departed this life"*

Page 1, Preamble, line 15. *Omit "Priscilla Cohen and"*

Page 1, Preamble, line 15. *Omit "are the present" insert "is the surviving"*

Page 1, Preamble, line 16. *Omit "s" "from Trustees"*

Page 2, clause 1, line 19. *Omit "Priscilla Cohen and "*

Page 2, clause 1, line 31. *Omit "Priscilla Cohen and "*

Page 2, clause 2, line 43. *Omit "Priscilla Cohen and "*

Page 2, clause 2, lines 48 and 49. *Omit "Priscilla Cohen and "*

Page 2, clause 2, line 54. *Omit "Priscilla Cohen and "*

Page 3, clause 3, line 1. *Omit "Priscilla Cohen and "*

Page 3, clause 3, lines 6 and 7. *Omit "Priscilla Cohen and "*

Examined,—

JOSEPH DOCKER,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the Council's amendments be taken into consideration on Tuesday next.

(2.) Dams for Pastoral Purposes Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having appointed a Select Committee on the "*Dams for Pastoral Purposes Bill*," and that Committee being desirous to examine John Cramsie, Sir Patrick Alfred Jennings, K.C.M.G., John Lackey, George Cumberlege Loughnan, William John Lyne, Richard Randolph Machattie, Edward Quin, Robert Bliss Wilkinson, and Alexander Wilson, Esquires, Members of the Legislative Assembly, in reference thereto, requests that the Legislative Assembly will give leave to its said Members to attend and be examined by the said Committee on such day and days as shall be arranged between them and the said Committee.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 26th March, 1884.

JOHN HAY,
President.

Mr. Stuart moved, That John Cramsie, Esquire, Sir Patrick Alfred Jennings, K.C.M.G., John Lackey, Esquire, George Cumberlege Loughnan, Esquire, William John Lyne, Esquire, Richard Randolph Machattie, Esquire, Edward Quin, Esquire, Robert Bliss Wilkinson, Esquire, and Alexander Wilson, Esquire, have leave to attend and give evidence before the Select Committee of the Legislative Council on the "*Dams for Pastoral Purposes Bill*," if they think fit.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

In answer to the Message from the Legislative Council, dated this day, requesting leave for John Cramsie, Esquire, Sir Patrick Alfred Jennings, K.C.M.G., John Lackey, Esquire, George Cumberlege Loughnan, Esquire, William John Lyne, Esquire, Richard Randolph Machattie, Esquire, Edward Quin, Esquire, Robert Bliss Wilkinson, Esquire, and Alexander Wilson, Esquire, Members of the Legislative Assembly, to attend and be examined before a Select Committee of the Legislative Council on the "*Dams for Pastoral Purposes Bill*,"—the Assembly acquaints the Council that leave has been granted to its said Members to attend and be examined by the said Committee, if they think fit.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 26th March, 1884.

5. BATHURST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH GRANT RESUMPTION BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Abbott moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to authorize the resumption by Her Majesty of a portion of the Presbyterian Church Grant in the City of Bathurst for the purpose of widening a Lane between the said Grant and the Public School Site, and to declare the trusts on which the purchase money of the land resumed shall be held, and for other purposes.

Question put and passed.

6. **PRICKLY PEAR DESTRUCTION BILL, No. 2 (Formal Motion)** :—Mr. Abbott moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the Eradication of the Prickly Pear. Question put and passed.

7. **WATER FRONTAGE AT MANLY (Formal Motion)** :—Mr. Lyne moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all applications, papers, correspondence, and plans, for and in connection with the water frontage opposite Mr. John Woods's property at Fairlight, Manly. Question put and passed.

8. **SUPPLY** :—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply having been read,—Motion made (*Mr. Stuart*) and Question proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair. Debate ensued.

Question,—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair,—put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again at a later hour of the day.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, that the report be now received.

The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows :—

(5.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £581,000, being £471,000 to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of March or following month of the year 1884, at the rates which have been sanctioned for 1883, subject to the rate of any reduction that may hereafter be made in the expenditure of the year 1884; £100,000 to meet wages to become due to Railway Employés during the month of April, 1884, and to cover the expenditure in March, 1884, in excess of the monthly allowance at the rate of last year's appropriation, and for Railway Services generally; and £10,000 to meet wages to become due to Employés in the Department of Harbours and Rivers during the month of April, 1884, and to cover the expenditure in March, 1884, in excess of the monthly allowance at the rate of last year's appropriation, and for other Services of an urgent nature.

On motion of Mr. Stuart, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

9. **WAYS AND MEANS** :—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means having been read,—Motion made (*Mr. Stuart*) and Question proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair. Debate ensued.

Question,—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair,—put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, that the report be now received.

The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows :—

(8.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Services of the year 1884, the sum of £581,000 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.

On motion of Mr. Stuart, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

10. **CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 4)** :—

(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Stuart, that a Bill be brought in, founded on Resolution of Ways and Means (No. 8), to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1884.

(2.) Mr. Stuart then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1884*,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and now read a second time.

(3.) Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Stuart, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Stuart, the report was adopted.

Ordered, that the Bill be now read a third time.

(4.) Bill read a third time,—and, on motion of Mr. Stuart, *passed*.

Mr. Stuart then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1884*."

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1884*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 26th March, 1884.

11. **POSTPONEMENTS** :—The Orders of the Day of Government Business Nos. 3 to 10 inclusive postponed, to follow after the Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply.
12. **SUPPLY** :—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply having been read,—Motion made (*Mr. Abbott*) and Question proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair. Debate ensued. Question,—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair,—put and passed. Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

13. **POSTPONEMENTS** :—The Orders of the Day of Government Business, Nos. 3 to 10 inclusive, postponed until to-morrow.
14. **SYDNEY CORPORATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. O'Connor moved, That this Bill be now read a third time. Question put and passed. Bill read a third time,—and, on motion of Mr. O'Connor, *passed*. Mr. O'Connor then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to further amend the 'Sydney Corporation Act of 1879.'*" Question put and passed. Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to further amend the 'Sydney Corporation Act of 1879.'*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 27th March, 1884, a.m.*

15. **LEGAL PRACTITIONERS AMALGAMATION BILL (No. 2)** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. A. G. Taylor moved, That this Bill be now read a third time. Question put and passed. Bill read a third time,—and, on motion of Mr. Taylor, *passed*. Mr. Taylor then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to regulate the rights and responsibilities of Legal Practitioners.*" Question put and passed. Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to regulate the rights and responsibilities of Legal Practitioners,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 27th March, 1884, a.m.*

16. **MANLY GAS-LIGHT AND COKE COMPANY'S BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Dibbs moved, That this Bill be now read a third time. Question put and passed. Bill read a third time,—and, on motion of Mr. Dibbs, *passed*. Mr. Dibbs then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to enable the Manly Gas-light and Coke Company (Limited) to construct Gas-works within the Borough and Suburbs of Manly.*" Question put and passed. Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

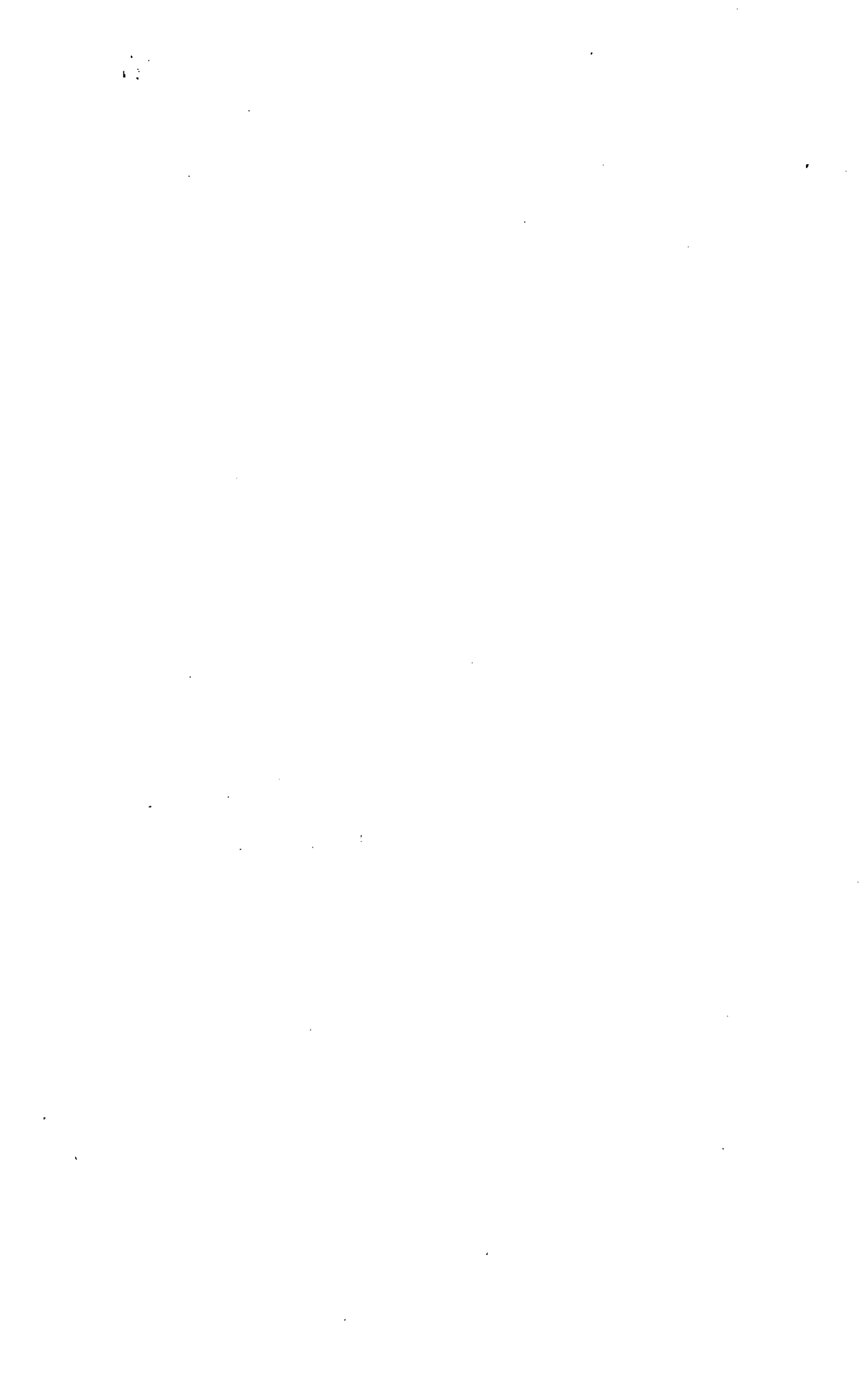
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Manly Gas-light and Coke Company (Limited) to construct Gas-works within the Borough and Suburbs of Manly;*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee thereon.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 27th March, 1884, a.m.*

17. **ADJOURNMENT** :—Mr. Stuart moved, That this House do now adjourn. Debate ensued. Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly at eighteen minutes before Six o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 77.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 27 MARCH, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) By-laws of the Borough of Darlington:—Mr. Gibbes asked the Colonial Secretary,—When will the amended By-laws of the Borough of Darlington be laid upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Stuart answered,—The By-laws in question, having been referred as usual for the opinion of the Attorney General, were returned to the Mayor in order that his signature and the Corporate Seal might be affixed to them. As soon as this omission is supplied the further action necessary will be taken.

- (2.) The Engineer-in-Chief and the Commissioner for Railways:—*Mr. Abigail*, for Mr. McElhone, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has he taken steps to put an end to the feud said to exist between the Engineer-in-Chief and the Commissioner for Railways by defining the duties for which each of these Officers are respectively responsible; if so, has he any objection to lay upon the Table of this House a copy of his circular or minute upon the subject?

Mr. Wright answered,—The positions of these Officers are defined by the Railway Act, and cannot be changed without an alteration in the Act. The matter is still receiving the consideration of the Government.

- (3.) Railway Bridges:—*Mr. Abigail*, for Mr. McElhone, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) When will the Royal Commission be appointed to inquire into the alleged instability of the Bridges on the existing Lines of Railway?

(2.) Is he not aware that the principal Officials connected with the management of the existing Lines of Railway represented some four months ago that some of the Bridges on the Railways were unsafe, both from structural and other defects; and if such is the case, is it his intention to have the truth of this statement investigated with the least possible delay?

Mr. Wright answered,—

- (1.) At the next meeting of the Executive Council.
(2.) Yes.

- (4.) Oriental Interpreter.—*Mr. Abigail*, for Mr. McElhone, asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is it not notorious that the present Oriental Interpreter to the Government is unfitted for his office, especially at the Police Courts?

(2.) How many Oriental languages does he speak?

(3.) Was there not a case tried at the Quarter Sessions last year in which the prisoner (a Madrasée) was discharged through lack of a proper Interpreter?

(4.) Is it a fact that the present Government Oriental Interpreter is paid a salary for services which it is stated he is not competent to perform; if so, will the Government take measures to secure proper and efficient interpretation at our Courts of Law and Petty Sessions?

Mr. Cohen answered,—

(1.) No; no complaints have ever reached this Department, nor, as far as I can ascertain, have any been made to those Officials who preside at the Courts in which the Interpreter discharges his functions.

(2.) Hindustani or Urdri (the *lingua Franca* of India), Persican, the Arabic patois, Marathi, the Arabic, Persic, and Hindustani or Urdri, the Oriental Interpreter knows classically. The cases in the Police Courts, I understand, are generally in Urdri or Hindustani.

(3.) Nothing is known of the case referred to.

(4.) This question is practically replied to by the previous answers.

(5.)

- (5.) Registrar General's Office:—Mr. W. J. Fergusson asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Has he received or have any complaints been made that the Registrar General's Office is short-handed; if so, is it his intention to appoint any additional hands?
 - (2.) Is it his intention to appoint an Assistant Chief Draftsman in the above Office?
 - (3.) What was the cost of the Registrar General's Office, and what was the income for the year 1883?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

- (1.) It has been represented to me that more assistance is needed in the Registrar General's Office, and two additional clerks are provided for on the Estimates for the current year.
- (2.) The expediency of such an appointment will be considered.
- (3.) The expenditure for the year 1883 for the whole of the Registrar General's Department was £19,745. The income paid into Consolidated Revenue was £23,106 11s. 2d., exclusive of £8,331 18s. 9d. collected and paid to account of Land Titles Commissioners Assurance Fund and Public Companies Fund.

- (6.) Half-time Schools at Glencoe and Graham's Valley:—Mr. W. J. Fergusson asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Have repeated applications been made to have the Half-time School at Glencoe converted into a Public School?
- (2.) Is it his intention to have the building repaired so that the children can attend in the winter months, and has he received any complaints as to the state of the building?
- (3.) Is it his intention to have the Half-time School Building at Graham's Valley repaired; and if so, when?

Mr. Abbott answered,—

- (1.) Yes; the matter is in the hands of the District Inspector, who has been urged to expedite his report.
- (2.) If the attendance is found to be sufficient to warrant the conversion of the School into a Public one, the building will be repaired.
- (3.) The regulations do not admit of expenditure on repairs to Half-time Schools.

- (7.) Roger Boland's Conditional Purchase:—Mr. Sydney Smith, for Mr. Levien, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that Roger Boland's Conditional Purchase, in the county of Buckland, parish of Denver, was forfeited for want of improvements, on the report of a Commissioner who held the inquiry two months before the time allowed by the 18th section for improving the Conditional Purchase elapsed?
- (2.) Is it a fact that Roger Boland's Conditional Purchase was advertised for sale as unimproved land after John Perry had selected it?
- (3.) Is it a fact that Roger Boland's declaration was made in due time, and that his selection was forfeited without any official report as to whether his improvements were duly completed?
- (4.) How many Inspectors reported on Roger Boland's selection from the date of application to the date of forfeiture?
- (5.) Did any Inspector report as to the residence of John Perry, or was any Inspector ever instructed to report as to whether he complied with the conditions?
- (6.) Was the present Minister for Lands informed that the selection was used by the Lessees of the Run while it stood in John Perry's name, and that it was not so used while it stood in Roger Boland's name?
- (7.) Were the improvements on Roger Boland's selection claimed by the Department as public property; and if so, were they sold or otherwise disposed of for public benefit?
- (8.) Is there any document concerning John Perry's selection in which it is officially stated that in such cases the ruling of the Supreme Court is not adhered to?
- (9.) Was John Perry allowed to use, or not prevented from using, Roger Boland's improvements for the purpose of conditionally purchasing the land by virtue of the said improvements?
- (10.) Was John Perry allowed to sell, or not prevented from selling, the said improvements with the land to the Lessees of the Run?
- (11.) Did John Perry declare to having improvements to the value of 10s. per acre on the land separate and distinct from the improvements left there by Roger Boland?
- (12.) Did Mr. H. H. Brown, M.P. urge the present Minister to grant a certificate approving of the Conditional Purchase of John Perry; and if so, was the request complied with?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

- (1.) Not strictly the fact. The Conditional Purchase was taken up on the 7th September, 1876, and improvements to the value of £1 per acre should have been effected. The inquiry, which embraced the questions of residence and improvements, was held on the 9th October and reported on in December, 1879, adversely as regards both conditions, and the forfeiture took place on the 10th March, 1880.
- (2.) The land was advertised in July, 1880, for sale at £1 5s. per acre, no mention being made of any improvements.
- (3.) A declaration was received from Roger Boland in November, 1879. No further report than that above mentioned was called for.
- (4.) One.
- (5.) There are two reports of Inspectors relating to the selection of John Perry, but they relate chiefly to the disputed question as to improvements. The Inspector was duly instructed to report as to whether he complied with the conditions, but no report has yet been received.
- (6.) No.
- (7.) They were held to be forfeited with the land, but not dealt with apart from it.
- (8.) There is a memorandum pointing out that under the ruling of the Supreme Court in a certain case the selection of Perry would be invalid, but that such ruling had not been followed as the guide of administrative action unless in cases where the opposite course would affect the rights of parties. In this instance the case was one of a class respecting which an appeal against the ruling to the Privy Council had been in contemplation.
- (9.)

- (9.) Improvements do not enable land to be conditionally purchased. In this instance the improvements were held not to debar the land from conditional purchase, but they have not been recognized or dealt with as affecting the conditions of John Perry's purchase.
- (10.) John Perry's selection was transferred to the Australian Land and Finance Company in May, 1883.
- (11.) John Perry has made the usual declaration as to residence and improvements. This is under inquiry.
- (12.) An application for certificate was received from Messrs. H. H. Brown & Co., but has not been complied with.
- (8.) Railway Trial Surveys between Orange and Forbes:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—The number of men that have been employed, the time they were employed, and the number of Trial Surveys—and will he enumerate the same—that have been made between Orange or Borenoro and Forbes *via* Cudal and Eugowra, and the cost of the same?
- Mr. Wright answered,—Three Surveyors—one for four and a half months, and one for nine and a half months. Two Trial Surveys were made between points 7 miles and 9½ miles west of Orange to a point about midway between Cudal and Toogong; one Survey thence to a point 6 miles west of Long's Corner, and two Surveys thence to near Forbes; total cost, £1,387.
- (9.) Illawarra Railway:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) The amount of money that has been expended in Trial Surveys and Re-surveys of the Railway between Macquarie River and Kiama, a distance of 14 miles?
- (2.) The difference in distance between the Line as originally surveyed and the deviation now proposed, and the extra cost or difference (if any) required to construct the same?
- Mr. Wright answered,—
- (1.) About £2,170, as previously stated in answer to question No. 8 on 6th instant.
- (2.) The Line originally surveyed is 1 mile 47 chains shorter. The working plan and section of proposed deviation are now being prepared, and until these are completed the extra cost (if any) cannot be ascertained.
- (10.) Paving Newtown Road with Wood:—Mr. Gibbes asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the Government proceed with the paving with wood of that portion of the Newtown Road lying between the junction of that road with Bligh-street and the Newtown Railway Bridge?
- Mr. Wright answered,—This question has not yet been finally determined.
- (11.) Bridge at intersection of Parramatta Road and Johnston's Creek:—Mr. Gibbes asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the Bridge at the intersection of the Parramatta Road and Johnston's Creek be widened, as promised eight months ago?
- Mr. Wright answered,—The work in question will be undertaken within a month.
- (12.) Late arrival of Southern Railway Train:—Mr. Olliffe asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he inform this House how many minutes late the Southern Train arrived on Thursday last, 20th instant, and Saturday, 22nd instant?
- Mr. Wright answered,—The Train ran in two divisions on the 20th instant. The division carrying the mails arrived to time, the second arrived 48 minutes later. On the 22nd instant the Train was 67 minutes late in arriving.
- (13.) Quarterly Licensing Meeting:—Mr. Olliffe asked the Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) Will he be good enough to state to this House by whom he was informed that the date for holding the April Quarterly Licensing Meeting has not yet been fixed?
- (2.) Is he aware that by an advertisement appearing in the *Sydney Morning Herald*, under date the 15th March, 1884, signed by C. Delobery, Clerk of the City Police Office, Sydney, notice is given that the time and date for the holding such Meeting will be at noon on Tuesday, 22nd April, 1884?
- Mr. Cohen answered,—
- (1.) The information was supplied by Superintendent Read, through the Inspector General of Police, on the 20th instant.
- (2.) Yes; I am, however, informed that the advertisement referred to, although dated the 15th March, 1884, did not appear in the *Government Gazette* till 21st March, nor in the *Sydney Morning Herald* till 22nd March, and consequently the information was not previously known to the Police Department.
- (14.) Prayer for Rain:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will the Government proclaim a special day to be set apart for prayer for rain?
- Mr. Stuart answered,—This appears to me to be a question which cannot be considered unless the Heads of the various Denominations throughout the country come to some unanimity of opinion upon the matter. If they make a request, the matter will be considered.
- (15.) Ferrets purchased by the Government:—Mr. Hugh Taylor, for Mr. A. G. Taylor, asked the Secretary for Lands,—What has caused the delay in paying for the eight Ferrets purchased by the Department for rabbit-killing purposes some time ago?
- Mr. Abbott answered,—A voucher for the amount agreed upon was forwarded to Mr. Statham on the 8th February last for his signature. This has not yet been returned to the Department. He is claiming a higher rate than the Department agreed to pay.
- (16.) Right-of-way at Crooked Creek:—Mr. Hugh Taylor, for Mr. A. G. Taylor, asked the Secretary for Mines,—When will the right-of-way petitioned for by the Residents of Crooked Creek, Piambong, be gazetted?
- Mr. Abbott answered,—As the access desired is over Crown Land under lease to Messrs. Cox and Rouse, they have been officially informed that unless they allow of necessary access across their leased land it might lead to a withdrawal of an area from their leases. A reply has been received from Mr. Cox stating that he permits the necessary use of a road, and no further complaint of obstruction has been received. Under these circumstances it has not been considered necessary to take further steps at present.

(17.) Electoral Roll for Wellington:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for *Mr. A. G. Taylor*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it a fact that the recently compiled Electoral Roll at Wellington has been lost; and does this temporarily disfranchise the Electors of Wellington?

Mr. Stuart answered,—The Government Printer reports as follows:—"The portion of the Electoral Roll mislaid by the Returning Officer has been found by him. The Roll can now, if necessary, be completed, and therefore no temporary disfranchisement of the Electors of Wellington will occur."

(18.) Tramway Employés:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for *Mr. A. G. Taylor*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that Tramway employés disabled through accidents arising in the performance of their duty are only allowed four-fifths of their pay during the period of such incapacity, and that from this is deducted the amount received from the sick fund?

(2.) If a man's wages amounts to £3 12s. 1d., is it a fact that he would receive from the Works Department only 4s. 2d.?

Mr. Wright answered,—

(1.) It depends mainly upon the causes of the accident. If the injured employé has not contributed by his carelessness in any way to the accident, he is allowed full pay. If the accident be due to some gross departure from the regulations made for the men's safety, no allowance at all is made; but under ordinary circumstances half-pay is allowed. If the recipient be allowed sick allowance by an Accident Society, the combined amount is not allowed to exceed four-fifths of his ordinary pay, but the balance between that amount and half-pay is paid to the funds of the Accident Relief Society.

(2.) Answered in effect in the reply given above.

(19.) *Mr. Addison*, Stipendiary Magistrate:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for *Mr. A. G. Taylor*, asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is the following dialogue a substantial report of what took place at the Small Debts Court, Sydney, in an action against *Mrs. Smith* for the amount of her butcher's bills?—

Mr. Addison, S.M., to Defendant: Have you any witnesses to call?

Defendant: Yes, my servant girl.

Mr. Addison: I suppose you have tutored her what to say?

Defendant: I think, your Honor, that is an improper remark for a gentleman in your position to make.

Mr. Addison: Well, for your impudence, I will give a verdict against you.

Defendant: And you won't hear my witness?

Mr. Addison: No, I won't, for your impudence. You look like a woman who never paid anybody.

(2.) Is the *Mrs. Smith* referred to a cousin of *Mr. Smith*, ex-Mayor of Melbourne?

Mr. Cohen answered,—*Mr. Addison* has furnished me with the following answer to question (1.):—"The case referred to was, I find, heard as far back as 21st November last, and I certainly do not recollect or believe that I ever used the language complained of, excepting a remark to the effect that defendant appeared unwilling to pay anybody, and this I said because proceedings in the same matter had been taken several times previously against the defendant, who had always resisted the claims on purely technical grounds. I positively deny that I ever said: 'Well, for your impudence, I will give a verdict against you.'"

(2.) I am not aware.

(20.) *John Tuohy's Conditional Purchases*:—*Dr. Ross* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Has any definite decision been arrived at in the case of one *John Tuohy*, who took up two (300 acres) selections on the 8th and 15th September, 1881, parish of Nangar, county of Ashburnham; and will he state what that decision is?

(2.) Is he aware that *Tuohy* has expended several hundred pounds in improving the said selections, and that to deprive him of that land would be simply to inflict absolute ruin on him?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) No. It has been decided to allow *Mr. Coady* an opportunity of appealing to appraisal as to the value of the improvements on the land at the date of *Mr. Tuohy's* Conditional Purchase.

(21.) Assistance by the Government to Selectors and Squatters:—*Dr. Ross* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Have the Government had under consideration, or is it their intention to take any steps to render assistance to such unfortunate selectors and squatters who are brought almost to the verge of ruin owing to the severity of the present prolonged disastrous drought, either by way of fore-going for one twelve months their annual instalments, or rental, or otherwise?

(2.) In such districts where the drought is most severely felt, will he see that temporary provision be immediately made in order to alleviate suffering and to prevent the loss or destruction of life from water famine?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

(1.) The Government can only act according to law. Where any consideration can, with due regard to the public interest, be shown, it will not be withheld.

(2.) A Commission is about to be appointed by the Secretary for Mines to consider this question generally. Extensive works are in progress to provide water on all the Stock Routes.

(22.) Tramway at North Shore:—*Mr. Melville*, for *Mr. Levin*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has any estimate been made of the cost of construction of a Tramway to the North Shore?

(2.) How much will be the probable cost?

(3.) What is the intended mode of locomotion?

Mr. Wright answered,—

(1 and 2.) The estimate has not been completed yet.

(3.) Wire rope, worked by a stationary engine.

2. COOTAMUNDY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH LAND SALE BILL:—*Mr. Teece*, for *Mr. Fletcher*, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 29th January, 1884; together with Appendix, and a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Teece then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday, 11th April.
Question put and passed.
3. BOOROWA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH LAND SALE BILL:—*Mr. Teece*, for *Mr. Fletcher*, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 29th January, 1884; together with Appendix, and a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Teece then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday, 11th April.
Question put and passed.
4. LICENSING ACT:—
(1.) *Mr. Loughnan* presented a Petition from Residents of Wagga Wagga and Sydney, complaining of the present state of the Law regarding the closing of Public Houses on Sundays, and stating that they consider that the provision respecting Travellers should be assimilated to that in the English Law; and praying the House to adopt measures for giving effect to their wishes.
(2.) *Mr. Griffiths* presented a similar Petition from Residents of Sydney and Suburbs.
Petitions received.
5. PAPER:—*Mr. Abbott* laid upon the Table,—Notifications of Lands resumed for Public School Purposes at Broadwater, Doyle's Creek, Lostock, Muswellbrook, and Seven Hills.
Ordered to be printed.
6. WALSH'S GRANT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Abbott* moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the issue of a Grant of a certain portion of the Church and School Lands.
Question put and passed.
7. CONDITIONAL PUBLICANS LICENSES GRANTED AT WEST KEMPSEY (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Abigail* moved, pursuant to Notice, That the papers relating to the Macleay Licensing Cases, laid upon the Table by the Minister of Justice on 11th March, be printed.
Question put and passed.
8. WALSH'S GRANT BILL:—*Mr. Abbott* presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to authorize the issue of a Grant of a certain portion of the Church and School Lands*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
9. BATHURST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH GRANT RESUMPTION BILL:—
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of *Mr. Abbott*, *Mr. Speaker* left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to authorize the resumption by Her Majesty of a portion of the Presbyterian Church Grant in the City of Bathurst for the purpose of widening a Lane between the said Grant and the Public School Site, and to declare the Trusts on which the purchase money of the land resumed shall be held, and for other purposes.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), that the report be now received.
The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—
Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to authorize the resumption by Her Majesty of a portion of the Presbyterian Church Grant in the City of Bathurst for the purpose of widening a Lane between the said Grant and Public School Site, and to declare the Trusts on which the purchase money of the land resumed shall be held, and for other purposes.
On motion of *Mr. Abbott*, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
(2.) *Mr. Abbott* presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to authorize the resumption by Her Majesty of a portion of the Presbyterian Church Grant in the City of Bathurst for the purpose of widening a Lane between the said Grant and the Public School Site and to declare the Trusts on which the purchase money of the land resumed shall be held and for other purposes*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
10. PRICKLY PEAR DESTRUCTION BILL (No. 2):—
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of *Mr. Abbott*, *Mr. Speaker* left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the Eradication of the Prickly Pear.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), that the report be now received.
The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—
Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to provide for the Eradication of the Prickly Pear.
On motion of *Mr. Abbott*, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
(2.) *Mr. Abbott* presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to provide for the Eradication of the Prickly Pear*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.

11. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council :—

(1.) Customs Duties Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to grant to Her Majesty certain Duties of Customs and to amend the 'Customs Regulation Act' in certain particulars and for other purposes,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 27th March, 1884.

JOHN HAY,
President.

(2.) Necropolis Act Amendment Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Necropolis Act of 1867,'*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 27th March, 1884.

JOHN HAY,
President.

(3.) Criminal Law Amendment Bill (No. 2) :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Eighth Section and the Four Hundred and Forty-sixth and three following Sections of the Criminal Law Amendment Act of 1883,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 27th March, 1884.

JOHN HAY,
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Cohen, read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.

12. METROPOLITAN MAGISTRATES ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Cohen moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Cohen, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Cohen, the report was adopted.

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

13. SUPPLY :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Cohen, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 28 MARCH, 1884, A.M.

14. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 4) :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1884,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 27th March, 1884.

JOHN HAY,
President.

15. MATRIMONIAL CAUSES ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill, with amendments.

Ordered, that the adoption of the report stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

16. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Stuart moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly at twenty minutes before One o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 78.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

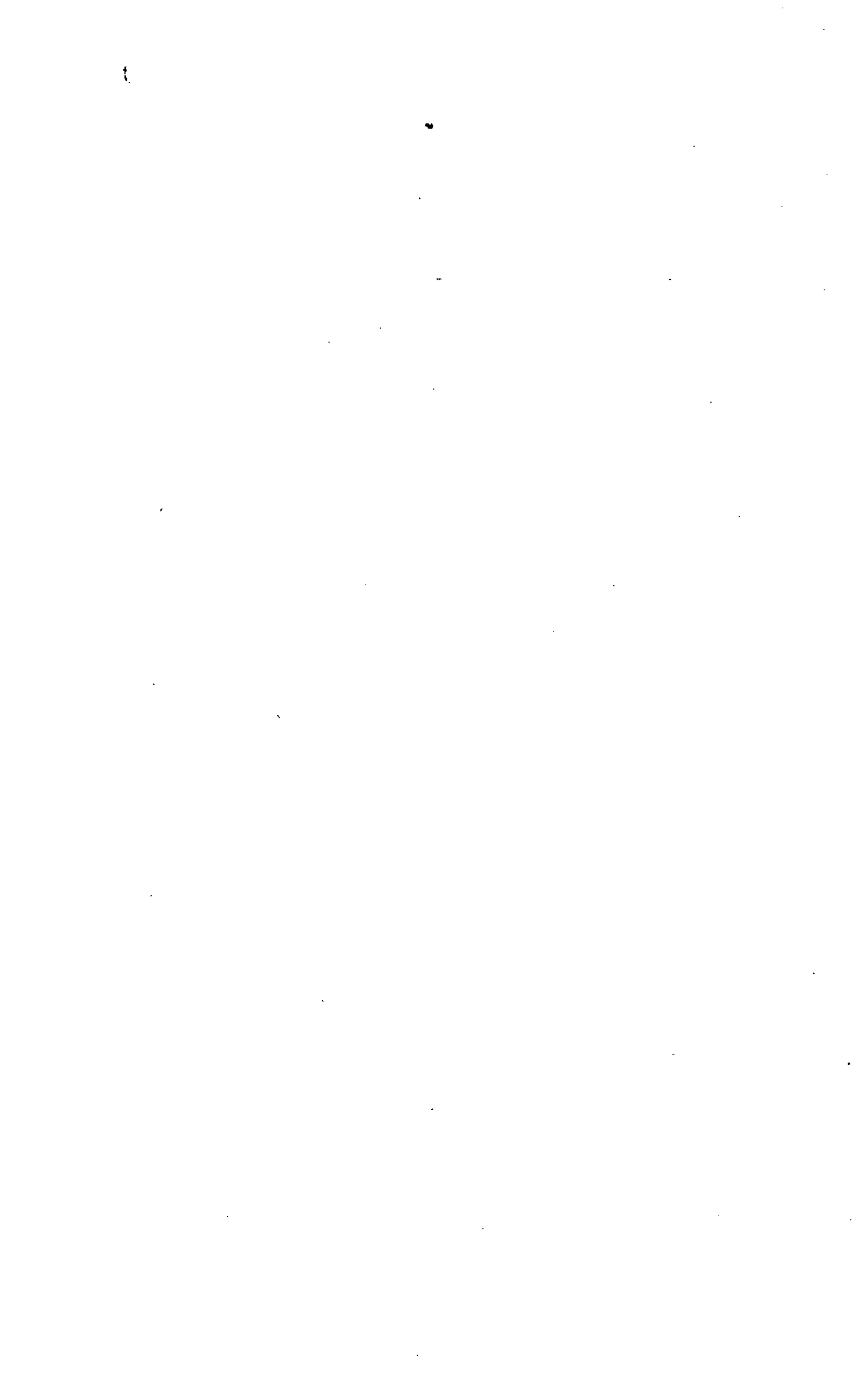
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 28 MARCH, 1884.

There being only eighteen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely,—Mr. Abbott, Mr. Abigail, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Bruncker, Mr. Burns, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Cohen, Mr. De Salis, Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Garrard, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Pigott, Mr. Stuart, Mr. Hugh Taylor, Mr. Trickett, Mr. Wisdom, and Mr. Young,—

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House at half-past Four o'clock, until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 79.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 1 APRIL, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Oyster Culture:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Have the Government granted leases to Gother Kerr Mann and Mr. Taylor, or either of them, of any portion of the foreshores of the harbour of Port Jackson for the purpose of oyster culture?
- (2.) Did Mr. Mann hold a lease in September last?
- (3.) Is it a fact that the Chief Inspector of the Southern Branch detains condemned oysters and sells them to Sydney dealers?
- (4.) If it is, is the cash thus received paid into the Society, or retained by the Inspector as a private perquisite?
- (5.) Is he aware that applicants for leases are in the habit of threatening to prosecute trespassers before the leases are granted?
- (6.) Will he make due inquiry into the above?

Mr. Stuart answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Commissioners of Fisheries:—

- (1.) A lease has been granted to Mr. Taylor, but not to Captain Mann.
- (2.) Captain Mann did not, to the knowledge of the Commissioners, hold a lease in September last.
- (3.) The Commissioners are not aware of it.
- (4.) Seized oysters are sold, and one moiety of the proceeds is paid to the informer or prosecutor, the other to the Consolidated Revenue Fund.
- (5.) The Commissioners have no official information on this point.
- (6.) Yes.

- (2.) Ryan's Conditional Purchase at Mousehole Creek:—Mr. De Salis, for Dr. Ross, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) When will the 40 acres conditionally purchased by one Ryan on 18th November, 1875, at Mousehole Creek, parish of Bore-Cabonne, county of Ashburnham, be surveyed; and is it a fact that Ryan has repeatedly applied to have the land surveyed, without effect?
- (2.) Has the said portion of land been made into a Reserve, and for what reason, and upon whose recommendation?
- (3.) Is it a fact that Ryan has been paying interest, &c., on the said Reserve for the last five years, and which he claims as his property?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

- (1.) The portion of land in question not having been available, another portion was measured in lieu of it, and conditionally purchased by the applicant in the year 1876, and has been dealt with by the Survey Department as representing the original selection, which does not, however, appear to have been cancelled.
- (2.) The land as originally applied for forms part of a Reserve for Water Supply, notified on the recommendation of the Survey Department in August, 1866.
- (3.) Ryan has been paying interest on his Conditional Purchase, but his right to the reserved land has not been recognized.

- (3.) Additional Magistrates for Wee Waa:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that there is only one Resident Magistrate at Wee Waa?
- (2.) Has he received a petition asking for the appointment of additional Magistrates?
- (3.) When will he make the new appointments asked for?

Mr.

Mr. Cohen answered,—

(1.) The Police Magistrate at Narrabri has reported that there is no Magistrate at or within 18 miles of Wee Waa.

(2.) No petition has been received at this Department upon the subject, but representations have been made as to the necessity for the appointment of additional Magistrates.

(3.) The matter will receive the early consideration of the Government.

(4.) Stewart's Case :—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) What are the names of the witnesses for and against the prisoner Stewart, the venue of whose trial has been changed from Bathurst to Grenfell?

(2.) Which of these will be inconvenienced by the case being heard at Bathurst?

(3.) Which of them will be inconvenienced by the case being heard at Bathurst?

(4.) Which of them will be inconvenienced (and which inconvenienced) by the case being heard at Grenfell?

(5.) Who made the application for the change of the venue; and what Magistrates or witnesses supported the application?

Mr. Cohen answered,—

(1.) Sergeant M'Cartic, Constable Deane, William Coot, Thomas Clyburn, Elizabeth Clyburn, Edward Joseph Collins. Two witnesses for defence, whose names are not given.

(2, 3, & 4.) It is represented by the Bench at Cowra that all the witnesses will be inconvenienced by attending at Bathurst, and inconvenienced by attending at Grenfell.

(5.) Messrs. S. G. Alford, W. R. Watt, senior, Denis Donnelly, and W. R. Watt, junior, Justices of the Peace at Cowra.

(5.) Crown Lands Commissioners :—Mr. Abigail asked the Minister of Justice,—Have the Crown Lands Commissioners the power to commit to gaol for contempt of Court any witnesses summoned to an inquiry who will not answer questions put to them for the purpose of ascertaining the truth material to the case?

Mr. Farnell answered,—The inquiry is probably intended to apply to the Commissioners of Conditional Purchases, who have the same power of summoning and compelling the attendance of witnesses and of administering oaths as are given to Justices of the Peace under the laws relating to summary convictions.

(6.) Travelling Stock Reserve between Eugowra and Canowindra :—Mr. De Salis, for Dr. Ross, asked the Secretary for Mines,—Have the Residents of Eugowra, by petition, requested that the north side of Travelling Stock Reserve between Eugowra and Canowindra be revoked and thrown open for selection; if so, when will that portion of the Reserve be so revoked, and will he say what is the cause of the delay?

Mr. Abbott answered,—Yes; the petition was received, and the matter was referred to Mr. Acting-District Surveyor Crouch for report on the 13th December last. I find, on inquiry, that his report has not yet been received.

2. LICENSING ACT :—Mr. Abigail presented a Petition from the Officers and Members of the National Division of Australia Sons of Temperance, stating that they view with deep concern the attempt now being made to relax some of the restrictions in the present Licensing Act; and praying that steps may be taken to enforce compliance with the present law.
Petition received.

3. PAPERS :—Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Religious and Public Purposes, in accordance with the 5th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.

(2.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from sale until surveyed for the Preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, in accordance with the 4th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.

(3.) Abstract of Alterations in Designs of Towns and Villages, under the 22nd section of the Act 43 Victoria No. 29.

(4.) Return to an Order made on 18th December, 1883,—“H. A. Hough's Conditional Purchase at Corowa.”

Ordered to be printed.

4. LEAVE OF ABSENCE (*Formal Motions*) :—

(1.) Mr. William Clarke, for Mr. Loughnan, moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave of absence for two months be granted to the Honorable Member for Braidwood, Alexander Ryrie, Esquire, in consequence of the illness of that Honorable Member by reason of an accident he met with.
Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Stuart moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave of absence for three months be given to John Thomas Gannon, Esquire, Member for Argyle, in consequence of ill-health.
Question put and passed.

5. METROPOLITAN MAGISTRATES ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Cohen, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Cohen then moved, That the Title of the Bill be “An Act to amend the ‘Metropolitan Magistrates Act 1881.’”

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled “An Act to amend the ‘Metropolitan Magistrates Act 1881,’”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 1st April, 1884.

6. ADDRESS OF CONDOLENCE WITH HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN:—Mr. Stuart (*by consent*) moved, without Notice,—

(1.) That, in view of the intelligence just received of the decease of His Royal Highness Prince Leopold, Duke of Albany, Son of Her Gracious Majesty the Queen, a Select Committee be now appointed to prepare an Address of Condolence with Her Majesty.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Sir John Robertson, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Burns, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Targett, and the Mover.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

And the Committee retired to prepare the Address.

And Mr. Stuart having brought up the Address prepared by the Committee, the same was read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, as follows:—

TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

May it please Your Majesty,—

We, Your Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, in Parliament assembled, have heard with sorrow of the death of Your Majesty's Son, Prince Leopold, Duke of Albany, and we desire humbly to approach Your Majesty with an expression of our deepest sympathy with you in the great affliction which has befallen you, and to express a hope that you may be enabled to bear this great sorrow with resignation and fortitude.

Mr. Stuart then moved, That the Address of Condolence with Her Majesty the Queen, as read by the Clerk, be now adopted by this House, and presented to His Excellency the Governor by Mr. Speaker, with a request that it be forwarded by Telegram to the Secretary of State.

And Sir John Robertson having seconded the Motion,—the Question was put and passed unanimously.

7. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Mr. Stuart, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

(1.) Federal Council Bill:—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor.

Message No. 31.

His Excellency the Governor having received through Mr. Speaker an Address from the Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled, requesting him to transmit a Resolution adopted by that Assembly to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, in reference to a Federal Council Bill, begs to inform the Honorable Assembly that he will take the earliest opportunity of conforming to their request.

*Government House,
Sydney, 31st March, 1884.*

(2.) Limitation of Actions for Trespass Bill:—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor.

Message No. 32.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to alter the Law respecting Remedies for Trespass to Land*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

*Government House,
Sydney, 31st March, 1884.*

(3.) Butchers Shops (Metropolitan Police District) Sunday Closing Bill:—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor.

Message No. 33.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to prohibit within the Metropolitan Police District the opening of Butchers Shops on Sundays*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

*Government House,
Sydney, 31st March, 1884.*

(4.) Consolidated Revenue Fund Bill (No. 4):—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor.

Message No. 34.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1884*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

*Government House,
Sydney, 31st March, 1884.*

(5.)

(5.) Dubbo Cattle Sale-yards Bill:—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor.

Message No. 35.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorize the Erection and Maintenance of Cattle Sale-yards by the Municipal Council of Dubbo within the said Municipality,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 31st March, 1884.

8. LOCAL OPTION:—Mr. Abigail moved, pursuant to Notice, That, inasmuch as the avowed object of licensing the sale of intoxicating liquors is to supply a supposed public want without detriment to the public welfare, this House is of opinion "that" a legal power of restraining the issue or renewal of licenses should be placed in the hands of the persons most deeply interested and affected, namely, the inhabitants themselves, who are entitled to protection from the injurious consequences of the present system, by some further efficient measure of local option.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Garrett moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "that" in the third line, with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "the provisions of the present Licensing Act be so amended as to make the principle of local option as prescribed in the said Act applicable to each Electorate respectively and the voting power be conferred upon the Parliamentary Electors."

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.

Debate continued.

Question put, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.

The House divided.

Ayes, 23.

Mr. Stuart,	Mr. Coonan,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. A. G. Taylor,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Chapinan,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Harris,
Mr. Olliffe,	Mr. Merriman,
Mr. Holtermann,	Mr. Machattie,
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Sec.
Mr. Teece,	
Mr. Murray,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. De Salis,	Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Stokes,	Mr. Stephen.
Mr. Sutherland,	

Noes, 9.

Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Griffiths,
Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Dalton,
Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Tooth.

Tellers,

Mr. Targett,
Mr. Burdekin.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 8.

Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Abigail,
Mr. Chapman,
Mr. A. G. Taylor,
Mr. De Salis,
Mr. Sutherland.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Teece,
Mr. Murray.

Noes, 24.

Mr. Stuart,	Mr. Olliffe,
Sir John Robertson,	Mr. Machattie,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Coonan,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Harris,
Mr. Holtermann,	Mr. Merriman,
Mr. Griffiths,	Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Targett,	Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Dangar,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Burdekin.
Mr. Garrett,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Dalton,	Mr. Tooth,
Mr. Stephen,	Mr. Stokes.
Mr. Dibbs,	

And so it passed in the negative.

The House adjourned at three minutes before Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 80.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 2 APRIL, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

ADDRESS OF CONDOLENCE WITH HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had this day presented to the Governor the Address of Condolence with Her Majesty the Queen on the death of His Royal Highness Prince Leopold, Duke of Albany, with a request that His Excellency would be pleased to forward the same by Telegram to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, for presentation to Her Majesty; and that His Excellency had promised to comply with the request of the House, and to communicate his compliance in the form of a Message, which Mr. Speaker had since received, as follows:—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor.

Message No. 36.

The Governor, in conformity with the wishes of the Legislative Assembly, will have great pleasure in transmitting by Telegraph to the Secretary of State, for presentation to the Queen, the Address expressing their deep sympathy with Her Majesty in the severe bereavement she has sustained by the death of His Royal Highness Prince Leopold, Duke of Albany.

The Governor feels that it is on occasions like the present that the deep-rooted loyalty of Her Majesty's subjects is evinced, and the expression of sympathy on the part of the Legislative Assembly conveyed in their Address will be gratefully appreciated by Her Majesty in this hour of her affliction.

Government House,
Sydney, 2nd April, 1884.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Electoral Statistics:—Mr. Hugh Taylor, for Mr. A. G. Taylor, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
Will he lay upon the Table of the House a Return showing,—

- (1.) The Electorates of the Colony?
- (2.) The relative representation?
- (3.) The number of voters in each Electorate, as per the last Electoral Roll?

Mr. Stuart answered,—I will cause a Return to be prepared.

(2.) Gerogery Public School:—Mr. Lync asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Is he aware that many months delay has taken place in the erection of the Gerogery Public School?
- (2.) Is there any obstacle to the immediate erection of this building?
- (3.) If no obstacle, will he order the work to be at once undertaken?

Mr. Abbott answered,—

- (1.) Yes; the delay has been caused chiefly by the necessity for reducing the plans of the proposed building, which were found to be of too expensive a character.
- (2.) No; an arrangement has been made for at once proceeding with the work on reduced plans.
- (3.) The contractor has been instructed. It is understood that he is now procuring his materials.

3. IMMIGRATION:—Mr. Garrard presented a Petition from Electors of Balmain, praying the House to reject the Vote for Assisted Immigration.

And the same having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker,—
Petition received.

4. APPRAISEMENTS OF TOWN LOTS OF TEMORA:—Mr. Spring, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this subject was referred on 25th October, 1883.
Ordered to be printed.
5. LICENSING ACT:—*Mr. Spring*, for Mr. Mackinnon, presented a Petition from Residents of Young, Temora, and Sydney, complaining of the present state of the Law regarding the closing of Public Houses on Sundays, and stating that they consider that the provision respecting Travellers should be assimilated to that in the English Law; and praying the House to adopt measures for giving effect to their wishes.
Petition received.
6. PAPER:—Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 20th November, 1883,—“Windsor and Richmond Commons.”
Ordered to be printed.
7. JUDGMENT CREDITORS REMEDIES EXTENSION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—
(1.) Mr. Levien moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to Extend the Remedies of Judgment Creditors.
Question put and passed.
(2.) Mr. Levien presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to Extend the Remedies of Judgment Creditors*,”—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
8. SUPREME COURT PROCESS FACILITATION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—
(1.) Mr. Levien moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to Facilitate the Execution of Process of the Supreme Court of New South Wales.
Question put and passed.
(2.) Mr. Levien presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to Facilitate the Execution of Process of the Supreme Court of New South Wales*,”—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
9. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Burdekin moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
10. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply having been read,—Motion made (*Mr. Dibbs*) and Question proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.
Debate ensued.
Question,—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair,—put and passed.
Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 3 APRIL, 1884, A.M.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

11. MORT BAY IMPROVEMENT BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—
MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled “*An Act to enable Mort's Dock and Engineering Company (Limited) to close certain Streets through their Property at Mort Bay and to establish New Streets in lieu thereof*,”—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 2nd April, 1884.

JOHN HAY,
President.

MORT BAY IMPROVEMENT BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 2nd April, 1884.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 3, clause 4, line 18. After “Act” insert “and before closing up either of the roads herein—
“before mentioned”

Page 3, clause 6. Omit clause 6.

Examined,—

JOSEPH DOCKER,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the Council's amendments be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The House adjourned at twenty minutes after Four o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 81.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 3 APRIL, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

ASSENT TO BILLS :—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Mr. Stuart, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

- (1.) Customs Duties Bill :—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor.

Message No. 37.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to grant to Her Majesty certain Duties of Customs and to amend the 'Customs Regulation Act' in certain particulars and for other purposes,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 2nd April, 1884.

- (2.) Necropolis Act Amendment Bill :—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor.

Message No. 38.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Necropolis Act of 1867,'*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 2nd April, 1884.

2. QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Wellington Gaol :—*Mr. Proctor*, for Mr. A. G. Taylor, asked the Minister of Justice,—Will he lay upon the Table of the House a copy of the report of the Gaol Officials at Wellington in reply to accusations made in newspaper correspondence that the prisoners were robbed of their regulations ?

Mr. Abbott answered,—I will presently lay a copy of the Report in question upon the Table of the House, as desired.

- (2.) Applications for Gold-mining Leases at Hargraves :—*Mr. W. J. Fergusson* asked the Secretary for Mines :—

(1.) How many Gold-mining Leases have been applied for at Hargraves during the last twelve months ?

(2.) How many remain unsurveyed at present ?

(3.) How many of the applicants for Leases are working the ground applied for ; and does he intend to take any steps to compel these speculators to *bona fide* work the ground ?

Mr. Abbott answered,—

(1.) Twelve—two in August, 1883, and ten in March, 1884.

(2.) Twelve. Steps are being taken to have them surveyed.

(3.) It is not known ; but a report will be obtained from the Warden, upon receipt of which I shall be prepared to deal with the matter.

(3.)

- (3.) Veterinary Surgeons:—Mr. Pigott asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) What Veterinary Surgeons have been employed by the New South Wales Government during the last seven years?
 - (2.) What certificates of competency did they possess?
 - (3.) Were these inspected by any Government Officer prior to the employment of these Veterinary Surgeons?
 - (4.) What sum was each paid for his services during each of these years?
 - (5.) What was the scale of fees on which they were paid?
 - (6.) In a general way, what were the particular duties which they were employed to carry out?

Mr. Stuart answered,—If the Honorable Member will postpone this question for a week, and will ask it of the Minister of Mines, I shall be glad, as it is a matter that requires a great deal of preparation.

- (4.) The Licensing Act:—Mr. Proctor asked the Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that convictions obtained before the passing of the Licensing Act Amendment Act are used as objections to applicants for renewals or transfers, and held fatal by the Licensing Bench to granting of such renewals or transfers, notwithstanding the provisions of the said Act?
 - (2.) Is it a fact that transfers are objected to by the Licensing Inspector on the assumption that the applicants badly conducted their licensed premises on Sunday, though no conviction had been obtained or even complaint made for such alleged misconduct?
 - (3.) Will the Minister lay a Return upon the Table of the House showing the number of publicans fined for violating the provisions of the Licensing Act and Amendment Act, the number of applications for transfers of licenses refused, and the nature of objection in each case, since the passing of the Licensing Act Amendment Act?

Mr. Cohen answered,—

- (1.) I am informed no such objections have been taken to renewals.
- (2.) I understand transfers have been refused where it was clearly shown that the proposed transferee (when he previously held a license) had kept up a systematic watch on the Police, whereby it was impossible to obtain convictions, although it was well known that liquors were sold during prohibited hours.
- (3.) There would be no objection to this information being furnished if called for in the usual manner.

- (5.) Post Office, Bundarra:—Mr. Proctor asked the Postmaster General,—

- (1.) Has the Vote for Post Office, Bundarra, lapsed; if so, will he place the amount on the Supplementary Estimates as a Re-vote?
- (2.) Has the Government rented new premises for the Post Office, Bundarra, without notice to the present lessee; if so, upon whose recommendation?

Mr. Trickott answered,—

- (1.) £1,800 was voted on the Estimates for 1883 for the erection of a Post and Telegraph Office at Bundarra. The Vote will not lapse until 31st December next.
- (2.) The Government has rented new premises, and notice has been given to the present lessee, on the recommendation of the Postal Inspector and Superintendent of Telegraphs, who represented that the present premises were insecure and otherwise unsuitable.

- (6.) Railway and Tramway, North Shore:—Mr. Lyne, for Mr. Garrett, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) When do the Government intend to submit plans and call for tenders for the construction of the proposed Railway from Pearce's Corner (on the Newcastle to Homebush Line) to the deep waters of Port Jackson on the North Shore?
- (2.) Has it been determined from what point the proposed Tramway from the waters of the North Shore to the heights of St. Leonards shall start?
- (3.) When is it probable the work will be commenced?

Mr. Wright answered,—

- (1.) Plans will be submitted as soon as they are completed.
- (2.) It is proposed to start from Milson's Point.
- (3.) At an early date.

- (7.) Quarterly Licensing Meeting:—Mr. Olliffe asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Will he be good enough to inform this House, now that the date for holding the April Quarterly Licensing Meeting has been fixed, if there are any objections filed against the renewal of certain publicans licenses; if so, how many, and the nature thereof?
- (2.) Will he inform this House whether Inspector Anderson has objected, or intends to object, to the renewal of any publicans licenses in his division; if so, how many, and the nature of such objections?
- (3.) The like information respecting Inspector Waters?
- (4.) The like information respecting Sub-inspector M'Kay?
- (5.) The like information respecting Inspector Johnson?
- (6.) The like information respecting Sub-inspector Bremner?
- (7.) The like information respecting Sub-inspector Antwill?
- (8.) The like information respecting Inspector Lenthall?
- (9.) The like information respecting Sub-inspector Larkins?
- (10.) Is the Inspector General consulted as to the objections; if not, to whom is the matter referred for advice?
- (11.) Will he inform this House whether the Stipendiary Magistrates cancel publicans licenses for offences committed or convictions obtained before the passing of the Amended Act?

Mr.

Mr. Cohen answered,—

(1.) I am informed that none have yet been lodged; but objections will be filed in due time, as follows:—Eleven, against whom two convictions have been recorded since the passing of the Amending Licensing Act of 1883; ten, who systematically trade during prohibited hours, particularly on Sundays, and who so vigilantly guard themselves against the approach of the Police that detection has been found impossible; and two, against whom one conviction is recorded, and who systematically trade during prohibited hours.

(2.) Yes, five; three for the first reason given above, and two for the second.

(3.) Yes, eight; five for the first reason given above, one for the second, and two for the third.

(4.) Yes, five; three for the first reason given above, and two for the second.

(5.) Retired on pension in April, 1882.

(6.) Not in charge of a Division, and it is not his duty therefore to file objections except through his officer, Mr. Inspector Anderson.

(7.) Yes; three for the second reason given.

(8.) No.

(9.) Yes; two for the second reason given above.

(10.) Only in exceptional cases. The matter is referred for advice to the Superintendent in charge of the District when considered necessary.

(11.) The Stipendiary Magistrates do not cancel publicans licenses for offences committed or convictions obtained before the passing of the Amending Act, as such a proceeding would be in contravention of the 24th section of such Act.

(8.) Water for Country Schools:—Dr. Ross asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—

(1.) Is he aware that the children attending the Public School at Cumnock have been for weeks without a supply of water for drinking purposes, and will he see that some provision is made to supply so serious a want, seeing that many of the children have to travel several miles to school?

(2.) Is it the intention of the Government to close all Public Schools in the interior until the drought breaks up, or to extend the period of holidays for two or three weeks in place of only one?

Mr. Abbott answered,—

(1.) No; inquiry will at once be made into the matter, with a view to ascertain what steps are necessary.

(2.) No, there appears to be no necessity for such a course.

(9.) James Boland's Conditional Purchase at Molong:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—Did one James Boland take up a Conditional Purchase at Molong, in the county of Ashburnham, on 11th July, 1878 (part of which has since been disallowed), and will he state when the balance on the same is to be refunded to Boland, and the cause of the delay?

Mr. Farnell answered,—Yes, and the Conditional Purchase was found to be, with the exception of 14 acres 2 roods, unavailable. As the applicant had made improvements of some value, the purchase, which was illegal, was made valid by Act of Parliament. The balance of purchase money has since been paid, and the deed will shortly be prepared; but it appears that there is a balance of the original deposit, amounting to £6 7s. 6d., which the applicant may be entitled to claim, but for which no application has apparently been made on his behalf.

3. M'NEVIN *v.* LOUISA BRADFORD (*Formal Motion*):—Dr. Ross moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all informations, adjournments, papers, depositions, decisions, and other documents in the case M'Nevin *versus* Louisa Bradford, tried before the Magistrates at Molong on the 1st April, 1884.

Question put and passed.

4. PAPERS:—

Mr. Cohen laid upon the Table,—Report of Gaol Officials respecting the Management of the Wellington Gaol.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Wright laid upon the Table,—Notification of Resumption of Land in the Parishes of Maitland, Stockrington, Hexham, and Newcastle, required in connection with the Hunter River District Water Supply Works.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 19th February, 1884,—“John Conans's Conditional Purchases at Wagga Wagga.”

Ordered to be printed.

5. WALSH'S GRANT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Abbott moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Abbott, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Abbott, the report was adopted.

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

6. TOBACCO BILL (No. 2):—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled “*An Act for imposing a Duty on Tobacco manufactured in New South Wales and for regulating the Manufacture and Sale under License of Tobacco in Bond and for other purposes*,”—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 3rd April, 1884.

JOHN HAY,
President.

7. BATHURST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH GRANT RESUMPTION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Abbott moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Question put and passed.
 Bill read a second time.
 On motion of Mr. Abbott, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
 On motion of Mr. Abbott, the report was adopted.
 Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.
8. SUPPLY :—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply having been read,—
 Motion made (*Mr. Abbott*) and Question proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.
 Debate ensued.
 Question,—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair,—put and passed.
 Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 4 APRIL, 1884, A.M.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

The House adjourned at ten minutes after Three o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 82.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 4 APRIL, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) James M'Grath:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Was a man named James M'Grath (under arrest for forgery) taken to Cowra lock-up, and afterwards removed to Canowindra?

(2.) Was M'Grath kept three days on the chain at Canowindra?

(3.) When will the Court-house appointments at Canowindra be completed, so as to allow of prisoners being kept in safe custody?

Mr. Cohen answered,—

(1.) I am informed James M'Grath was arrested on Saturday, the 15th March, at Red Creek, and taken to Canowindra that night, and remained there until the following Tuesday, when he was brought to Cowra and committed.

(2.) There being no lock-up at Canowindra, it was necessary to secure the prisoner by a chain at night-time to ensure his safe custody.

(3.) The main building was completed in December last, but has not been handed over, as kitchen, closets, and stable are necessary before it could be occupied. These additions will be provided by the Colonial Architect.

- (2.) Railway Refreshment Rooms between Werris Creek and Glen Innes:—Mr. W. J. Fergusson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it his intention to make any provision for Refreshment Rooms between Werris Creek and Glen Innes in the new buildings now being erected on the Great Northern Railway Line?

Mr. Stuart answered,—It is the intention of the Department to establish a Refreshment Room on the length between Werris Creek and Glen Innes, but provision is not made in the buildings now in course of erection. The question of the most suitable Station is under consideration, and when this is decided the necessary accommodation will be provided.

- (3.) Weir across the Lachlan River:—Mr. Stokes asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he place a sum of money on the Supplementary Estimates sufficient to construct a Weir across the Lachlan River near Forbes, in accordance with the plans and specifications prepared by Mr. James, the Government Engineer?

Mr. Stuart answered,—This matter will be taken into consideration when the Estimates for Water Supply are being dealt with, which will be shortly.

- (4.) Shea's Creek Sewer:—Mr. Withers asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the Sewer, known as the Shea's Creek or Bourke-street Sewer, be completed or ready to receive the sewage for which it is intended?

Mr. Stuart answered,—The Botany main line will, I believe, be completed as far as now contracted for by August, when, pending completion of syphon to Webb's Grant, arrangements can be made to discharge the ordinary sewerage before next hot season.

- (5.) Teacher at Crown-street Public School:—Mr. Withers asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—Will he lay upon the Table of the House a copy of the Report of the Inquiry in reply to the charges made by me against a Teacher of the Crown-street Public School?

Mr. Stuart answered,—Yes.

2. WALSH'S GRANT BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Stuart, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Stuart then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to authorize the issue of a Grant of a certain portion of the Church and School Lands.*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered,

Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorize the issue of a Grant of a certain portion of the Church and School Lands,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 4th April, 1884.*

3. BATHURST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH GRANT RESUMPTION BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Stuart, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Stuart then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to authorize the resumption by Her Majesty of a portion of the Presbyterian Church Grant in the City of Bathurst for the purpose of widening a Lane between the said Grant and the Public School Site and to declare the Trusts on which the purchase money of the land resumed shall be held and for other purposes.*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorize the resumption by Her Majesty of a portion of the Presbyterian Church Grant in the City of Bathurst for the purpose of widening a Lane between the said Grant and the Public School Site and to declare the Trusts on which the purchase money of the land resumed shall be held and for other purposes,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 4th April, 1884.*

4. HOSPITALS:—Mr. Withers presented a Petition from Residents of Windsor, Richmond, and the Hawkesbury Valley, representing the necessity for the establishment in Sydney of a Central Hospital Board; and praying the House to take their representations into consideration. Petition received.

5. PAPERS:—Mr. Stuart laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return to an Order made on 5th February, 1884,—"*Tenders for Railway Rolling Stock.*"

(2.) Return to an Order made on 20th March, 1884,—"*Allowance to Witnesses attending Criminal Trials.*"

(3.) Electoral Statistics.

Ordered to be printed.

6. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Liabilities for Nuisances Limitation Bill postponed until Friday, 2nd May.

7. DISTRICT COURTS ACT FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2):—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.

Ordered, that the adoption of the report stand an Order of the Day for Friday, 2nd May.

8. BOROUGHS OF RANDWICK AND PADDINGTON BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Burns moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Burns, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Burns, the report was adopted.

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.

9. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—

(1.) Trustees Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee;—*until Friday, 18th April.*

(2.) Monk-Wearmouth Colliery Railway Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—*until Tuesday, 15th April.*

(3.) Religious Persuasions of Children attending Public Schools; resumption of adjourned Debate;—*until Tuesday next.*

10. SINGLETON GAS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Burns moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Burns, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments, and with an amended Title.

On motion of Mr. Burns (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.

The House adjourned at four minutes after Seven o'clock, until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 83.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 8 APRIL, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

ELECTORATE OF GUNDAGAI:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received a letter from Arthur Bruce Smith, Esquire, resigning his Seat as Member for the Electoral District of Gundagai.

Whereupon Mr. Stuart moved, That the Seat of Arthur Bruce Smith, Esquire, Member for the Electoral District of Gundagai, hath become, and is now vacant, by reason of the resignation thereof by the said Arthur Bruce Smith, Esquire.

Question put and passed.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Remedy for Snake-bite:—Mr. Pigott asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has the Government received any communication from any medical practitioner stating that he has discovered an infallible remedy for snake-bite; if so, what is his name?

(2.) Has the Colonial Secretary any objection to lay the communication upon the Table of this House, together with all reports on and replies to it?

Mr. Stuart answered,—I have received such a communication, and I have no objection to lay it upon the Table, together with the report thereon.

(2.) Destruction of Rabbits:—Mr. Pigott asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) What is the number of persons employed directly under the Government to carry out the provisions of the "Rabbit Destruction Act," such as clerks, inspectors, superintendents of destruction parties, &c.?

(2.) How many are there of each class?

(3.) What salaries do they receive?

(4.) What has been the total sum paid to these persons during the past four months, ending on 29th February last?

(5.) What has been the amount claimed by run-holders from the Government as its subsidy towards the money expended by them in carrying out destructive measures during the same period?

(6.) What proportion of this amount has been or is intended to be paid to these claimants?

(7.) What number of men are reported to have been employed in the destruction of rabbits during each month of this period (this not to include the Government Officers)?

(8.) What number of free passes on the New South Wales Railways have been granted to men to enable them to proceed to the rabbit infested districts during each month of the same period?

(9.) What number of rabbits are reported as having been destroyed during each month of the same period?

(10.) Is there any district reported as having been absolutely cleared of these vermin; if so, which?

Mr. Abbott answered,—The information asked for by the Honorable Member I will lay upon the Table of the House in the shape of a Return.

- (3.) The late Mr. R. H. Sempill:—*Mr. Day*, for Mr. Griffiths, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—With regard to Mr. H. Selwyn Smith's report on the defalcations of the late Mr. Robert Hamilton Sempill, Official Assignee in Insolvency,—

(1.) Whether the Government intend asking a Vote from the House for the necessary amount to pay to the 684 individual creditors, and to the eighty-nine Insolvent Estates, the sum of £8,752 6s. 9d. proved by Mr. Smith to have been withheld, or misapplied by Mr. Sempill (*vide* paragraph 6 of the report)?

(2.) Whether further inquiry has been instituted; and if so, with what result, into the late Mr. Sempill's dealings with the old Estates referred to by Mr. Smith in paragraph 11. of his report?

(3.)

(3.) And if not, whether the Government will have a full and close investigation made with reference to the Estates sequestrated prior to 1874, and referred to by Mr. Smith in his report as old Estates?

(4.) Whether there is any, and if so what, check on the quarterly accounts filed by the Official Assignee in the Insolvent Court, and whether the deposits made to the Treasury in accordance with 20 Vic. No. 11 are verified, and by whom?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

(1.) The Government does not contemplate asking the House for a Vote to recoup the deficiencies consequent upon the defalcations of Mr. Sempill.

(2.) No further inquiry has been instituted.

(3.) Such an investigation is not contemplated, as Mr. Smith states in his report that it would not prove of practical benefit to the parties interested.

(4.) I am informed there is no check on the accounts, but they are filed and open to the inspection of any person interested therein. The deposits are not verified.

(4.) Parramatta Rifle Range:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he cause an inquiry to be made as to the alleged danger at the Parramatta Rifle Range through insufficient protection when practising at the butts, with a view to greater protection being afforded?

Mr. Stuart answered,—I will make inquiry.

(5.) Juvenile Prisoners:—Mr. Hutchinson asked the Minister of Justice,—Is it a fact that children of tender age who have been convicted for petty offences are allowed to mix with old and confirmed criminals in Darlinghurst Gaol?

Mr. Cohen answered,—No; I am informed such is not the case, and that children of tender age are kept in separate yards.

(6.) Public School, Parramatta North:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—Will he state the cause of delay in calling for tenders for the erection of the Public School Building at Parramatta North, which is so much required?

Mr. Abbott answered,—Plans and specifications were prepared and submitted on the 6th February last, but were considered to be too expensive. Instructions have been given to erect a temporary wooden building for a boys school, and plans and specifications for that building will be ready this week.

(7.) Tramway from Castle Hill and Baulkham Hills to Parramatta:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—With regard to my question of the 19th March last and the answer thereto, wherein it was promised that an inquiry should be made as to the advisableness of having a cheap single Tram-line laid down from a central position of Castle Hill, Baulkham Hills, and adjoining districts to Parramatta Railway Station, for the conveyance of passengers of those largely populated districts, and of the large quantities of fruit and other produce,—Will instructions now be given for a survey to be made, and ascertain the most practical route for the above suggested Tramway?

Mr. Wright answered,—The inquiry is proceeding; when completed, the question of survey will be determined.

(8.) Repairs of Railway Carriages and Trucks:—*Mr. T. R. Smith*, for Mr. Mitchell, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) How many carriages and trucks are now collected at Eveleigh awaiting repairs?

(2.) How many were repaired during the three months ending 31st December, 1883, and how many men were employed effecting such repairs?

(3.) How many were repaired during the three months ending 31st March, 1884, and how many men were employed effecting such repairs?

(4.) Is it a fact that the contractor for the supply of timber necessary for the work has failed to deliver same according to requirements?

Mr. Wright answered,—

(1.) Carriages, nil; wagons, 289.

(2.) Wagons, 615; number of men employed, 29. Carriages, 120; brake-vans, 27; horse-boxes, 5; number of men employed, 45.

(3.) Wagons, 700; number of men employed, 66. Carriages, 110; brake-vans, 53; horse-boxes, 2; number of men employed, 57.

(4.) Yes, to some extent.

(9.) Sixpenny Telegrams:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Postmaster General,—Has any decision been arrived at with reference to granting Sixpenny Telegrams to all places where the penny postage has been extended?

Mr. Trickett answered,—I can only reply, No.

3. PAPERS:—

Mr. Wright laid upon the Table,—Return showing the total Capital expended on all Railway Lines opened for traffic at the end of 1883; and the total Expenditure for working the Lines during the same year.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Cohen laid upon the Table,—Report on Prisons for the year 1881.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Abbott laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Report of the Minister for Public Instruction for the year 1883.

(2.) Annual Report on the Sydney Grammar School, being for 1882.

Ordered to be printed.

4. LICENSING ACT:—

(1.) Mr. Griffiths presented a Petition from Residents of Sydney and Suburbs, complaining of the present state of the Law regarding the closing of Public Houses on Sundays, and stating that they consider that the provision respecting Travellers should be assimilated to that in the English Law; and praying the House to adopt measures for giving effect to their wishes.

(2.) Mr. Trickett presented a similar Petition from Residents of Coogee, Randwick, and Paddington.

(3.) Mr. Sutherland presented a similar Petition from Residents of Redfern and Waterloo.
Petitions received.

5. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Stuart moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House at its rising "on Thursday, 10th April," stand adjourned until "Wednesday the 16th" April.

Mr. McElhone moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the word "16th," with a view to the insertion in its place of the word "23rd."

Question proposed, That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.

Debate ensued.

Proposed amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Mr. Day moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the words "on Thursday, 10th April," with a view to the insertion in their place of the word "to-morrow."

Question put, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.

The House divided.

Ayes, 16.

Mr. Stuart,	Mr. George Campbell.
Mr. Dibbs,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Cohen,	
Mr. Trickett,	Mr. Poole,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. W. J. Fergusson.
Mr. Abbott,	
Sir John Robertson,	
Mr. Young,	
Mr. Abigail,	
Mr. Burns,	
Mr. Withers,	
Mr. Tecce,	
Mr. Cass,	

Noes, 24.

Mr. A. G. Taylor,	Mr. Merriman,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Harris,
Mr. R. B. Smith,	Mr. De Salis,
Mr. Loughnan,	Mr. McElhone,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Stephen,
Mr. Targott,	Mr. W. R. Campbell,
Mr. Day,	Mr. Griffiths,
Mr. Combes,	Mr. T. R. Smith,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Hugh Taylor.
Mr. O'Connor,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Garrett,	
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Spring,
Mr. Olliffe,	Mr. Chapman.

And so it passed in the negative.

Question,—That the word proposed to be inserted in place of the words omitted be there inserted,—put and passed.

Mr. W. R. Campbell moved, That the Question be further amended by the omission of the words "Wednesday the 16th," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "Tuesday the 22nd."

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.

Debate ensued.

Question put, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.

The House divided.

Ayes, 28.

Mr. Stuart,	Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Olliffe,
Mr. Trickett,	Mr. Dalton,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. W. J. Fergusson,
Mr. Purves,	Mr. Holtermann,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Poole,
Sir John Robertson,	Mr. Targott,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Griffiths,
Mr. Loughnan,	Mr. Tecce,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Garrett.
Mr. George Campbell,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. William Clarke,	
Mr. McElhone,	Mr. Day,
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Cass.

Noes, 18.

Mr. Spring,	Mr. Hugh Taylor.
Mr. R. B. Smith,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Burns,	
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Stephen,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Sydney Smith.
Mr. Combes,	
Mr. Withers,	
Mr. Hutchinson,	
Mr. Merriman,	
Mr. De Salis,	
Mr. Harris,	
Mr. McCulloch,	
Mr. W. R. Campbell,	
Mr. T. R. Smith,	
Mr. A. G. Taylor,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. A. G. Taylor moved, That the Question be further amended by the addition of the words "and rise to-morrow at Seven o'clock p.m., and resume at Seven o'clock p.m. on Wednesday the 16th instant."

Proposed amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Mr. A. G. Taylor moved, That the Question be amended by the addition of the words "and rise at Seven o'clock p.m. to-morrow."

Question,—That the words proposed to be added be there added,—put and negatived.

Mr. A. G. Taylor moved, That the Question be further amended by the addition of the words "at Seven o'clock p.m."

Question,—That the words proposed to be added be there added,—put and passed.

Main Question,—That this House at its rising to-morrow stand adjourned until Wednesday the 16th April at Seven o'clock p.m.,—put and passed.

6. ELECTORATE OF CANTERBURY:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received a letter from William Hilson Pigott, Esquire, resigning his Seat as a Member for the Electoral District of Canterbury.

Whereupon Mr. Stuart moved, That the Seat of William Hilson Pigott, Esquire, a Member for the Electoral District of Canterbury, hath become, and is now vacant, by reason of the resignation thereof by the said William Hilson Pigott, Esquire.

Question put and passed.

7. MANAGEMENT OF THE RAILWAY DEPARTMENT:—Mr. Combes moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the management generally of the Railway Department of this Colony.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Badgery, Mr. George Campbell, Mr. Fletcher, Mr. Lackey, Mr. Poole, Mr. Spring, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Suttor, Mr. Wright, and the Mover.

Debate ensued.

Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present.

Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being only seventeen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely,—Mr. Abbott, Mr. Burns, Mr. George Campbell, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Combes, Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Farnell, Mr. W. J. Fergusson, Mr. Griffiths, Mr. Harris, Mr. McElhone, Mr. Poole, Mr. R. B. Smith, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Teece, Mr. Wright, and Mr. Young,—

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House at Nine o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 84.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 9 APRIL, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Sheep Diseases Act:—Mr. Griffiths asked the Secretary for Mines,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House a Return showing the amounts (*in globo*) collected and expended each year for past five years under the "Sheep Diseases Act," together with statement of balances.

Mr. Abbott answered,—The information asked for by the Honorable Member I will lay upon the Table of the House in the shape of a Return.

- (2.) Post and Telegraph Offices, Warren:—Mr. Hugh Taylor, for Mr. A. G. Taylor, asked the Postmaster General,—

(1.) When will tenders be accepted for the Post and Telegraph Offices at Warren?

(2.) How long have these tenders been under consideration?

Mr. Trickett answered,—These questions are presumed to refer to underground tank and fencing applied for, tenders for which were received in February last. No tender, however, was accepted, as the Postmaster suggested a well in preference to a tank. Fresh tenders will therefore have to be obtained.

- (3.) Public School at Mount Hope:—Mr. Hugh Taylor, for Mr. A. G. Taylor, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Has he been requested to reserve for Public Buildings land adjoining John Johnson's Conditional Purchase at Mount Hope?

(2.) Does he intend to do so?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) The application is under reference to the District Surveyor for report.

- (4.) Oyster-dredging at Port Hacking:—Mr. Hugh Taylor, for Mr. A. G. Taylor, asked the Colonial Secretary,—When will Port Hacking be opened for Oyster-dredging?

Mr. Stuart answered,—Port Hacking will be open when the Commissioners deem it fit for the purpose.

- (5.) Railway Collision:—Mr. Hugh Taylor, for Mr. A. G. Taylor, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that No. 225 passenger train collided on March 22nd with another train?

(2.) Was a signal afterwards given to start while a white light was at the points?

(3.) Was this fact pointed out to the driver by his assistant; and is it a fact that the said assistant is to be disgraced?

Mr. Wright answered,—

(1.) There was no collision of trains, but the engine of the passenger train referred to, when detached from its train, bumped against another engine while shunting.

(2.) It seems not.

(3.) The fireman erroneously informed the driver that the points were right. They were not right, however, and the train was run on the "down" instead of on the "up" line for a considerable distance without the error being discovered by either the driver or fireman. For this gross inattention both the driver and the fireman have been disgraced.

- (6.) Walman's Claim:—Mr. Hugh Taylor, for Mr. A. G. Taylor, asked the Colonial Secretary,—When will steps be taken to pay the insolvent Walman the £300 due to him by the late Mr. Sandeman, as Trustee for the Crown?

Mr.

Mr. Cohen answered,—There is no insolvent named Walman, but there is one named Watman, in whose estate there was a deficiency; but I believe that the amount for which the sureties are guarantees will be sufficient to meet this sum, and in a very short time it will be paid.

- (7.) Branch Sewers into Bourke-street:—*Mr. Day*, for *Mr. Withers*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government to construct Branch Sewers in streets draining into Bourke-street, to connect with the Bourke-street Sewer?

Mr. Wright answered,—Provision has been made in Sewer for all necessary connections. Vote only provides for main arteries, all others must be provided for by Special Votes.

- (8.) *Mr. Mitchell*, Public Works Department:—*Mr. Sydney Smith* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What is the date of appointment of *Mr. Mitchell*, fourth clerk in the Public Works Department?

(2.) How many letters of his own composition, not including circulars and mere departmental forms, has he written since that date?

(3.) Is it a fact that the duties he is now engaged upon are mainly those previously performed by the fifth clerk; if not, in what respect do they differ?

(4.) Was it not urged as a reason for placing him over the heads of others in the Service that he possessed special qualifications as a corresponding clerk?

(5.) Is it not a fact that, notwithstanding this plea, the correspondence is entrusted to another officer of the Department?

(6.) What are the exceptional duties this officer is called upon to perform that could not be entrusted to the fifth clerk?

Mr. Wright answered,—

(1.) 10th May, 1883.

(2 to 6.) The services of an efficient clerk being found necessary to assist in the correspondence and general work of the Department, and the junior clerk not being considered equal to the work required, *Mr. Mitchell*, who had considerable experience in mercantile establishments, was appointed, and the intelligence, attention, and zeal he has shown in the performance of his duties have in every way justified the course adopted.

- (9.) Royal Commission on Railway Bridges:—*Mr. McElhone* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Was the Engineer-in-Chief for Railways asked if he had any objection to offer in respect to the qualifications or competence of any of the gentlemen appointed as Members of the Royal Commission to inquire into the alleged structural defects of the Bridges on the existing Lines of Railways?

(2.) If not, is it his intention to give him an opportunity of objecting to any of the persons appointed on the above Commission?

Mr. Wright answered,—If the Honorable Member will refer to Question No. 6 on the Business Paper of the 28th ultimo, he will find that I have already given replies to these inquiries.

2. LICENSING ACT:—

(1.) *Mr. Chapman* presented a Petition from Residents of Pymont, complaining of the present state of the Law regarding the closing of Public Houses on Sundays, and stating that they consider that the provision respecting Travellers should be assimilated to that in the English Law; and praying the House to adopt measures for giving effect to their wishes.

(2.) *Mr. Burdekin* presented a similar Petition from Residents of Sydney and Suburbs.

(3.) *Mr. Wright* presented a similar Petition from Residents of Redfern and Waterloo.
Petitions received.

3. PAPERS:—

Mr. Wright laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 15th November, 1883,—“Court-house and Telegraph Office, Tumberumba.”
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Abbott laid upon the Table,—Return showing the amounts collected and expended for the past five years under the Sheep Diseases Act.
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Further Return to an Order made on 6th December, 1883,—“Claims for Land by Messrs. Brown, Smith, Green, and Garot.”

(2.) Fourth Annual Report of the Department of Lands, being for the year 1883.
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table,—Further Return to an Order made on 23rd October, 1883,—“Wollongong and Kiama Harbour Works.”
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Stuart laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Report of the Commissioners of Fisheries for New South Wales on the State of the Fisheries of the Colony, to 31st December, 1883.

(2.) Return (*in completion*) to an Order made on 23rd October, 1883,—“Immigration.”
Ordered to be printed.

(3.) Correspondence respecting Antidote for Snake-bite.

4. RYANS CONDITIONAL PURCHASES AT WAGGA WAGGA:—*Mr. Loughnan*, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this subject was referred on 28th November, 1883; together with Appendix.
Ordered to be printed.

5. TAMWORTH CATTLE SALE-YARDS BILL:—*Mr. Day*, for *Mr. Levien*, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 28th November, 1883; together with Appendix, and a copy of the Bill as agreed to by the Committee.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Day then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday, 25th April.
Question put and passed.
6. BOROUGHS OF RANDWICK AND PADDINGTON BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of *Mr. Burns*, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Burns then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to transfer a portion of the Borough of Randwick to the Borough of Paddington.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—
MR. PRESIDENT,
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to transfer a portion of the Borough of Randwick to the Borough of Paddington,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee thereon.
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 9th April, 1884.*
7. SINGLETON GAS BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of *Mr. Burns*, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Burns then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to enable Alexander Munro to erect Gasworks in the Borough of Singleton and to regulate the establishment and carrying out of Gas-works in Singleton aforesaid and to regulate the sale supply and quality of the Gas to be supplied and for other purposes.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—
MR. PRESIDENT,
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable Alexander Munro to erect Gas-works in the Borough of Singleton and to regulate the establishment and carrying out of Gas-works in Singleton aforesaid and to regulate the sale supply and quality of the Gas to be supplied and for other purposes,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee thereon.
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 9th April, 1884.*
8. CRIMINAL LAW AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2):—The Order of the Day having been read,—*Mr. Cohen* moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of *Mr. Cohen*, *Mr. Speaker* left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.
On motion of *Mr. Cohen* (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Wednesday next.
9. UNIVERSITY EXTENSION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—*Mr. Abbott* moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of *Mr. Abbott*, *Mr. Speaker* left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of *Mr. Abbott*, the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Wednesday next.
10. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply having been read,—Motion made (*Mr. Wright*) and Question proposed, That *Mr. Speaker* do now leave the Chair.
Debate ensued.
Question,—That *Mr. Speaker* do now leave the Chair,—put and passed.
Whereupon *Mr. Speaker* left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 10 APRIL, 1884, A.M.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

11. METROPOLITAN MAGISTRATES ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Metropolitan Magistrates Act 1881,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 9th April, 1884.*

JOHN HAY,
President.

The House adjourned at twenty-five minutes before Seven o'clock a.m., until Wednesday next at Seven o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 85.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 16 APRIL, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Resident Magistrate for Mount Hope:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Have litigants at Mount Hope to proceed to Hillston in quest of a Magistrate when they desire to go to law?
 - (2.) When will he appoint a resident Magistrate at Mount Hope?
- Mr. Stuart answered,—
- (1.) I am not aware that litigants have to go to Hillston. I believe there are Magistrates residing near Mount Hope who visit that place.
 - (2.) It is a matter of difficulty to see sufficient reason at present for such a course.
- (2.) Telegraph Line from Mount Hope to Euabalong:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Postmaster General,—When will the telegraph line be constructed from Mount Hope to Euabalong, for which tenders were accepted some months ago?
- Mr. Trickett answered,—The line is in course of construction, and in all probability will be completed in two months, if the weather permits.
- (3.) Site for Court-house at Mount Hope:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the site for a Court-house at Mount Hope, for which £1,300 has been voted, be surveyed?
- Mr. Wright answered,—Provision has not yet been made for the work in question, but the survey of a site will be put in hand as early as practicable.
- (4.) F. Campbell's Claim for Services at Quarantine Station:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is F. Campbell's claim of £25 for services at the Quarantine Station during the small-pox outbreak still unsatisfied?
 - (2.) Is it a fact that Campbell, when tendering his claim, was offered money on account, and afterwards was refused a penny?
 - (3.) If Campbell is unpaid, will he say on what ground, and will he make further inquiry into Campbell's claim?
- Mr. Stuart answered,—I am informed that no claim of the kind indicated in this question can be traced at the Treasury.
- (5.) Railway from Parramatta to Penrith:—Mr. T. R. Smith asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will tenders be called for doubling the Railway Line from Parramatta to Penrith?
- Mr. Wright answered,—During the currency of the present month.
- (6.) Conduct of a Senior-constable of Police:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it a fact that a Senior-constable of Police, though twice convicted of assault on civilians during the past year, is still retained in the service?
- Mr. Stuart answered,—The member of the Police Force referred to has been reduced in rank and pay and transferred to another district.

2. CAPTAIN ROSSI:—Mr. Hugh Taylor presented a Petition from Francis Robert Lewis Rossi, Captain Volunteer Force, representing that in the year 1870 he was appointed to the office of Registrar of the District Court, Goulburn, at a salary of £300 per annum,—that such salary was reduced to £75 per annum, and by reason of certain circumstances he has suffered a loss of £225 per annum since 1870; and praying the House to cause inquiry to be made into the premises, with a view to redress.
And the same having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker,—
Petition received.
3. IMMIGRATION:—
- (1.) Mr. Sutherland presented a Petition from Edwin Flower, Chairman of a Public Meeting of Residents of Sydney, held at the Statue, King-street, alleging that the system of Assisted Immigration pursued by the Government is unjust and oppressive to the working classes, and unwarranted by the present state of the labour market; and praying the House not to allow any public money to be expended for the purpose of Assisted Immigration.
 - (2.) Mr. Chapman presented a similar Petition from Edwin Flower, Chairman of a Public Meeting of Residents of Sydney, held at Bay-street, Glebe.
 - (3.) Mr. Burdekin presented a similar Petition from G. F. Garton, Chairman of a Public Meeting of Residents of Sydney, held at "Belle Vue Hotel," Redfern.
 - (4.) Mr. Garrard presented a similar Petition from G. F. Garton, Chairman of a Public Meeting of Residents of Sydney, held at "Whiting's Elswick Hotel," Petersham.
- Petitions received.
4. PAPERS:—
- Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table,—Regulations under the Tobacco Act, 1884.
Ordered to be printed.
- Mr. Abbott laid upon the Table,—Correspondence respecting alleged Drunkenness of one of the Teachers of the Crown-street Public School.
Ordered to be printed.
5. TOBACCO BILL (No. 2):—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Stuart, and read by Mr. Speaker:—
- AUGUSTUS LOFTUS, *Message No. 39.*
Governor.
- A Bill, intituled "*An Act for imposing a Duty on Tobacco manufactured in New South Wales and for regulating the Manufacture and Sale under License of Tobacco in Bond and for other purposes,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.
Government House,
Sydney, 10th April, 1884.
6. VOTE OF CREDIT:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Dibbs, and read by Mr. Speaker:—
- AUGUSTUS LOFTUS, *Message No. 40.*
Governor.
- In accordance with the provisions of the 54th clause of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony during the month of April, 1884, together with provision for other Services of an urgent nature.
Government House,
Sydney, 13th April, 1884.
- Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of Supply.
7. UNIVERSITY EXTENSION BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Abbott, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Abbott then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to enable the University of Sydney to grant additional Degrees and Certificates in the nature of Degrees and for other purposes.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—
- MR. PRESIDENT,
- The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the University of Sydney to grant additional Degrees and Certificates in the nature of Degrees and for other purposes,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 16th April, 1884.
8. CLAIM OF EX-SENIOR CONSTABLE JAMES MACKAY (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. A. G. Taylor moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence respecting the claim preferred against the Government of New South Wales by ex-Senior Constable James Mackay for the amount of £55 7s., deducted from his pay and salary as a Senior Constable from the 1st November, 1872, to the 19th of August, 1875.
Question put and passed.
9. MINERAL CONDITIONAL PURCHASES ABOLITION BILL:—Mr. Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to repeal the 19th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, and the 27th and 28th sections of the Lands Acts Amendment Act, 1875, together with the Regulations under the said sections.
Debate ensued.
- Question

Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 52.

Mr. Stuart,	Mr. Machattie,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Gray,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Trickett,	Mr. Abbott,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Poole,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Moses,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Griffiths,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Tighe,
Mr. O'Mara,	Mr. Fremlin,
Mr. Lynch,	Mr. Chapman,
Sir John Robertson,	Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Humphery,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Abigail,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Burdekin,
Mr. Olliffe,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. W. R. Campbell,	Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. W. J. Fergusson,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Russell Barton,	Mr. Dalton,
Mr. T. R. Smith,	Mr. Targett,
Mr. Combes,	Mr. See,
Mr. Loughnan,	Mr. Day,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Holtermann.
Mr. Merriman,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. Tarrant.
Mr. Heydon,	

Noes, 7.

Mr. Garrett,
Mr. A. G. Taylor,
Mr. Cramsie,
Mr. Garvan,
Mr. McCulloch.
Tellers,
Mr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Lyne.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

10. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS:—Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the requirement of the Electoral Act of 1880, laid upon the Table his Warrant appointing Henry Clarke, Esquire, to be a Member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications for the present Session, of which the following is a copy:—

*“ By the Honorable the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly
of New South Wales.*

“ Pursuant to the power in that behalf vested in me, as Speaker of the Legislative Assembly
of New South Wales, by the Electoral Act of 1880, I do hereby appoint

“ Henry Clarke, Esquire,

“ being a Member of the said Assembly, to be a Member of the Committee of Elections and
Qualifications in the said Act referred to during the present Session of the Assembly aforesaid,
“ in the room of William Hilson Pigott, Esquire, whose Seat in the said Assembly was declared
“ vacant on the eighth day of April instant, by reason of the resignation thereof.

“ Given under my hand, at the Legislative Assembly Chamber, Macquarie-street,
“ Sydney, this sixteenth day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand
“ eight hundred and eighty-four.

“ EDMUND BARTON,
“ Speaker.”

11. CRIMINAL LAW AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2):—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Cohen moved, “That” this Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. A. G. Taylor moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word “That,” with a view to the insertion in their place of the words “the Bill be recommitted for the purpose of reconsidering clause 1.”

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.

Debate continued.

Question put, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.

The House divided.

Ayes, 29.

Mr. Stuart,	Mr. D. A. Ferguson,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Gould,
Mr. Trickett,	Mr. Moses,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Poole,
Mr. McCulloch,	Mr. W. R. Campbell,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Wilson,
Mr. Murray,	Mr. Sec,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Merriman,
Mr. Day,	Mr. Cameron.
Mr. Lynch,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Olliffe,	Mr. Loughnan,
Mr. Dalton,	Mr. Garvan.
Mr. Wilkinson,	
Mr. Brunker,	

Noes, 20.

Mr. Abigail,	Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. Burdekin,	Mr. Garrett.
Mr. Sydney Smith,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Griffiths,	Mr. A. G. Taylor,
Mr. W. J. Fergusson,	Mr. Young.
Mr. Teece,	
Mr. Henry Clarke,	
Mr. Humphery,	
Mr. Melville,	
Mr. Holtermann,	
Mr. Fremlin,	
Mr. Garrard,	
Mr. Sutherland,	
Mr. Tighe,	
Mr. Suttor,	
Mr. Combes,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original Question,—That this Bill be now read a third time,—put and passed.

Bill read a third time,—and, on motion of Mr. Cohen, *passed.*

Mr. Cohen then moved, That the Title of the Bill be “*An Act to amend the Eighth Section and the Four Hundred and Forty-sixth and three following Sections of the ‘Criminal Law Amendment Act of 1883.’*”

Question put and passed

Ordered,

Ordered, that the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to amend the Eighth Section and the Four Hundred and Forty-sixth and three following Sections of the 'Criminal Law Amendment Act of 1883,'*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Assembly requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 16th April, 1884.*

CRIMINAL LAW AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2.)

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 16th April, 1884.

STEPHEN W. JONES,
Clerk of Legislative Assembly.

- Page 1, Preamble, lines 9 to 12. *Omit* "and the punishment of whipping for any offence within the said four hundred and forty-sixth section can be inflicted only by the adjudication of two or more Justices."
- Page 2, clause 3, lines 10 to 15. *Omit* "Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in sections four hundred and forty-six four hundred and forty-seven four hundred and forty-eight and four hundred and forty-nine of the Act aforesaid one Police or Stipendiary Magistrate sitting alone shall constitute a Court under the said sections and possess all the powers thereby conferred on two or more Justices And"
- Page 2, clause 3, line 16. *After* "forty-six" *insert* "of the Act aforesaid."

Examined,—

ANGUS CAMEBON,
Chairman of Committees.

12. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Trickett, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 17 APRIL, 1884, A.M.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

13. POSTPONEMENTS:—The Government Orders of the Day Nos. 4 to 11 inclusive postponed until to-morrow.
14. GUNDAGAI BENCH OF MAGISTRATES:—Mr. A. G. Taylor moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all letters, papers, minutes, &c., in connection with the complaint made against certain Gundagai Magistrates in the case *Matchell versus Smith*.
Question put and passed.
15. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
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| (1.) Judgment Creditors Remedies Extension Bill; second reading;— | } until to-morrow. |
| (2.) Supreme Court Process Facilitation Bill; second reading;— | |
| (3.) Religious Persuasions of Children attending Public Schools; resumption of the adjourned Debate;— | |
| (4.) Moffit's Estate Leasing Enabling Bill; second reading;— | |
| (5.) Badham Annuity Bill;— | |
| (6.) Cohen's Estate Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of Legislative Council's amendments;— | |
| (7.) Intercolonial Free Trade; resumption of adjourned Debate;— | |
| (8.) Dog Act further Amendment Bill; second reading;— | |
| (9.) Parliamentary Prorogation Curtailment Bill; second reading;— | |
| (10.) Grafton Lighting Company's Bill (<i>as amended and agreed to in Select Committee</i>); second reading;— | |
| (11.) District Courts Act further Amendment Bill; second reading;— | |
| (12.) Forest Lodge, near Tarlo, Estate Bill (<i>as agreed to in Select Committee</i>); second reading;— | |
| (13.) Contempts Punishment Bill; second reading;— | |
| (14.) Law of Seduction Amendment Bill; second reading;— | |
| (15.) Compensation for Land taken for Roads and Streets;— | |
| (16.) Compensation for Land taken for Roads and Streets;— | |
| (17.) Armidale Gas Company's Incorporation Bill (<i>as amended and agreed to in Select Committee</i>); second reading;— | |
| (18.) Great Cobar Copper-mining Company Tramway Bill (<i>as agreed to in Select Committee</i>); second reading;— | |
| (19.) Mineral Conditional Purchases Repeal Bill; second reading;— | |
| (20.) Legislative Assembly Quorum Bill; second reading;— | |
| (21.) Dubbo Gas Company's Incorporation Bill (<i>as amended and agreed to in Select Committee</i>); second reading;— | |
| (22.) Mort Bay Improvement Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Legislative Council's amendments;— | |

- (23.) Engineering Association Incorporation Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading:—*until Friday, 9th May.*
- (24.) Cootamundry Roman Catholic Church Land Sale Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—
- (25.) Boorowa Roman Catholic Church Land Sale Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—
- (26.) Windsor Gas-light Company Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—
- (27.) Monk-Wearmouth Colliery Railway Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—
- } *until to-morrow.*

The House adjourned at thirteen minutes before Three o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 86.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 17 APRIL, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Vegetable Creek Mining Reserve:—Mr. W. J. Fergusson asked the Secretary for Lands,—Has the Attorney General yet given his opinion in reference to the legality of Conditional Purchase made on the Vegetable Creek Mining Reserve; if so, will he lay a copy upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Farnell answered,—The matter has been referred to the Attorney General, and he has given a qualified opinion, and asked for further information. The papers have been sent back to him, and we have not yet got them returned. If the Honorable Member wants my private opinion as a layman, I am quite willing to give it.

- (2.) Officer of Customs a Registrar of Births, Deaths, and Marriages:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. A. G. Taylor, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it a fact that an Officer in the Customs Department in receipt of £350 per annum is also Town Clerk and Valuator at Randwick, and Registrar of Births, Deaths, and Marriages?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—An Officer in the Customs Department who is in the receipt of £250 per annum is Assistant Registrar of Births, Deaths, and Marriages, and also Council Clerk and Valuator at Randwick.

- (3.) Payment of Railway Employés on Western Line:—Mr. Targett asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is he aware that the pay due to Railway employés on the Western Line (Bathurst section), which should have been paid on Thursday last, was not disbursed until Tuesday, to the great inconvenience of numbers of the men; if so, will he make inquiry as to the cause of the delay?

Mr. Wright answered,—Wages are not paid along the Line on Thursdays. The men employed at Bathurst Station are paid by the Station-master on Fridays. Friday on this occasion being Good Friday, they were paid on Saturday morning. Those employed between Bathurst and Mount Victoria are paid on Saturdays, but Friday, as before mentioned, being Good Friday, the men did not work, and the trains by which wages are paid did not run, consequently the Pay Clerk left Sydney on Saturday morning, and then paid to Mount Victoria, arriving there late on Saturday night. On Sunday nothing was done, and on Easter Monday there was no train running by which the Pay Clerk could pay, and he was consequently unable to meet the men between Bathurst and Mount Victoria until Tuesday morning.

- (4.) Land Titles Office:—Mr. Abigail asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) The amount of endorsement fees paid into the Land Titles Office during the last three years?
- (2.) The designation of the officer who stamps or prints the memorial of instrument on the deeds and in the Register Book?
- (3.) Is it true that he has been employed at this work after hours for some years past without any addition to his salary for such work; if so, are not such extra services deserving of some remuneration?

Mr. Stuart answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Registrar General:—

- (1.) £5,833 12s.
- (2.) The book porter.
- (3.) It is true. This book porter also acts as messenger. The remuneration as book porter is £100 per annum, and as messenger he receives £50 per annum. His wife is office-keeper, for which she receives £100 per annum. They are allowed quarters, fuel, gas, &c. His position is worth over £300 per annum, and it is considered that he is not insufficiently paid.

(5.)

(5.) Contributions under Diseases in Sheep Acts:—*Mr. Burns*, for *Mr. Brunker*, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) The total amount of contributions paid to the Government by Stockowners under the Diseases in Sheep Act 30 Victoria No. 16 and Amending Acts?
- (2.) Has the money received by way of contribution been paid into a Trust Fund and carried to the credit of a special account called the Sheep Account?
- (3.) The manner in which such contributions have been appropriated and expended?
- (4.) Does the Account show a credit balance; and if so, what is the sum available?

Mr. Abbott answered,—

- (1.) £187,205 19s. 5d., up to 31st March, 1884.
- (2.) Yes, from May, 1878.
- (3.) Details of expenditure can only be supplied by the Audit Office from the vouchers in their possession.
- (4.) The credit balance on 31st March last was £3,577 10s. 3d., now reduced to £2,579 3s., which is available.

(6.) West Maitland Railway Station:—*Mr. Burns*, for *Mr. Brunker*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is he aware that owing to the want of a second Platform at the West Maitland Railway Station the public suffer considerable delay and inconvenience?

Mr. Wright answered,—It is considered that the expense of a second Platform can be saved by a re-arrangement of the time-table, providing that two trains will not be at the Station at the same time.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Stuart laid upon the Table,—Amended By-laws of the Borough of Bathurst.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from sale until surveyed for the Preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, in accordance with the 4th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.
- (2.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns and Villages, declared under the 4th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.

Ordered to be printed.

3. MINERAL CONDITIONAL PURCHASES ABOLITION BILL:—*Mr. Farnell* presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to repeal the Law permitting Crown Lands to be purchased for Mining Purposes*,”—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.

4. THE CASE OF *MR. J. H. HANDSAKER*:—*Mr. Melville*, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this subject was referred on 4th March, 1884; together with Appendix.

Ordered to be printed.

5. STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Stuart* moved, pursuant to Notice, That the names of *Louis Francis Heydon, Esquire*, and *George Neville Griffiths, Esquire*, be added to the Standing Orders Committee.

Question put and passed.

6. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of *Mr. Stuart*, *Mr. Speaker* left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 18 APRIL, 1884, A.M.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported to *Mr. Speaker* that *Mr. A. G. Taylor*, one of the Members for *Mudgee*, had been named by him to the Committee for having abused the Rules of the House by persistent and wilful obstruction of the business of the Committee; and that the Committee had resolved that *Mr. Taylor* be suspended from the service of the House.

Mr. Speaker forthwith put the Question to the House, “That *Mr. A. G. Taylor* be suspended from the service of the House.”

The House divided.

Ayes, 26.

<i>Mr. Wright</i> ,	<i>Mr. Griffiths</i> ,
<i>Mr. Dibbs</i> ,	<i>Mr. Lynch</i> ,
<i>Mr. Stuart</i> ,	<i>Mr. Holborow</i> ,
<i>Mr. Cohen</i> ,	<i>Mr. Chapman</i> ,
<i>Mr. Farnell</i> ,	<i>Mr. Humphery</i> ,
<i>Mr. Abbott</i> ,	<i>Mr. W. R. Campbell</i> ,
<i>Mr. Macbattie</i> ,	<i>Mr. Day</i> ,
<i>Mr. Wilson</i> ,	<i>Mr. Murray</i> ,
<i>Mr. Melville</i> ,	<i>Mr. Olliffe</i> ,
<i>Mr. Merriman</i> ,	<i>Mr. Holtermann</i> .
<i>Mr. Trickett</i> ,	<i>Tellers</i> ,
<i>Mr. Fremtin</i> ,	<i>Mr. McQuade</i> ,
<i>Mr. White</i> ,	<i>Mr. Barbour</i> .
<i>Mr. Stokes</i> ,	

Noes, 9.

<i>Mr. Gibbes</i> ,
<i>Mr. Suttor</i> ,
<i>Mr. Wisdom</i> ,
<i>Mr. Combes</i> ,
<i>Mr. Garrard</i> ,
<i>Mr. Burdekin</i> ,
<i>Mr. Teece</i> .
<i>Tellers</i> ,
<i>Mr. O'Connor</i> ,
<i>Mr. Sydney Smith</i> .

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And

And Mr. Taylor having withdrawn from the House,—

Question put, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House again resolve itself into the Committee of Supply.

The House divided.

Ayes, 27.

Mr. Wright,	Mr. Trickett,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Stuart,	Mr. Fremlin,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. White,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Stokes,
Mr. McQuade,	Mr. W. R. Campbell,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Machattie,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Holtermann,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Olliffe,	Mr. Humphery.
Mr. Barbour,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Day,	
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Griffiths.
Mr. Morrigan,	

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Mr. Gibbes,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Combes,
Mr. Teece,
Mr. O'Connor.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Burdekin,
Mr. Garrard.

And so it was resolved it the affirmative.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee accordingly. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), that the report be *now* received.

The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—

(6.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £903,884, being £430,000 to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of April or following month of the year 1884, at the rates which have been sanctioned for 1883, subject to the rate of any reduction that may hereafter be made in the expenditure of the year 1884; £100,000 to meet wages to become due to Railway Employés during the month of May, 1884, and to cover the expenditure in April, 1884, in excess of the monthly allowance at the rate of last year's appropriation, and for Railway Services generally; and £10,000 to meet wages to become due to Employés in the Department of Harbours and Rivers during the month of May, 1884, and to cover the expenditure in April, 1884, in excess of the monthly allowance at the rate of last year's appropriation, and for other Services of an urgent nature; £36,500 for Roads under Trustees; and £327,384 for the construction and maintenance of Roads and Bridges generally, pending the passing of the Appropriation Act for 1884.

On motion of Mr. Stuart, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

7. **WAYS AND MEANS**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Stuart, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), that the report be *now* received.

The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—

(9.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Services of the year 1884, the sum of £903,884 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.

On motion of Mr. Stuart, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

8. **CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 5)**:—

(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Stuart, that a Bill be brought in, founded on Resolution of Ways and Means (No. 9), to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1884.

(2.) Mr. Stuart then *presented* a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1884*,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**:—The House (*by consent*) adjourned at twenty minutes after Six o'clock a.m., until *Tuesday next* at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 87.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 22 APRIL, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

ELECTORATE OF CANTERBURY:—

- (1.) *Issue and Return of Writ*:—Mr. Speaker informed the House, that upon the passing of the Resolution of the 8th April instant, declaring the Seat of William Hilson Pigott, Esquire, vacant, he had issued a Writ for the election of a Member to serve in the room of Mr. Pigott, and that such Writ had been duly returned, with a certificate endorsed thereon by the Returning Officer of the election of Mark John Hammond, Esquire, to serve as a Member for the Electoral District of Canterbury.
- (2.) *Member Sworn*:—Mr. Hammond having taken and subscribed the Oath, and signed the Roll of the House, took his Seat as a Member for the Electoral District of Canterbury.

2. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Mr. Cloudy, Customs Locker:—*Mr. Day*, for Mr. McElhone, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Has a person named Cloudy, from Maitland, been appointed as a Locker in the Custom House; if so, when, and at what salary?
- (2.) If so, is it not a fact that he has been put over the heads of a number of officers who have been many years in the Custom House service?
- (3.) Has he passed the Civil Service examination?
- (4.) If not, does he possess any special qualifications to entitle him to be appointed over the heads of a large number of old public officers?
- (5.) Does the Government intend to go on appointing persons to positions in the Public Service who have not passed the Civil Service examination?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

- (1.) Mr. Cloudy was appointed as 20th Locker on the 1st February, at the voted salary of £200 per annum.
- (2.) He is appointed to the lowest permanent position in the Warehouse Branch.
- (3.) No.
- (4.) He is qualified for the position to which he is appointed.
- (5.) Civil Service examinations are not required in all cases.
- (2.) *Lighting of Railway Workshops at Eveleigh*:—Mr. Hutchinson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Are the Railway workshops at Eveleigh to be lighted by the electric light?
- (2.) If so, have plans and specifications been prepared, and will tenders for the execution of the work be called for?
- (3.) Has any report been received, and from whom, as to the cost and adaptability of any particular system of electric lighting over others for the Railway workshops at Eveleigh?

Mr. Wright answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Authority has been given for lighting a portion of the works with the incandescent light, on trial—the Superintendent of Telegraphs having recommended that system of lighting as being, in his opinion, the best. The question as to the system under which the remainder and larger portion of the works are to be lighted has not yet been determined. I propose to invite tenders for this service, which will be decided in relation not alone to the price asked but the comparative merits of the lights offered.
- (3.) This question is answered by the reply to No. 2. (3.)

(3.) Civil Service Bill:—Mr. Burdekin asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to proceed with the Civil Service Bill this Session?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—On behalf of my Honorable Colleague I beg to say, the Bill will be proceeded with if time will permit.

(4.) Local Government Bill:—Mr. Burdekin asked the Colonial Secretary,—When will the Local Government Bill be laid upon the Table?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—On behalf of my Honorable Colleague I desire to say, as soon as the Land Bill has been disposed of.

(5.) Messrs. Royce and Company:—*Mr. Fremlin*, for Mr. Poole, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he say if Messrs. Royce and Company are using Government land at Clyde; if so, for what purpose, and under what arrangement?

Mr. Wright answered,—Yes, for the purpose of setting up in position for inspection four Railway Bridges for ultimate erection near Parramatta. This arrangement was made for the convenience of the Department.

(6.) Railway Passes to Officials at Picton:—*Mr. Vaughn*, for Mr. Abigail, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it true that First-class Railway Passes have been granted to the Booking Clerk, also to the Operator, at Picton; if so, what are the particular reasons for granting such?

Mr. Wright answered,—Yes; the Passes were granted, as usual, during vacation.

(7.) Alfred Duncen:—*Mr. Vaughn*, for Mr. Abigail, asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Was Alfred Duncen tried, found guilty, and sentenced to death on the 3rd of March last for shooting a Constable in a Railway carriage on the way to Picton, he being then under arrest for horse-stealing?

(2.) Was his case referred to Dr. Manning to report as to his insanity or otherwise?

(3.) Has such report been made; if so, will he state the purport of it?

(4.) Has either the Constable or the Guard (Watson) applied to the Attorney General, or other member of the Government, for protection on account of threats that have been made against them; if so, what steps have been taken to protect them?

Mr. Cohen answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2 and 3.) The question as to the prisoner's insanity or otherwise was referred to Drs. Manning and O'Connor for their report. The papers are at present with His Honor the Chief Justice.

(4.) Yes; the Guard Watson applied to the Attorney General for protection on account of threats made against him, and was informed there was no ground for apprehension, it being improbable the prisoner would have any early opportunity of injuring him.

(8.) Land Agents:—*Mr. Vaughn*, for Mr. Abigail, asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is it true that any land agents in Sydney have been allowed to obtain from the Lands Office certificates of fulfilment of conditions without proper authority from the selectors; if so, will the Minister give the names of such agent or agents?

Mr. Farnell answered,—Certificates are not issued to any other than the parties unless upon formal application. In the year 1880, in a few instances (three in all), so far as can be at present ascertained, certificates were issued to the care of Mr. Armstrong, land agent, whose authority to receive them was afterwards questioned. In one of these cases the agent was required to return the document, and did so. In another, in which there had been a transfer, a duplicate was issued to the party entitled to the certificate. In the third instance the certificate was lately applied for, viz., 20th February, 1884, by Mr. Adams, who was informed, in reply, that the certificate had already been issued in 1880, as above mentioned, and has, it is stated, since received it from Mr. Armstrong.

(9.) Railway Sub-way at Alt-street, Ashfield:—*Mr. Vaughn*, for Mr. Abigail, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the Sub-way under the Railway at Alt-street, Ashfield, as promised by the Commissioner in a letter addressed to John Mills, Esq., Ashfield, dated 1st February, 1884, be constructed?

Mr. Wright answered,—Tenders will be invited in about six weeks from this date.

(10.) Property resumed in Elizabeth, Market, and Castlereagh Streets:—Mr. Burdekin asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) The names of tenants, and rental of each property forming part of the resumed property in Elizabeth-street, Market-street, and Castlereagh-street?

(2.) Have the rentals of all the property been raised?

(3.) Has one or more tenants received notice to quit, or raising of rental?

(4.) If only one tenant has received notice to quit or have his rental raised, what is the reason?

(5.) Who is the Government collector for this property; does he give notice to quit, or notice to raise rental, without consulting any higher authority?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

(1.) 1. Mayhew, Elizabeth-street; £2 6s. 2d. per week, 2. Goulston, Elizabeth-street; £2 10s. per week. 3. Elliott, Elizabeth-street; £2 10s. per week. 4. Punch, Elizabeth-street; £2 15s. per week. 5. Marshall, Market-street; £2 10s. per week. 6. Kime, Market-street; £2 10s. per week. 7. Dr. Belgrave, Market-street; used as a public office. 8. Barnett, Market-street; £1 15s. per week. 9. Symonds, Castlereagh-street; £2 4s. per week. 10. Symonds, Castlereagh-street; £2 4s. per week.

(2.) No.

(3.) Yes, three.

(4.) More than one has received notice.

(5.) W. P. Woolcott; he acts under special instructions from the Treasury, and in legal matters has to consult the Crown Law Department.

3. PAPERS :—

Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table,—Return showing the number of Unsurveyed Conditional Purchases in the years 1882 and 1883.
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Abbott laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Regulation in lieu of Regulation No. 14 of the Regulations relating to Mineral Leases made and proclaimed on 13th July, 1874.

(2.) Annual Report for 1883 on Occupation of Crown Lands Branch, Department of Mines.
Ordered to be printed.

4. TRIAL SURVEY OF THE ARMIDALE AND TRIAL BAY RAILWAY (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. R. B. Smith moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all instructions to and reports of the Surveyors employed at each end of the Trial Railway Survey of the Armidale and Trial Bay proposed line, together with copies of all plans and sections made and taken by them; also copies of all minutes and reports of the Engineer-in-Chief for Railways relating to the same.
Question put and passed.

5. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL No. 5 (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Dibbs moved, pursuant to Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing of a Bill, intituled "A Bill to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1884" through its remaining stages in one day.
Question put and passed.

6. LOCALITY MAPS OF MINING DISTRICTS:—Mr. W. J. Fergusson moved, pursuant to *amended* Notice,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the Department of Mines should take immediate steps to compile Locality Maps of all the principal Gold Fields and Mineral Mining Localities in the Colony, which will show the position, area, and measurement of each lease, and other mining tenant other than miners right claims, and business and residence areas, such Maps to be corrected each year, in accord with the yearly return ordered by this House of the leases in force in each Mining District.

(2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 25.

Mr. William Clarke,	Dr. Ross,
Mr. Russell Barton,	Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Combes,	Mr. Moses,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Fletcher,
Mr. Leven,	Mr. Burdokin,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. T. R. Smith,
Mr. McCulloch,	Mr. Abigail,
Mr. Dalton,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Humphery,	Mr. Gibbes.
Mr. Garvan,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. O'Connor,	
Mr. Mitchell,	Mr. W. J. Fergusson,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Vaughn.
Mr. Targett,	

Noes, 23.

Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Merriman,
Mr. Trickett,	Mr. Teece,
Sir John Robertson,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Hammond,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Day.
Mr. White,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Cameron,	
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Roberts,
Mr. Dangar,	Mr. Heydon.
Mr. Loughnan,	
Mr. Wright,	
Mr. Proctor,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

7. ENDOWMENT OF MUNICIPALITIES:—Mr. Proctor moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause provision to be made on an Additional Estimate for 1884 for payment to Country and Suburban Municipalities of Special Grants equal to 15s. in the pound on the total amount of rates collected by such bodies for the municipal year ending 4th February, 1884.
Debate ensued.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

8. FRIDAY SITTINGS:—Mr. W. J. Fergusson moved, pursuant to Notice, That so much of the Sessional Order passed on 10th October, 1883, which prevents new business being entered upon after Seven clock p.m. on Fridays, be rescinded.
Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

9. PATENT LAWS:—Mr. Targett moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, it is expedient to amend the Patent "Laws" so far as to permit persons to register a new Invention for six months on the payment of £1 1s., such registration to answer the purpose of a Patent Grant for the period specified.
Debate ensued.

Mr. McLaughlin moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "Laws."

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.

Debate continued.

Question,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—put and passed.

Original Question then put and passed.

10. POSTPONEMENTS:—The Orders of the Day of General Business, Nos. 1 to 29 inclusive, postponed, to follow after the Orders of the Day of Government Business. 11.

11. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 5):—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Dibbs moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Dibbs, the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be now read a third time.
Bill read a third time,—and, on motion of Mr. Dibbs, *passed*.
Mr. Dibbs then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1884.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1884,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 22nd April, 1884.*

12. POSTPONEMENTS:—The Orders of the Day of Government Business, Nos. 2 to 8 inclusive, postponed until to-morrow.
13. RAILWAY RATES FOR GOODS:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Day, "That in the opinion of this House, the differential rates charged for the carriage of goods and merchandise on all the Railway Lines in New South Wales should be abolished, and that the Commissioner for Railways should impose the same rate of carriage per mile on the same class of goods, whether the same be carried inwards or outwards,"—
And the Question being again proposed, the House resumed the said adjourned Debate.
Question put,—That, in the opinion of this House, the differential rates charged for the carriage of goods and merchandise on all the Railway Lines in New South Wales should be abolished, and that the Commissioner for Railways should impose the same rate of carriage per mile on the same class of goods, whether the same be carried inwards or outwards.
The House divided.

Ayes, 10.

Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Griffiths,
Mr. Chapman,
Dr. Ross,
Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. William Clarke,
Mr. Teece,
Mr. Barbour.

Tellers,

Mr. Day,
Mr. Proctor.

Noes, 27.

Mr. Stuart,	Mr. Slattery,
Sir John Robertson,	Mr. Tarrant,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. McLaughlin,	Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. R. B. Smith,	Mr. Vaughan,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Hammond,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Cass,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Harris,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. De Salis.
Mr. Farnell,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Trickett,	Mr. Holtermann,
Mr. Machattie,	Mr. Hutchinson.
Mr. Merriman,	
Mr. Sec,	

And so it passed in the negative.

14. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Supreme Court Process Facilitation Bill postponed until Friday next.
15. RELIGIOUS PERSUASIONS OF CHILDREN ATTENDING PUBLIC SCHOOLS:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate on this Question,—
Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.
16. MOFFITT'S ESTATE LEASING ENABLING BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Burns moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Burns, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Burns, the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.
17. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day respecting the Badham Annuity Bill postponed until Friday next.
18. COHEN'S ESTATE BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Burns, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.
On motion of Mr. Burns, the report was adopted.

Ordered,

Ordered, that the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Trustees of the Will of Mr. Michael Cohen deceased to sell certain Land in Park and Castlereagh Streets Sydney and to make provision for the investment of the proceeds thereof.*"

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 22nd April, 1884.*

19. **INTERCOLONIAL FREE TRADE** :—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Young,—
 " (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should make an effort, by Conference or otherwise, to induce the Governments of the other Australasian Colonies to remove by legislation the various Import Duties now charged by them on the produce and manufacture of New South Wales.
 " (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor"—
 Upon which Mr. Cameron had moved, That the Question be amended by the addition at the end of the first Resolution of the words "and that this Colony should pursue a similar policy,"—
 And the Debate not being resumed,—
 Mr. Cameron, by leave, withdrew his proposed amendment.
 Original Question, by leave, withdrawn.
 On motion of Mr. R. B. Smith, the Order of the Day was discharged.
20. **POSTPONEMENTS** :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—
 (1.) Dog Act further Amendment Bill; second reading;—*until Friday, 9th May.*
 (2.) Parliamentary Prorogation Curtailment Bill; second reading;—*until Tuesday next.*
 (3.) Grafton Lighting Company Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—
 (4.) District Courts Act further Amendment Bill; second reading;—
 (5.) Forest Lodge, near Tarlo, Estate Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—*until Tuesday next.*
 (6.) Contempts Punishment Bill; second reading;—
 (7.) Law of Seduction Amendment Bill; second reading;— } *until Friday, 2nd May.*
 } *until Friday, 9th May.*
21. **COMPENSATION FOR LAND TAKEN FOR ROADS AND STREETS** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Vaughn moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the payment of compensation by the State for all Lands taken from Private Persons for Public Roads, Highways, and Streets, and all expenses incurred thereby.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and negatived.
 On motion of Mr. R. B. Smith, the Order of the Day was discharged.
22. **COMPENSATION FOR LAND TAKEN FOR ROADS AND STREETS** :—The Order of the Day in reference to the consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor read,—and, on motion of Mr. Vaughn, discharged.
23. **POSTPONEMENT** :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Armidale Gas Company's Incorporation Bill postponed until Tuesday next.
24. **GREAT COBAR COPPER-MINING COMPANY TRAMWAY BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Hutchinson moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Question put and passed.
 Bill read a second time.
 On motion of Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
 On motion of Mr. Hutchinson, the report was adopted.
 Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.
25. **POSTPONEMENTS** :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—
 (1.) Mineral Conditional Purchases Repeal Bill; second reading;— } *until Friday next.*
 (2.) Legislative Assembly Quorum Bill; second reading;— }
 (3.) Dubbo Gas Company's Incorporation Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—*until Tuesday next.*
26. **MORT BAY IMPROVEMENT BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Cameron, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.
 On motion of Mr. Cameron, the report was adopted.
 Ordered, that the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable Mort's Dock and Engineering Company (Limited) to close certain Streets through their property at Mort Bay and to establish new Streets in lieu thereof.*"

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 22nd April, 1884.*

27. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—

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| (1.) Cootamundry Roman Catholic Church Land Sale Bill (<i>as amended and agreed to in Select Committee</i>) ; second reading ;— | } <i>until Friday next.</i> |
| (2.) Boorowa Roman Catholic Church Land Sale Bill (<i>as amended and agreed to in Select Committee</i>) ; second reading ;— | |
| (3.) Windsor Gas-light Company Bill (<i>as amended and agreed to in Select Committee</i>) ; second reading ;— | |
| (4.) Monk-Wearmouth Colliery Railway Bill (<i>as amended and agreed to in Select Committee</i>) ; second reading ;— | |
| (5.) Electoral Act Amendment Bill ; second reading ;— | } <i>until Friday, 16th May.</i> |
| (6.) Licensing Acts Amendment Bill ; second reading ;— | |
| (7.) Trustees Act Amendment Bill ; to be further considered in Committee ;— | <i>until Friday next.</i> |

The House adjourned at twenty-two minutes before Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 88.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 23 APRIL, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Gerogery Public School:—Mr. Lyne asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Is he aware that the contractor for the Gerogery Public School is not actively carrying on the work?
 (2.) Is he aware that, in reply to inquiries by parents anxious to see the building completed, the contractor invariably states "he will suit his own time;" if so, will he take steps to prevent further delay?

Mr. Abbott answered,—

- (1.) The Gerogery Public School Building is actually being prepared in Albury, and when completed will be taken out to Gerogery and erected there.
 (2.) No. The contractor has promised to complete the work with as little delay as possible.

- (2.) Water Supply for Sydney and Suburbs:—Mr. Burdekin asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Whether, in consequence of the late rainy weather, exertions to bring water into Sydney by the Nepean Scheme have been relaxed?
 (2.) When will tenders be called for the necessary pipes?
 (3.) Will the opinion of the Crown Law Officers be obtained as to whether it is not the duty of the Minister acting for the Board of Works and Sewerage to lay all main pipes in those Suburbs adjacent to the line of Water Supply?

Mr. Wright answered,—

- (1.) They have not been relaxed, neither do I intend that they shall be.
 (2.) In about a month.
 (3.) The whole subject involved in this question will be considered when the Loan Estimates are being dealt with.

- (3.) Standing Orders Committee:—Mr. Combes asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) How many Meetings of the Standing Orders Committee were called, in accordance with the Order of this House (see Entry No. 23, Votes No. 2), for the purpose of considering the effect upon our Parliamentary procedure of the recent changes made in the practice of the House of Commons, and generally to prepare such Standing Rules and Orders as shall appear best adapted for the orderly conduct of the business of this House, and to report the same with as little delay as possible?
 (2.) How many Meetings were held, and the names of the Members who attended such Meetings?

Mr. Stuart answered,—I will lay upon the Table a Return giving the desired information.

- (4.) Public School Buildings, Toogong:—Dr. Ross asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—When will tenders be invited for the erection of new Public School Buildings at Toogong; and will he say what is the cause of the delay in proceeding with the work?

Mr. Abbott answered,—A tender for the erection of a wooden building at Toogong has been accepted, and the contract requires that the work be completed by the 12th June next.

- (5.) Travelling Stock Reserve No. 633 :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Will he state if that portion of Travelling Stock Reserve No. 633, viz., 250 acres, selected by one Hugh M'Kenzie at Molong, on the 21st June, 1883, is to be revoked, so as to enable Mr. M'Kenzie to retain the land?
 - (2.) If not, has the Department given any, and what grounds for refusal to revoke the same, or for refusing Mr. M'Kenzie's application?
 - (3.) The same information regarding the selection made by one John Small on the same Reserve, viz., No. 633?
- Mr. Farnell answered,—
- (1.) There is no present intention of revoking the Reserve referred to.
 - (2.) The grounds for refusal to revoke the Reserve are that there are no sufficient grounds apparent to call for that action being taken. The conditional purchase was void, being for land within the Reserve.
 - (3.) In the case of John Small, reference has been made to the Department of Mines as to whether the public interests would be affected by the withdrawal of the small area applied for.
2. CLAIM OF MATTHEW M'IVOR TO A TIN MINE AT PHEASANT'S CREEK :—Mr. Fletcher presented a Petition from Matthew M'Ivor, representing that a Select Committee has been appointed to inquire into his claim to a Tin Mine at Pheasant's Creek; and praying for permission to appear in person or by agent before the Committee.
Petition received, and referred to the Select Committee on the subject.
3. PAPERS :—Mr. Stuart laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) Return respecting Meetings of the Standing Orders Committee.
 - (2.) List of persons appointed as Rabbit Inspectors, Sheep Inspectors, and to other Offices under the Stock Branch, Department of Mines.
 - (3.) Further Return to an Address adopted on 6th July, 1877,—“Immigration”—Steam-ship “Warwick.”
- Ordered to be printed.
4. LICENSING ACT :—Mr. Copeland presented a Petition from Residents of Sydney, complaining of the present state of the Law regarding the closing of Public Houses on Sundays, and stating that they consider that the provision respecting Travellers should be assimilated to that in the English Law; and praying the House to adopt measures for giving effect to their wishes.
Petition received.
5. MOFFITT'S ESTATE LEASING ENABLING BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Burns, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Burns then moved, That the Title of the Bill be “*An Act to enable John Williams or other the Trustee or Trustees for the time being of the Will of William Moffitt deceased to lease certain portions of the Real Estate of the said William Moffitt deceased.*”
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council, with the following Message :—
- MR. PRESIDENT,
The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled “*An Act to enable John Williams or other the Trustee or Trustees for the time being of the Will of William Moffitt deceased to lease certain portions of the Real Estate of the said William Moffitt deceased,*”—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 23rd April, 1884.*
6. GREAT COBAR COPPER-MINING COMPANY TRAMWAY BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Garrard, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Garrard then moved, That the Title of the Bill be “*An Act to authorize the construction by the 'Great Cobar Copper-mining Company (Limited)' of a Tramway over certain Roads and Government Reserves and vacant Crown Lands in the Colony of New South Wales.*”
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message :—
- MR. PRESIDENT,
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled “*An Act to authorize the construction by the 'Great Cobar Copper-mining Company (Limited)' of a Tramway over certain Roads and Government Reserves and vacant Crown Lands in the Colony of New South Wales,*”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee thereon.
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 23rd April, 1884.*
7. MR. A. G. TAYLOR :—Mr. Speaker called the attention of the House to the presence of Mr. A. G. Taylor, one of the Members for Mudgee, who on the morning of the 18th instant had been suspended from the service of the House,—and desired Mr. Taylor to withdraw.
And Mr. Taylor declining to withdraw, and claiming a right to remain, Mr. Speaker directed the Sergeant-at-Arms to do his duty.
Whereupon the Sergeant-at-Arms removed Mr. Taylor from the Chamber.
8. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Abigail moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
9. SUPPLY :—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply having been read,—Motion made (*Mr. Trickett*) and Question proposed, “That” Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.
Mr. Mcville moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word “That,” with a view to the insertion in their place of the words “the Report from the Select Committee on ‘The case of Mr. J. H. Handsaker,’ brought up on the 17th April, be now adopted.”
Question

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
Debate ensued.

Question put, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—
And Division called for,—but there being no Tellers on the part of the *Ayes*, no Division could be had, and Mr. Speaker declared the Question to have been passed in the *negative*.

Question,—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words omitted be there inserted,—
put and passed.

Question then,—That the Report from the Select Committee on “The case of Mr. J. H. Handsaker,”
brought up on the 17th April, be now adopted,—put and passed.

Privilege.—Mr. Melville moved, That the Report be now read by the Clerk.

Question put and passed.

The Report was then read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, as follows:—

“The Select Committee of the Legislative Assembly, appointed on the 4th March, 1884,—‘with
“power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the circumstances
“under which J. H. Handsaker was appointed Acting Inspector of Conditional Purchases;
“and also upon the circumstances under which the salary, or any part of it, of the said
“J. H. Handsaker was paid to John McElhone, Esquire, one of the Members for The Upper
“Hunter,’—have agreed to the following Report:—

“1. Your Committee having examined the witnesses named in the list and considered the
“evidence, find:—

- “(1.) That a contested election took place for The Upper Hunter Electorate during the month
“of June, 1875, the candidates being Thomas Hungerford, Esq., and John McElhone,
“Esq., and that during the said contest John McElhone, Esq., first became acquainted
“with J. H. Handsaker and Thomas Handsaker, and that J. H. and Thomas Handsaker
“were employed by John McElhone, Esq., as paid canvassers at the rate of 30s. (thirty
“shillings) per diem.
- “(2.) That on or about the 10th day of July, 1875, John McElhone, Esq., lent to J. H.
“Handsaker the sum of £100 (one hundred pounds), bearing interest at the rate of
“9 (nine) per cent. per annum, and that J. H. Handsaker gave John McElhone, Esq., a
“promissory-note for twelve months as security.
- “(3.) That a second contested election took place for The Upper Hunter Electorate during
“the month of August, 1875, when Thomas and J. H. Handsaker were employed as
“paid canvassers, in the interest of John McElhone, Esq., at the rate of 30s. (thirty
“shillings) per diem.
- “(4.) That on or about the 12th day of July, 1875, J. H. Handsaker selected 240 acres of
“land immediately adjoining land held and owned by John Henry Davies, paying the
“deposit £60 out of the £100 lent to him by John McElhone, Esq., M.P.
- “(5.) That John McElhone, Esq., M.P., applied in the following terms to the late Honorable
“Richard Driver, Minister for Lands:—

“(No. 1.)

“Sir, “Sydney, 12th May, 1877.
“Enclosed I have the honor to forward you an application from Mr. James Howard
“Handsaker, of Thompson’s Creek, Scone, applying for the appointment of Conditional Purchase
“Inspector.
“If the Government intend to appoint any more Inspectors of Conditional Purchases, I can
“strongly recommend Mr. Handsaker as an honorable man, in every way qualified to fill the appointment,
“and know him to be a steady, sober man, who would do more work in one month than six of the present
“Inspectors.
“Although an educated man, he has been compelled to obtain his living by all sorts of bush work,
“and is therefore well qualified to value all sorts of improvements on selections. He at present holds a
“selection in the Scone district. “I have, &c.,
“JOHN McELHONE.

“Minutes on No. 1.

“By the Secretary for Lands:—To be noted.—R.D., 15th May, 1877.
“Mr. Thompson,—Note in application-book.

“and to the Honorable Thomas Garrett, Minister for Lands:—

“(No. 2.)

“Sir, “Sydney, 3rd September, 1877.
“Some time since I had the honor to recommend Mr. James Howard Handsaker, of
“Thompson’s Creek, Scone, to the Honorable Richard Driver, for employment as a Conditional Purchase
“Inspector, and also to forward an application from him to Mr. Driver for employment as above.
“If any new appointments of Conditional Purchase Inspectors are about to be made, I can strongly
“recommend Mr. Handsaker for an appointment of Conditional Purchase Inspector. He is well
“educated, and a steady, sober, honest man, and well up in the value of improvements, as he has for some
“time been a contractor for such work as fencing, dam and well-sinking, and hut-building in the country,
“and also well able to value ploughing, clearing, and stumping; and as he is a practical farmer, I shall
“be pleased to hear of his obtaining an appointment as Conditional Purchase Inspector, if any appoint-
“ments are made. “I have, &c.,
“J. McELHONE.

“Minute on No. 2.

“By the Minister for Lands:—Submit this application when the question of filling up of next
“vacancy occurs.—T.G., 5/9/77.

“and to the Honorable J. S. Farnell, Minister for Lands:—

“Sir, “Sydney, 4th March, 1878.
“I have the honor to enclose you a letter from Mr. J. H. Handsaker, of Thompson’s Creek,
“Scone, applying for the situation of Temporary Inspector of Conditional Purchases.
“I can strongly recommend Mr. Handsaker as a man well qualified in every way to perform the
“duties pertaining to the office, having been a contractor for all sorts of bush work.
“I understand that several Temporary Inspectors of Conditional Purchases will have to be
“appointed to do arrears of work. I shall be pleased if Mr. Handsaker receives one of the appointments.
“I have, &c.,
“J. McELHONE.

“and

“ and in consequence of such applications, J. H. Handsaker was temporarily appointed
 “ as Inspector of Conditional Purchases by the Minister for Lands on the 28th day of
 “ May, 1878.

- “ (6.) That on the various dates, from the 3rd day of July, 1879, to and inclusive of 4th
 “ December, 1879, by authority given by J. H. Handsaker, John McElhone, Esq., M.P.,
 “ drew from the Public Treasury the sum total of £330 17s. 6d., forwarded to J. H.
 “ Handsaker and Mrs. Handsaker the total sum of £196 7s., refunded to Treasury the
 “ sum of £2 10s., and retained the sum of £100 for repayment of loan which he advanced
 “ to J. H. Handsaker, and the sum of £32 0s. 6d. for interest on said loan, thus account-
 “ ing for the total sum of £330 17s. 6d.
- “ (7.) That on the dates of John McElhone, Esq., M.P., applying for the appointment of
 “ J. H. Handsaker, there was due by Mr. Handsaker the original loan of £100 and two
 “ years interest.
- “ (8.) That at the time J. H. Handsaker was appointed there was a lien upon the selection
 “ by one Little, as security for debts incurred, and that J. H. Handsaker, shortly after
 “ his appointment, transferred all his interest in the selection to his brother, Thomas
 “ Handsaker.
- “ (9.) That the reasons assigned by J. H. Handsaker for applying for and accepting the
 “ appointment was that he was in pecuniary difficulties, in consequence of severe losses
 “ arising from various causes.
- “ (10.) That J. H. Handsaker appeared before your Committee in such a state of intoxication
 “ as to necessitate the adjournment of the Committee to another day.

“ 2. Your Committee are of opinion that the evidence of Messrs. G. O'Malley Clarke, S.M.,
 “ J. Wilshire, J.P., J. H. Davies, J.P., J. Sullivan, and Dr. Creed, establishes the fact that the
 “ intemperate habits of J. H. Handsaker, before his appointment as Inspector of Conditional
 “ Purchases and during his tenure of office, rendered him an unfit and improper person to receive
 “ such appointment.”

“ No. 3 *Committee Room,*
 “ *Sydney, 17th April, 1884.*”

“ NINIAN MELVILLE,
 “ *Chairman.*”

Mr. McLaughlin moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

Mr. Dibbs then moved, That the House do immediately resolve itself into the Committee of
 Supply.

Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 24 APRIL, 1884, A.M.

Question,—That the House do immediately resolve itself into the Committee of Supply,—put and
 passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit
 again.

The House adjourned at ten minutes before Four o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 89.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 24 APRIL, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS :—

- (1.) *Maturity of Warrant reported* :—Mr. Speaker reported that his Warrant, laid upon the Table on the 16th April instant, appointing Henry Clarke, Esquire, to be a Member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications for the present Session, not having been disapproved by the Assembly in the course of the three next sitting days on which the Assembly met for the despatch of Business, had now taken effect; and intimated that it was therefore open to Mr. Clarke to be sworn at the Table by the Clerk, in accordance with the 59th section of the Electoral Act of 1880.
- (2.) *Member of Committee Sworn* :—Mr. Clarke came to the Table, and was sworn by the Clerk as a Member of the Committee.

2. QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) *Water Supply for Public School at Walgett* :—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. Dangar, asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—
- (1.) Is he aware that the children attending the Public School at Walgett have to carry water in water-bags or go without?
- (2.) Does he intend to make any provision for affording the children attending this School a supply of water?

Mr. Abbott answered,—

- (1.) I have received information that the school-tanks are empty.
- (2.) Yes.

- (2.) *Railway Offices at Petersham* :—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. Moses, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has his attention been called to the unhealthy state of the Railway Offices at Petersham; if so, will he have the necessary improvements carried out without delay?

Mr. Wright answered,—Plans for new Offices at Petersham are being prepared, and tenders for their erection will be invited in a short time.

- (3.) *Summer Hill Railway Station* :—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. Moses, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is he aware that very considerable inconvenience is experienced owing to the entire absence of proper accommodation for the public at the Summer Hill Railway Station?
- (2.) When will the Station-house and other necessary offices, together with the usual conveniences, be commenced?

Mr. Wright answered,—

- (1.) I am aware that some additional accommodation is required at this place, and have given directions for the erection of a large waiting-shed to meet the requirements of the case.
- (2.) Tenders will be invited for the waiting-shed referred to in about a week from this date.

3. *LICENSING ACT* :—Mr. Tarrant presented a Petition from Residents of Kiama, complaining of the present state of the Law regarding the closing of Public Houses on Sundays, and stating that they consider that the provision respecting Travellers should be assimilated to that in the English Law; and praying the House to adopt measures for giving effect to their wishes.
Petition received.

4. *MR. H. MARGULES, LATE MINING REGISTRAR AT TEMORA (Formal Motion)* :—Mr. Vaughn moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, in addition to the papers, minutes, &c., already printed by Order of this House on 13th October, 1881, all papers, minutes, reports, petitions, letters, &c., between Mr. H. Margules, Mining Registrar at Temora, the Warden at Temora, and the Department of Mines, and *vice versa*, bearing upon all disputes, decisions, orders, and instructions, &c., from the 1st March, 1881, to the 30th September, 1881.
Question put and passed.

5. PAPERS :—

Mr. Abbott laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Notification of Land resumed for Public School Purposes at Blackfriars Estate.
- (2.) Regulations for Superior Public Schools.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Stuart laid upon the Table,—Electoral Rolls for 1883-4.

6. NORTH SHORE STEAM FERRY SERVICE :—Mr. Holtermann presented a Petition from A. B. Armstrong, Mayor of St. Leonards, and Chairman of a Public Meeting held at the School of Arts, St. Leonards, praying the House to take into consideration the advisableness of rescinding the Resolution which debars the Government from expending the sum of Forty Thousand Pounds in the establishment of a Steam Ferry Service for the North Shore.

And the same having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker,—
Petition received.

7. SUPPLY :—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply having been read,—
Motion made (*Mr. Dibbs*) and Question proposed, "That" Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.
Debate ensued.

Interruption.

8. MR. A. G. TAYLOR :—Mr. Speaker called the attention of the House to the presence of Mr. A. G. Taylor, who was under suspension from the service of the House,—and desired Mr. Taylor to withdraw.
And Mr. Taylor declining to withdraw, Mr. Speaker directed the Sergeant-at-Arms to do his duty.
Whereupon the Sergeant-at-Arms removed Mr. Taylor from the Chamber.

9. SUPPLY :—The Debate on the motion "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair,"—interrupted by the proceedings recorded in entry 8,—resumed.
Mr. Combes moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "That," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "the Rules of Procedure laid upon the Table of this House on the 11th March last, marked A, B, C, D, and E, require consideration, with a view to the expediency of their adoption or to their modification."
Question proposed, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
Debate continued.
Sir John Robertson moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Debate ensued.
Question,—That this Debate be now adjourned,—put and passed.
Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Wednesday next.

10. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 5) :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1884*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment,

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 24th April, 1884.

JOHN HAY,
President.

The House adjourned at ten minutes before Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 90.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 25 APRIL, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

ELECTORATE OF GUNDAGAI:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that upon the passing of the Resolution of the 8th April instant, declaring the Seat of Arthur Bruce Smith, Esquire, vacant, he had issued a Writ for the election of a Member to serve in the room of Mr. Smith; and that such Writ had been duly returned, with a certificate endorsed thereon by the Returning Officer of the election of James Watson, Esquire, to serve as Member for the Electoral District of Gundagai.

2. **QUESTIONS:**—

(1.) **School Statistics:**—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—

(1.) What was the amount of school fees received by the Educational Department during the years 1880, 1881, 1882, and 1883 respectively?

(2.) How many School Attendance and Payment Officers were employed during the years 1880, 1881, 1882, and 1883 respectively?

(3.) What was the amount of fines and costs, on conviction, for default in the school attendance of children paid by parents or guardians during the years 1880, 1881, 1882, and 1883 respectively?

(4.) How much greater was the average school attendance in 1883 than in 1880, and what amount of school fees accrued from the increase in school attendance between the end of 1880 and the end of 1883?

(5.) In how many cases of default in payment of arrears of school fees during the year 1883 have Attendance Officers reported, after investigation, that the parents or guardians were unable to pay; and what was the amount of such debts cancelled in consequence?

(6.) How many children, on application by parents or guardians, were allowed free education during the year 1883, after their cases had been investigated and reported upon by School Attendance Officers?

Mr. Abbott answered,—I will presently lay this information upon the Table of the House in the shape of a Return.

(2.) **Railway from Narrabri to Walgett:**—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has a Trial Survey of a Railway from Narrabri to Walgett been ordered; and if so, the date of such instructions, and the name of the Surveyor deputed to carry out the work?

(2.) Is it true Mr. Surveyor Harwood commenced the survey of this line, but had to abandon the work in consequence of the severity of the season; and if so, will he resume the work as soon as it is possible to do so?

Mr. Wright answered,—

(1.) Yes; 21st January, 1884; Mr. H. T. Harwood.

(2.) Mr. Harwood had to abandon the survey through want of water; but he will return to resume it as soon as it is ascertained that the work can be proceeded with satisfactorily.

(3.) **Narrabri Court-house:**—Mr. Dangar asked the Minister of Justice,—Is it intended, at an early date, to make the necessary additions to Narrabri Court-house Buildings, so as to render such suitable, and afford the much required extra accommodation for holding District Courts and Quarter Sessions?

Mr. Cohen answered,—The sum of £3,500 is on the Additional Estimates for this work.

(4.)

(4.) Special Train for Members of Live Stock Board:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) The date on which the Special Train conveying the Members of the Live Stock Board left Dubbo for Sydney?
- (2.) The time of arrival at and departure from each Station on the journey?
- (3.) The cause of delay at each Station?

Mr. Wright answered,—The Members of the Live Stock Board did not travel by Special Train.

(5.) Ticket Offices at Suburban Railway Stations:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. Proctor, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Will he order that the Ticket Offices at the Suburban Stations be opened for the sale of tickets twenty minutes before the arrival of each train?
- (2.) Is it not a fact that much inconvenience and annoyance arises from the rush and crushing which take place under present regulations, and that this often exposes passengers having entered the train without paying to be charged the full distance a train has travelled?

Mr. Wright answered,—

- (1.) This is already the rule, and if not carried out the officers are neglecting their duty; fresh directions will be issued at once.
- (2.) If the windows are not opened a sufficiently long time to admit of passengers getting their tickets, I can understand that the difficulties named will be caused. I learn, however, that in the great majority of cases where passengers travel without tickets, it is owing to their arrival at the Station too late to purchase them, and to check this as much as possible it has been found necessary to charge them from the Station from which the train started.

(6.) Volunteer Encampment at Middle Head:—Mr. O'Connor asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is he aware, notwithstanding his promise that during the Encampment Catholics should be supplied with fish in place of meat, that no fish was provided for the Catholic Volunteers encamped at Middle Head, nor orders issued to that effect?
- (2.) What was the reason a supply of tinned fish was not given to the Catholic portion of the Volunteer Force?

Mr. Stuart answered,—In consequence of a representation which was made to me by certain gentlemen on this subject, I sent instructions to the Commandant, then at Windsor Farm, to secure a supply of fish for the Roman Catholic Volunteers in Camp; but this I find was not done because, as Colonel Richardson explains, the notice given was too short.

(7.) Volunteer Encampment at Middle Head:—Mr. O'Connor asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is he aware that during the recent Encampment at Middle Head the Volunteers were charged 20 per cent. more for their supply of beer than the members of the Permanent Force?
- (2.) Will he give instructions that in future the Volunteers be allowed to have their own separate canteen at Middle Head?

Mr. Stuart answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Commandant:—

- (1.) The Volunteers were charged more than the Permanent Artillery for beer *only*, in consideration of the latter having to maintain canteen plant, and meet loss, &c.
- (2.) The Officer Commanding Artillery Forces in command of Middle Head Camp, deprecates the establishment of a second canteen, in consequence of the difficulty of checking the supply of inferior liquors, and of double the number of men being required to maintain order.

(8.) Valises for Volunteer Force:—Mr. O'Connor asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is he aware that the recent supply of valises to the Volunteer Force all contain the condemned brand of the Home Authorities?
- (2.) Is he aware that on trial at the recent Encampment they were found totally unsuitable?
- (3.) Will he give instructions for their recall, or the substitution of a better class of valise?

Mr. Stuart answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Commandant:—

- (1.) They do not bear the *condemned* brand, but the *sold* brand.
- (2.) They cannot be totally unsuitable. The discomfort experienced by the men may, in a large degree, be traced to inexperience in the proper adjustment of the belts to the body, the novelty of wearing the valise, and the want of the compensating balance in the shape of 100 rounds of ball-cartridges in the front pouches. When selected, the valises were of the latest pattern, and were spoken most highly of by the Officer Commanding 26th Cameronians, which regiment had them in wear.
- (3.) As in all probability these valises will only be used in going to and returning from the Annual Encampments, there would seem to be no necessity for any immediate substitution, more especially as a pattern of valise approved of this year may be condemned the next. Whatever the form of valise may be, men will naturally suffer comparative inconvenience in carrying extra weight, which, nevertheless, is at times a necessity of the Military Service.

(9.) Alphonse Bechet:—Mr. Griffiths asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it true that Alphonse Bechet, convicted of arson in May, 1881, and sentenced to seven years imprisonment, is to be accorded a free pardon and released from further imprisonment?
- (2.) If so, when is he to be released, and on what grounds; and on whose representations his sentence has been commuted; and if such commutation has been recommended by Mr. Justice Windeyer, before whom Alphonse Bechet was tried?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

- (1.) I know nothing of it, and therefore, so far as I believe my assent would be necessary, it is not true.
- (2.) With regard to this question, I cannot answer this. When the time comes for this matter to be considered, whatever the action of the Government in power at the time may be, no doubt they will be able to give an account of that action.

3. VICTORIAN COAL-MINING COMPANY'S BILL:—Mr. Fletcher, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 26th February, 1884; together with Appendix.
And the Report having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker,—
Ordered, that the Report and the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee be printed.
On motion of Mr. Fletcher, the Bill was withdrawn.
4. VICTORIAN COAL-MINING COMPANY'S BILL (No. 2):—Mr. Fletcher presented a Petition from Thomas Saywell, of Sydney, Merchant, trading as the Victorian Coal-mining Company, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the Construction and Maintenance of a Line of Railway from land at Mount Kembla to the Sea Coast at Port Kembla, near Red Point, near Wollongong.
And Mr. Fletcher having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* and *Illawarra Mercury*, newspapers, containing the Notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.
5. LOCAL OPTION:—Mr. Sydney Smith, for Mr. Sutherland, presented a Petition from the Chairman and Secretary, on behalf of the Members of Committee of St. Stephen's Temperance Association, in Meeting assembled, in favour of the extension of the principle of Local Option to the renewal of Publicans Licenses.
Petition received.
6. THE UNEMPLOYED:—Mr. Abigail presented a Petition from George Arthur Gilliver Gee, Chairman of a Meeting of Unemployed Workmen of Sydney, representing that they cannot obtain employment; and praying the House to adopt means whereby their necessities may be relieved, and further praying that Assisted Immigration may be discontinued.
And the same having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker,—
Petition received.
7. PAPER:—Mr. Abbott laid upon the Table,—Information respecting the School Attendance Branch under the Department of Public Instruction.
Ordered to be printed.
8. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Burdekin moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present.
Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being only seventeen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely,—Mr. Abigail, Mr. Brunner, Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Burdekin, Mr. Burns, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Garrard, Mr. Humphery, Mr. Levien, Mr. McCulloch, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Stokes, Mr. Tarrant, Mr. A. G. Taylor, and Mr. Wright,—
Mr. Speaker adjourned the House at fifteen minutes before Seven o'clock, until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 91.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 29 APRIL, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Tent-Hill Public School:—Mr. W. J. Fergusson asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—
- (1.) When were tenders accepted for the erection of Tent-Hill Public School, and what time was the contractor given to erect the building?
 - (2.) Is he aware that the contractor has not commenced to erect the building yet, and what is the penalty for non-completion within contract time?
 - (3.) What is the size of the building the school is now conducted in, and what is the number of children in attendance?
 - (4.) Who superintends the erection of Public Schools in the Glen Innes and Emmaville Districts?

Mr. Abbott answered,—

- (1.) A tender for a School Building at the Glen was accepted on the 29th March, 1883; the contract time expired on the 28th February, 1884.
- (2.) The Officer inspecting the work reported, on the 18th instant, that more than three-fourths of the work was done, and that the works are progressing fairly. The penalty for overtime is £4 per week.
- (3.) 30 x 24 feet; average attendance, 534.
- (4.) Donald A. Porter, Clerk of Works.

- (2.) Applicants for employment as Warders in Gaols:—*Mr. William Clarke*, for Mr. Slattery, asked the Minister of Justice,—The total number of applicants for employment as Warders in the various Gaols of the Colony?

Mr. Cohen answered,—The number of applicants on the books of the Comptroller General of Prisons since 1869 who have not received appointments is 1,436. The number since January, 1883, is 272.

- (3.) Applicants for employment in Customs Department:—*Mr. William Clarke*, for Mr. Slattery, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—The number of applicants for employment in the Customs Department?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—No record is kept of such applications; but there are numerous applications frequently made for employment of this nature.

- (4.) Applicants for employment in Departments under the Postmaster General:—*Mr. William Clarke*, for Mr. Slattery, asked the Postmaster General,—The total number of applicants for employment in the Departments under his supervision and control?

Mr. Trickett answered,—The total number of applicants for employment at present on the Post Office List is 2,944. I think it right to mention that this number is the accumulation of five years, and that, doubtless, many have abandoned their applications; further, that very many of the applicants appear to be persons who are not out of employment, but are desirous of getting into the Government Service.

- (5.) School Buildings in Bourke-street:—Mr. Withers asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the Weatherboard School Buildings in Bourke-street, recently vacated, are being rapidly destroyed through the absence of proper supervision?
- (2.) What is the estimated amount of damage done since the buildings were vacated?
- (3.) Who is responsible for the neglect, if any?
- (4.) What do the Government intend doing with the site and the buildings?

Mr. Abbott answered,—

- (1.) From inquiries which have been made, it appears that the Building has been damaged.
- (2.) £20.
- (3.) The Inspector should have attended to the matter; but no instructions appear to have been issued by the Department upon the subject. I shall at once issue a general order.
- (4.) Instructions have been given to Messrs. Richardson & Wrench to sell the site and buildings.

(6.)

(6.) Resumption of Land by the Government at Homebush:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Was any land resumed by the Government for Railway or other purposes at or near Homebush?
- (2.) What is the date of resumption in each case?
- (3.) Has the amount of valuation or award been paid in each case; if not, will he say what is the cause of delay in each case?

Mr. Wright answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) There were three resumptions in December 1882.
- (3.) The amount of compensation has not been paid. Two of the persons concerned have not accepted the offers made to them. The remaining case has gone to arbitration in terms of the Railway Act.

(7.) Drainage from Government Establishments at Parramatta:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When is it the intention of the Government to cause the nuisance to be abated in the Parramatta River near Lennox Bridge, caused by the drainage from the Government Establishments, which was promised by the Secretary for Public Works some time since?

Mr. Wright answered,—The local Officer reports that the steps taken to abate the nuisance caused by the drainage from the Government Departments have been highly successful, and that any smell at the Lennox Bridge is caused by offensive matters thrown into the river in the town, and probably by sewage brought up from sewers falling into the river in and below the town.

(8.) Destruction of Marsupials:—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Is it intended, and if so, in what way, and when will such be available to assist by subsidy the various Stock and Pasture Boards in the destruction of Marsupials?
- (2.) Is he aware that, though several of these Boards have levied up to the full extent, they are heavily in debt, and that operations will have to be suspended unless some assistance is granted?
- (3.) Will the £30,000 subsidy withdrawn from the original Estimates be restored?

Mr. Abbott answered,—

(1.) I have given instructions that Boards which do not raise the full assessment which the Act permits them to raise shall not receive any subsidy. For the purpose of giving subsidies to those Boards which do raise the full assessment, I have asked the Cabinet to consent to place on the Additional Estimates the sum of £25,000.

(2.) I am not aware; but I think those Boards, with one or two exceptions, which have levied the full rates are not in debt.

(3.) Answered by No. 1.

(9.) Public Tanks and Wells:—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Mines,—When will the Return ordered by this House on 13th February last (see Votes and Proceedings No. 57) relating to Public Tanks, Wells, and Dams, be laid upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Abbott answered,—The Return asked for is so voluminous that it is hardly likely to be ready in less than two months from this date.

(10.) Travelling Stock Reserve No. 665, County of Darling:—Mr. W. R. Campbell asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Is he aware that part of Travelling Stock Reserve No. 665, county of Darling, parish of Vencss, is fenced in and used as a Sheep Paddock?
- (2.) Will he take steps to have the fence removed and the Reserve thrown open?
- (3.) Will he prevent the neighbouring property holders from depasturing their stock thereon?

Mr. Abbott answered,—

(1.) In June, 1883, it was reported by the local Inspector that the holder of a pre-emptive lease of 960 acres had fenced off part of Travelling Stock Reserve No. 665, which is to some extent embraced in his lease. He was informed that should it appear that he obstructs travelling stock, or persons legitimately using the Reserve, the question of cancelling the lease would be considered. The lease has now been cancelled.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) As the law now stands, it is impossible to protect Travelling Stock Reserves from trespass; but a Bill is now before the House in which provision is made for protecting these Reserves.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Wright laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 15th January, 1884,—“Employés in Darling Harbour Railway Yard, and at Eveleigh.”
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Abbott laid upon the Table,—Annual Report of the Forest Branch, Department of Mines, for 1882–3.

Ordered to be printed.

3. MR. J. G. EDWARDS'S APPLICATION TO BRING LAND UNDER THE REAL PROPERTY ACT (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Murray moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all reports, papers, letters, plans, tracings, and memoranda, concerning or relating to Mr. James G. Edwards's application to bring certain portions of land situate in the parish of Gordon, originally granted to William Roberts, under the provisions of the Real Property Act. Question put and passed.

4. APPLICATION OF JOHN CONROY TO CONDITIONALLY PURCHASE LAND AT BURROWA (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Slattery moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers and documents having reference to the application of John Conroy, dated the 7th September, 1882, to conditionally purchase 112 acres of land in the district of Burrowa.

Question put and passed.

5. VICTORIAN COAL-MINING COMPANY'S BILL, No. 2 (*Formal Motion*):—
- (1.) *Mr. Cameron*, for *Mr. Fletcher*, moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the Construction and Maintenance of a Line of Railway from land at Mount Kembla to the Sea Coast at Port Kembla, near Red Point, near Wollongong.
Question put and passed.
- (2.) *Mr. Cameron* having presented this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of the sum of Twenty-five Pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled "A Bill to authorize the Construction and Maintenance of a Line of Railway from land at Mount Kembla to the Sea Coast at Port Kembla near Red Point near Wollongong,"—read a first time.
6. TITLES CONFERRED ON COLONISTS:—*Mr. Buchanan* moved, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the practice of the English Government of conferring titles upon any of the people of this country is inconsistent with the spirit of our democratic institutions, and ought to be discontinued.
- (2.) That the above Resolution be forwarded to His Excellency the Governor for presentation to Her Majesty the Queen.
Debate ensued.
Question put, and Division called for,—but there being no Tellers on the part of the *Ayes*, no Division could be had, and *Mr. Speaker* declared the Question to have passed in the *negative*.
7. CLAIM OF CHARLES STEVENS:—*Mr. Vaughn*, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this subject was referred on 30th October, 1883; together with Appendix.
Ordered to be printed.
8. PERMANENT MILITARY FORCE:—*Mr. Buchanan* moved, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) That, considering the extraordinary revelations contained in the papers lately laid before Parliament in reference to the Permanent Military Force, in the opinion of this House that Force should be disbanded and abolished with all convenient speed.
- (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 7.	Noes, 32.
<i>Mr. Buchanan,</i>	<i>Mr. Stuart,</i>
<i>Mr. Proctor,</i>	<i>Sir John Robertson,</i>
<i>Mr. Sutherland,</i>	<i>Mr. Wisdom,</i>
<i>Mr. Stokes,</i>	<i>Mr. Burns,</i>
<i>Mr. Vaughn.</i>	<i>Mr. Cohen,</i>
<i>Tellers,</i>	<i>Mr. Young,</i>
<i>Mr. Targett,</i>	<i>Mr. Wright,</i>
<i>Mr. A. G. Taylor.</i>	<i>Mr. Copeland,</i>
	<i>Mr. O'Mara,</i>
	<i>Mr. Merriman,</i>
	<i>Mr. Farnell,</i>
	<i>Mr. Cameron,</i>
	<i>Mr. Trickett,</i>
	<i>Mr. Abbott,</i>
	<i>Mr. Sydney Smith,</i>
	<i>Mr. Combes,</i>
	<i>Mr. Burdekin,</i>
	<i>Mr. Dibbs,</i>
	<i>Mr. Mitchell,</i>
	<i>Mr. Gibbes,</i>
	<i>Mr. Withers,</i>
	<i>Mr. Tecce,</i>
	<i>Mr. Olliffe,</i>
	<i>Mr. Hammond,</i>
	<i>Mr. Poole,</i>
	<i>Mr. Chapman,</i>
	<i>Mr. Machattie,</i>
	<i>Mr. McCulloch,</i>
	<i>Mr. Griffiths,</i>
	<i>Mr. Fremlin.</i>
	<i>Tellers,</i>
	<i>Mr. Garvan,</i>
	<i>Mr. Stephen.</i>

And so it passed in the negative.

9. RAILWAY TO OBERON:—*Mr. Targett* moved, pursuant to Notice, That the survey of the proposed Light Line of Railway to Oberon should be resumed as early as convenient.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
10. VOLUNTEER CORPS:—*Mr. Stokes* moved, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, all applications coming from incorporated towns for the enrolment of Volunteer Corps under the Volunteer Force Regulation Act of 1867 should be accepted by the Government, provided the application is supported by the signatures of eighty men who are eligible and willing to join in the formation of the Corps named in their respective applications.
- (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
Debate ensued.
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
11. MR. FRANK HOBBS'S CONDITIONAL PURCHASE:—*Mr. Sydney Smith*, for *Mr. Garrett*, moved, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report as to the Conditional Purchase made by *Mr. Frank Hobbs* (No. 76-16) of 640 acres, at the Glen Innes Land Office; and also as to the circumstances under which a Certificate of Conformity of the said Conditional Purchase was issued to *Mr. M'Master*.
- (2.) That such Committee consist of *Mr. Copeland*, *Mr. Farnell*, *Mr. Spring*, *Mr. A. G. Taylor*, *Mr. Burns*, *Mr. Murray*, *Mr. Machattie*, *Dr. Ross*, and *Mr. Garrett*.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned at seventeen minutes after Ten o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 92.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 30 APRIL, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 5):—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Stuart, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor.

Message No. 41.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1884*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 30th April, 1884.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Local Option:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Sir Henry Parkes being reported to have stated, at a meeting of the Glasgow Chamber of Commerce, that since the adoption of the principle of Local Option in this country the number of licensed public houses in Sydney has decreased to the extent of over one hundred,—I now ask the Colonial Secretary if this is true?

(2.) Is it not true that since the passing or adoption of the principle of Local Option the number of public houses in Sydney has rather increased than decreased; and if so, to what extent?

Mr. Cohen answered,—

(1.) I am informed that since the Local Option Vote was first taken in February, 1882, there has been an actual decrease of twenty-six in the number of public houses within the Police District of Sydney.

(2.) This question is answered by No. 1.

(2.) Clarence River Heads:—Mr. Young asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the specification for work lately contracted for at the Clarence Heads, or for which tenders have been lately called, provides for the picking up or removal of some of the works constructed under the Harbours and Rivers Department?

(2.) If so, what was the cost of the work now to be removed?

(3.) What is the estimated cost of its removal?

(4.) When was the work done?

Mr. Wright answered,—In the contract there is an item for the cost of taking some of the stone deposited in the temporary work, which it was found necessary to construct to protect the northern point of land at the entrance to the Clarence River from being washed away pending the completion of the present work, if it should be found advantageous to use parts of such stone for the permanent breakwater as the work progressed. But, although the item was inserted in the contract as a precautionary measure, it is not likely that it will be required, as the new quarry will furnish ample stone for the works.

(3.)

(3.) Selections on Karoola Run :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Was Reserve No. 67, in the parish of Bukkulla, gazetted as containing 640 acres; and was it surveyed by Surveyor M'Charg, so as to contain about 1,200 acres, and thereby include the conditional purchase of one John Asimus?
- (2.) Did Surveyor M'Charg afterwards begin the survey of John Asimus's conditional purchase from portion No. 80, parish of Bukkulla, and not from the starting point, and thus leave about £20 worth of improvements on Reserve No. 515; and was that Reserve made two years after Asimus's conditional purchase was taken up?
- (3.) Did Percy Philip Wright, one of the lessees of the Run, apply for a conditional purchase between the conditional purchase of John Asimus and Reserve No. 67, and did he afterwards obtain a refund of his deposit on the ground that the selection was on Reserve No. 67?
- (4.) If such selection was taken up by Mr. Wright, was it taken up in an office which Messrs. Wyndham and Wright afterwards maintained (in the Supreme Court) was the wrong one?
- (5.) Did Wyndham and Wright, of Karoola, succeed in getting the Lands Department to declare Mr. J. J. Thompson's selection void for being taken in the wrong district, without having their own conditional purchase, taken and situated in the same district, declared void for the same reason; and if so, why?
- (6.) Has the Lands Department ever proved that Mr. Thompson's selection was not situated in the Inverell district, or given any reasonable grounds for supposing that it was not in that district?
- (7.) Has the Department ever given any reasons of any kind for supposing that Mr. Thompson's selection was not taken in the right district; and if so, when, and what were the reasons given?
- (8.) Has it ever been shown that Mr. Thompson failed to comply with any or all of the conditions of the Act; and if so, by whom has it been proved; or has it ever been decided that Mr. Thompson failed to comply with the conditions of the Act; and if so, by whom has it been so decided, and when?
- (9.) Is there a single one of the selections taken up by Percy Philip Wright on the Karoola Run on which the conditions have been complied with and completed, or declared to have been completed?
- (10.) Is there a single one of the selections taken up by Percy Philip Wright on the Karoola Run for which he did not get a refund of his deposit; and if so, which one was it; and how many times has he applied for or taken up selections on that Run?
- (11.) Is there a single one of the selections taken up by Percy Philip Wright on the Karoola Run that was ever reported on by Surveyor M'Charg for being unimproved or non-resident?
- (12.) Did Surveyor M'Charg resign, and did the Surveyor General afterwards pronounce him guilty in the first degree, and state that he could not be punished because he had resigned?
- (13.) Did Surveyor M'Charg afterwards come to Sydney and get employment in the Lands Department as a Temporary Draftsman; and has he recently got an appointment as a Surveyor and Inspector of Church and School Lands?
- (14.) When will the papers moved for by Dr. Ross on 6th December last, in the case of J. J. Thompson, on Karoola Run, be laid upon the Table of the House; and why is the production of the papers being so long delayed?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

- (1.) Yes, as 640 acres. Its actual area was, by survey, found to be about 860 acres, the excess arising from two sides of the Reserve being river frontage. The Surveyor had no option in the case, being bound by the lines given in the *Gazette* notice. The Reserve included the selection of Asimus.
 - (2.) Yes. There is no record as to the starting point mentioned in the description. Mr. M'Charg made the survey to include the improvements, without leaving a narrow strip of land between portion No. 80 and the land selected by Asimus. In his subsequent conditional purchase, Asimus applied for the selection as measured. The date of notification of Reserve No. 515 is 29th December, 1876, twenty months after the first selection of Asimus, and nine months prior to the second selection.
 - (3.) Yes; conditional purchase 75-152, Inverell. Yes.
 - (4.) Apparently so.
 - (5.) No. The selection of J. J. Thompson was declared void on the request of his own agent to admit of his applying afresh at the proper Land Office.
 - (6.) There is no reasonable doubt that the land applied for is not in the Inverell district.
 - (7.) Yes; the applicant was so warned by the Land Agent on reference to his maps at the time of application.
 - (8.) The question of how far the conditions of Thompson's selection were fulfilled has not been decided, the selection having been declared void at his own instance, as already stated.
 - (9.) Yes. A selection taken up in January, 1880, has been transferred, with its additional, to E. T. Wyndham, who has made due declaration, and was reported resident and fulfilling conditions.
 - (10.) Yes. The selections mentioned in the reply to the last question, and a selection made on the 31st January, 1876, which was declared lapsed—four selections in all, but one in the parish of Karoola.
 - (11.) Yes. Mr. M'Charg reported the applicant non-resident upon the conditional purchase taken up in 1876.
 - (12.) Yes. The Surveyor General, in reply to a question as to who were the officers to blame for not reporting the fact of a conditional purchase having been received in the wrong district, stated that Mr. M'Charg was guilty in the first degree, and had left the Department. The question of punishment did not arise, for prior to this case the legality of a conditional purchase made in a wrong district had never been challenged.
 - (13.) Mr. M'Charg was not employed as a Temporary Draftsman in the Department of Lands, but is now understood to be employed in the Department of Public Instruction.
 - (14.) The papers are in course of preparation, and will be ready for presentation in a week. They are exceedingly voluminous.
- (4.) Loitering on Foot-paths :—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the officers of certain Suburban Municipalities have citizens summoned and fined or imprisoned for loitering on the footpaths?

(2.)

(2.) Will he call for an immediate Return from those Municipalities of the number of citizens fined or imprisoned for non-payment of fine for loitering on footpaths?

(3.) Will he obtain the opinion of the Attorney General as to the power of any Municipality to frame such a By-law, and as to the power of any Executive Council to sanction such By-law if passed; and will he act upon such opinion, and, if found opposed to the powers assumed by the Municipal Councils, have any consent so given rescinded, and the Borough Councils forced to discontinue the practice of summoning and arresting loiterers?

Mr. Stuart answered,—The Stipendiary Magistrates visiting Courts of Petty Sessions will be requested by my Honorable Colleague the Minister of Justice to obtain information so as to enable him to answer this question. I have no knowledge of the matter myself personally, and can obtain none except by inquiry, which will take a week or two. It will be greatly aided if the Honorable Member will point to any particular case, and then I can direct inquiry to be made into that case, and be able to ascertain. Otherwise, I may beat about the bush by asking thirty or forty Municipalities, and it may take weeks to obtain the information.

(5.) Juvenile Prisoners:—Mr. William Clarke, for Mr. Hutchinson, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is the following information, furnished in the Report of Captain Evans, R.N., to the Chief Secretary of Victoria, correct:—"I made it my duty to visit the Gaols at Parramatta and Darlinghurst, and in each, but especially the latter, I saw many young lads. The only two boys I questioned in this matter in Parramatta Gaol told me they had both been on the 'Vernon.' The Governor of Darlinghurst Gaol told me they knew of ten 'Vernon' boys being 'there'?"

(2.) Is the following information, furnished in the Report of the Inspector General of Police for last year, correct:—"The cases of juvenile depravity which frequently come under public notice are most appalling. I find upon careful examination of the records during a period of six months respecting 494 young persons, male and female, who were apprehended for minor offences, but who from their known dissolute habits may be expected to lapse into a career of crime and immorality, that twenty-four only were unable to read and write?"

(3.) How many of the 494 young persons referred to in the Report of the Inspector General of Police were sent to gaol, and what means were adopted for their complete separation from older prisoners?

(4.) How many of the 494 young persons referred to in question (3) would have been sent to a Reformatory, if such an Institution had existed?

Mr. Stuart answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Comptroller General of Prisons and the Inspector General of Police:—

(1.) When Captain Evans visited Darlinghurst Gaol there were in the gaol: Of boys under sixteen, six; of lads from sixteen to eighteen, thirty-three. There was only one "Vernon" boy then in the prison. The remainder of the ten mentioned by Captain Evans as "Vernon" boys are adults, who were so named to him. It is customary in the prisons to speak of an adult prisoner who is known to have been on the "Vernon" as a "Vernon Boy." The above designation would probably have been used to Captain Evans as regards the two young men at Parramatta, who, it appears, are over eighteen years of age.

(2.) This quotation consists of incorrect and disconnected extracts from the Inspector General's Report.

(3.) The number of these young persons who were sent to gaol cannot readily be ascertained, as in numerous instances imprisonment was the alternative punishment of failing to pay a fine. Boys under sixteen are kept in a yard by themselves, and so also are lads from sixteen to twenty-one, and a separate portion of one wing is allotted to them for sleeping cells. When the Magistrates recommend such a course, boys are kept entirely apart from others, and by themselves.

(4.) No doubt a large number, had such an Institution for Boys existed; but as the Act leaves it to the discretion of Courts and Justices to direct offenders to be sent to a Reformatory, the number cannot of course be given.

(6.) Sunday Train from Sydney to Homebush:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will instructions be given for the 2.30 p.m. Sunday train from Sydney to Homebush to proceed to Parramatta, and thus meet a want which has long been felt?

Mr. Wright answered,—It is unnecessary, as a train leaves Sydney for Parramatta within a quarter of an hour after the 2.30 p.m. train; and when the latter train, which runs to Rookwood, reaches there, the 2.45 train is only nine minutes behind it.

(7.) Female Domestic Servants:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—Have any steps been taken by the Immigration Department to supply the Colony with female domestic servants?

Mr. Stuart answered,—I can only refer the Honorable Member to the answer which I gave to a precisely similar question asked by him on the 11th of last month.

(8.) Pennant Hills Road:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he cause an immediate report to be made by the local District Surveyor of Roads as to the dangerous condition of the Pennant Hills Road between Parramatta and Carlingford, with a view to an additional sum of £50 or £100 being granted to repair the same without delay?

Mr. Wright answered,—Yes.

(9.) Mudgee Hospital:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—When will the blank returns be sent to the Mudgee Hospital enabling the Institution to claim last year's endowment?

Mr. Stuart answered,—At the same time as all the other Hospitals.

(10.) Michael Connors:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Did Michael Connors join the Prison Service as Warder in October, 1862?

(2.) Did he retire on April 26th, 1883?

(3.) How long was he in the Prison Service?

(4.) For what term was he paid retiring allowance?

Mr.

Mr. Cohen answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) Twenty years and six months.
- (4.) From the commencement of his service to the date on which the Estimate for Officers to retire was computed, namely, nineteen and a-half years.

(11.) Temporary Stipendiary Magistrates :—Mr. Burdekin asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Has the Government decided to appoint any gentleman to fill Mr. Stipendiary-Magistrate Buchanan's position during his leave of absence?
- (2.) If so, has the Government considered the strongly expressed wish of the House, that one of the Clerks of Petty Sessions (Mr. Lucas or Mr. Delohery) should be appointed to the temporary vacancy?
- (3.) If not, will the Minister state who has been appointed?
- (4.) If neither Clerk of Petty Sessions has been appointed, has it arisen from the incompetency or otherwise of either of those gentlemen for the position?

Mr. Cohen answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) The expression of opinion by various Members of the House in this respect was duly considered.
 - (3.) Mr. Whittingdale Johnson, a Commissioner of Conditional Purchases.
 - (4.) It was thought by the Government that the appointment of Mr. Johnson was the more suitable, having regard to the many considerations bearing upon the appointment, and without implying any legal incompetency on the part of the Clerks of Petty Sessions.
- (12.) Torpedo Boats :—Mr. Cameron asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to call for tenders for the construction of Torpedo Boats for the defence of the Colony; if so, will the said tenders be called for in the open market, or the competition be limited to any particular firm or firms?

Mr. Stuart answered,—I do not think there is any vote for this, and therefore it is not the intention of the Government to consider the matter at the present moment. When they do so, the usual form will be carried out.

3. RESERVE AT VEGETABLE CREEK :—Mr. W. J. Fergusson presented a Petition from Residents of Emmaville, Vegetable Creek, representing that a Reserve has been made which embraces the whole of the district surrounding the Township of Emmaville, and that the Mining Department has refused to grant leases within such Reserve, thereby entailing loss and hardship on Petitioners; and praying the House to take such steps as will relieve them from the disabilities they labour under.

Petition received.

4. PAPERS :—Mr. Stuart laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) By-laws under the Public Vehicles Regulation Act of 1873.
 - (2.) By-laws of the Borough of Newcastle.
 - (3.) Further Return to an Address adopted on 6th July, 1877,—“Immigration,”—Ship “Cambodia.”
- Ordered to be printed.

5. FISHERIES ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Stuart moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill for the amendment of the Fisheries Act, 1881, the promotion of Oyster Culture, and the regulation of Oyster Fisheries.
- Question put and passed.

6. VICTORIAN COAL-MINING COMPANY'S BILL, No. 2 (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Cameron, for Mr. Fletcher, moved, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) That the Victorian Coal-mining Company's Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, with power to send for persons and papers.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Lackey, Mr. Young, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. Targett, Mr. McCourt, Mr. Teece, Mr. Hammond, and Mr. Fletcher.
- Question put and passed.

7. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Wisdom moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

8. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council :—

- (1.) Criminal Law Amendment Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Assembly in the Bill, intituled “*An Act to amend the Eighth Section and the Four Hundred and Forty-sixth and three following Sections of the ‘Criminal Law Amendment Act of 1883,’*”—with the consequential amendment in the Title indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendment the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 30th April, 1884.

JOHN HAY,
President.

CRIMINAL LAW AMENDMENT BILL.

Schedule of the Amendment referred to in Message of 30th April, 1884.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, Title. *Omit "three following" insert "Four Hundred and Forty-ninth."*
Examined,—

JOSEPH DOCKER,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the Council's amendment be taken into consideration to-morrow.

(2.) Singleton Gas Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to enable Alexander Munro to erect Gas-works in the Borough of Singleton and to regulate the establishment and carrying out of Gas-works in Singleton aforesaid and to regulate the sale supply and quality of the Gas to be supplied and for other purposes,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 30th April, 1884.

JOHN HAY,
President.

SINGLETON GAS BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 30th April, 1884.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 2, clause 2, line 51. *Omit "fifth" insert "sixteenth"*

Page 6. *After clause 20 insert the following new clause :—*

" 21. If it shall be proved to the satisfaction of any two Justices of the Peace in Petty Sessions assembled that the promoter or any of his officers have been guilty of any default under this Act not otherwise provided for under this Act they shall be liable for each and every such default to a penalty not exceeding five pounds to be recovered in a summary way."

Page 7, clause 21, lines 4 to 8. *Omit "Provided that it shall be lawful for the Governor at any time by proclamation in the Gazette to order that this meaning of the expression last aforesaid may for the purposes of this Act be extended to include any such other place or places as in such proclamation may be named and defined."*

Page 7. *After clause 23 insert the following Schedule :—*

" SCHEDULE.

" PART I.

" 1. *Regulations in respect of testing apparatus.*

" (a) The apparatus for testing the illuminating power of the gas shall consist of the most improved form of photometer known together with a proper meter minute clock governor pressure gauge and balance. The burner to be used for testing the gas shall be an Argand burner having fifteen holes and a seven-inch chimney. The candles used for testing the gas shall be sperm candles of six to the pound and two candles shall be used together.

" 2. *The apparatus.*

" (b) For testing the presence in the gas of sulphuretted hydrogen. A glass vessel containing a strip of bibulous paper moistened with a solution of acetate of lead containing sixty grains of crystallized acetate of lead dissolved in one fluid ounce of water.

" PART II.

" 1. *Rules as to mode of testing gas.*

" (a) Mode of testing for illuminating power. The gas in the photometer is to be lighted at least fifteen minutes before the testings begin and it is to be kept continually burning from the beginning to the end of the tests.

" Each testing shall include ten observations of the photometer made at intervals of a minute.

" The consumption of gas is to be carefully adjusted to five cubic feet per hour.

" The candles are to be lighted at least ten minutes before beginning each testing so as to arrive at their normal rate of burning which is shown when the wick is slightly bent and the tip glowing. The standard rate of consumption for the candles shall be one hundred and twenty grains each per hour. Before and after making each set of ten observations of the photometer the gas examiner shall weigh the candles and if combustion shall have been more or less per candle than one hundred and twenty grains per hour he shall make and record the calculations requisite to neutralize the effects of this difference. The average of each set of ten observations is to be taken as representing the illuminating power of that testing.

" 2. *Mode of testing.*

" (b) For sulphuretted hydrogen. The gas shall be passed through the glass vessel containing the strip of bibulous paper moistened with the solution of acetate of lead for a period of three minutes or such longer period as may be prescribed and if any discoloration of the test paper is found to have taken place this is held to be conclusive as to the presence of sulphuretted hydrogen in the gas."

Examined,—

JOSEPH DOCKER,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the Council's amendments be taken into consideration on Tuesday next.

(3.)

(3.) Boroughs of Randwick and Paddington Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to transfer a portion of the Borough of Randwick to the Borough of Paddington*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 30th April, 1884.*

JOHN HAY,
President.

9. SUPPLY :—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Dibbs, "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair,"—upon which Mr. Combes had moved the omission of all the words after the word "That," with a view to the insertion of the words "the Rules of Procedure laid upon the Table of this House on the 11th March last, marked "A, B, C, D, and E, require consideration, with a view to the expediency of their adoption or to "their modification,"—
And the Question being again proposed,—“That the words proposed be omitted stand part of the Question,”—the House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Interruption.

10. MEMBER SWORN :—James Watson, Esquire, having taken and subscribed the Oath, and signed the Roll of the House, took his Seat as Member for the Electoral District of Gundagai.
11. SUPPLY :—The Debate on the Question,—“That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,”—interrupted by the proceeding recorded in entry 10,—resumed.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 1 MAY, 1884, A.M.

Question put, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.

The House divided.

Ayes, 29.

Mr. Stuart,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Withers,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Poole,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Holtermann,
Mr. Trickett,	Mr. W. R. Campbell,
Mr. See,	Mr. Merriman,
Mr. Lynch,	Mr. William Clarke,
Mr. Stokes,	Mr. Stephen,
Mr. Hammond,	Mr. Loughnan,
Mr. Fremlin,	Mr. Wilson.
Mr. Olliffe,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Tarrant,	Mr. George Campbell,
Mr. Cass,	Mr. De Salis.
Mr. Machattie,	
Mr. Murray,	

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Sir John Robertson,	Mr. Roberts,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Combes,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Fletcher.
Mr. Garrard,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Coonan,
Mr. Mitchell,	Mr. Griffiths.
Mr. Sutherland,	
Mr. Holborow,	
Mr. McLaughlin,	
Mr. Proctor,	
Mr. O'Connor,	
Mr. Abigail,	
Mr. A. G. Taylor,	
Mr. Teece,	
Mr. Burdekin,	

And so it was resolved it the affirmative.

Original Question,—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair,—put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

The House adjourned at twenty-two minutes after Four o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 93.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 1 MAY, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Conditional Purchase on Vegetable Creek Mining Reserve:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for *Mr. W. J. Fergusson*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—Has the Attorney General yet given his opinion in reference to the legality of Conditional Purchase made on the Vegetable Creek Mining Reserve; if so, will he lay a copy upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Farnell answered,—I will lay a copy upon the Table presently.

(2.) Compensation to James Donnelly:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for *Mr. A. G. Taylor*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will James Donnelly, of Stoney Creek, and Patrick Mara, of Wollar, receive compensation for the land comprised in the roads taken through their selections?

Mr. Wright answered,—There are two different roads concerned in the Honorable Member's question, and the papers in both cases are with the District Surveyor, in order that a deviation of both roads may be effected, consequently a precise answer cannot be given until the necessary reports shall have been received.

(3.) Railway Goods-shed at Orange:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for *Mr. A. G. Taylor*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Why, and on whose authority, was the Railway Goods-shed at Orange closed for half a day on 23rd April?

Mr. Wright answered,—The Shed was not closed on the day in question, but it might have been without any disadvantage to the public, for no one visited it either with or for goods in the afternoon.

(4.) Turn-table for Combined Motor and Car:—*Mr. Poole* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—(1.) Will he say when the setting of the Turn-table to turn the new Patent Combined Motor and Car at Bridge-street will be completed?

(2.) How many weeks has the setting of this Table already occupied the time and skill of the Tramway Department?

(3.) When the Table is set, is there likely to be any other apparently serious difficulty to prevent the running of the new Patent Combined Motor and Car?

Mr. Wright answered,—

(1.) It will be completed this week.

(2.) Five weeks.

(3.) No.

(5.) Illawarra Railway—Resumption of Woid's Land:—*Mr. Poole* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Will he say if any land on the Illawarra Railway at or near Gannon's Forest, belonging to Wm. Woid, has been resumed for Railway purposes; if so, how much?

(2.) How often, and at what dates, has this land been surveyed by the Government for resumption; and what is the name of the Surveyor or Surveyors?

(3.) What sum of money did Woid originally claim as compensation?

(4.) What is the amount the Government have paid, offered, or agreed to pay, in satisfaction of Woid's claim?

Mr. Wright answered,—

(1.) Yes; 2 acres 2 roods and 35 perches.

(2.) The land was surveyed twice; the exact dates cannot be given. The Surveyors were Mr. Jamieson and Mr. Greenland.

(3.)

(3.) His first claim was for £2,675 for 2 acres 2 roods and 28 perches; and when the area was reduced to 1 acre 3 roods and 16 perches he claimed £3,425.

(4.) The case went to arbitration under the Railway Act. The award was for £2,175; and on the same basis the Government have since offered £210 4s. 9d. for 3 roods and 19 perches additional land claimed by another person, but found to belong to Mr. Woid.

- (6.) Resumption of Benevolent Asylum Site:—Mr. Burdekin asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has the Government resumed the Benevolent Asylum Site for Railway purposes; if not, will the Government take immediate possession, and cause all the shunting of passenger trains to be done there?

Mr. Wright answered,—The question of resuming this property for Railway purposes is under consideration.

- (7.) Railway Engine-drivers and Firemen:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it his intention to cause any steps to be taken with the view of affording better protection to engine-drivers and firemen on our Railways during the winter, especially night travelling, by the erection of screens, &c.; if so, when?

Mr. Wright answered,—The men have made no complaint. The cab-accommodation is greater in some of the engines than it is in others; and, in ordering new engines, attention is given to this matter. Many of the old engines are having their cab-accommodation increased.

- (8.) Post and Telegraph Office, Condobolin:—Mr. Stokes asked the Postmaster General,—When will tenders for the erection of a Post and Telegraph Office at Condobolin be called, for which the money has been voted some time?

Mr. Trickett answered,—The Honorable Member was informed, by letter, on the 26th ultimo of the position of this matter. Nothing further can be done until it is ascertained whether the site selected is available, as to which we are now awaiting a reply from the Lands Department.

- (9.) Post and Telegraph Office, Forbes:—Mr. Stokes asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) When will tenders for flooring the portico of the Post and Telegraph Office at Forbes be called?

(2.) In view of the fact of no tar-pavement materials being procurable in the district, will he substitute stone pavement for the same?

Mr. Wright answered,—Tenders for tar-pavement have been invited, but none received. Before inviting fresh tenders, it is considered desirable to wait until the cells of the new Gaol are ready for flooring, when men and materials for laying asphalt will be sent from Sydney, and flooring of portico, &c., at Post and Telegraph Office can be done at the same time. Stone is not considered suitable by the Colonial Architect.

2. PAPER:—Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table,—Copy of an Opinion of the Attorney General in reference to the application of Section 4 of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861 to the reservation of large areas from sale for Mining purposes.
Ordered to be printed.

3. METROPOLITAN MAGISTRATES ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Dibbs, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor.

Message No. 42.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Metropolitan Magistrates Act 1881*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 1st May, 1884.

4. CAMPBELLTOWN AND CAMDEN TRAMWAY (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Day, for Mr. Copeland, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing, in reference to the Campbelltown and Camden Tramway,—

(1.) The length of the line and total expenditure on same, distinguishing between land resumptions, construction, and rolling stock; also the present approximate amount of depreciation in capital value through wear and tear.

(2.) The gross receipts for each year, or part of year, since opening for traffic, separating "passenger" from "goods;" the total working expenses for the same periods, distinguishing between interest payable on capital expended, cost of maintenance, and wages.

(3.) The nett receipts and actual rates of interest returned on the capital expenditure for the same periods.

(4.) The carrying capacity for passengers and goods per train, and the approximate average number and amount actually carried each way.

(5.) The proportionate rates for carriage as compared with Railway rates for similar distances.

Question put and passed.

5. MR. DOWNE'S PATENT COMBINED MOTOR AND CAR (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Poole moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a copy of the Baldwin Company's Certificate of the performance under steam of Mr. Downe's new Patent Combined Motor and Car. Question put and passed.

6. CRIMINAL LAW AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Abbott, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of a consequential amendment made by the Legislative Council in the Title of this Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendment.

On motion of Mr. Abbott, the report was adopted.

Ordered,

Ordered, that the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the consequential amendment made by the Legislative Council in the Title of the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Eighth Section and the Four Hundred and Forty-sixth and three following Sections of the 'Criminal Law Amendment Act of 1883.'*"

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 1st May, 1884.*

7. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 2 MAY, 1884, A.M.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

8. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

- (1.) Walsh's Grant Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorize the issue of a Grant of a certain portion of the Church and School Lands,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 1st May, 1884.*

JOHN HAY,
President.

- (2.) Bathurst Presbyterian Church Grant Resumption Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorize the resumption by Her Majesty of a portion of the Presbyterian Church Grant in the City of Bathurst for the purpose of widening a Lane between the said Grant and the Public School Site and to declare the Trusts on which the purchase money of the Land resumed shall be held and for other purposes,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 1st May, 1884.*

JOHN HAY,
President.

- (3.) University Extension Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the University of Sydney to grant additional Degrees and Certificates in the nature of Degrees and for other purposes,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 1st May, 1884.*

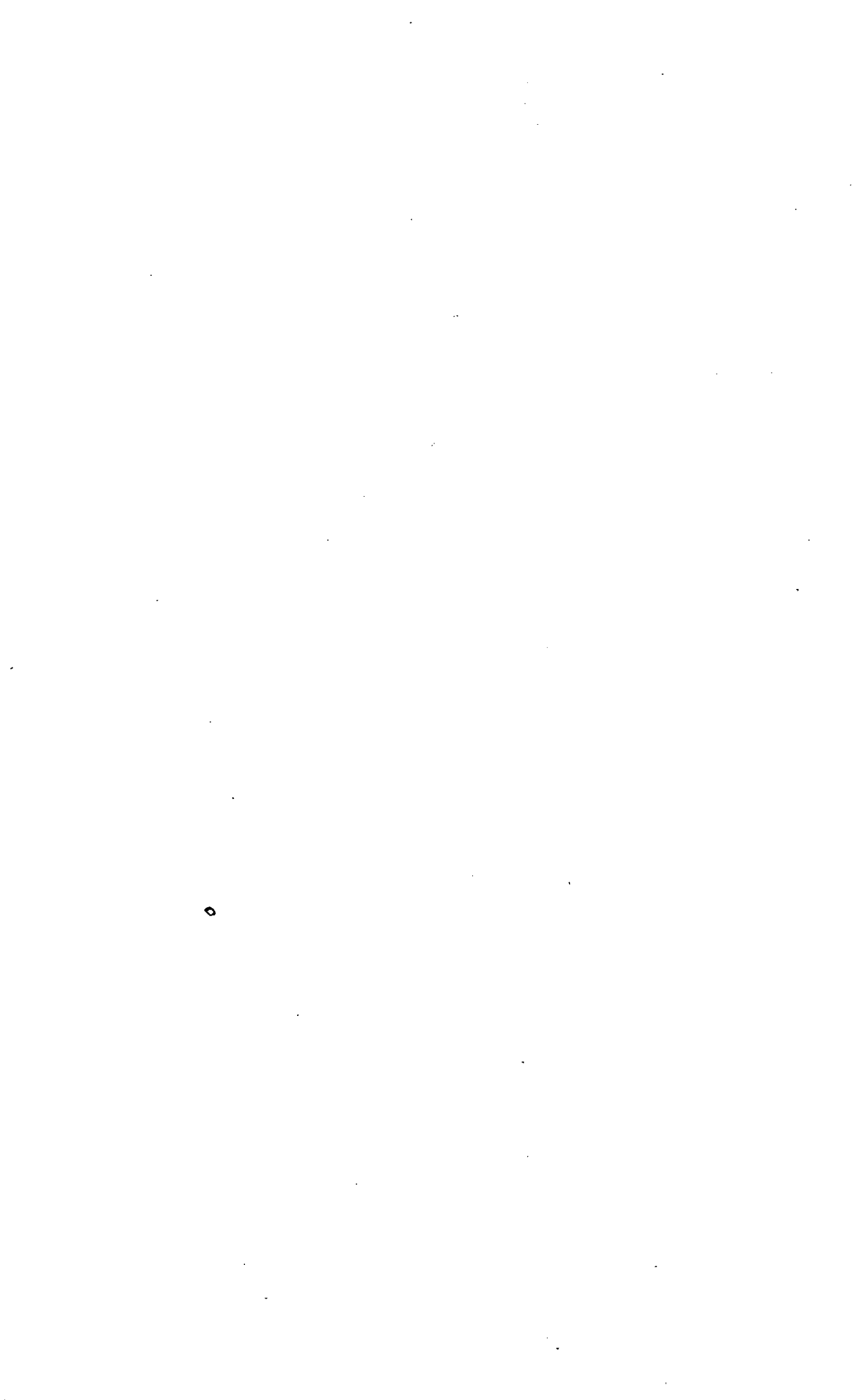
JOHN HAY,
President.

9. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Stuart (*by consent*) moved, without notice,—That this House, at its rising this day, do adjourn until Tuesday next.
Question put and passed.

10. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:—Mr. Stuart informed the House that arrangements had been completed for filling the Ministerial Office that had been vacant. His Honorable Colleague the Postmaster-General had assumed the Office of Minister of Public Instruction, and the Office of Postmaster-General had been filled by the appointment of the Honorable James Norton.

The House adjourned at three minutes after Three o'clock a.m., until *Tuesday next* at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 94.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 6 MAY, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

ASSENT TO BILLS:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Mr. Stuart, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

- (1.) Moffitt's Estate Leasing Enabling Bill:—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor.

Message No. 43.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable John Williams or other the Trustee or Trustees for the time being of the Will of William Moffitt deceased to lease certain portions of the Real Estate of the said William Moffitt deceased,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 2nd May, 1884.

- (2.) Mort Bay Improvement Bill:—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor.

Message No. 44.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable Mort's Dock and Engineering Company (Limited) to close certain Streets through their property at Mort Bay and to establish new Streets in lieu thereof,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 2nd May, 1884.

- (3.) Cohen's Estate Bill:—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor.

Message No. 45.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Trustees of the Will of Mr. Michael Cohen deceased to sell certain Land in Park and Castlereagh Streets Sydney and to make provision for the investment of the proceeds thereof,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 2nd May, 1884.

2. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Hospital Accommodation:—*Mr. Cameron*, for *Mr. Burdekin*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) When will the Government bring forward their policy with respect to Hospital Accommodation of the City?

(2.) Would it not be a good time now that there is such a scarcity of employment for all descriptions of artizans and labourers to push forward the necessary public works in connection with whatever scheme the Government propose without delay?

(3.) If the Government has no fund at its disposal for the work at present, is it intended to provide for such works in the Loan Estimates?

(4.) When will the Loan Estimates be laid upon the Table?

Mr.

Mr. Stuart answered,—

- (1.) The Government intend to bring forward its policy with respect to Hospital Accommodation in the City at as early a date as possible.
- (2.) Such a course, it appears to me, would be prejudging the consideration of the question by this House.
- (3.) Remains over until No. 1 is decided upon.
- (4.) I cannot say at the present time when the Loan Estimates will be laid upon the Table.

(2.) Illawarra and Kiama Volunteers :—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it a fact the Illawarra and Kiama Volunteers were on their way to the Encampment packed in the steamer like sardines, that the water saturated their blankets, that their breakfast on arrival was unfit for human consumption, and that on their return by the "Ajax" no blankets were supplied them, or that the awning overhead was non-waterproof?
- (2.) If this be so, why was no better provision made out of the money voted for Encampment luxuries?

Mr. Stuart answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Commandant :—Eighty-three Volunteers were conveyed from Wollongong and Kiama to Sydney, of whom thirty could find accommodation below. The deck had a good awning over it, and the sides were enclosed with curtains. It did not rain during the passage up. The Officer Commanding Artillery reports the breakfast was an excellent one, consisting of hot corned beef, pickles, and bread. By an error, the blankets for the Wollongong Corps were not retained for the return passage, an error which should have been rectified by representation by the Officer Commanding the Battery.

(3.) Wooden Pavement, George-street West :—Mr. Tooth asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What is the amount due to the Government by the Municipal Council of Sydney for paving George-street West with wood?
- (2.) Has the Government demanded payment of the above?
- (3.) Has the City Council paid the amount?
- (4.) If not, will he say on what grounds?

Mr. Wright answered,—There is no amount due. The proportion of the expense which was to have been contributed by the Municipal Council of Sydney was paid to the Government on the 18th of March last; it amounted to £12,855 15s. 8d.

(4.) Repairs of Railway Carriages and Trucks :—Mr. Melville, for Mr. Mitchell, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Referring to replies of the Honorable the Minister for Works, on Tuesday, 8th April instant, in reference to repairs to waggons, carriages, &c., at Eveleigh, will the Honorable the Minister for Works say,—

- (1.) What was the cost for wages for such repairs during the three months ending 31st March, 1884?
- (2.) What was the cost for supervision for such repairs for the like period?
- (3.) What was the cost of material used in such repairs for the like period?

Mr. Wright answered,—

- (1.) £1,812 13s. 7d.
- (2.) £56 5s.
- (3.) £2,420.

(5.) Applicants for employment in Railway and Tramway Departments :—Mr. Melville, for Mr. Slattery, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—The total number of applicants for employment,—

- (1.) In the Railway Department?
- (2.) In the Tramway Department?

Mr. Wright answered,—

- (1.) 1,158.
- (2.) 582.

The numbers given represent the applications received since the 1st January last.

(6.) Prize Fight :—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Minister of Justice,—Have the Police discovered that among the accomplices of the murderer at the recent prize fight were a number of gentlemen in the first rank of *elite* society; if so, why is the prosecution confined to the humbler offenders?

Mr. Cohen answered,—I am informed that the Police have not obtained any evidence up to the present time to satisfactorily prove that any persons beyond those already charged were present at the fight referred to.

(7.) Assistant Station-master at Orange :—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Was the Assistant Station-master at Orange permitted to refund portion of public money he was charged with embezzling, and then criminally prosecuted for the balance?

Mr. Wright answered,—No.

(8.) Certificates to School Teachers :—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Is it true that the regulation under which all Teachers who hold certificates lower than those required by the classification of their schools are summoned to examination has been rescinded?
- (2.) Is it true that the aforesaid Teachers are not to be asked to state any reason for not endeavouring to gain their certificates?
- (3.) If true, what is going to be done for the great number of Teachers who are being kept out of their legitimate places by the aforesaid Teachers?

Mr. Trickett answered,—

(1.) There is no regulation under which Teachers are summoned to examination. The attendance of Teachers, such as those referred to, is not compulsory; but they are reminded at each half-yearly examination that their failure to obtain certificates corresponding with the class of the schools under their charge will render them liable to removal to less important positions.

(2.) No general rule on this point has been adopted.

(3.) So far no practical difficulty has been experienced in providing Teachers with schools that accord with their classifications, within a reasonable time after their promotion by examination.

(9.)

- (9.) Railway Refreshment Room, Penrith :—Mr. Abigail asked the Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) Have reports been received by the Minister of Justice, Colonial Secretary, Inspector General of Police, or Commissioner for Railways, from the Licensing Bench or Officer-in-Charge of the Police at Penrith, in reference to the sale of wines and spirits at the Railway Refreshment Room, Penrith?
 - (2.) If so, what is the nature of the reports, and the action taken regarding the same?
 - (3.) The name of the lessee of the Refreshment Room in question?
 - (4.) Is freight charged for the conveyance of wines, spirits, &c., consigned to the Railway Refreshment Rooms?
 - (5.) Is it true that the lessee is permitted to sell spirits to any persons, whether Railway passengers or not?
 - (6.) Have the Penrith Police reported that the public are served with wines, spirits, &c., at any time (Sunday, Christmas Day, and Good Friday included), and that they have no power to prevent such a gross breach of the law?
 - (7.) Is it true that while the hotel-keepers at Penrith are debarred from selling wines and spirits to the townspeople and others between the hours of 11 p.m. and 6 a.m., and on Sunday, Christmas Day and Good Friday, that the lessee of the Railway Refreshment Room is or has been permitted to sell to any person whenever he chooses?
 - (8.) If true, is it the intention of the Government to make such alterations in the regulations as will prevent a continuation of the present practice, and allow *bona fide* Railway travellers only to be served with wines and spirits, as intended by this House when the Amended Licensing Bill was passed?

Mr. Cohen answered,—

- (1.) Yes; certain reports have been received on the subject in question.
 - (2.) The Chairman of the Licensing Court, Penrith, brought under my attention a report from the District Licensing Inspector, respecting the sale of liquors at the Licensed Refreshment Rooms, Penrith Railway Station, at prohibited hours, to persons who were known not to be travellers by rail. Representations were also made that the Bench considered that they had no power under the existing regulations to punish the licensee. Upon reference to the Commissioner for Railways on the subject, it appeared that on the 19th March last the licensee's attention was called, by letter, to the irregularities complained of, and he was requested in future to act so as to keep to the general spirit of the regulations, and it was pointed out to him that to sell indiscriminately to any one applying, and at hours when other licensed houses were closed, were clear departures from the intention of clause 4 of the regulations, and must not be continued.
 - (3.) Mr. J. S. Castner.
 - (4.) Yes.
 - (5, 6, and 7.) These questions are substantially answered by reply No. 2.
 - (8.) The framing an additional regulation for the purpose of more clearly defining the intention of the Legislature in this respect, and to meet cases of this kind, is now under consideration.
- (10.) Stoves for Railway Brake-vans :—Mr. Melville, for Mr. Lynch, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it his intention to have Stoves placed in the brake-vans on the Railways during the winter months; if so, when will he cause the alteration to be made?

Mr. Wright answered,—Yes, the Stoves are now being fixed.

- (11.) Public School, Bourke-street, Woolloomooloo :—Mr. Burdekin asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—When will the new Public School and Schoolmaster's Residence in Bourke-street, Woolloomooloo, be completed and ready for occupation?
- Mr. Trickett answered,—The Public School Building and Teacher's Residence will be completed on the 12th instant.

- (12.) Ringbarking Timber :—Mr. Teede, for Dr. Ross, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will the Government take the necessary steps to obtain from the Health Officer a Report as to the influence of ringbarking on public health; also its effect (if any) in modifying, or otherwise, climatic changes, rainfall, &c.?

Mr. Stuart answered,—I cannot undertake to answer this; it is beyond my ability, and that of the Health Officer. It is one of the most difficult scientific questions of the day.

- (13.) Railway from Molong to Manildra :—Mr. Teede, for Dr. Ross, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—If anything definite has yet been arrived at respecting the further extension of the Railway from Molong to Manildra; if so, when will tenders be invited for the same, and the work proceeded with?

Mr. Wright answered,—No.

3. VICTORIAN COAL-MINING COMPANY'S BILL (No. 2) :—Mr. Burns presented a Petition from D'Arcy Wentworth and Fitzwilliam Wentworth, by their respective Attorney (duly appointed under Powers of Attorney) James Hill, of Vacluse, Esquire, praying to be heard by Counsel or Solicitor before the House, or before the Select Committee on the Victorian Coal-mining Company's Bill, as to certain modifications or insertion of clauses in the said Bill, and failing the consent of the promoter of the Bill to the modifications or alterations aforesaid, that Petitioners may have liberty to oppose the said Bill, and adduce such evidence as they may be advised thereon. Petition received, and referred to the Select Committee on the Bill.

4. LICENSING ACT :—Mr. Butcher presented a Petition from Residents of Paddington and Sydney, complaining of the present state of the Law regarding the closing of Public Houses on Sundays, and stating that they consider that the provision respecting Travellers should be assimilated to that in the English Law; and praying the House to adopt measures for giving effect to their wishes. Petition received.

5. PAPER:—Mr. Cohen laid upon the Table,—Despatch from the Secretary of State forwarding an Order of the Queen in Council establishing new Rules touching the practice to be observed in Vice-Admiralty Courts.
Ordered to be printed.
6. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Hutchinson moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid before Parliament annually a Return showing,—
(1.) The total cost, wages, and material of the printing, bookbinding, photography, and lithography done for each Department of the Public Service at the Government Printing Office during each year ending 31st December.
(2.) A statement, in tabular form, showing the title of each book, pamphlet, and collection of photographs or lithographs published at the Government Printing Office during each year ending 31st December, such statement to show the number of copies of each produced, and the total cost of each set.
(3.) That a statement of the number of copies, and the cost of printing (labour and material), be printed on the title page of each Return or Departmental Report laid before Parliament.
Question put and passed.
7. MARBLE STATUES (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Poole moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all agreements made between Sir Henry Parkes and Giovanni Fontana to execute three Statues in marble, representing Her Majesty the Queen, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and an emblematical Statue called New South Wales, together with all correspondence and vouchers in reference to and for payments for the same.
Question put and passed.
8. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. A. G. Taylor moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
9. O'DOUD'S ESTATE LEASING BILL:—Mr. Day presented a Petition from Patrick O'Doud, of Sydney, merchant, and Robert Butcher, of the same place, wine merchant, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize Patrick O'Doud and Robert Butcher, or other the Trustees or Trustee for the time being of the Will of the late Mary O'Doud, deceased, to lease portion of the Real Estate of the said Mary O'Doud.
And Mr. Day having produced the *Government Gazette* and the *Sydney Morning Herald* and the *Evening News*, newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.
10. FISHERIES ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Stuart, and read by Mr. Speaker:—
AUGUSTUS LOFTUS, *Message No. 46.*
Governor.
In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill for the amendment of the Fisheries Act of 1881, the promotion of Oyster Culture, and the regulation of Oyster Fisheries.
Government House,
Sydney, 30th April, 1884.
Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.
11. WHALING ROAD, NORTH SHORE:—Mr. Holtermann moved, pursuant to *amended* Notice,—
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons, papers, and plans, to inquire into and report upon the opening of Whaling Road, at North Shore, from Alfred-street to the waters of Port Jackson.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Abigail, Mr. Withers, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. George Campbell, Mr. Levien, Mr. A. G. Taylor, Mr. Abbott, Mr. Harris, and the Mover.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
12. PETITION OF CAPTAIN ARMSTRONG:—Mr. Day moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the Petition of Captain Armstrong, late Resident Magistrate at Lord Howe Island, presented to this House on the 5th February, 1884.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Lyne, Mr. Gill, Mr. Levien, Mr. Chapman, Mr. White, Mr. Tarrant, Mr. Targett, Mr. Proctor, Mr. Coonan, and the Mover.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 25.

Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Cramsie,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Cass,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Proctor,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Stuart,	Mr. Gould,
Mr. Day,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. McCulloch,	Mr. A. G. Taylor,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. White,
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Trickett.
Mr. Sutherland,	
Mr. W. J. Fergusson,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Withers,	Mr. Fletcher,
Mr. Teece,	Mr. Mackinnon.
Mr. Brunker,	

Noes, 6.

Mr. Melville,
Sir John Robertson,
Mr. Young,
Mr. Buchanan.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Moses,
Mr. Burdckin.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

13.

13. **PARTY PROCESSIONS ACT**:—Mr. Abigail moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Party Processions Act for the purpose of removing present legal disabilities from persons assembling to celebrate Religious or Political Events, or for the purposes of combining in any Religious or Political Movements.
Question put and passed.
14. **POST AND TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT**:—Mr. W. J. Fergusson moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—
(1.) The names of all Officers in the Post and Telegraph Department who have been suspended or disgraced during the last two years; the number of times suspended or disgraced; the cause of suspension or disgracing; and the nature of punishment (if any).
(2.) The number of Officers dismissed during the above period, and the cause of dismissal.
Debate ensued.
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
15. **SINGLETON GAS BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Burns, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.
On motion of Mr. Burns, the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—
MR. PRESIDENT,
The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable Alexander Munro to erect Gas-works in the Borough of Singleton and to regulate the establishment and carrying out of Gas-works in Singleton aforesaid and to regulate the sale supply and quality of the Gas to be supplied and for other purposes.*"
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 6th May, 1884.*
16. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
(1.) Criminal Law further Amendment Bill; second reading;—*until Tuesday, 20th May.*
(2.) Liabilities for Nuisances Limitation Bill; second reading;—*until Friday next.*
17. **DISTRICT COURTS ACT FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Gould moved, That the report from the Committee of the Whole on this Bill be now adopted.
Mr. R. B. Smith moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Debate ensued.
Question put, That this Debate be now adjourned.
The House divided.

Ayes, 5.

Sir John Robertson,
Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. Sutherland.

Tellers,

Mr. Young,
Mr. Burdekin.

Noes, 15.

Mr. Stuart,
Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Cohen,
Mr. W. J. Fergusson,
Mr. A. G. Taylor,
Mr. Teece,
Mr. Proctor,
Mr. Day,
Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Melville,
Mr. Bruker,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Cass,
Tellers,
Mr. Gould,
Mr. Sydney Smith.

And so it passed in the negative.

Question,—That the report be now adopted,—put and passed.

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Friday, 16th May.

18. **POSTPONEMENT**:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Grafton Lighting Company's Bill postponed until Friday next.
19. **DISTRICT COURTS ACT FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. A. G. Taylor moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Mr. R. B. Smith moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Debate continued.
Question,—That this Debate be now adjourned,—put and passed.
Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday, 27th May.
20. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
(1.) Religious Persuasions of Children attending Public Schools; resumption of adjourned Debate;—*until Tuesday, 20th May.*
(2.) Parliamentary Prorogation Curtailment Bill; second reading;—*until Tuesday, 3rd June.*
(3.) Forest Lodge, near Tarlo, Estate Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—
(4.) Armidale Gas Company's Incorporation Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—
(5.) Dubbo Gas Company's Incorporation Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—
(6.) Medical Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Tarrant, "That this Bill be now read a second time;—
(7.) Supreme Court Appellate Jurisdiction Bill; second reading;—
(8.) Tamworth Cattle Sale-yards Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—
(9.) Judgment Creditors Remedies Extension Bill; second reading;—
(10.) Supreme Court Process Facilitation Bill; second reading;—
(11.) Badham Annuity Bill;—

} *until Friday next.*

21. MINERAL CONDITIONAL PURCHASES REPEAL BILL:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill read,—and, on motion of Mr. W. J. Fergusson, discharged. Ordered, that the Bill be withdrawn.
22. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
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| (1.) Legislative Assembly Quorum Bill; second reading;— | } | <i>until Friday, 23rd May.</i> |
| (2.) Cootamundry Roman Catholic Church Land Sale Bill (<i>as amended and agreed to in Select Committee</i>); second reading;— | | |
| (3.) Boorowa Roman Catholic Church Land Sale Bill (<i>as amended and agreed to in Select Committee</i>); second reading;— | } | <i>until Friday, 16th May.</i> |
| (4.) Windsor Gas-light Company Bill (<i>as amended and agreed to in Select Committee</i>); second reading;— | | |
| (5.) Monk-Wearmouth Colliery Railway Bill (<i>as amended and agreed to in Select Committee</i>); second reading;— | } | <i>until Friday, 6th June.</i> |
| (6.) Trustees Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee;— | | |

The House adjourned at half-past Seven o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 95.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 7 MAY, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

ELECTORATE OF NORTHUMBERLAND:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received a letter from Atkinson Alfred Patrick Tighe, Esquire, resigning his Seat as a Member for the Electoral District of Northumberland.

Whereupon Mr. Stuart moved, That the Seat of Atkinson Alfred Patrick Tighe, Esquire, a Member for the Electoral District of Northumberland, hath become, and is now vacant, by reason of the resignation thereof by the said Atkinson Alfred Patrick Tighe, Esquire.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Telegraphic Operator for Lawson Station:—Mr. T. R. Smith asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he be so good as to have a Porter, who can operate and deliver telegraphic messages, appointed at Lawson Station without further delay, and so preclude the liability of urgent messages being delivered four hours after despatch from Sydney?

Mr. Wright answered,—Inquiry will be made; but there should be no liability of telegrams being delayed, as the Station-master at Lawson can work the telegraph instrument.

(2.) Publicans Licenses:—Mr. Cameron asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is it intended that when publicans are applying for renewals of their licenses that charges, which have been proved against them before the passing of the Licensing Act Amendment Bill should be taken into consideration as a reason why the said licenses should be refused?

(2.) Is it a fact that the Police have taken such objections; and if so, will he have the matter inquired into?

Mr. Cohen answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) No such objections have been taken.

(3.) The Unemployed:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he give instructions that the fifty-three men, whose names are in a list which I have handed to him, and who have no home or habitation, but have to sleep in the Park, and who are willing to take any work offered, be employed on the Government Relief Works?

Mr. Wright answered,—I hope to be able to employ nearly the whole of them in the course of a few days.

(4.) Letter-carriers:—Mr. Olliffe asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he take into consideration the desirableness of allowing the Letter-carriers to travel free by tram or rail while on duty, for the purpose of facilitating the delivery of correspondence, on the production of an authority from the Post Office?

Mr. Wright answered,—Letter-carriers are allowed tram and omnibus fares for the purpose of conveying them to the commencement of their beats in all cases where their conveyance by either of these modes will facilitate the delivery. It is not perceived what further allowance is required in the public interest.

(5.)

(5.) The Unemployed :—Mr. Abigail asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) The number of men employed during the past week from the ranks of those who sent in their names as unemployed?
- (2.) The nature of the work; place where it is to be performed; and wages paid?

Mr. Wright answered,—

(1.) 288.

(2.) *a.* Clearing ground, forming and ballasting roads, quarrying metal, and making side-cuttings, in connection with the Roads Department; and landing silt, under the Harbours and Rivers Department.

b. Thirty-three men at Liverpool, twenty-two men at Parramatta, thirty-three men at Hunter's Hill, thirty-three men at Glenbrook, thirty-three men at Webb's Grant, thirty-three men at Long Bay, forty-three men at North Shore, forty-two men at Goulburn, four men at Sewerage Works, twelve men at Outer Domain.

c. The men employed will be paid at a rate slightly under the current rate of wages.

(6.) Commission on Conservation of Water :—Mr. Burdekin asked the Secretary for Mines,—The names of the gentlemen appointed as a Commission on Conservation of Water in the Interior?

Mr. Abbott answered,—The matter is now before the Executive Council, and until the action is complete I do not feel justified in giving the information asked for by the Honorable Member.

(7.) Assistant Draftsmen, Registrar General's Office :—Mr. W. J. Fergusson asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has he taken any steps yet to appoint Assistants to the Chief Draftsman in the Registrar General's Office?

Mr. Stuart answered,—This matter has been under consideration, and provision is made on the Additional Estimates, which will shortly be laid before this House, for the purpose.

3. PAPERS :—

Mr. Abbott laid upon the Table,—Report on Rabbit and Cattle Disease in Tasmania.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return to an Order made on 22nd November, 1883,—“Tug-boat at Cape Hawke.”

(2.) Return to an Order made on 20th February, 1884, a.m.,—“Newington Estate.”

(3.) Return (*in part*) to an Order made on 20th November, 1883,—“Premises Rented and Property held by the Government in Sydney.”

(4.) Return (*in part*) to an Order made on 15th February, 1884,—“Spirits, Wine, and Beer.—Convictions under the Licensing Act.”

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Public Purposes, in accordance with the 5th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.

(2.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from Sale until Surveyed for the Preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, in accordance with the 4th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.

(3.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 4th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.

(4.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated for the use of Pastoral and Agricultural Associations, in accordance with the 32nd section of the Act 39 Victoria No. 13.

(5.) Abstract of Alterations in Designs of Towns and Villages, under the 22nd section of the Act 43 Victoria No. 29.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Trickett laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return to an Order made on 19th December, 1883, a.m.,—“Post Office, Waverley.”

(2.) Return to Orders made on 19th February, 1884, and 11th March, 1884,—“Resumption of Mr. O'Connor's Property at Woollahra.”

4. CLAIM OF MATTHEW M'IVOR TO A TIN-MINE AT PHEASANT'S CREEK :—Mr. Cameron, for Mr. Fletcher (*by consent*), moved, without Notice, That the Return to an Order “Claim of Matthew M'Ivor to a Tin-mine at Pheasant's Creek,” laid upon the Table of this House on 19th February, 1884, be referred to the Select Committee now sitting on that subject.
Question put and passed.

5. ADJOURNMENT :—Dr. Ross moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

6. VICTORIAN COAL-MINING COMPANY'S BILL (No. 2) :—Mr. Heydon presented a Petition from Sarah O'Donnell and Francis O'Donnell, representing that Mr. Thomas Saywell, of Sydney, has applied for powers authorizing the construction of a Railway from certain lands situate at Mount Kembla to the sea coast at Port Kembla, and that such Railway, if constructed, would pass through land in which Petitioners are interested; and praying for leave to be heard personally or by Counsel or Solicitor before the House or before the Committee appointed to inquire respecting the Bill.
Petition received, and referred to Select Committee on the Bill.

7. DOG TAX :—Mr. Brunker presented a Petition from Residents of Brokenback, Mount Vincent, and other places lying within the basin of Mulbring or Wallis Creek, representing that they live in a district infested with Marsupials, which destroy their grass and crops; and praying the House to adopt measures for relieving them from the payment of the Tax on Dogs.
Petition received.

8. O'DOUD'S ESTATE LEASING BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

(1.) Mr. Day moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable Patrick O'Doud and Robert Butcher, or other the Trustees or Trustee for the time being of the Will of the late Mary O'Doud, deceased, to lease portion of the Real Estate of the said Mary O'Doud.
Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Day having *presented* this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of the sum of Twenty-five Pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to authorize Patrick O'Doud and Robert Butcher or other the Trustees or Trustee for the time being of the Will of the late Mary O'Doud deceased to lease portion of the Real Estate of the said Mary O'Doud,*"—read a first time.

9. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

(1.) Great Cobar Copper-mining Company Tramway Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorize the construction by the 'Great Cobar Copper-mining Company (Limited)' of a Tramway over certain Roads and Government Reserves and vacant Crown Lands in the Colony of New South Wales,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 7th May, 1884.*

JOHN HAY,
President.

(2.) Manly Gas-light and Coke Company Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to enable the Manly Gas-light and Coke Company (Limited) to construct Gas-works within the Borough and Suburbs of Manly,*"—with the amendment indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendment the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 7th May, 1884.*

JOHN HAY,
President.

MANLY GAS-LIGHT AND COKE COMPANY (LIMITED) BILL.

Schedule of the Amendment referred to in Message of 7th May, 1884.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 8, clause 24, line 7. *After "Borough" omit remainder of clause.*

Examined,—

JOSEPH DOCKER,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the Council's amendment be taken into consideration to-morrow.

(3.) Companies (Extra-Colonial Registers) Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorize Companies registered under the 'Companies Act' to keep Extra-Colonial Registers,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 7th May, 1884.*

JOHN HAY,
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Stephen, read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday next.

10. OYSTER FISHERIES BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Stuart, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill for the amendment of the Fisheries Act, 1881, the promotion of Oyster Culture, and the regulation of Oyster Fisheries.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), That the report be *now* received.

The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill for the amendment of the Fisheries Act, 1881 the promotion of Oyster Culture, and the regulation of Oyster Fisheries.

On motion of Mr. Stuart, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

(2.) Mr. Stuart *presented* a Bill, intituled "*A Bill for the amendment of the Fisheries Act 1881 the promotion of Oyster Culture and the regulation of Oyster Fisheries,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.

11. CROWN LANDS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,— Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.
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And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 8 MAY, 1884, A.M.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

The House adjourned at ten minutes before One o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 96.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 8 MAY, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Land facing Bourke, Liverpool, and Thomson Streets:—Mr. Burdekin asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is the Minister aware that the Government owns a portion of land facing Bourke-street, Darlinghurst, bounded on the west by Bourke-street, on the north by Liverpool-street, and on the east by Thomson-street?
- (2.) That this land is unenclosed, and a receptacle for all the dirt and filth of the neighbourhood; that at one side the quarry is 25 feet high, and accidents are likely to occur from the height being unprotected by a fence of any kind?
- (3.) Is he aware that the residents strongly desire this land to be set apart as a Reserve?
- (4.) If he will not dedicate this land for this purpose, to what purpose does he propose to put it?
- (5.) If he cannot at present decide to what purpose this land is to be put, will he have the land enclosed with a substantial fence?

Mr. Stuart answered,—There is no such piece of land belonging to the Government. I have answered this question before, and I have stated that, so far as can be discovered, there is no such piece of land belonging to the Government. I think there is a piece of land in the position which the Honorable Member alludes to, but I am informed that the piece of land belongs to the honorable questioner. The information which I have obtained is that the piece of land belongs to the Honorable Member, and that it has been considered an intense nuisance in the district for some time. I will show the Honorable Member the papers, if he will kindly look at them. There is a piece belonging to the Government, which was resumed for a Public School, adjoining that land, but it is on high ground, and the Honorable Member's land is on low ground, upon which the rubbish complained of has been shot, and which forms the nuisance complained of.

- (2.) Cartage of Telegraph Material:—Mr. Merriman asked the Postmaster General,—

- (1.) Who is the contractor for cartage of telegraph material within the City of Sydney, and what are the rates of cartage?
- (2.) Were tenders for cartage of telegraph material called for on 1st February last, to be sent in not later than 5th March last?
- (3.) What are the names of the different tenderers, and the different rates of cartage for the City?

Mr. Trickett answered,—I will presently lay this information upon the Table in the shape of a Return.

- (3.) Post and Telegraph Offices, Tamworth:—Mr. Merriman, for Mr. Levien, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) When were instructions given for the Surveyor General to survey the land intended to be resumed for Post and Telegraph Offices at Tamworth?
- (2.) Has the survey yet been made and reported on; if not, has there been any delay?
- (3.) When did the Surveyor General give instructions to the District Surveyor to proceed with the survey?
- (4.) On what date did he survey, and the date of his report?
- (5.) If surveyed and reported upon, when will the Minister proceed with the resumption?

Mr. Wright answered,—The proclamation for the resumption of the land required for the Post and Telegraph Offices at Tamworth is being prepared, and will appear in an early issue of the *Government Gazette*.

(4.)

(4.) Railway between Nyngan and Bye-Rock :—*Mr. Burns*, for *Mr. Russell Barton*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it true, as currently and publicly reported, that the construction of the Railway Extension between Nyngan and Bye-Rock is in such an advanced state that it would be quite possible to open it for public use within three months from this date?

(2.) If this is so, is it the intention of the Minister to take advantage of the forward state of this line to open the line to the public before the next wool season, say, by the first week in August?

(3.) In view of the probable early opening of this line, will the Minister have the platform, shed, water supply, and all necessary works at the Bye-Rock Station pushed on with, so that there may be no delay or loss to the public?

(4.) As Bye-Rock will be the receiving and dispatching Station for an immense district, including Gongolgon and Brewarrina, the Barwon, Birei, Bokarah, Culgoa, and Narran Rivers, and extending to the boundary of Queensland, and as there is no permanent water on the main line of road from Bye-Rock to Gongolgon for at least 40 miles,—Has the Minister taken the necessary precaution to provide this most urgent want, to enable the public to reap the full advantage of this extension?

(5.) Will the Minister state what has been done in regard to the bridges over the Barwon at Brewarrina, and the Cato Creek, near there?

(6.) Has the contract been let for the 18-mile Tank on the Lidnapper Road; and when is it likely to be completed?

Mr. Wright answered,—

(1 and 2.) This line will be opened at the earliest possible moment, probably by the middle of July.

(3.) Yes.

(4.) Contracts will be let for two Tanks on this route as early as practicable.

(5.) Plans and sections have been made, and the necessary preliminary drawings will be prepared in order to determine amount for Estimates.

(6.) No. The work has been delayed awaiting decision as to re-survey and straightening of road Eringonia to Culgoa.

(5.) Tobacconists Licenses :—*Mr. Sutherland* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Have instructions been issued to the Tobacconists in this City who keep machines for the purpose of cutting tobacco to take out licenses for the same; if so, under what clause or regulation of the Act have such instructions been issued?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—Under the terms of one of the clauses of the Tobacco Act provision is made for those persons who cut, grind, press, or manufacture tobacco in any shape or form to come under the operation of the clause, and provision is made for persons having cutting-machines to be licensed.

(6.) Public House on a Water Reserve :—*Mr. A. G. Taylor* asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is it a fact that the trespass of a Public House is permitted on Water Reserve No. 90, county of Pottinger, parish of Mellalee; if so, will steps be taken to abate the trespass?

Mr. Farnell answered,—Water Reserve No. 90, county of Pottinger, has been cancelled. I am not aware of any trespass on the land.

(7.) *Mr. A. B. Black* :—*Mr. A. G. Taylor* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is *Mr. A. B. Black* at present one of the tenderers for the supply of coal for the Public Service?

(2.) Is the said *A. B. Black* in the private employ of the Colonial Secretary, or in the employ of any Company of which he is a member?

Mr. Stuart answered,—I am informed that *Mr. A. B. Black* is one of the tenderers for the Public Service. *Mr. Black* is not in the employ of the Colonial Secretary, nor of any Company of which the Colonial Secretary is a member.

(8.) Road through *Mr. John Smith's Farm* at Stony Creek :—*Mr. A. G. Taylor* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has *Mr. John Smith*, of Stony Creek, near Mudgee, been paid for the deviation of a road through his farm; if so, how much?

Mr. Abbott answered,—Instruction for the survey of a deviation of a road which traverses *Mr. John Smith's* land, portions Nos. 154 and 155, parish of Bayly, county of Phillip, was issued at the request of the Public Works Department, which has undertaken to compensate *Mr. Smith*.

(9.) Public School Teacher, *Hartley* :—*Mr. A. G. Taylor* asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—Was the Public School Teacher at *Hartley* paid his salary for the month of March; if not, when will he be paid?

Mr. Trickett answered,—I can only state that the money has already been paid.

(10.) *Frank Clayton's Application* for an Improvement Purchase :—*Mr. A. G. Taylor* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Did *Frank Clayton* apply at the Hillston Land Office in July, 1883, for an Improvement Purchase of 200 acres, county of Franklin, parish of Redbank?

(2.) Was he the owner, lessee, or overseer of the station on which the Improvement Purchase was situated?

(3.) Was the application granted, or refused?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) He applied in virtue of a pre-emptive lease.

(3.) The case has not been dealt with, but will remain in abeyance pending passing of Land Bill.

(11.)

(11.) Rylstone Railway:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Will the Rylstone Railway be opened on Queen's Birthday?
- (2.) On what date will it be opened?

Mr. Wright answered,—

- (1.) No.
- (2.) It will be opened on the 10th July next, when the Railway to Mudgee will be completed.

(12.) Uarbry Road to Gulgong:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Did he receive a Petition some months ago for the opening of the Uarbry Road to Gulgong, at present closed by Mr. E. Bowman, of Merotherie?
- (2.) What decision has been arrived at?

Mr. Abbott answered,—

- (1.) The Petition has been lately received.
- (2.) Instruction issued to the District Surveyor on the 25th April, 1884, for a report, which has not been received.

(13.) Railway Station at Yanco:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it true that the Railway Station at Yanco, near Narrandera, is leased by a private person, who charges timber-getters exorbitant prices for using the Station?

Mr. Wright answered,—It is not true that the Railway Station is leased. It was found, however, that the public had no access to the Station except by the permission of and on the terms made by the owner of the Yanco Run; and notice was given to him that, unless the public were allowed free access to the Railway Station, it must be removed to a site where they would be able to get such access.

(14.) Town Common at Cargo:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—When will the land applied for as a Town Common at Cargo, in the county of Ashburnham, be proclaimed and dedicated for public purposes?

Mr. Farnell answered,—The District Surveyor was instructed on the 25th February last to report on the application for the Town Common at Cargo, when dealing with the proposed alienation of part of the Cargo Gold-field.

(15.) Travelling Stock Reserve from Eugowra to Canowindra:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) What objection, if any, exists to the revocation of the north side of Travelling Stock Reserve from Eugowra to Canowindra?
- (2.) If no objection exists, will he state when that portion of the Reserve will be revoked, and the cause of the delay; and has the Petition from the inhabitants in that district been considered?

Mr. Farnell answered,—The Mines Department reported that the revocation of the whole of the Reserve on the north side of the road from Eugowra to Canowindra would be objectionable, but that the revocation of a small portion on that side of the road might be made, with a view to allowing a few selectors to increase their holdings. The suggestions of the Mines Department are endorsed by the local Surveyor, and the matter of subdivision is now in the hands of the Surveyor.

(16.) The Unemployed in Country Districts:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—In view of the present depressed state of the labour market, owing to the protracted drought,—Is it his intention to show the same amount of consideration and assistance to the distressed and unemployed residents in country districts that has lately been done towards the unemployed in Sydney; if so, will he see that immediate steps are taken to push forward the construction of No. 2 Section of the Railway from Molong to Manildra, the plans of which have been approved of by Parliament?

Mr. Wright answered,—The Government have received information that there is no superabundance of labour in the country districts; and the Honorable Member has been informed on more than one occasion that the Government have no intention of calling for tenders for the Railway Line, Molong to Manildra, at present.

2. **CONDITIONAL PURCHASES UNDER 12TH CLAUSE OF LANDS ACT FURTHER AMENDMENT ACT OF 1880 (Formal Motion):**—Mr. Merriman, for Mr. Wilson, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing all lands conditionally purchased under the 12th clause of the Lands Act further Amendment Act of 1880, giving names of applicants, dates, and areas of selection, the portions applied for, the value of the improvements by the Surveyors reports, and the value of the improvements as appraised after selection.
Question put and passed.

3. **O'DOUD'S ESTATE LEASING BILL (Formal Motion):**—Mr. Lyne, for Mr. Day, moved, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) That O'Doud's Estate Leasing Bill be referred to a Select Committee for inquiry and report, with power to send for persons and papers.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Burns, Mr. Copeland, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Targett, Mr. Loughnan, Mr. Hammond, Mr. Teece, Dr. Ross, Mr. Lyne, and Mr. Day.
- Question put and passed.

4. **PAPERS:**—

Mr. Trickett laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return respecting the Cartage of Telegraph Material within the City of Sydney.
- (2.) Notifications of Lands resumed for Public School Purposes at Homebush, Jasper's Brush, Meroo, and Richmond Vale.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Wright laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 13th February, 1884,—“ Railway Line from Glen Innes to Inverell.”

Ordered to be printed.

5. CROWN LANDS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.
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And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 9 MAY, 1884, A.M.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday next.

The House adjourned at seven minutes before One o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 97.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 9 MAY, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Branch Railway, North Shore:—Mr. Holtermann asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 (1.) How far have the plans and specifications for the Branch Railway Line from Pearce's Corner to the water's edge on North Shore progressed?
 (2.) When will he be able to lay such plans and specifications upon the Table of this House for adoption?

Mr. Trickett answered,—

- (1.) Trial Surveys have been made.
 (2.) The plan and section, which are being prepared, will be laid before Parliament as soon as completed.

- (2.) Encampments at Middle Head:—Mr. Holtermann asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to hold any future Encampments at Middle Head; if so, will they put the landing (or pier) at Balmoral in proper repair, as on the two previous years accidents happened which have nearly proved fatal through the pier giving way?

Mr. Stuart answered,—It is probable that future Encampments of the Artillery will be held at Middle Head because of the great convenience of being near the Batteries. I will cause inquiries to be made as to the desirability of putting the pier alluded to in a proper state of repair.

- (3.) Female Immigrants:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—
 (1.) The number of Female Immigrants who arrived by the "Belgravia"?
 (2.) The total cost to the country of such Immigrants?
 (3.) The number who were actually available for hire to the general public at the Dépôt?
 (4.) Is it a fact, as alleged, that Female Immigrants are selected before or after landing by the lady visitors or others for their particular friends, to the exclusion of the general public; if so, will he cause instructions to be issued preventing this course in future as regards the hiring of Female Immigrants?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

- (1.) 126, exclusive of children under twelve years of age. Fifty-four were nominated by their friends in this Colony.
 (2.) About £15 per head.
 (3.) Thirty-one.
 (4.) No.

- (4.) Oswald Road, Lochinvar:—Mr. Burns asked the Secretary for Mines,—Whether any, and if any what, decision has been arrived at by the Government respecting the application for the widening of Oswald Road, near Lochinvar?

Mr. Abbott answered,—A report was asked for from the Surveyor General, but it has not yet been received. A reminder has been sent to the local Surveyor.

- (5.) Mount Hope:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Mines,—
 (1.) When will the Diamond Drill be sent to the inhabitants of Mount Hope?
 (2.) Did the Geological Surveyor recommend the formation of Tanks and Reservoirs for this district; and if so, when will the money be placed upon the Estimates for that purpose?
 (3.) When will the Town Common be surveyed?

Mr. Abbott answered,—

(1.) An application was made by Mr. R. B. Wilkinson, M.P., some time ago, and, as a consequence, I called for reports, which I have now received, and in a few days I hope to inform Mr. Wilkinson what course I shall take.

(2.) The Geological Surveyor, so far as I am aware, made no such recommendation.

(3.) This is a matter which is dealt with in the Department of Lands.

(6.)

(6.) Mr. John Hember:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—Has Mr. John Hember been refused payment of £6, earned by him as probationer at the Public School during the month of February; if so, when will he be paid?

Mr. Trickett answered,—Yes. Mr. Hember has no ground for claiming payment of salary.

(7.) Sydney Water Supply:—Mr. Burdekin asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it true, as reported in the Brevities of the *Evening News* on Monday the 5th instant, in reference to the late heavy rains,—“That hardly a trace is shown of the late heavy rainfall on the Botany watershed?”

(2.) Is it not a fact that 12 inches of the late rains have been quite or nearly absorbed by the Botany watershed?

(3.) Have the Government any information, or will they procure information, as to the extent to which the internal reserves of water at Botany have been exhausted during the last twelve months?

(4.) Will the Government inquire into the probability of an intermittent supply having again to be resorted to in the event of the non-occurrence of an altogether unusual rainfall during the winter?

(5.) Will the Minister urge the contractors to put on additional men to hasten as much as possible the completion of the Nepean supply?

(6.) By way of keeping the urgency of this matter prominently before Parliament, the people, and the officers charged with this work, will the Minister state the progress made on these works during the last three months, and have progress reports laid upon the Table of this House about the 1st of each month while Parliament is in session, and published in the daily papers monthly while Parliament is not sitting?

(7.) Have tenders yet been called for the pipes necessary for this work?

Mr. Wright answered,—

(1.) It is believed that such is the case.

(2.) Yes; but if absorbed, it is safe from evaporation and loss, and may be expected to be given out by the permanent stream when required.

(3.) Government has no specific information on the subject, but if desired, a report will be obtained from the Mayor of Sydney as to the state of the watershed.

(4.) Government think it better to leave this matter in the hands of the Mayor and Corporation, who are the properly constituted authorities for dealing with it.

(5.) This has been done.

(6.) The urgency of the question is fully understood by the officers in charge of the works, and there does not seem to be any occasion for frequent reports, which could contain but a mass of small details neither interesting nor instructive to the Parliament or the general public.

(7.) Tenders, as promised, will be invited in a few days.

(8.) Petition of Wm. Morris:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has any reply been sent to the Petition of Wm. Morris, of Sydney, forwarded to His Excellency some months ago?

Mr. Stuart answered,—An acknowledgment of the receipt of the Petition was sent from the Department of Justice on the 25th February last. Nothing further has transpired, or was necessary.

(9.) Mr. F. W. Croft:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he say upon what grounds the services of Mr. F. W. Croft, in the Lands Department, were dispensed with?

Mr. Farnell answered,—On account of bodily infirmity and incapacity for further service, in consideration of which the sum of £475 was voted by Parliament as a retiring allowance to Mr. F. W. Croft, being at the rate of one month's pay for each year of service.

(10.) Hiring of Female Immigrants:—Mr. Cameron, for Mr. White, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that lady visitors of the Friendly Society were allowed to attend the hiring at the Immigration Depôt on the distinct understanding that they were not to interfere with the hiring of the single women?

(2.) Is it true that one of them, on last hiring day, did seriously interfere with the public hiring, and ordered several Immigrants from the hiring-room to wait for a future day to be hired by friends of the members of the Friendly Society?

(3.) Was any objection raised; if so, by whom?

(4.) Has any correspondence passed between any member of the Friendly Society and the single women (Immigrants) since the hiring day, recommending them not to hire at present?

(5.) Has any member of the Friendly Society a right to interfere with the hiring?

(6.) Do the ladies of the Friendly Society contribute towards or pay for the bringing out the single women?

(7.) If so, to whom are they sent; and can the Society claim the right of hiring them?

Mr. Stuart answered.—There seems to be considerable misapprehension in the mind of the Honorable Member who asks this question, which makes it seem difficult to answer it. In the first place:—

(1.) It is not a fact, and yet that hardly conveys the exact state of the matter. The Honorable Member, having got hold of the wrong story, asks a question which, if I were to be satisfied with merely giving an answer according to the question itself, might have the appearance of giving the go-by to the question upon some technical ground, and therefore I will narrate the facts at length. There are some four lady visitors, who have received permission from time to time during some six or eight years to visit the young women who come out by the Immigrant Ships before the day of hiring, but they do not come as members of any Society, but as actuated by a spirit of benevolence, to give counsel and advice to the young women, warning them of the dangers which surround them upon entering a new phase of life to them. They are ladies well known and highly respected, on account of their devoting themselves to benevolent objects in this city. These ladies are allowed, before the hiring day, to visit the girls, to give them this advice, upon the distinct understanding that they are in no way to influence the girls with regard to hiring. During the eight years in which this permission has been granted no instance whatever has occurred

occurred of their transgressing these rules. But on this occasion, upon the hiring day, a lady who states that she is a member of a Society called, I believe, the Girls Friendly Society, entered the hiring-room, just in common with all the other ladies who enter in for the purpose of hiring, and for the purpose of interviewing four of the young women who are members of the parent Society in England, and this lady, having been written to, as she alleges, from the Secretary in England to see these four girls and provide comfortable homes for them, she informed them that she had been so requested from England, and advised them not to hire that day, but to come to her upon the following day, when she would obtain for them that which she had been requested to do from England. The Matron, who has charge of these girls, finding that they were refusing to hire, inquired as to the reason why, and they informed her that this lady had told them not to hire, whereupon the Matron told them that no lady had a right to give them such instructions, that they were in her care, and they must make their arrangements for hiring if any suitable homes offered, and accordingly the girls were hired. I desire it to be distinctly understood that this lady is in no way in concert with the ladies who have permission from the Colonial Secretary to visit the young women for the purpose of giving them friendly advice. This is an answer to (1) and (2).

(3.) The objection was raised by the Matron of the Immigration Depôt.

(4.) As to correspondence, all letters left at the office addressed to the girls are at once delivered to them, and neither the Agent for Immigration nor the Matron have a right to know the contents of such letters, unless the girls chose to communicate them.

(5, 6, and 7.) No.

2. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. O'Connor moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

3. PRECEDENCE OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS ON TUESDAYS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Stuart moved, pursuant to Notice, That, unless otherwise ordered, Government Business shall take precedence on Tuesdays of General Business.

Question put and passed.

4. ENGINEERING ASSOCIATION INCORPORATION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Poole moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Poole, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Poole, the report was adopted.

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.

5. DOG ACT FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. McCourt moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. McCourt, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. McCourt, the report was adopted.

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.

6. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed until Friday, 23rd May:—

(1.) Contempts Punishment Bill; second reading.

(2.) Law of Seduction Amendment Bill; second reading.

7. PARTY PROCESSIONS ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Abigail, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Party Processions Act for the purpose of removing present legal disabilities from persons assembling to celebrate Religious or Political Events, or for the purposes of combining in any Religious or Political Movements.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported from the Committee a Resolution, which was read a first time as follows:—

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to amend the Party Processions Act for the purpose of removing present legal disabilities from persons assembling to celebrate Religious and Political Events, or for the purposes of combining in any Religious or Political Movements.

On motion of Mr. Abigail, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

(2.) Mr. Abigail presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Party Processions Act*,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 23rd May.

8. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Liabilities for Nuisances Limitation Bill postponed until Friday, 6th June.

9. GRAFTON LIGHTING COMPANY'S BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Targett moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Targett, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Targett, the report was adopted.

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.

10. FOREST LODGE, NEAR TARLO, ESTATE BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Teece moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Teece, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Teece, the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
11. ARMIDALE GAS COMPANY'S INCORPORATION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Sydney Smith moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Smith, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Smith, the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
12. DUBBO GAS COMPANY'S INCORPORATION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Cass moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Cass, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Cass, the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
13. MEDICAL BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Tarrant, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—
Mr. Abigail moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Question put,—That this Debate be now adjourned.
The House divided.

Ayes, 5.

Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Sutherland.

Tellers,

Mr. Abigail,
Mr. Targett.

Noes, 26.

Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. Proctor,	Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Gray,
Mr. R. B. Smith,	Mr. Humphery,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Moses,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Sec,
Mr. Hammond,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Tarrant,	Mr. White,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. Holtermann,	Mr. Mackinnon.
Mr. Cass,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Murray,	Mr. Poole,
Mr. Bruncker,	Mr. Chapman.
Mr. Dalton,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Original Question again proposed, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Cameron moved, That Mr. Abigail be now heard.

Question put and passed.

Debate on the motion for the second reading of the Bill continued.

Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present.

Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being only eighteen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely,—Mr. Abbott, Mr. Abigail, Mr. Bruncker, Mr. Burdekin, Mr. Cass, Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Hammond, Mr. Holtermann, Mr. Jones, Mr. Levien, Mr. Olliffe, Mr. O'Mara, Mr. Proctor, Mr. Sec, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Sutherland, and Mr. Tarrant,—

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House at twenty minutes before Nine o'clock, until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 98.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 13 MAY, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk informed the House that Mr. Speaker was unavoidably absent.

Whereupon the Chairman of Committees took the Chair, as Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the Second Standing Order of this House.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Road through Mr. Polson's Land:—Mr. Burns asked the Secretary for Mines,—Whether the Government have taken into consideration the representations made to them by or on behalf of Mr. H. Polson as to the alleged injustice which he has suffered in consequence of the opening of a road through his property, known as the Pigeon Grove Estate; if so, what decision has been arrived at in the matter?

Mr. Abbott answered,—It is understood that Mr. Polson has parted with Pigeon Grove, and it is now the property of Mr. Murray, who has been paid the sum of £43 as cost of fencing the road. It is not proposed to grant any further compensation to Mr. Murray, nor to entertain any claim of Mr. Polson.

(2.) Resident Magistrate for Mount Hope:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that, for want of a Resident Magistrate, the inhabitants of Mount Hope (over 500 in number) have to travel 60 miles to Hillston to swear affidavits, make declarations, register births, deaths, or marriages, or issue summonses?

(2.) Is it a fact that, for the same reason, persons arrested on the most trivial charges have to remain locked up until the Constable at Mount Hope thinks fit to let them go?

(3.) Is it not also a fact that the squatter Magistrates residing between Mount Hope and Hillston are seldom at home or accessible?

(4.) When will the Government appoint a Resident Magistrate at Mount Hope?

Mr. Stuart answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Inspector General of Police:—

(1.) Mr. Charles Clapperton, J.P., resides at Coan Downs, 10 miles from Mount Hope, and he usually visits Mount Hope twice a week. He is always willing to attend to his Magisterial duties, taking affidavits, declarations, &c. Constable Filan, Acting Clerk of Petty Sessions, issues forms for registering births, deaths, and marriages.

(2.) Persons arrested for drunkenness are discharged next morning when there is no Magistrate. For other minor offences they are let out on bail till Court day.

(3.) Squatter Magistrates are seldom accessible.

(4.) I cannot say that the Government will appoint a Resident Magistrate. I am not quite sure whether the Honorable Member means a Magistrate of the District or a Police Magistrate.

(3.) Entrance to the Domain from Sir John Young Crescent:—Mr. Burdekin asked the Colonial Secretary,—What action does he intend to take in answer to a Petition presented to him about eighteen months ago by Mr. Reid from Mr. Burdekin and Residents of Woolloomooloo, to have a gate open into the Domain on Sir John Young Crescent, opposite to Crown-street?

Mr. Stuart answered,—At the time the Petition was presented, I understood that the Honorable Member had been informed that the Director of the Gardens had reported very unfavourably on the matter. However, I will send again and ask whether he takes any more favourable view of it now than he did then.

(4.)

(4.) Land between Paddington Barracks and Park Road:—Mr. Withers asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) The approximate area of the vacant land between the southern wall of Paddington Barracks and Park Road?

(2.) Is it the intention of the Government to cause the land in question to be enclosed and reserved for the public benefit; and if so, when?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) The approximate area is 2 acres 1 rood 15 perches.

(2.) The plan is being dealt with in Survey Office. It is proposed to dedicate the land in question for recreation with as little delay as possible.

(5.) Old Locomotive Engines:—Mr. Barbour asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is he aware that a number of old locomotive engines, unfit for running, are laid aside at Eveleigh Station?

(2.) If it is not intended to use those engines for purposes connected with the Railways at an early date, would it not be better to sell them by public auction before rust shall have rendered them utterly useless?

Mr. Trickett answered,—

(1.) There are three old locomotives at Eveleigh which are unfit for use.

(2.) It is not intended to use these old engines immediately, but their different parts will be used by the Department as fast as they can be appropriated.

(6.) Timber Licenses:—Mr. Young asked the Secretary for Mines,—Is it a fact that the Police have been prohibited from issuing timber licenses in country parts, as was formerly allowed; if so, will the Minister state why this practice has been interfered with?

Mr. Abbott answered,—I am not aware of any such order having been made; but the Police, generally, have not been authorized to issue timber licenses, excepting they are appointed Acting Clerks of Petty Sessions, when such work forms part of the ordinary duty attached to the office. No remuneration is allowed for issuing timber licenses, and, apart from any objection the Inspector General might have to this extra work being imposed upon the Police, it would not seem advisable to make them Collectors of Public Revenue, and so charge them with the necessary guarantee premiums.

(7.) Recreation Reserve, Wingham:—Mr. Young, for Mr. Roberts, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is there any delay in the gazetting of Trustees for the Recreation Reserve in the town of Wingham?

(2.) Will he take steps to hurry this matter, so that the residents may proceed to improve that Reserve?

Mr. Farnell answered,—The Reserve has not yet been dedicated. The plan is now being dealt with in Survey Office, and when accepted the dedication will be included in an abstract for Parliament.

3. PAPERS:—

Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table,—Regulation under the Customs Regulation Act of 1879.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Stuart laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Report on Immigration for 1883.

(2.) By-laws of the Borough of Grafton under the Nuisances Prevention Act.

Ordered to be printed.

4. BRIDGE, NAMBUCCRA RIVER (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. R. B. Smith moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Additional Estimates for 1884 a sum not exceeding £850 for the construction of a Bridge, Nambuccra River, South Arm, near Bowra, and which said sum of money was placed on the Estimates-in-Chief for 1884 submitted to this House on the 22nd January last as an unexpended Re-vote of 1882. Question put and passed.

5. NORTH SHORE STEAM FERRY SERVICE (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Melville, for Mr. Holtermann, moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday, 16th May, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the following Resolution:—That the Resolution agreed to by this House, on 4th March, disapproving of the establishment by the Government of a Steam Ferry Service between Sydney and the North Shore, be rescinded. Question put and passed.

6. WILLIAM LEE'S APPLICATION TO BRING LAND AT BATHURST PLAINS UNDER THE REAL PROPERTY ACT (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. A. G. Taylor moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a copy of the application made by one William Lee, of Bathurst, about the year 1864, to bring 500 acres of land at Bathurst Plains under the Real Property Act (being a grant to John Jones under the provisions of the Real Property Act); and copies of all annexures and documents attached to the said application. Question put and passed.

Mr. Speaker entered the House, and took the Chair.

7. ENGINEERING ASSOCIATION INCORPORATION BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Burns, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Burns then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to Incorporate a Society called the Engineering Association of New South Wales.*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered,

Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to incorporate a Society called the 'Engineering Association of New South Wales,'*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee thereon.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 13th May, 1884.*

8. DOG ACT FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Burns, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Burns then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the 'Dog Act Amendment Act of 1875.'*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Dog Act Amendment Act of 1875,'*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 13th May, 1884.*

9. GRAFTON LIGHTING COMPANY'S BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Targett, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Targett then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to enable the Grafton Lighting Company (Limited) to construct Gas-works and Electric Works within the Town and Suburbs of Grafton.*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Grafton Lighting Company (Limited) to construct Gas-works and Electric Works within the Town and Suburbs of Grafton,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee thereon.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 13th May, 1884.*

10. FOREST LODGE, NEAR TARLO, ESTATE BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Teece, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Teece then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to authorize the Sale of certain Lands and Hereditaments conveyed upon certain Trusts mentioned and declared in a certain Indenture dated the first day of May one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six and made between George Slocombe of the first part Eliza Simons of the second part and Charles Newman and John Simons of the third part and to enable the Trustees thereof to invest the proceeds of such Sale for the persons entitled under such Deed and for other purposes in this Act mentioned.*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorize the Sale of certain Lands and Hereditaments conveyed upon certain Trusts mentioned and declared in a certain Indenture dated the first day of May one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six and made between George Slocombe of the first part Eliza Simons of the second part and Charles Newman and John Simons of the third part and to enable the Trustees thereof to invest the proceeds of such Sale for the persons entitled under such Deed and for other purposes in this Act mentioned,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee thereon.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 13th May, 1884.*

11. ARMIDALE GAS COMPANY'S INCORPORATION BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Sydney Smith, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Smith then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to incorporate the Armidale Gas Company (Limited) and to enable the said Armidale Gas Company (Limited) to construct Gas-works within the City of Armidale.*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to incorporate the Armidale Gas Company (Limited) and to enable the said Armidale Gas Company (Limited) to construct Gas-works within the City of Armidale,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee thereon.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 13th May, 1884.*

12. DUBBO GAS COMPANY'S INCORPORATION BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Olliffe, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Olliffe then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to incorporate the Dubbo Gas Company (Limited) and to enable the said Dubbo Gas Company (Limited) to construct Gas-works within the Town of Dubbo.*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to incorporate the Dubbo Gas Company (Limited) and to enable the said Dubbo Gas Company (Limited) to construct Gas-works within the Town of Dubbo,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee thereon, together with a certified copy of the Deed of Settlement of the said Company.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 13th May, 1884.*

13. MATRIMONIAL CAUSES ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the adoption of the report from the Committee of the Whole on this Bill,—Mr. Cohen moved, "That" the report be now adopted.

Mr. A. G. Taylor moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "That," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "the Bill be recommitted for the purpose of considering a new clause."

Question,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—put and negatived.

Question,—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words omitted be there inserted,—put and passed.

Question then,—That the Bill be recommitted for the purpose of considering a new clause,—put and passed.

On motion of Mr. Cohen, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without further amendment.

On motion of Mr. Cohen, the report was adopted.

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

14. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS :—Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the requirement of the Electoral Act of 1880, laid upon the Table his Warrant appointing George Campbell, Esquire, to be a Member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications for the present Session, of which the following is a copy :—

*"By the Honorable the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly
of New South Wales.*

"Pursuant to the power in that behalf vested in me, as Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, by the Electoral Act of 1880, I do hereby appoint

George Campbell, Esquire,

"being a Member of the said Assembly, to be a Member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications in the said Act referred to during the present Session of the Assembly aforesaid, in the room of Atkinson Alfred Patrick Tighe, Esquire, whose Seat in the said Assembly was declared vacant on the seventh day of May instant, by reason of his resignation thereof.

"Given under my hand, at the Legislative Assembly Chamber, Macquarie-street,
Sydney, this 13th day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight
hundred and eighty-four.

"EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker."

15. CROWN LANDS BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

The House adjourned at Twelve o'clock Midnight, until to-morrow at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 99.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 14 MAY, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Railway between Penrith and Wallerawang:—Mr. Burdekin asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it true that the portion of the Great Western Railway between Penrith and Wallerawang is almost incapable of carrying the traffic at present?

(2.) If it is, is that portion of the line considered capable of ultimately carrying the traffic when the Western and North-western Extensions are fully developed?

(3.) Have any steps been taken towards ascertaining the cost and practicability of doubling the line between Penrith and Wallerawang?

(4.) In view of such duplication proving impracticable, either on score of expense or nature of the country, has any alternative route been surveyed, or ordered to be surveyed?

(5.) Has Townsend's exploration of the Colo Valley route been surveyed?

(6.) What will be the cost of doubling the line between Penrith and Wallerawang?

Mr. Wright answered,—

(1 and 2.) This is not the case.

(3.) No.

(4.) No.

(5.) No.

(6.) This cannot be stated without plans and estimates being prepared.

(2.) Queen's Birthday:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—In view of the Queen's Birthday falling this year on a Saturday, will the Government proclaim Monday, the 26th May, a Public Holiday in lieu of the 24th, and meet the requirements of the bulk of the trading community?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The Government have decided not to have the Queen's Birthday celebrated on the Monday.

(3.) Jindera Gap:—Mr. Day asked the Secretary for Public Works,—As there seems to be an abundance of manual labour in the Colony, will he be pleased to employ day labour and set men to work at once to cut away the Jindera Gap?

Mr. Wright answered,—It is not desirable to employ day labour in so remote a work. Tenders will be invited for its execution in a few days.

(4.) Major's Plain Public School:—Mr. Day asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—

(1.) Is he aware that the contract time for the erection of the Major's Plain Public School has nearly expired, and no attempt made by the contractor to carry out his contract, thus leaving a large number of children without the means of education?

(2.) Will he take immediate steps to have this contract carried out with all reasonable despatch?

Mr. Trickett answered,—

(1.) The contract time will expire on the 27th instant. The Architect states that the contractor applied on the 28th of last month for the furniture for the building, and assumes that the work is approaching completion.

(2.) Yes.

(5.) Albury Water Supply:—Mr. Day asked the Secretary for Public Works,—As the Government have accepted tenders for the erection of the engine-house and pumping machinery for the Albury Water Supply, will the Minister call for tenders at once for laying the water-pipes, so that the whole work may go on at the same time under the one expense for supervision?

Mr. Wright answered,—Tenders have been accepted for the engine-house and other works in connection therewith, and tenders will shortly be invited for laying the pipes. (G.)

(6.) Land Agents :—Mr. Barbour asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Are land agents or their assistants allowed to give information to Crown lessees or their agents about selectors who purchase plans or ask for information regarding certain Runs, which may have the effect of baulking selections intended to be made thereon?
- (2.) Is it any part of a land agent's duty while a conditional purchase is being made (should a third party who is watching on behalf of the squatter and who protests against the selection), for the land agent to endorse such protest upon the conditional purchase paper, as was done at Deniliquin last Thursday?
- (3.) If such disclosures of business, and such doings are not allowed, will he communicate such to the land agent at Deniliquin?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

- (1.) It would be improper for a land agent to do so.
- (2.) Should a land agent believe that any objection exists to an application for a conditional purchase, it is his duty to warn the applicant and endorse the warning and objection on the application. I am not aware of the alleged irregularity having taken place at the Deniliquin Land Office on last Thursday.
- (3.) The instructions to land agents provide for the way in which those officers should discharge their duties. Upon a specific charge of any irregularity being submitted, the matter will be inquired into.

(7.) Conditional Purchases at Deniliquin :—Mr. Barbour asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is he aware that one Thies, acting as agent for M'Laurin, of Morroca Station, attended the Land Office at Deniliquin on Thursday last, and assisted one Abijah Morris and two others, servants of M'Laurin, to make three conditional purchases, and thereby to deprive one George Wood from getting the land?
- (2.) Has the land agent reported that after Wood had been defeated another agent of the same squatter put in a protest from the said M'Laurin that the land which his own servants had conditionally purchased was improved, and therefore not open to selection, that object being to get back the deposit?
- (3.) Will the Minister refuse to return the deposit; and will he cause investigation to be made, with a view to a criminal prosecution?

Mr. Farnell answered,—The land agent has been communicated with; but his report of the circumstances has not yet been received. Due inquiry will be made.

(8.) Accident at Redfern Railway Station :—Mr. Buchanan asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is he aware that some short time ago a train came in to the Redfern Station apparently beyond all control, running against the end of the Station, smashing and displacing the masonry, killing one boy, breaking the leg of another, and injuring several other passengers?
- (2.) I now ask him to state the cause of this serious catastrophe, and to inform the House and the public who is responsible in the matter, and what action the Government have taken to bring to punishment the guilty parties, if any?

Mr. Wright answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) The verdict of the Jury in this case, after a thorough investigation, at which a large number of witnesses were examined, was that it was an accident for which the Railway Officials were not responsible. The Jury seemed to have attributed the accident to the brake not acting sufficiently well in consequence of the greasy state of the rails.

2. LICENSING ACT :—

- (1.) Mr. Chapman presented a Petition from Residents of Penrith, complaining of the present state of the Law regarding the closing of Public Houses on Sundays, and stating that they consider that the provision respecting Travellers should be assimilated to that in the English Law; and praying the House to adopt measures for giving effect to their wishes.
- (2.) Mr. Olliffe presented a similar Petition from Residents of Sydney and Suburbs.
- (3.) Mr. Griffiths presented a similar Petition from Residents of Sydney and Suburbs.

Petitions received.

3. VOTE OF CREDIT :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Dibbs, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor.

Message No. 47.

In accordance with the provisions of the 54th clause of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony during the month of May, 1884; together with provision for other Services of an urgent nature.

*Government House,
Sydney, 14th May, 1884.*

Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of Supply.

4. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Dibbs moved, pursuant to Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing of a Bill, intituled "A Bill to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1884" through all its stages in one day; and would also preclude the Resolutions of the Committees of Supply and of Ways and Means respectively, whereon the Bill is proposed to be founded, being received on the same day on which they are come to by the said Committees respectively.

Question put and passed.

5. MATRIMONIAL CAUSES AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Cohen, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Cohen then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the 'Matrimonial Causes Act.'*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

Mr. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Matrimonial Causes Act,'*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Assembly requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 14th May, 1884.*

MATRIMONIAL CAUSES ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 14th May, 1884.

STEPHEN W. JONES,
Clerk of Legislative Assembly.

- Page 2, clause 3, line 7. *Add* at end of clause "And every Attorney and Solicitor of the Supreme Court may appear and be heard in all matters and proceedings before the Divorce Judge in Court or in Chambers without being required to employ Counsel."
Page 2, clause 6, line 38. *After* "shall" *insert* "at or after the expiration of that time"
Page 2, clause 6, line 38. *Omit* "then"
Pages 2 and 3, clause 9. *Omit* clause 9
Page 3, clause 11, line 23. *Omit* "to be deemed"

Examined,—

ANGUS CAMERON,
Chairman of Committees.

6. MEDICAL BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Tarrant moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Order of the Day for the resumption of the adjourned Debate on the second reading of the Medical Bill, which lapsed on 9th May, be restored to the Paper, and stand an Order of the Day for Friday, 13th June. Question put and passed.
7. PATIENTS IN LUNATIC ASYLUMS.—PRISONERS IN GAOLS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—
(1.) The number of patients in all our Lunatic Asylums; and also stating how many of them have brought on the disease through the use or abuse of drink.
(2.) A similar Return with reference to the prisoners in our Gaols.
Question put and passed.
8. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. A. G. Taylor moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
9. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Oyster Fisheries Bill postponed until to-morrow.
10. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.
The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, that the report be now received.
The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—
(7.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £595,000, being £430,000 to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of May, or following month of the year 1884, at the rates which have been sanctioned for 1883, subject to the rate of any reduction that may hereafter be made in the expenditure of the year 1884; £100,000 to meet wages to become due to Railway Employés during the month of June, 1884, and to cover the expenditure in May, 1884, in excess of the monthly allowance at the rate of last year's appropriation, and for Railway Services generally; £10,000 to meet wages to become due to Employés in the Department of Harbours and Rivers during the month of June, 1884, and to cover the expenditure in May, 1884, in excess of the monthly allowance at the rate of last year's appropriation, and for other Services of an urgent nature; and £55,000 for special grant to Country and Suburban Municipalities, equal to 10s. per pound of the total amount of the ordinary rates collected for the municipal year ended 4th February, 1884.
On motion of Mr. Dibbs, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
11. WAYS AND MEANS:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.
The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, that the report be now received.
The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—
(10.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Services of the year 1884, the sum of £595,000 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.
On motion of Mr. Dibbs, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

12. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 6):—

(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Dibbs, that a Bill be brought in, founded on Resolution of Ways and Means (No. 10), to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1884.

(2.) Mr. Dibbs then *presented* a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1884*,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and now read a second time.

(3.) Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Dibbs, the report was adopted.

Ordered, that the Bill be now read a third time.

(4.) Bill read a third time,—and, on motion of Mr. Dibbs, *passed*.

Mr. Dibbs then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1884*."

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1884*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 14th May, 1884.*

13. BANKRUPTCY PROCEDURE BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having appointed a Select Committee on the "Bankruptcy Procedure Bill,"—and that Committee being desirous to examine Frederick Thomas Humphery, Esquire, a Member of the Legislative Assembly, in reference thereto, requests that the Legislative Assembly will give leave to its said Member to attend and be examined by the said Committee, on such day and days as shall be arranged between him and the said Committee.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 14th May, 1884.*

JOHN HAY,
President.

Mr. Stuart moved, That Frederick Thomas Humphery, Esquire, have leave to attend and give Evidence before the Select Committee of the Legislative Council on the "Bankruptcy Procedure Bill," if he think fit.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

In answer to the Message from the Legislative Council, dated this day, requesting leave for Frederick Thomas Humphery, Esquire, a Member of the Legislative Assembly, to attend and be examined before a Select Committee of the Legislative Council on the "Bankruptcy Procedure Bill,"—the Assembly acquaints the Council that leave has been granted to its said Member to attend and be examined by the said Committee, if he think fit.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 14th May, 1884.*

14. CROWN LANDS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 15 MAY, 1884, A.M.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

The House adjourned at One o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 100.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 15 MAY, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Public Holidays:—*Mr. Barbour*, for *Mr. McCourt*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) When public holidays are proclaimed in Police Districts, are all employés under Government, where possible, allowed the holidays?

(2.) Is it not a fact that fettlers and other labourers are kept at work on public holidays, while the privilege is extended to higher officials; if so, why is such distinction made?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) No; as many men as can be spared are allowed each public holiday. The few who are compelled to work, to ensure the safety of the travelling public, are allowed another day in lieu thereof.

- (2.) Railway between Glen Innes and Emmaville:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for *Mr. W. J. Fergusson*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it his intention to have the Trial Survey made between Glen Innes and Emmaville for a light Line of Railway or Tramway, as promised last Session; if so, can he say when the Survey will be made?

Mr. Wright answered,—I am not aware that any promise was made that there should be a survey of a line between Glen Innes and Emmaville. The question has not yet been determined.

- (3.) The late *Mr. Alfred Sandeman*:—*Mr. Griffiths* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Have the Sureties for the late *Mr. Alfred Sandeman*, Official Assignee, paid up the amounts for which they were responsible; if not, will the Government take steps to ensure the discharge of these claims?

(2.) When will the moneys received on account of the Insolvent Estates represented by *Mr. Sandeman* be available for distribution amongst the creditors and others entitled?

Mr. Cohen answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) It being doubtful whether these moneys can be distributed without the authority of an Act of Parliament, the question is being considered with the view to early action.

- (4.) Street Traffic between the City and Woolloomooloo:—*Mr. Burdekin* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is he aware that the greatest traffic for foot-passengers, vehicles, and horses between the City and Woolloomooloo occurs about dusk every evening?

(2.) Is he aware that the pace at which vehicles and horses pass from College-street to Woolloomooloo and back, *via* Boomerang-street, is so great as to seriously endanger the lives and limbs of foot-passengers passing from the City at this hour to their homes in Woolloomooloo and Darlinghurst?

(3.) Is he aware that no Transit Commission Officer is in charge at this point; if so, will he call the attention of the Transit Commissioners to this matter?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) No.

(3.) The Officers of the Metropolitan Transit Commission have no control over any but licensed vehicles. The attention of the Transit Commissioners has been directed to the matter.

(5.)

- (5.) Letter from the Chairman of the North Shore Steam Ferry Company to the Colonial Secretary :—
Mr. Purves asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House to-morrow a copy of the letter from the Chairman of the North Shore Steam Ferry Company to the Colonial Treasurer, of 25th February, 1884?
Mr. Dibbs answered,—I think it would be very desirable for the Honorable Member to ask for the production of these papers in the usual way. They contain certain *ex parte* statements, which, I think, it would be well that I should say something on.
- (6.) Railway Crossing, Darling Harbour :—Mr. Abigail asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) Is he aware that at the Railway Crossing, Darling Harbour, for foot-passengers, a Railway train is almost nightly stopped right across, and people have to crawl under the carriages, thereby endangering life?
(2.) If the above be true, will he take steps to have the train moved a few yards to leave a clear track?
Mr. Wright answered,—
(1.) I am informed that trains do occasionally stop for a short time on this Crossing prior to being shunted. I am not aware that people get under such trains. Instructions will be issued to prevent anything of the kind, as it is a dangerous practice.
(2.) The Crossing will be kept as clear as possible, consistent with the carrying on of the Railway traffic. The obstruction, I am informed, is very trifling, and of very short duration. It is proposed to erect a Bridge at this place.
2. CITY BANK BILL :—Mr. Burns presented a Petition from the Directors of the City Bank, of Sydney, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to continue for a further term of twenty-one years the provisions of the "City Bank Act," whereby the City Bank as thereby incorporated was empowered to make, issue, circulate, and re-issue bank notes or bills.
And Mr. Burns having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald*, the *Sydney Daily Telegraph*, and the *Evening News*, newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.
3. LICENSING ACT :—
(1.) Mr. Burdekin presented a Petition from Residents of East Sydney, complaining of the present state of the Law regarding the closing of Public Houses on Sundays, and stating that they consider that the provision respecting Travellers should be assimilated to that in the English Law; and praying the House to adopt measures for giving effect to their wishes.
(2.) Mr. Merriman presented a similar Petition from Residents of Sydney and Suburbs.
Petitions received.
4. PAPER :—Mr. Trickett laid upon the Table,—Regulations for the employment of Work Mistresses under the Department of Public Instruction.
Ordered to be printed.
5. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Levien moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
6. DIVORCE AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—
(1.) Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Law of Divorce.
Question put and passed.
(2.) Mr. Buchanan presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Law of Divorce*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 20th June.
7. PRIVILEGE :—Mr. O'Connor moved, That this House protests against the animadversions of certain Members of the Legislative Council on the proceedings of this Honorable House.
Debate ensued.
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
8. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 6) :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council :—
MR. SPEAKER,
The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1884*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.
Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 15th May, 1884.
JOHN HAY,
President.
9. CROWN LANDS BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 16 MAY, 1884, A.M.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday next.

The House adjourned at seven minutes before One o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 101.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 16 MAY, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Conditional Purchases:—Mr. Copeland asked the Secretary for Lands,—How many Conditional Purchases are there, and for what area, selected prior to the passing of the Land Acts further Amendment Act of May, 1880, which have not yet been dealt with, also for which certificates have not yet been granted?

Mr. Farnell answered,—All Conditional Purchases made prior to the passing of the Act of 1880 have been dealt with, with the exception of 8,492 selections, of an area of 1,073,607 acres, in respect of which certificates have not been granted or other final action taken. These embrace all the declarations received up to the present date and which are under investigation in various stages, but are exclusive of declarations made prior to the passing of the Act of 1875, which are not considered open to question.

- (2.) Road between Molong and Parkes:—Mr. Hugh Taylor, for Mr. Proctor, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Referring to questions asked by me, and the answers given by the Minister for Works, on the 12th February last, having reference to the Road between Molong and Parkes,—Will the Minister, now that rain has fallen in the locality, give the necessary instructions to have the Road properly blinded, in order that the large sum spent in its construction may be made available?

(2.) Will the Minister for Works order that instructions be given to Road-Superintendent Crummer to superintend the work, and certify to its being efficiently and properly carried out, so that the Road may be used at once, and that the blinding may not be for the second time (as reported by him) blown away?

Mr. Wright answered,—

(1.) Instructions have already been sent.

(2.) Mr. Crummer has been asked by telegram to see that the work is efficiently carried out.

- (3.) Post and Telegraph Office, Bundarra:—Mr. Hugh Taylor, for Mr. Proctor, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will tenders be called for the erection of a new Post and Telegraph Office at Bundarra?

Mr. Wright answered,—Since the answer given to the Honorable Member's question on this subject on the 22nd November last, the Post Office Department has secured premises at an annual rental of £40, and the Postmaster General is now considering an offer to sell these premises to the Department for £1,000. As this building is reported as being substantial, commodious, and in every way suitable, as well as centrally situated, it is thought desirable to defer any action with respect to the erection of the proposed new building—at a cost of £1,800 at the least—until the one at present rented has been inspected.

- (4.) Driving Cattle to the Abattoirs:—Mr. Hammond asked the Colonial Treasurer,—If it is the intention of the Government to put a stop to the practice of driving cattle to the Abattoirs through the Western Suburbs; if so, when will the practice cease?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The present practice must necessarily continue pending the closing of the Abattoirs on 31st December next, by which time the new Meat Market will be ready at the head of Darling Harbour for the reception and sale of meat slaughtered elsewhere.

- (5.) Tramway Arrangements:—Mr. Hammond asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is he aware that very frequently passengers arriving by Tramway at Redfern Railway Station alight in time only to see their train moving away from the Station; if so, will he cause this inconvenience to be remedied?

Mr.

Mr. Wright answered,—I am informed that it does not often occur that the Railway Trams are late. When these unavoidable delays take place the trains with which they are running in conjunction are kept back for a few minutes, but of course it occasionally happens that the Tram is so late, through some obstruction on the road, that the train cannot be kept. These cases are, however, few and far between, and every effort will be made to reduce them to a minimum.

(6.) Tramway Season Tickets :—Mr. Hammond asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has the Government considered the question of granting Season Tickets to passengers by Tramway in connection with the Railway to and from the City; if so, what decision have they arrived at?

Mr. Wright answered,—They are separate services, and Season Tickets by Tramway cannot be issued.

(7.) Bridge over Railway, William-Henry-street.—Tramway along Harris-street:—Mr. Abigail asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) When will tenders be invited for the Bridge over the Railway at William-Henry-street, Ultimo?

(2.) When will tenders be invited for the construction of the Tramway along Harris-street to Pyrmont, in accordance with the arrangements made with the Municipal Council of Sydney?

Mr. Wright answered,—

(1.) Directly the Municipal Council have intimated their intention to pay the cost of the approaches. They were addressed on the subject on 7th ultimo.

(2.) It has been ascertained that a fare of 2d. on this line will not pay; but intimation has been made, through the Press, that if those interested in the proposed Tramway are prepared to pay the present omnibus charge of 3d., and will take some means of intimating that fact to me, the Government will construct the line.

(8.) By-laws of the Borough of Narrabri :—Mr. Dangar asked the Colonial Secretary,—Have the By-laws of the Borough of Narrabri yet received the approval of the Attorney General, as altered according to his request; and when will the same be printed or gazetted?

Mr. Stuart answered,—I am informed that the necessary alterations having been made in the By-laws, they will be submitted for the approval of the Attorney General on the first opportunity. They cannot, however, be printed or gazetted until the schedules have been filled in, which the Borough Council have omitted doing.

(9.) Mining Regulations :—Mr. McCourt asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) The date of the new Regulations with regard to granting permits to mine under the 28th section of the Mining Act?

(2.) Have persons obtained unconditional leases when their applications were made prior to the Regulations coming into operation, and such permission granted after Regulations came into force; and have other people been refused unconditional leases under similar circumstances?

Mr. Abbott answered,—

(1.) 21st December, 1881.

(2.) No unconditional authorities have been granted. Authorities granted since the conditions were published have been made subject to those conditions, but those granted prior to the publication were subject to less stringent conditions.

(10.) Bourke-street Sewer :—Mr. Withers asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has any communication reached his Department from the City Engineer asking for information in respect to the Bourke-street Sewer; if so, what was the purport of the letter?

(2.) Has the City Engineer received any reply; if so, to what effect?

Mr. Wright answered,—

(1.) Yes; asking for information as to when Bourke-street Sewer will be available.

(2.) Reply has only been forwarded this day, owing to press of business in office with unemployed. The reply was to the effect that Sewer can be connected at end of July.

(11.) Tramway to Bondi :—Mr. Butcher asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has the date for opening the Tramway to Bondi been definitely fixed?

(2.) Will passengers to Waverley and Bondi enjoy the same privilege as those travelling to Woollahra, by being allowed to pay penny fares or penny tickets for the section of the line from Queen-street Junction to the Tea Gardens, and from thence to the Termini?

Mr. Wright answered,—

(1.) Yes; 24th May instant.

(2.) The fares will remain as at present to Waverley; the fare from the Tea Gardens to Bondi will be 2d.

2. LICENSING ACT :—

(1.) Mr. Butcher presented a Petition from Residents of Woollahra, Darling Point, and Paddington, complaining of the present state of the Law regarding the closing of Public Houses on Sundays, and stating that they consider that the provision respecting Travellers should be assimilated to that in the English Law; and praying the House to adopt measures for giving effect to their wishes.

And the same having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker,—
Petition received.

(2.) Mr. Loughnan presented a similar Petition from Residents of Wagga Wagga.

(3.) Mr. Cameron presented a similar Petition from Residents of Sydney and Suburbs.

(4.) Mr. McCourt presented a similar Petition from Residents of Bondi and Waverley.

(5.) Mr. Copeland presented a similar Petition from Residents of Sydney and Suburbs.

(6.) Mr. Trickett presented a similar Petition from Residents of Paddington and Woollahra.

Petitions received.

3. PAPER:—Mr. Wright laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 1st May, 1884,—“Mr. Downe’s Patent Combined Motor and Car.”
Ordered to be printed.

4. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. A. G. Taylor moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.

5. ASSENT TO BILLS:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Mr. Stuart, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

(1.) University Extension Bill:—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor.

Message No. 48.

A Bill, intituled “*An Act to enable the University of Sydney to grant Additional Degrees and Certificates in the nature of Degrees and for other purposes*,”—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 16th May, 1884.

(2.) Walsh’s Grant Bill:—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor.

Message No. 49.

A Bill, intituled “*An Act to authorize the issue of a grant of a certain portion of the Church and School Lands*,”—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 16th May, 1884.

(3.) Bathurst Presbyterian Church Grant Resumption Bill:—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor.

Message No. 50.

A Bill, intituled “*An Act to authorize the resumption by Her Majesty of a portion of the Presbyterian Church Grant in the City of Bathurst for the purpose of widening a Lane between the said Grant and the Public School Site and to declare the Trusts on which the purchase money of the Land resumed shall be held and for other purposes*,”—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 16th May, 1884.

(4.) Singleton Gas Bill:—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor.

Message No. 51.

A Bill, intituled “*An Act to enable Alexander Munro to erect Gas-works in the Borough of Singleton and to regulate the establishment and carrying out of Gas-works in Singleton aforesaid and to regulate the sale supply and quality of the Gas to be supplied and for other purposes*,”—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 16th May, 1884.

(5.) Boroughs of Randwick and Paddington Bill:—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor.

Message No. 52.

A Bill, intituled “*An Act to transfer a portion of the Borough of Randwick to the Borough of Paddington*,”—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 16th May, 1884.

6. WEBBER v. TRAILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Abigail moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House copies of depositions, together with a letter from the Honorable James Norton to the Attorney General, also the letter of the Magistrates at Liverpool in reply, and all other minutes, papers, and documents in the Case of *Webber v. Trill*, cruelty to animals, tried at Liverpool on 27th March 1884, before Messrs. Scrivener and Murray.
Question put and passed.

7. NORTH SHORE STEAM FERRY SERVICE (*Normal Motion*):—*Mr. Gould*, for *Mr. Purves*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a copy of a Letter from the Chairman of the North Shore Steam Ferry Company to the Colonial Treasurer, dated 25th February, 1884.
Question put and passed.
8. ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—*Mr. R. B. Smith* moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 27.

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. A. G. Taylor,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Fremlin,	Mr. Heydon,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Loughnan,
Mr. R. B. Smith,	Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Hugh Taylor,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Trickett,
Mr. Merriman,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Butcher,	Mr. Fletcher.
Mr. Burdekin,	
Mr. Tooth,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Sec,
Mr. Tarrant,	Mr. Mitchell.
Mr. Gibbes,	

Nocs. 20.

Mr. Garvan,	Mr. George Campbell,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Griffiths,
Mr. Dangar,	Mr. De Salis.
Mr. Holtermann,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hammond,	Mr. Targett,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Olliffe.
Mr. Dalton,	
Mr. Barbour,	
Mr. Poole,	
Mr. Cramsie,	
Mr. Murray,	
Mr. Sutherland,	
Mr. Machattie,	
Mr. Stokes,	
Mr. McLaughlin,	

And so it was resolved it the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of *Mr. Smith*, *Mr. Speaker* left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Friday, 6th June.

9. ADJOURNMENT:—*Mr. A. G. Taylor* moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

SATURDAY 17 MAY, 1884, A.M.

10. LICENSING ACTS AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—*Mr. Olliffe* moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Abigail moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until Friday, 30th May.

The House adjourned at twenty-one minutes after Twelve o'clock a.m., until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 102.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 20 MAY, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk informed the House that he had received a Letter from Mr. Speaker, accompanied by a Medical Certificate, to the effect that he had sustained an injury to the foot, and that he would not be able to attend the House for some days.

Whereupon the Chairman of Committees took the Chair, as Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the second Standing Order of the House.

2. QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Correspondence with Messrs. Want, Johnson, and Scarvell :—*Mr. Burns*, for Mr. Withers, asked the Minister of Justice,—Whether he will lay upon the Table copies of the papers relating to the subject on which he was addressed by Messrs. Want, Johnson, and Scarvell by letter on the 14th March, 1884?

Mr. Cohen answered,—There will be no objection if the papers are moved for in the usual way.

(2.) Engineers Coasting Certificates :—*Mr. Hutchinson*, for Mr. Garrard, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Have any Third-class Engineers Coasting Certificates been granted by the Marine Board?

(2.) Are any steamers allowed to proceed outside the limits of the harbour without such Certificates, or that of a higher grade?

(3.) Did the master of the paddle-steamer "Herald" possess a Third-class Engineer's Coasting Certificate when the boiler gave way, and the vessel in consequence was lost outside Sydney Heads?

(4.) Was the boiler of the "Herald" ever surveyed by the Government Engineer; and when was the last survey made?

(5.) Was the steamship "India," which recently foundered off our coast, ever surveyed by the Government Engineer and Shipwright Surveyor; and when was the last survey made?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

(1.) Three Certificates of this grade, limited to 30-horse power engines, have been issued by the Marine Board.

(2.) There is no power under the Navigation Act to prevent steam vessels going outside the Heads, so long as they do not clear the Custom House for a voyage.

(3.) No.

(4.) The boiler of the "Herald" was frequently surveyed by the Engineer Surveyor. It was last surveyed when the vessel was granted a six months Certificate, on the 2nd November, 1882.

(5.) The steamship "India" was surveyed several times. The last survey by the Engineer and Shipwright Surveyor was made on the 28th July, 1883, when the vessel was granted a six months Certificate.

(3.) Dump-cars :—*Mr. Sydney Smith* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the papers in reference to the ordering of a number of Dump-cars from Carson, Woods & Co. be laid upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Wright answered,—I will lay these papers upon the Table of the House to-morrow evening.

(4.)

- (4.) South Goulburn Public School :—Mr. Teece asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—When will tenders be invited for additions at the South Goulburn Public School?
Mr. Trickett answered,—Tenders will be invited in about a week.
- (5.) Railway from Werris Creek to Narrabri :—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Public Works,—The net profit (or loss) on all sorts of traffic on the Railway Line from Werris Creek to Narrabri since opening up to the date of last Returns prepared?
Mr. Wright answered,—This information for the year 1883 will be given in the Annual Railway Report of that year. It could not be obtained earlier than the Report will be published.
- (6.) Postage and Telegrams, Narrabri :—Mr. Dangar asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Is it intended to reduce the cost of telegrams from Narrabri Telegraph Office to Narrabri Railway Station, a distance of under 3 miles, to sixpence?
(2.) Also the rate of postage on letters to one penny between the above places?
Mr. Stuart answered,—The Government does not see its way to make any reduction in postal or telegraph rates at present.
- (7.) Newtown Road :—Mr. Gibbes asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is there in existence any body known as the Patent Asphalt Block Company of New South Wales, or by any similar name; if so, does the existence of such body stand in the way of paving the Newtown Road with wood?
Mr. Wright answered,—I am not aware whether there is such a Company or not. The question of the paving of the Newtown Road is certainly not influenced by it.
3. PAPERS :—
Mr. Wright laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Return to an Order made on 23rd October, 1883,—“Railway Stations, Sidings, and Bridges.”
(2.) Return to an Order made on 22nd January, 1884,—“Railways Permanent Way.”
Ordered to be printed.
- Mr. Stuart laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Return to an Order made on 29th April, 1884,—“Mr. J. G. Edwards’s Application to bring Land under the Real Property Act.”
(2.) Amended By-laws of the Borough of Newcastle.
(3.) Further Return to an Address adopted on 6th July, 1877,—“Immigration,”—Steam-ship “Belgravia.”
Ordered to be printed.
- Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 1st February, 1884,—“Conditional Purchases made by James Glass and others.”
Ordered to be printed.
- Mr. Trickett laid upon the Table,—Twenty-ninth Annual Report of the Postmaster General on the Departments under his Ministerial control, being that for the year 1883.
Ordered to be printed.
4. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES :—Mr. Stuart (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That John Fitzgerald Burns, Esquire, do take the Chair in Committee of the Whole House for this day only.
Question put and passed.
5. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. A. G. Taylor moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
6. CITY BANK BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—
(1.) Mr. Burns moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to continue for a further term of twenty-one years the provisions of the City Bank Act, whereby the City Bank, as thereby incorporated, was empowered to make, issue, circulate, and re-issue bank notes or bills.
Question put and passed.
- (2.) Mr. Burns having *presented* this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of the sum of Twenty-five Pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled “*A Bill to continue for a further term of twenty-one years the provisions of the ‘City Bank Act’ whereby the City Bank as thereby incorporated was empowered to make issue circulate and re-issue bank notes or bills,*”—read a first time.
7. ANATOMY (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Poole moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all Special and General Reports made by the Inspector of Anatomy to the Minister for Public Instruction; and copies of all letters relating to the function of the Anatomy Office, and provision for the study of Anatomy, received by the Minister from the authorities of the University, and from the Professor of Anatomy; together with copies of all minutes and replies sent by the Minister or other high Officer of the Department.
Question put and passed.
8. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS :—
(1.) *Maturity of Warrant reported* :—Mr. Deputy Speaker reported that Mr. Speaker’s Warrant, laid upon the Table on the 13th May instant, appointing George Campbell, Esquire, to be a Member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications for the present Session, not having been disapproved by the Assembly in the course of the three next sitting days on which the Assembly met for the despatch of Business, had now taken effect; and intimated that it was therefore open to Mr. Campbell to be sworn at the Table by the Clerk, in accordance with the 59th section of the Electoral Act of 1880.
- (2.) *Member of Committee Sworn* :—Mr. Campbell came to the Table, and was sworn by the Clerk as a Member of the Committee.

9. CROWN LANDS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Deputy Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 21 MAY, 1884, A.M.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair ; and *Mr. Burns* reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

10. POSTPONEMENTS :—The Orders of the Day of Government Business Nos. 2 to 10 inclusive postponed until to-morrow.
11. RYANS CONDITIONAL PURCHASES AT WAGGA WAGGA :—*Mr. Loughman* moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Report from the Select Committee on “ Ryans Conditional Purchases at Wagga Wagga,” brought up on the 9th April, 1884, be now adopted.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
12. CONDITIONAL PURCHASE ON MILLER’S CREEK RUN :—*Mr. Melville*, for *Mr. Levien*, moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon a Conditional Purchase alleged to have been selected by one John M’Intyre and transferred to James Glass, and by James Glass to the Mercantile Bank, and which Conditional Purchase was taken up on the Miller’s Creek Run, at the Murrurundi Lands Office.
(2.) That such Committee consist of *Mr. Day*, *Mr. Gill*, *Mr. Targett*, *Mr. Lyne*, *Mr. Mackinnon*, *Mr. Sydney Smith*, *Mr. Fletcher*, *Mr. Farnell*, and *Mr. Levien*.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned at fifteen minutes before Two o’clock a.m., until Four o’clock p.m. This Day.

ANGUS CAMERON,
Deputy Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 103.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 21 MAY, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk informed the House of the continued unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker.

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Stuart, the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the second Standing Order of the House.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Wages to Mechanics on Permanent Way, South and South-western Railways:—Mr. Teece asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What was the total amount paid as wages to mechanics on the Permanent Way of the Southern and South-western Railway during the months of January, February, March, and April in 1883?

(2.) The like information as to the months of January, February, March, and April in 1884?

Mr. Wright answered,—

(1.) January to April, 1883, £6,764 4s. 9d.

(2.) January to April, 1884, £5,622 1s. 9d.

(2.) Case of Rape at Quirindi:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it true that the men who were found guilty of the crime of rape perpetrated against a young girl at Quirindi, and whom the Judge in passing sentence of death on them stated that the case was so clear that he held out no hope to them, are being tried again before a Magistrate of Sydney?

Mr. Stuart answered,—It is not true.

(3.) The Case of Cordini:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he say why the sentence of death passed upon a man Cordini at the last Deniliquin Assizes has not been carried out?

Mr. Stuart answered,—Because the time has not yet arrived on which the execution has been ordered.

(4.) Assisted Immigration:—Mr. Abigail asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he take the necessary steps to stop any liability being incurred outside the Colony on account of Assisted Immigration beyond the £50,000 last voted until next year's Estimates, should there be any for such a purpose, are discussed and decided?

Mr. Stuart answered,—I have already telegraphed to the Agent General full particulars of the purposes for which the Vote was passed upon the Estimates that have already been submitted to the House.

(5.) Refund of Tobacco Duties to Messrs. De Beer, Hart, & Co.:—Mr. Teece asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Has he received an application from Messrs. De Beer, Hart, & Co., cigar manufacturers, asking for a refund of certain duties paid by them on imported tobacco leaf; if so, is it his intention to comply with their request; and if not, will he have any objection to state to the House his reasons for such objection?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—It is true that such an application was made. It is also true that I refused to comply with that request; and with regard to that refusal, I will lay upon the Table of the House a copy of the correspondence and minutes.

(6.) Entrance from Macquarie-street to Botanic Gardens:—Mr. Hugh Taylor, for Mr. Burdckin, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will the Minister give orders for the gate opening from Macquarie-street North into the new grounds formerly occupied by the Exhibition to be opened to the public?

Mr

Mr. Stuart answered,—Presuming that this gate means the small gate nearly opposite the Colonial Secretary's Office, it would be very inconvenient for that gate to be opened. There is no provision for any one to watch that gate, and it would only open that portion of the Gardens to depredation and damage by unauthorized persons entering it. If, on the other hand, by the gate is meant the gate near the Bourke Statue, which was the entrance to the Exhibition formerly, that is to be made the principal entrance into the Botanic Gardens. The Colonial Architect has the matter under his view at the present time, preparing the plans for the gate and gateway.

(7.) Public School and Teacher's Residence, Bellinger South :—*Mr. Vaughn*, for Mr. R. B. Smith, asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—

(1.) Will he say what is the cause of delay in the erection of the Public School and Teacher's Residence at the Bellinger South?

(2.) Has the tender of Mr. Moore been accepted for carrying out the work; if so, why is it not proceeded with?

Mr. Trickett answered,—

(1.) A Clerk of Works will be instructed to inquire into the matter and report thereon at once.

(2.) Mr. Moore's tender has been accepted, and immediate inquiries will be made as to carrying out the work.

(8.) Post Office Clock, Kiama :—*Mr. Tarrant* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is he aware that the works of the Post Office Clock at Kiama are being destroyed by exposure to the sea air?

(2.) Is he aware that the Municipal Council of Kiama drew the attention of his Department to this months ago, and failed to receive any reply?

(3.) Is he aware that a communication forwarded by me to the Works Department in September last on the same subject was referred to the Colonial Architect's Office, and that no further action has been taken in the matter?

(4.) If so, will he at once take steps to have the Clock placed in repair and properly protected from the weather?

Mr. Wright answered,—

(1.) Yes; it has been found that the sea air is acting injuriously upon the Clock.

(2.) Yes; a communication was received from the Municipality on the subject, the receipt acknowledged, and the matter referred to the Colonial Architect.

(3 and 4.) Yes; the necessary authority was given in September last for repairs to Clock and Tower, but the work has been overlooked, owing to the sudden death of the officer who had charge of works at this building. It will, however, now be put in hand.

(9.) The Unemployed :—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. Burdokin, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Have the duties of Mr. Wise in making himself acquainted with the different openings for work in the Colony been restricted?

(2.) Has Mr. Wise instructions to afford the same information to residents out of work that he gives to immigrants?

(3.) Does Mr. Wise register the names of all applicants for work, whether residents or immigrants?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) No.

(3.) He registers all applications from immigrants, and from persons wishing to employ labour.

3. BLANDFORD PROPRIETARY SCHOOL BILL :—*Mr. Burns* presented a Petition from the Venerable Archdeacon Coles Child, Clerk in Holy Orders, Robert Palmer Abbott, Solicitor, and Henry Houghton Burton Bradley, Solicitor, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Venerable Archdeacon Coles Child, Robert Palmer Abbott, and Henry Houghton Burton Bradley, the Trustees of the Real and Personal Estate of the Blandford Proprietary School, to wind up the affairs of the same, to sell and convey the Real Estate situate at Blandford, in the county of Brisbane, in the Colony of New South Wales, and to provide for the appropriation of the proceeds of the said Real and Personal Estate.

And *Mr. Burns* having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Daily Telegraph* and *Murrumbidgee Times*, newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.

4. PAPERS :—

Mr. Wright laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return to an Order made on 25th March, 1884,—“Dump-cars.”

(2.) Further Return respecting Railway Trial Surveys.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Despatch respecting the exemption of Norwegian Ships from re-measurement for tonnage.

(2.) Letter from Messrs. De Beer, Hart, & Co. to the Colonial Treasurer, applying for a refund of certain duties paid by them on imported tobacco leaf; together with a report of the Collector of Customs thereon.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Religious and Public Purposes, in accordance with the 5th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.

(2.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from sale until surveyed for the Preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, in accordance with the 4th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.

(3.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 4th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.

(4.) Abstract of Alterations in Designs for Towns and Villages, under the 22nd section of the Act 43 Victoria No. 29.

Ordered to be printed.

5. VICTORIAN COAL-MINING COMPANY'S BILL (No. 2):—Mr. Stuart presented a Petition from William James Robert Jenkins and Robert Thomas Jenkins, Trustees of the Berkeley Estate, Illawarra, praying to be heard by Counsel or Solicitor before the House, or before the Select Committee now sitting on this Bill, in opposition thereto, with liberty to adduce such Evidence as they may be advised in opposition to the Bill or in support of their Petition.
Petition received, and referred to the Committee on the Bill.
6. ELIZABETH MCGREGOR:—Mr. Suttor presented a Petition from Elizabeth McGregor, Widow of John McGregor, a Tramway Conductor and Special Constable, representing that her husband was killed by falling from a Tramway Car whilst in the execution of his duty; that she and her family are thus totally unprovided for; that she has made an unsuccessful application for compensation to the Minister for Works; and praying the House to take her case into consideration, with a view to relief.
Petition received.
7. SYDNEY CORPORATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL, No. 2 (*Formal Motion*):—
(1.) Mr. Stuart moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Sydney Corporation Act of 1879.
Question put and passed.
(2.) Mr. Stuart presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Sydney Corporation Act of 1879*,"—
which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
8. LAND TITLES OFFICE (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Poole, for Mr. Withers, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—
(1.) The number of cases passed through the Land Titles Office during the years 1882 and 1883 respectively.
(2.) The names of the Examiners by whom the Titles were reported on.
(3.) The number of Titles passed by each Examiner.
Question put and passed.
9. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES:—Mr. Stuart (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That John Fitzgerald Burns, Esquire, do take the Chair in Committee of the Whole House for this day only.
Question put and passed.
10. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. A. G. Taylor moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
11. CROWN LANDS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Deputy Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 22 MAY, 1884, A.M.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Burns reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

12. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Stuart moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 21.		Noes, 16.	
Mr. Stuart,	Mr. Trickett,	Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Griffiths.
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Spring,	Mr. R. B. Smith,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Gould,	Mr. Proctor,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Day,	Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Burdekin,	Mr. Young.
Mr. O'Mara,	Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Vaughn,	
Mr. Wilkinson,	Mr. W. R. Campbell.	Mr. Machattie,	
Mr. White,	<i>Tellers,</i>	Mr. Teece,	
Mr. Slattery,		Mr. Holborow,	
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Bruncker,	Mr. Lyne,	
Mr. Mackinnon,	Mr. Hammond.	Mr. Cramsie,	
Mr. Cohen,		Mr. De Salis,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Whereupon Mr. Deputy Speaker left the Chair, and the House stood adjourned at eight minutes after One o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

ANGUS CAMERON,
Deputy Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 104.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 22 MAY, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk informed the House of the continued unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker.

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Stuart, the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the second Standing Order of the House.

2. ASSENT TO BILLS:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Mr. Stuart, and read by Mr. Deputy Speaker:—

- (1.) Consolidated Revenue Fund Bill (No. 6):—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor.

Message No. 53.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1884*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 22nd May, 1884.

- (2.) Criminal Law Amendment Bill:—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor.

Message No. 54.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Eighth Section and the Four Hundred and Forty-sixth and Four Hundred and Forty-ninth Sections of the 'Criminal Law Amendment Act of 1883'*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 22nd May, 1884.

3. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) License for Pearl-shell Fishing:—Mr. Young asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a license for pearl-shell fishing and trading industries was granted to Mr. Thomas Farrell in September last, for a term of three years, by His Excellency the Governor, for the schooner "Belle Brandon"?

(2.) Has that license been since cancelled; and if so, will he say on what grounds?

(3.) If it has been cancelled, was any inquiry held before a legally constituted Court before it was cancelled, or was the cancellation a purely arbitrary one?

(4.) Have the Government been written to on the subject; and if so, will the Colonial Secretary lay the full correspondence upon the Table of this House?

(5.) Have the Government received any despatches from the Home Government in respect to this case; and if so, will the Colonial Secretary lay a copy of these despatches upon the Table of this House?

Mr.

Mr. Stuart answered,—

- (1.) I understand that such a license was given.
- (2.) I understand that it has been cancelled. To the remainder of No. 2 and No. 3, I have to say that I have no knowledge of this matter, being properly a matter of Imperial administration.
- (4.) Mr. Farrell called upon me and stated his case. I asked him to put it in writing, and said I would forward it for him to His Excellency, this Government having no voice in the matter.
- (5.) The Government have no such despatches, the matter being one purely of Imperial administration, which the Colonial Government have nothing whatever to do with, and therefore I cannot lay a copy of the despatches upon the Table of the House. In the first place, I have not any; in the next place, the matter is not within my jurisdiction.

- (2.) Scripture Lessons in Public Schools:—Mr. Abigail asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—Has he had under consideration the question of having the Scripture Lessons, as contained in the Irish National Series, read in the second classes in our Public Schools; if so, will he have any objection to state the conclusion arrived at?

Mr. Trickett answered,—I hardly grasp the purport of the Honorable Gentleman's question; but I think he must be confusing the "Reading" Lessons with the "Scripture" Lessons. In the 3rd, 4th, and 5th classes of the Public Schools the Irish National Series of Scripture Lessons is now used, and the Irish National Series of reading books and Collins reading books are also used. In the 1st and 2nd classes these books are too advanced for the children.

- (3.) Breaches of the Licensing Act:—Mr. Abigail asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has the Inspector General of Police submitted a report, in reply to the statement of the Honorable Member for Paddington, Mr. Butcher, while attending a Deputation, namely, that ex-policemen who had become hotelkeepers were allowed to break the law by serving during prohibited hours, with the knowledge of the Police, while others were prosecuted without sufficient cause being assigned; if so, will he lay a copy of the same upon the Table of the House?

Mr. Stuart answered,—I have received a statement from the Inspector General in answer to my question upon the subject. I have no objection to lay it upon the Table, and I will do so.

- (4.) Turn-table and Engine-shed at Eveleigh:—Mr. Poole asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he say when the tenders for the foundations to the turn-table and engine-shed at Eveleigh will be decided?

Mr. Wright answered,—A tender has been accepted for this work.

- (5.) Bondi Tramway:—Mr. Poole asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 - (1.) Will he say who are the contractors for about 60 chains of Tramway extension from the Tea Gardens, Waverley, towards Bondi?
 - (2.) What is the official estimated cost when finished?
 - (3.) Was this work tendered for in the usual manner after notice by advertisement in the public Papers; if not, has he any objection to say if there was reason for this?

Mr. Wright answered,—

- (1.) Messrs. Willmot and Morgan are the contractors for the construction of the Tram-line from Waverley Tea Gardens to Bondi.
- (2.) Estimated cost of completing line from Tea Gardens to Bondi, £12,856.
- (3.) This work was tendered for in the usual way.

- (6.) Road near the Waterloo Dam:—Mr. Fremlin asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is there a Road from near the Waterloo Dam, on the Botany Road, through Shea's Swamp, by the Kerosene Works, to the Methodist Chapel, on the Gardener's Road, as marked on Map No. 806, issued by the Survey Office for the Sewage and Health Board in 1877; if so, will any steps be taken to open the above Road for public convenience?

Mr. Wright answered,—The Road in question is not a proclaimed road, nor does it appear to have been shown on the plan of survey of the grant. It might, however, be a subdivisional road in the Cooper Estate. The map referred to as No. 806 was prepared to supply certain information to the Sewage and Health Board solely, and was not intended for public use; the data employed in its compilation was obtained from private as well as official sources, and no authority was given as to its accuracy in every particular.

- (7.) Prosecutions under Adulteration of Foods Act:—Mr. Day, for Mr. Tarrant, asked the Minister of Justice,—How many prosecutions have taken place under the Adulteration of Foods Act?

Mr. Cohen answered,—This information cannot be furnished without reference to the various Benches of Magistrates, and it will take some time to collect the complete number of prosecutions referred to. The matter shall receive early attention.

- (8.) Kindergarten School:—Mr. Suttor asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—In view of the Minister's recent inspection of the Kindergarten School,—Does he intend to close the School?

Mr. Trickett answered,—I have not arrived at any decision yet.

- (9.) Assisted Immigration:—Mr. Abigail asked the Colonial Secretary,—Does the telegram stated to have been sent to the Agent General *re* Immigration Vote give instruction that no liability beyond the £50,000 voted should be incurred until the House has by vote decided if there is to be any further Assisted Immigration?

Mr. Stuart answered,—This seems to be a similar question to that which was asked me yesterday, on which the Honorable Member considered that I had given him an evasive answer; but I distinctly state that I did not give an evasive answer. The Honorable Member asks me a question, and of course as he uses certain words I may reply that the telegram does not state the words, and the answer I gave yesterday is perfectly correct. The telegram gave the result of the Vote; but the Honorable Member puts certain words to which, if I treated him as the question perhaps deserves, the answer would be "No," because the substance of the telegram bears out what was decided by the House. I have caused copies of the telegrams to be prepared, and they will be laid upon the Table of the House.

(10.) Post and Telegraph Offices, Tamworth :—Mr. Gill asked the Secretary for Public Wor —
When will tenders be called for the Post and Telegraph Offices at Tamworth ?

Mr. Wright answered,—The Colonial Architect informs me that plans for this work will be submitted in a day or two, and if they are approved, tenders will be invited immediately.

(11.) Bayly's Conditional Purchase on Premier Run :—Mr. White asked the Secretary for Lands,—
(1.) Is it true that a selection of 640 acres on Premier Run, county of Pottinger, parish of Clark, taken up by a selector named Bayly on 13th November, 1879, at the office Gunnedah, was wrongly surveyed ?

(2.) Is it true that the selection was properly fenced in according to survey, and that eighteen months after this the Run was re-surveyed and fences had to be removed ?

(3.) Did Bayly apply for compensation after expending £80 for removal of fencing ?

(4.) Has Bayly, up to the present date, received the deeds or compensation ; if not, will compensation be paid, and when ?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1 and 2.) The case is not strictly as stated. The land was measured, but before acceptance of the measurement it was pointed out to the Surveyor that a small area which had been excluded might have been embraced therein, and instead of making an explanation the Surveyor carried out the amendment when engaged in altering an adjacent road, at the same time reporting that the applicant's fencing would be affected. Twelve months afterwards, in the absence of any objections on the part of the applicant, the re-measurement was accepted by the Survey Department.

(3.) Yes, through Mr. A. H. McCulloch, junior, fifteen months after the re-measurement, and three months after acceptance of the plan.

(4.) The deed has not yet issued, nor has the claim for compensation been settled, the claim having been referred to the Licensed Surveyor and afterwards to the District Surveyor for inquiry and report. There is no objection to the issue of the deed, which will be prepared forthwith, since such is the claimant's wish.

4. GEORGE DOUGHERTY'S CONDITIONAL PURCHASE :—Mr. Gould, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes and Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this subject was referred on 14th February, 1884.

Ordered to be printed.

5. PAPERS :—

Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 6th December, 1883,—“ J. J. Thompson's Conditional Purchase on Karoola Run.”

Mr. Stuart laid upon the Table,—Correspondence respecting Deportation of French Convicts to New Caledonia.

Ordered to be printed.

6. BLANDFORD PROPRIETARY SCHOOL BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Burns moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Venerable Archdeacon Coles Child, the Honorable R. P. Abbott, and Mr. H. H. B. Bradley, the Trustees of the Real and Personal Estate of the Blandford Proprietary School, to wind up the affairs of the same, to sell and convey the Real Estate situate at Blandford, in the county of Brisbane, in the Colony of New South Wales, and to provide for the appropriation of the proceeds of the said Real and Personal Estate.
Question put and passed.

7. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES :—Mr. Stuart (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That John Fitzgerald Burns, Esquire, do take the Chair in Committee of the Whole House for this day only.
Question put and passed.

8. OYSTER FISHERIES BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Stuart moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Stuart, Mr. Deputy Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair ; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.

On motion of Mr. Stuart (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

9. CROWN LANDS BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Deputy Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 23 MAY, 1884, A.M.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Burns reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday next.

The House adjourned at twenty minutes after Twelve o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

ANGUS CAMERON,
Deputy Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 105.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 23 MAY, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk informed the House of the continued unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker.

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Stuart, the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the Second Standing Order of the House.

2. QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Court-house, Tingha :—Mr. Murray asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) The date on which tender was accepted for the erection of Tingha Court-house ?
- (2.) Is the work being proceeded with ; and if not, will he say what is the cause of delay ?
- (3.) Is he aware that the Warden and Magistrates have sometimes to sit all day in the present small room, badly ventilated, and crowded with Chinamen, to their great inconvenience and danger to health ?

Mr. Wright answered,—

- (1.) 6th June, 1883.
- (2.) The work is at present stopped pending decision respecting claim made by contractor for change of site, which has been the cause of delay.
- (3.) No, I am not aware.

(2.) Court-house, Inverell :—Mr. Murray asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the erection of the Inverell Court-house be proceeded with ?

Mr. Wright answered,—Fresh tenders for this work have been invited, and will be opened on the 27th instant.

(3.) Court-house, Inverell :—Mr. Murray asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) When will the necessary furniture be provided for the Inverell Court-house ?
- (2.) Is he aware that the Judge has repeatedly complained of the want of seats and other conveniences ?

Mr. Wright answered,—

- (1.) Furniture will be supplied as soon as arrangements have been made for supply of furniture for this year, the contractor, whose tender was accepted, having failed.
- (2.) I am not aware.

(4.) Road through Tingha :—Mr. Murray asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the forming and metalling of the road passing through the town of Tingha be carried out ?

Mr. Wright answered,—There are local legal difficulties with respect to levels, which have prevented any sum being granted or any work being undertaken here.

(5.) Platform at Sale-yards, Homebush :—Mr. Hugh Taylor, for Mr. Badgery, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the Platform at the Sale-yards, Homebush, be proceeded with ?

Mr. Wright answered,—Attention will be given to this matter on an early date.

(6.) Mode of computing Stocks in Bond :—Mr. Day, for Mr. Butcher, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is he aware that the present mode of computing stocks in bond by gallons and pounds is erroneous and misleading ?
- (2.) If so, will he issue instructions to the Collector of Customs to discontinue that practice, and substitute instead a weekly return of the number of packages of each article in bond ?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

- (1.) The present mode of computing stocks has been in existence for more than thirty years without objection from the mercantile community.
- (2.) The Collector of Customs will, however, be instructed to consider the advantage or otherwise of altering the present method of keeping the bonded stocks.

(7.) Assisted Immigration :—Mr. Abigail asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has he any objection to lay upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—

(1.) The names of the persons who nominated the three thousand people for Assisted Immigration during the early part of this year?

(2.) The date of each nomination, the district from which it came, and the business of the nominators?

(3.) The number nominated respectively for each of the following years :—1880, 1881, 1882, and 1883?

Mr. Stuart answered,—I have no objection to lay a Return upon the Table of the House; but it will be impossible for me to occupy the time of the House in reading out the names of the people who have applied during the early part of this year. I cannot promise to give the names of three thousand people, and the business of the nominators it is impossible for me to give; but so far as I can, I will give it.

(8.) Deportation of French Convicts to New Caledonia :—Mr. Abigail asked the Colonial Secretary,—In the event of the French Government carrying out the Recidiviste scheme of sending their criminal population to New Caledonia,—Will the New South Wales Ministry consider the advisableness of framing a law to compel Frenchmen coming to our shores to show a passport certifying to their respectability?

Mr. Stuart answered,—It is utterly impossible for me to say who may be the Ministry of New South Wales at the time the French Government may carry out the Recidiviste scheme, and therefore it is impossible for me to answer this question; but I have no doubt that if I have the good fortune, or misfortune, as the case may be, to be in the Ministry at that time, I will submit such measures as the Ministry may deem requisite under the circumstances.

3. CITY BANK BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Burns moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That the City Bank Bill be referred to a Select Committee for inquiry and report, with power to send for persons and papers.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Griffiths, Mr. George Campbell, Mr. Day, Mr. Moses, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Hammond, Mr. Suttor, Mr. Burdekin, Mr. De Salis, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

4. SYDNEY STREETS MUNICIPAL LOAN BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—

(1.) Mr. Stuart moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Municipal Council of Sydney to raise by Debentures the sum of £200,000 for the improvement of Public Highways within the said City.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Stuart presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable the Municipal Council of Sydney to raise by Debentures the sum of Two Hundred Thousand Pounds for the improvement of Public Highways within the said City,*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Stuart moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday next.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 33.

Noes, 2.

Mr. Stuart,	Mr. O'Mara,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Poole,
Mr. Trickett,	Mr. Griffiths,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Bruncker,	Mr. Tooth,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Gill,
Mr. Fromlin,	Mr. Dalton,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Wisdom,	Mr. Abigail,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Burdekin,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Hammond,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. McQuade.
Mr. Merriman,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Slattery,	
Mr. Teece,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. De Salis.	Mr. Day.
Mr. W. R. Campbell,	

Tellers,
Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Gibbs.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

5. BLANDFORD PROPRIETARY SCHOOL BILL :—Mr. Burns having presented this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of the sum of Twenty-five Pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable the Venerable Archdeacon Coles Child Robert Palmer Abbott and Henry Houghton Burton Bradley the Trustees of the Real and Personal Estate of the Blandford Proprietary School to wind up the affairs of the same to sell and convey the Real Estate situate at Blandford in the county of Brisbane in the Colony of New South Wales and to provide for the appropriation of the proceeds of the said Real and Personal Estate,*"—read a first time.

6. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES :—Mr. Stuart (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That John Fitzgerald Burns, Esquire, do take the Chair in Committee of the Whole House for this day only. Question put and passed.

7. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. O'Connor moved, That this House do now adjourn.

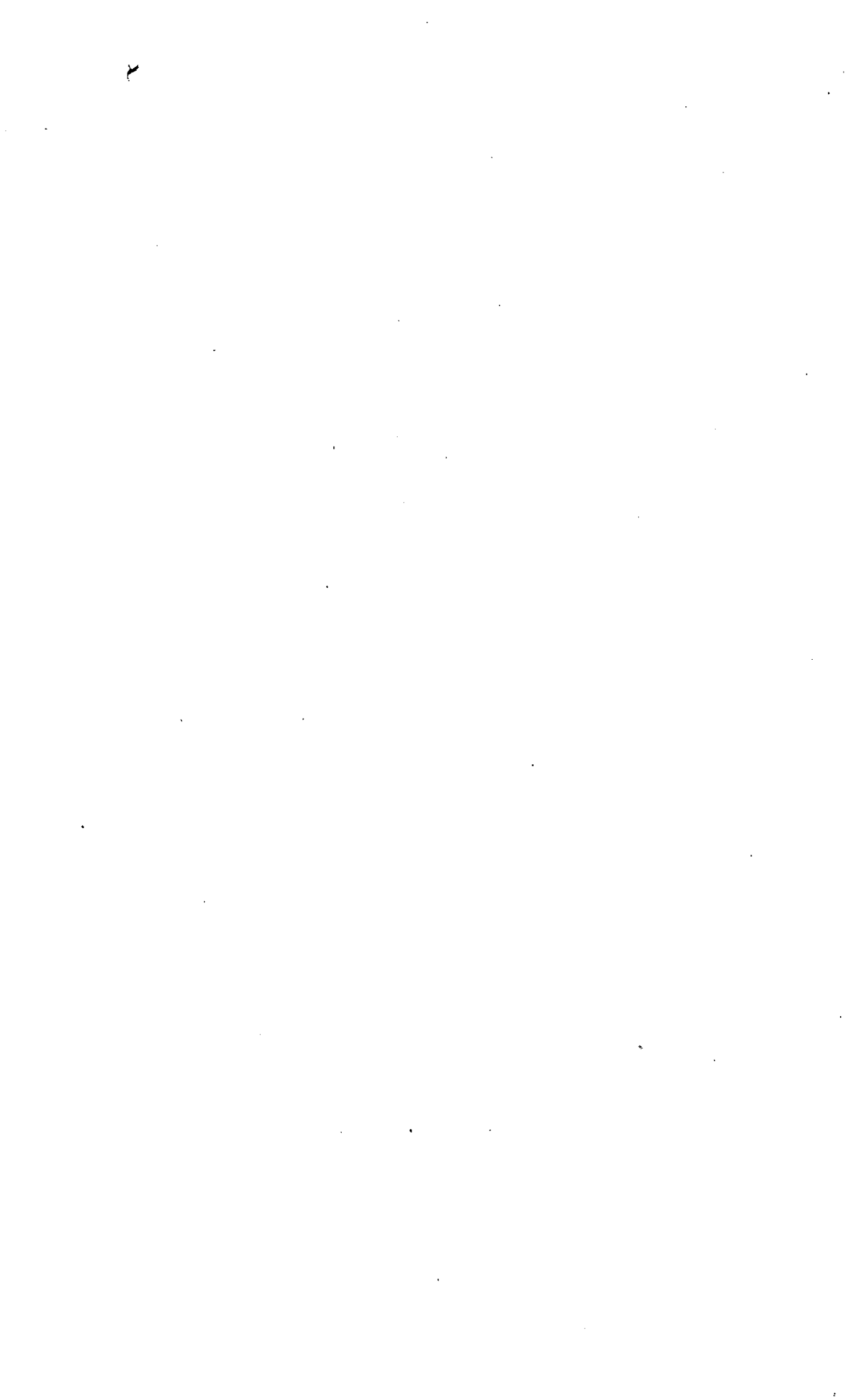
Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

8. PAPER :—Mr. Stuart laid upon the Table,—Return showing Applications for Assisted Immigration, from 1st January to 11th March, 1884.

9. **POSTPONEMENTS** :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—
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| (1.) Legislative Assembly Quorum Bill ; second reading ;— | } until Friday next. |
| (2.) Cootamundry Roman Catholic Church Land Sale Bill (as amended and agreed to in Select Committee) ; second reading ;— | |
| (3.) Boorowa Roman Catholic Church Land Sale Bill (as amended and agreed to in Select Committee) ; second reading ;— | |
| (4.) Contempts Punishment Bill ; second reading ;— | } until Friday, 20th June. |
| (5.) Law of Seduction Amendment Bill ; second reading ;— | |
| (6.) Party Processions Act Amendment Bill ; second reading ;— | } until Friday, 6th June. |
| (7.) Criminal Law further Amendment Bill ; second reading ;— | |
| (8.) Religious Persuasions of Children attending Public Schools ; resumption of adjourned Debate ;— | } until Friday next. |
| (9.) District Courts Act further Amendment Bill (No. 2) ; third reading ;— | |
10. **WINDSOR GAS-LIGHT COMPANY BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Slattery moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Question put and passed.
 Bill read a second time.
 On motion of Mr. Slattery, Mr. Deputy Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
 Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Burns reported the Bill with an amendment. On motion of Mr. Slattery (with the concurrence of the House), the report was adopted.
 Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
11. **POSTPONEMENT** :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Monk-Wearmouth Colliery Railway Bill postponed until Friday, 27th June.
12. **BRIDGE, NAMBUCCRA RIVER** :—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Additional Estimates for 1884 a sum not exceeding £850 for the construction of a Bridge, Nambuccra River, South Arm, near Bowra, and which said sum of money was placed on the Estimates-in-Chief for 1884 submitted to this House on the 22nd January last as an unexpended Re-vote of 1882,—
 Mr. R. B. Smith moved, That Mr. Deputy Speaker do now leave the Chair.
 Debate ensued.
 Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present.
 Mr. Deputy Speaker counted the House, and there being only nineteen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Deputy Speaker, namely,—Mr. Abigail, Mr. Burdekin, Mr. Burns, Mr. Cass, Mr. Day, Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Garrard, Mr. Gibbes, Mr. Griffiths, Mr. Heydon, Mr. McLaughlin, Mr. Murray, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Slattery, Mr. R. B. Smith, Mr. Stokes, Mr. Teece, and Mr. Wisdom,—
 Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House at six minutes before Seven o'clock, until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 106.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 27 MAY, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Wharfage Rate on Wool:—Mr. Merriman asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that a wharfage rate of 4d. per bale is made by the Government on all wool shipped from Sydney to London?
 (2.) What rate is paid at Newcastle?
 (3.) Do the tonnage dues for ships at a Government wharf in Sydney apply to Newcastle?
 (4.) Do the lessees of Government land in Newcastle upon which wool-dumping stores are erected have a preferent right to loading berths for the purpose of putting wool on board ships stowed by them?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

(1 and 2.) The export wharfage by statute from Sydney is 4d. per bale. The Newcastle wharfage collections were abolished in terms of the Act 44 Vic. No. 8; but I am having a Bill prepared to re-levy wharfage on certain articles.

(3.) Yes.

(4.) Wool ships at Newcastle use the berths formerly occupied by disabled cranes, but in no way to retard the shipment of coal.

- (2.) Public School at Nambuccra Heads:—Mr. Hutchinson, for Mr. R. B. Smith, asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—When will the Public School at the Nambuccra Heads be opened, and a Teacher appointed?

Mr. Trickett answered,—The building is now ready for occupation, and arrangements will at once be made for the provision of a Teacher?

- (3.) Bondi Tramway:—Mr. Olliffe, for Mr. Butcher, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What is the length of the Tram-line from Bridge-street to Queen-street junction, Woollahra?
 (2.) What is the length of the line from Queen-street junction to terminus, Woollahra?
 (3.) What is the length of the line from Queen-street junction to the loop-line, Tea Gardens, Waverley?
 (4.) What is the length of the line from Tea Gardens loop to Waverley terminus?
 (5.) What is the length of the line from Tea Gardens loop to Bondi terminus?

Mr. Wright answered,—

(1.) 2 miles 48 chains 80 links.

(2.) 65 chains 22 links.

(3.) 68 chains 20 links.

(4.) 77 chains.

(5.) 1 mile 25 chains.

- (4.) Revenue of the Colony:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he state the amount of revenue collected for the first five months of last year; and also the amount of revenue collected for this year up to the present date?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—1st January to 31st May, 1883, £2,593,767; 1st January to 23rd May, 1884, or four days short, £2,501,728.

(5.)

- (5.) James M'Elroy :—Mr. Buchanan asked the Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) Is it true that a man named James M'Elroy, senior, a working man, the father of a large family, was at the Police Court, West Maitland, sentenced to six months imprisonment because he had been twice before convicted of being drunk within the last twelve months?
 - (2.) If true, will the Minister state the name of the Magistrate, or Magistrates, who thus acted : and if true, and that the only charge against the man was that of being drunk, will he take steps to secure this man's release without delay?
- Mr. Cohen answered,—
- (1.) I am informed that the person referred to has been repeatedly convicted of drunkenness, and being a man of means has always paid the fine ; that he is a notorious drunkard, and on the occasion in question he was charged with drunkenness and obscene conduct, and dealt with under the Vagrant Act.
 - (2.) The name of the Magistrate before whom the case was heard is Alfred Vindin, Esquire, J.P., and I see no reason for interference in the case.
- (6.) Bondi Tramway :—Mr. Poole asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he say if any, and if so how much, of the Tramway from the Waverley Tea Gardens towards Bondi was let to the contractors Messrs. Willmot and Morgan without public competition?
- Mr. Wright answered,—No portion of it.
- (7.) Kogarah Road :—Mr. Hammond asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) The amount of money expended during the last two years upon the Kogarah Road between Rocky Point and Bottle Forest?
 - (2.) Also the expenditure for the same period upon the Rocky Point Road?
- Mr. Wright answered,—
- (1.) Kogarah Road :—Expenditure during 1882 and 1883 on Road from Rocky Point Road at Kogarah, *via* George's River Punt to Bottle Forest, was £750, expended by Trustees.
 - (2.) Rocky Point Road :—Expenditure for 1882, £921 2s. 3d. ; expenditure for 1883, £810 17s. 5d. ; total, £1,731 19s. 8d.
- (8.) Captain in the Permanent Force :—Mr. Burdekin asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Has the Cabinet decided upon the appointment of any gentleman to the vacant position of Captain in the Permanent Force ; if so, will the Minister state the name of the gentleman?
 - (2.) When will the appointment be confirmed and gazetted?
- Mr. Stuart answered,—This matter is engaging the attention of the Ministers. When it is decided the appointment will be confirmed and gazetted.
- (9.) Railway Stations at Spring Hill and Millthorpe :—*Mr. Merriman*, for Mr. William Clarke, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will tenders be called for the erection of new Stations at Spring Hill and Millthorpe?
- Mr. Wright answered,—In about six weeks from this date, when plans which are being prepared will be ready.
- (10.) Royal Commissions :—Mr. Teece asked the Colonial Secretary,—Have arrangements been made by him in reference to the reporting of evidence taken before Royal Commissions, and for the secretarial work in connection with the same ; if so, is it anticipated that such arrangements will save expense to the country?
- Mr. Stuart answered,—These arrangements are in process of being settled, and I have no doubt they will save expense to the country.
- (11.) Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he lay the papers upon the Table of this House he spoke of on the debate on the Adjournment on Friday night without the slightest delay?
- Mr. Dibbs answered,—I shall have much pleasure in laying the papers upon the Table of the House if the Honorable Member will move for them in the usual way.
- (12.) Destruction of Rabbits :—*Mr. Humphery*, for Mr. Tarrant, asked the Secretary for Mines,—When will the Return promised by the Minister to the late Member for Canterbury (Mr. Pigott) on 8th April be laid upon the Table of this House?
- Mr. Abbott answered,—I will lay it upon the Table of the House to-day. It is through inadvertence that it has not been laid upon the Table before.
- (13.) Govett's Leap :—*Mr. Purves*, for Mr. Targett, asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he take steps to place Guard-rails at the precipices at Govett's Leap?
- Mr. Wright* answered,—The Reserve at Govett's Leap is vested in Trustees, who will be communicated with on the subject of placing Guard-rails at the precipices.
- (14.) Govett's Leap :—*Mr. Purves*, for Mr. Targett, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he give instructions to improve the road leading from Blackheath Railway Station to Govett's Leap?
- Mr. Wright answered,—Instructions will be given for the immediate expenditure of amount available for this road (£77).
2. Mr. HUGH POLSON :—Mr. Burns presented a Petition from Hugh Polson, representing that he is the owner of an Estate known as "Kerri," on Oxley Island, Manning River, and that a road has been made by the Government through the Estate, whereby the property has been depreciated in value, and, notwithstanding many applications, he has failed to obtain from the Government any compensation therefor ; and praying the House to grant such relief in the premises as to the House shall seem meet.
- Petition received.

3. SUGAR INDUSTRY :—Mr. Purves presented a Petition from Sugar Planters, Manufacturers, and others resident in the Clarence River District, relative to the growth of the Sugar Cane and the manufacture of Sugar ; and praying that the Distillation Laws may be so amended as to enable Sugar Manufacturers and others to carry on distillation in a manner and to an extent suited to small capitalists under proper supervision.
And the same having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker,—
Petition received.
4. PAPERS :—
Mr. Cohen laid upon the Table,—Return to an Address adopted on 3rd April, 1884,—“ M'Nevin v. Louisa Bradford.”
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Abbott laid upon the Table,—Return showing the number of persons employed to carry out the provisions of the Rabbit Destruction Act.
5. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Buchanan moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
6. PETITION OF CAPTAIN ARMSTRONG :—Mr. Day (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the correspondence respecting the removal of Resident Magistrate at Lord Howe Island, laid upon the Table on 4th October, 1882 ; the Report of the Visiting Magistrate, Lord Howe Island, laid upon the Table on 17th January, 1883 ; the Petition of Inhabitants, in favour of the reinstatement of Captain Armstrong, presented on 7th February, 1883 ; and the Report from the Select Committee of Session 1883 on “ The Case of Captain Armstrong,” be referred to the Select Committee now sitting on the “ Petition of Captain Armstrong.”
Question put and passed.
7. OYSTER FISHERIES BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Stuart, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Stuart then moved, That the Title of the Bill be “ *An Act for the amendment of the ‘ Fisheries Act 1881 ’ the promotion of Oyster Culture and the regulation of Oyster Fisheries.*”
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message :—
MR. PRESIDENT,
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled “ *An Act for the amendment of the ‘ Fisheries Act 1881 ’ the promotion of Oyster Culture and the regulation of Oyster Fisheries,*”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 27th May, 1884.*
8. WINDSOR GAS-LIGHT COMPANY BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Slattery, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Slattery then moved, That the Title of the Bill be “ *An Act to enable the Windsor Gas-light Company (Limited) to construct Gasworks within the Town of Windsor.*”
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message :—
MR. PRESIDENT,
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled “ *An Act to enable the Windsor Gas-light Company (Limited) to construct Gasworks within the Town of Windsor,*”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee thereon.
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 27th May, 1884.*
9. CROWN LANDS BILL :—Mr. Lyne presented a Petition from Electors of the Huone Electorate, praying that provision may be made in this Bill for allowing Conditional Purchasers the option of retaining their Pre-emptive Leases on the present tenure.
And the same having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker,—
Petition received.
10. SYDNEY STREETS MUNICIPAL LOAN BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Stuart moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Stuart, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.
On motion of Mr. Stuart (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.
11. CROWN LANDS BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 28 MAY, 1884, A.M.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

The House adjourned at four minutes before One o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 107.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 28 MAY, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

ELECTORATE OF NORTHUMBERLAND:—

(1.) *Issue and Return of Writ*:—Mr. Speaker informed the House, that upon the passing of the Resolution of the 7th May instant, declaring the Seat of Atkinson Alfred Patrick Tighe, Esquire, vacant, he had issued a Writ for the election of a Member to serve in the room of Mr. Tighe, and that such Writ had been duly returned, with a Certificate endorsed thereon by the Returning Officer of the election of Richard Charles Luscombe, Esquire, to serve as a Member for the Electoral District of Northumberland.

(2.) *Member Sworn*:—Mr. Luscombe having taken and subscribed the Oath, and signed the Roll of the House, took his Seat as a Member for the Electoral District of Northumberland.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) *Trucking Yards at Glen Innes*:—Mr. W. J. Fergusson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government to have Yards erected at Glen Innes for trucking cattle and sheep; if so, when?

Mr. Wright answered,—As soon as possible. If they are not ready when the Line is opened for traffic temporary provision will be made.

(2.) *Rylstone Railway*:—Mr. Burns, for Sir John Robertson, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) If he will be good enough to say when the Railway Station at Rylstone will be opened for traffic?

(2.) What has been the cause of delay?

Mr. Wright answered,—It was intended to open the Line to Mudgee on the 10th July next, at which time and not before the Station at Rylstone would have been opened; but it is found that the opening to Mudgee must be postponed till August, and it has therefore been decided to open to Rylstone in the early part of next month.

(3.) *Waiting Room at junction of Randwick and Park Roads*:—Mr. Withers asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he give instructions for a Waiting Room to be erected, with the least possible delay, as near as practicable to the intersection of the Randwick Road and Park Road?

Mr. Wright answered,—The City Corporation is in possession of the only site considered to be suitable, and that body has declined to allow it to be used for the purpose.

3. PAPERS:—

Mr. Trickett laid upon the Table,—Regulations as to Emoluments of Public School Teachers.
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Stuart laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Statement from the Inspector General of Police respecting Breaches of the Licensing Act.

(2.) Telegrams respecting Assisted Immigration.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 29th April, 1884,—“Application of John Conroy to conditionally purchase land at Burrowa.”

Ordered to be printed.

4. *CONDITIONAL PURCHASE ON MILLER'S CREEK RUN*:—Mr. Farnell presented a Petition from Frederick Alfred Adolphus Wilson, Manager of the Mercantile Bank of Sydney, praying that he, or some other officer of the said Bank, may be at liberty to attend and be heard by Counsel or Solicitor before the Select Committee on “Conditional Purchase on Miller's Creek Run,” and be allowed to adduce such evidence as may be deemed advisable concerning the subject matter of the inquiry in the interest of the said Bank.

Petition received, and referred to the Select Committee on the subject.

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5. **MR. LAMONT YOUNG AND PARTY**:—Mr. Day, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this subject was referred on 12th October, 1883.
6. **SYDNEY STREETS MUNICIPAL LOAN BILL** (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Stuart, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Stuart then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to enable the Municipal Council of Sydney to raise by Debentures the sum of Two Hundred Thousand Pounds for the improvement of Public Highways within the said City.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—
7. **NEWTOWN ROAD** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Gibbes moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence, reports, estimates, and all other documents whatsoever in reference to paving a portion of the Newtown Road with wood.
Question put and passed.
8. **MR. BUCHANAN, CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of the papers the Colonial Treasurer referred to in the debate on the adjournment last Friday.
Question put and passed.
9. **IMMIGRATION AND EMIGRATION** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Hammond moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—
(1.) The total number of Immigrants over Emigrants to and from this Colony for each ten years inclusive, ending with 1850, 1860, 1870, and 1880.
(2.) The total population of Towns and Villages in this Colony as against the number of Country inhabitants for each ten years ending with 1850, 1860, 1870, and 1880 inclusive?
(3.) The total number of persons upon the Gold-fields of this Colony for each ten years ending with 1860, 1870, and 1880 inclusive.
Question put and passed.
10. **ANNANDALE BRIDGE OVER JOHNSTON'S CREEK** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Gibbes moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence, reports, estimates, minutes, and other documents in reference to the widening, re-building, and alteration of the Annandale Bridge over Johnston's Creek.
Question put and passed.
11. **MATRIMONIAL CAUSES ACT AMENDMENT BILL**:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having taken into consideration the Message from the Legislative Assembly, dated 14th May, 1884, in reference to the Matrimonial Causes Act Amendment Bill,—

Disagrees from the amendment in clause 3 which proposes to add at the end the words "And every attorney and solicitor of the Supreme Court may appear and be heard in all matters and proceedings before the Divorce Judge in Court or in Chambers without being required to employ counsel."

1. Because the Bill was introduced and passed exclusively for the purpose of amending the Matrimonial Causes Act, and the Bill is so intitled accordingly, but the addition to section 3 is not in any sense an amendment of the Matrimonial Causes Act, and therefore is not within the title of the Bill.

2. Because the addition is in no sense connected with the object or subject-matter of the Bill in any portion of it. The Bill has no reference to the conduct of business before either the Court or Judge. It respects only the constitution of juries and the powers of the Court;—the third section, to which the amendment is attached, relating solely to the summoning of juries, with which of course solicitors have nothing to do.

3. Because any provision for extending to solicitors the right of advocacy in the Supreme Court, if in itself desirable, ought to be the subject of specific enactment, either in a Bill exclusively raising that question, or embracing generally procedure and practice, whether in one branch or more branches of the law—neither of which subjects is touched by the present Bill.

4. Because the question of such extension having been already raised by Bill in this very Session of Parliament, and disposed of adversely by this House, it is in a high degree inexpedient, if it be not also unparliamentary, to submit the same measure, or one directly involving the same principle, for a second discussion in the same Chamber.

5. Because the tacking to a Bill of any clause or provision, as in this case, whether foreign or not to the general scope of that Bill, for the purpose of compelling acceptance of the obnoxious portion, or the rejection of the entire measure which it includes, is most objectionable in principle, is essentially unjust, and in its tendency is fatal to free action in the Chamber to which it is submitted.

And agrees to all the other amendments made by the Legislative Assembly in this Bill.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 28th May, 1884.

JOHN HAY,
President.

Ordered, that this Message be taken into consideration to-morrow.

12. **SYDNEY CORPORATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2):**—The Order of the Day having been read,—
 Mr. Stuart moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Question put and passed.
 Bil read a second time.
 On motion of Mr. Stuart, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
 On motion of Mr. Stuart, the report was adopted.
 Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.
13. **CROWN LANDS BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 29 MAY, 1884, A.M.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

The House adjourned at sixteen minutes before One o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 108.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 29 MAY, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Kindergarten School:—Mr. Suttor asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—In view of the Minister's recent inspection of the Kindergarten School,—Does he intend to close the School?

Mr. Trickett answered,—I was not favourably impressed with the mode of teaching and procedure at the Institution called "Kindergarten School" in Castlereagh-street; but as Parliament has voted the money for the conduct of this School, I will not act hastily as to its continuance or otherwise. The half-yearly examination and inspection will shortly take place, and I have determined to wait until the end of the present quarter, when I will obtain a comparative report as to the result of the teaching in this School, and some of the infant classes in the Public School, and I will then finally decide the matter.

- (2.) Encroachment of the River at Raymond Terrace:—Mr. William Clarke, for Mr. White, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Are the embankments and a portion of the streets being carried away by the steamers wash at Raymond Terrace; if so, will he take advantage of labour being easily obtained and remedy this evil?

Mr. Wright answered,—The Engineers of the district report that there is very little encroachment of the river at Raymond Terrace, certainly none involving damage to the streets. Under these circumstances, therefore, the Government do not intend to take any action in the matter.

- (3.) Port Stephens:—Mr. William Clarke, for Mr. White, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is he aware that two large vessels have discharged ballast between January last and this date in the fair-way near Cabbage-tree or Goat Island, at Port Stephens, where trading vessels have to pass with timber; if so, will he take steps to stop this damage to the harbour?

(2.) As Port Stephens harbour is constantly used as a harbour of refuge for steamers and sailing vessels, will he authorize the placing of a Bell-buoy on the reef between the light-house and the heads, to enable vessels to enter the harbour in foggy or dirty weather?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—I learn from the President of the Marine Board that:—

(1.) This is the first intimation that has been received on the subject. Orders will be given to the Custom House Officer stationed at Port Stephens to be on the alert to stop breaches of the harbour regulations of this sort.

(2.) The Marine Board is of opinion that it would be very unwise to place a Bell-buoy near the entrance to Port Stephens with the view of inducing vessels to enter in foggy or dirty weather. When the lights or headlands cannot be seen vessels should keep off instead of trying to enter.

- (4.) Refreshment Rooms between Murrurundi and Glen Innes:—Mr. W. J. Fergusson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What steps (if any) has he taken to supply the public with Refreshment Rooms between Murrurundi and Glen Innes?

(2.) Will he state at what Stations he intends to have Refreshment Rooms; and is he aware that the public cannot get any refreshment from the time they get in the train at Armidale at 10 a.m. till they reach Murrurundi at 4:30 p.m.?

Mr. Wright answered,—A contract has been taken for the erection of large Refreshment Rooms at Werris Creek to be completed by September next.

(5.)

- (5.) Road from Vegetable Creek to Inverell :—Mr. W. J. Fergusson asked the Secretary for Mines,—If an application has been made to have the road from Vegetable Creek to Inverell surveyed and marked between Emmaville and the Severn River, at Strathbogie; if so, when was the application made; and is there any cause for the delay in not having the survey carried out?

Mr. Stuart answered,—Application for the road in question was made on the 17th June, 1883. Part of the road from Emmaville to the Severn River has been surveyed and is about to be proclaimed; the remainder of the road was not laid out, as the position of the crossing of the Severn River had not been determined upon by the Public Works Department.

- (6.) Railway Bridge across Parramatta River :—Mr. Hammond asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Have the contractors commenced the Railway Bridge across the Parramatta River; if not, will he say what is the cause of the delay?

(2.) How long have the contractors to complete the work?

Mr. Wright answered,—

(1.) The Bridge has not been commenced, as only a portion of the ironwork for the cylinders has arrived in the Colony.

(2.) The erection of this Bridge is included in the general contract for the length from Homebush to the Hawkesbury, the date specified for completion being 1st March, 1886.

- (7.) Public School at Dulwich :—Mr. Hammond asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—When is it the intention of the Government to establish the Public School at Dulwich, near Marrickville, promised in reply to a petition from the residents, dated 24th October, 1883?

Mr. Trickett answered,—I have to-day given instructions for the preparation of plans of a School Building to be erected at Dulwich.

- (8.) The Master-in-Equity :—*Mr. Teece*, for *Mr. Proctor*, asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Have the Government had any further communications with *Mr. Holroyd*, the Master-in-Equity, touching his resignation?

(2.) In the event of the Master's resignation, what do the Government propose doing towards carrying out a change in the Master's Office?

Mr. Stuart answered,—The Government has no further communication, so far as I am aware.

- (9.) Parcel Post :—*Mr. Teece*, for *Mr. Proctor*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to establish a Parcel Post; if so, when will the system be introduced?

Mr. Stuart answered,—The question has not yet been considered by the Government; but in the Amended Postal Bill, now in course of preparation, provision has been made for a Parcel Post system should it at any time be determined to adopt it.

- (10.) Court-house at Gladstone, Macleay River :—*Mr. Cameron*, for *Mr. R. B. Smith*, asked the Minister of Justice,—Will he say what is the cause of delay in the erection of the Court-house at Gladstone, Macleay River?

Mr. Stuart answered,—I am informed that a tender for the erection of this building was accepted in March last, but I am not aware of any unusual delay in the matter.

- (11.) Dismissal of Tram Conductors :—*Mr. Abigail* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has he held the promised investigation into the cause of dismissal of the five Tram Conductors; if so, will he have any objection to state the result?

(2.) Will the papers referring to the case be laid upon the Table of the House?

Mr. Wright answered,—An investigation has been held, but no decision has been arrived at.

- (12.) Land Business of Forster and Wallamba River :—*Mr. R. B. Smith*, for *Mr. Young*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—When will the land business of Forster and the Wallamba River be shifted from Stroud to Taree, in accordance with a promise made by him?

Mr. Farnell answered,—The preparation of the requisite registers is being proceeded with, and will be completed without unnecessary delay. On the completion of the registers the business referred to will be transferred.

2 PAPERS :—

Mr. Stuart laid upon the Table,—Report of the Inspector General of the Insane for 1883.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on the 26th March, 1884,—“Water Frontage at Manly.”

3. SYDNEY CORPORATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL, No. 2 (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of *Mr. Stuart*, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Stuart then moved, That the Title of the Bill be “*An Act to amend the ‘Sydney Corporation Act of 1879.’*”

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled “*An Act to amend the ‘Sydney Corporation Act of 1879.’*”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 29th May, 1884.*

4. **NEW PUBLIC LIBRARY AND ART GALLERY** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Copeland moved, pursuant to Notice, That the plans and drawings of the Colonial Architect for the new Public Library and Art Gallery on the site of the Colonial Architect's Offices be laid upon the Table for exhibition only, and that they be for some time afterwards exhibited in the Parliamentary Library for inspection by Honorable Members.
Question put and passed.
5. **LOCAL OPTION** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Abigail moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a copy of the Report of the Inspector General of Police upon Local Option, dated 28th August, 1883, as well as copies of despatches, minutes, letters, and all other papers relating thereto.
Question put and passed.
6. **BRIDGE, NAMBUCCRA RIVER** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. R. B. Smith moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor for a sum to be placed on the Additional Estimates for Bridge, Nambuccra River, which lapsed on the 23rd May, be restored to the Paper, and stand an Order of the Day for Friday, 13th June.
Question put and passed.
7. **PAPER**:—Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 28th May, 1884,—“Mr. Buchanan, Customs Department.”
Mr. Dibbs moved, That the Papers be “printed.”
Mr. Abigail moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the word “printed,” with a view to the insertion in its place of the words “read by the Clerk.”
Question put, That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—
And Division called for,—but there being no Tellers on the part of the *Ayes*, no Division could be had, and Mr. Speaker declared the Question to have passed in the *negative*.
Question,—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the word omitted be there inserted,—
put and passed.
Question then,—That the Papers be read by the Clerk,—put and passed.
And the Papers were read by the Clerk accordingly.

8. **MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

(1.) Grafton Lighting Company Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled “*An Act to enable the Grafton Lighting Company (Limited) to construct Gas-works and Electric-works within the Town and Suburbs of Grafton,*”—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 29th May, 1884.

JOHN HAY,
President.

(2.) Forest Lodge, near Tarlo, Estate Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled “*An Act to authorize the Sale of certain Lands and Hereditaments conveyed upon certain Trusts mentioned and declared in a certain Indenture dated the first day of May one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six and made between George Slocombe of the first part Eliza Simons of the second part and Charles Newman and John Simons of the third part and to enable the Trustees thereof to invest the proceeds of such Sale for the persons entitled under such Deed and for other purposes in this Act mentioned,*”—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 29th May, 1884.

JOHN HAY,
President.

(3.) Armidale Gas Company's Incorporation Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled “*An Act to incorporate the Armidale Gas Company (Limited) and to enable the said Armidale Gas Company (Limited) to construct Gas-works within the City of Armidale,*”—with the amendment indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendment the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 29th May, 1884.

JOHN HAY,
President.

ARMIDALE GAS COMPANY'S INCORPORATION BILL.

Schedule of the Amendment referred to in Message of 29th May, 1884.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 11. *After clause 35 insert the following new clause:—*“36. Any person may appeal from the judgment or conviction of any Court of Petty Sessions under this Act in the form and manner set forth in the Act of Council fifth William the Fourth number “twenty-two.”

Examined,—

JOSEPH DOCKER,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the Council's amendment be taken into consideration on Friday next.

(4.) Engineering Association Incorporation Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to incorporate a Society called the Engineering Association of New South Wales*,"—with the amendment indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendment the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 29th May, 1884.

JOHN HAY,
President.

ENGINEERING ASSOCIATION INCORPORATION BILL.

Schedule of the Amendment referred to in Message of 29th May, 1884.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 3, clause 6, line 7. At the end of the clause add "or may borrow money without security provided that the amount so borrowed without security shall never exceed in the aggregate the amount of the income of the Corporation for the last preceding year and the Council may also settle and agree to the covenants powers and authorities to be contained in the securities aforesaid."

Examined,—

JOSEPH DOCKER,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the Council's amendment be taken into consideration on Friday next.

9. MR. BUCHANAN, CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT:—Mr. Buchanan moved, That the Papers respecting the Case of Mr. Louis Buchanan, a Clerk in the Customs Department, be printed.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
10. MATRIMONIAL CAUSES ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Council's Message in reference to this Bill postponed until Thursday next.
11. CROWN LANDS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 30 MAY, 1884, A.M.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday next.

12. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Dibbs (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That this House at its rising this day do adjourn until Tuesday next.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned at half-past One o'clock a.m., until *Tuesday next* at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 109.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 3 JUNE, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Wagga Wagga Waterworks:—*Mr. Melville*, for *Mr. Loughnan*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Has the bond for the due completion of the first section of the Wagga Wagga Waterworks been signed by the contractor and his sureties?
- (2.) Is it true that several Government Engineers have successively visited the works, and that each in turn has altered the work of his predecessor?
- (3.) Will the Wagga Wagga Town Council be called on to pay any excess over original contract price?

Mr. Wright answered,—

- (1.) No.
 - (2.) No; but on opening out the work for the Reservoir the Engineer-in-Chief, after inspecting it, thought it necessary to make a greater slope on the hillside, and gave orders accordingly. This will of course somewhat add to its cost, but it will be compensated for by the increased capacity of the Reservoir.
 - (3.) The Council will of course have to pay for the actual cost of the work.
- (2.) Stock Acts:—*Mr. Dangar* asked the Secretary for Mines,—When is it likely the promised Bill to consolidate the Stock Acts will be introduced?

Mr. Abbott answered,—I cannot say; but it will be as soon as possible.

- (3.) Narrabri Common:—*Mr. Dangar* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Will there be any objection to state on whose recommendation or request, and for what reason, the Temporary Common at Narrabri of 5,000 acres was cancelled (see Notice, 5th May, 1884)?
- (2.) Is the Minister aware that the Permanent Common at Narrabri is quite useless without this, as all access to water is cut off?
- (3.) Will steps be taken to restore this Temporary Common to the inhabitants of Narrabri, or convert it into a Permanent one?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

- (1.) Upon the report and recommendation of *Mr. District-Surveyor Dewhurst*.
 - (2.) No.
 - (3.) I will have inquiry made as to whether there is any public necessity for the restoration of the land in question to be a Temporary Common.
- (4.) Veterinary Surgeons:—*Mr. Tarrant* asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) What Veterinary Surgeons have been employed by the New South Wales Government during the last seven years?
 - (2.) What certificates of competency did they possess?
 - (3.) Were these inspected by any Government Officer prior to the employment of these Veterinary Surgeons?
 - (4.) What sum was each paid for his services during each of these years?
 - (5.) What was the scale of fees on which they were paid?
 - (6.) In a general way, what were the particulars which they were employed to carry out?

Mr. Abbott answered,—The information asked for by the Honorable Member would entail a voluminous Return and much research. If the Honorable Member will move for a Return, and give reasons showing the necessity for the same, I shall be glad to have it prepared for him.

(5.)

(5.) Waterworks at Albury, Wagga Wagga, and Goulburn:—*Mr. Poole*, for *Mr. Olliffe*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it his intention to allow the contractors for the erection of engine-houses, &c., for the Waterworks at Albury, Wagga, and Goulburn, to proceed with the same previous to the bonds for the due performance of the work having been signed by the contractors and their sureties in accordance with the terms of the contract?

(2.) How long has the work in connection with No. 1 Contract for water supply for Wagga been in progress, and when will the contract time for completion expire?

(3.) Have the necessary bonds for the due fulfilment of the contract been signed by the contractor and his sureties; if so, when?

(4.) What is the amount paid on the contract, and how much will be due on its completion?

(5.) What is the number of men employed on the work, and when is it likely to be completed?

Mr. Wright answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) The work was commenced about the beginning of September last. The original contract time expired on the 13th February of this year.

(3.) The contract has not yet been signed, owing to the papers having been mislaid during the absence on leave of the Bond Clerk in the Crown Solicitor's Office. Under these circumstances, therefore, it was not thought fair to the contractors either to prevent them from beginning the contract or stop payment, within safe limits, for work actually performed; but arrangements are being made for signing the bond and pushing on the work without further delay.

(4.) The total amount of the contract is £4,621 10s., and the sum actually advanced is £1,226 14s., which is well covered by the amount of work performed.

(5.) About eight at present. The works should be completed in five months from the present date.

(6.) Mineral Leases:—*Mr. W. J. Fergusson* asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) The date the Quarterly Returns relating to Mineral Leases were sent from the Mines Department to the Government Printer; the date the Returns were printed; and the cause (if any) of the delay in printing?

(2.) Will he take steps to have them printed expeditiously?

Mr. Abbott answered,—

(1.) The Returns were sent to the Government Printer on the 1st of April; they were published on the 16th of May. The Government Printer states that the delay is caused by the unprecedented pressure of other work, and that he was not aware that the publication was specially urgent.

(2.) In future the Returns will, when sent to the Government Printer, be marked urgent.

(7.) Wharfage Improvement:—*Mr. Abigail* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has any definite conclusion been arrived at, and a reply sent to the large Deputation that waited upon him some time ago, and submitted plans, model, &c., of a proposed scheme for the wharfage improvement of Sydney; if so, will he state the nature of the conclusion and the reply sent?

(2.) If this question is not yet settled, can he state when it is likely to be?

Mr. Stuart answered,—Reports have just been received on this subject from the Engineer-in-Chief for Harbours and Rivers, and the matter will at once engage the attention of the Government.

(8.) Pyrmont Bridge:—*Mr. Abigail* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Have the Government made application to the Supreme Court for the appointment of a Receiver to take possession of the cash paid as tolls on the Pyrmont Bridge pending the decision of the Privy Council on the Company's appeal?

(2.) Is it true that the Counsel advising the Government in this matter recommended that such an application should be made; if so, will such advice be acted on?

Mr. Wright answered,—

(1.) The Government have not made application for the appointment of a Receiver pending the appeal to the Privy Council.

(2.) Counsel have not advised that such an application should be made.

(9.) Two Millions Loan:—*Mr. Buchanan* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Did the Government obtain power to borrow Two Millions sterling for the construction of certain specified works?

(2.) Were the works in question constructed without the necessity of borrowing the Two Millions sterling?

(3.) Has the Government, notwithstanding, since borrowed the Two Millions sterling, and are they now expending it to meet current expenses?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

(1.) Yes, in 1883, under the Act 46 Vic. No. 23.

(2.) Upon the works authorized there has been expended up to the present time a sum of £562,239 11s. 7d. without the necessity so far of borrowing any part of the authorized Loan of £2,000,000.

(3.) No.

(10.) Homebush Railway Station:—*Mr. Melville*, for *Mr. White*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is he aware that the Homebush Railway Station is quite inadequate for the wants of the public?

(2.) Is he aware that passengers changing from the Southern and Western Mail Trains morning and evening have to wait in an open shed, sometimes as many as one hundred being there at a time, and that the only room (9 x 9 without a fire-place) is so offensive from a small water-closet adjoining that ladies will not sit in it?

(3.) If this is the case, will he take steps to have more accommodation for the public, and the offices erected at once with fire-places?

Mr. Wright answered,—It is proposed to give more accommodation at the Homebush Station.

(11.) }

- (11.) Examination of Pupil Teachers:—Mr. Burdekin asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—When will the result of the recent examination of Pupil Teachers, held in Sydney on 24th April, be made known, and the classification of the successful candidates gazetted?
Mr. Trickett answered,—The result of the examination of the 160 Pupil Teachers who were examined in Sydney on the 24th April will be made known and gazetted when the estimates of their skill and other necessary information are complete.
2. PAPERS:—
Mr. Abbott laid upon the Table,—Regulations under the Diseases in Sheep Act of 1866, and the Diseases in Sheep Acts Amendment Acts of 1878 and 1882.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Stuart laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Additional By-laws of the Borough of Young.
(2.) Amended By-laws of the Borough of Darlington under Municipalities Act of 1867 and Nuisances Prevention Act of 1875.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Religious and Public Purposes, in accordance with the 5th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.
(2.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from sale until surveyed for the Preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, in accordance with the 4th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.
(3.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 4th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.
(4.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated for the use of Pastoral and Agricultural Associations, in accordance with the 32nd section of the Act 39 Victoria No. 13.
Ordered to be printed.
3. STIRLING'S TRUSTS BILL:—Mr. Suttor presented a Petition from Charles James Manning, of Sydney Esquire, Barrister-at-Law, and George Miller, of the same place, Esquire, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Trustees of a Settlement made by Frederick Henry Stirling and Helen Cecilia Deas-Thomson to join with other persons in the leasing and sale of lands subject of the said Settlement.
And Mr. Suttor having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Daily Telegraph*, the *Illawarra Mercury*, and the *Gloucester Gazette*, newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.
4. THE CASE OF THOMAS SCOLLINS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Olliffe moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers in any way relating to a demand made by the Solicitor for ex-Sergeant Thomas Scollins, late a member of the New South Wales Police Force, for payment of any salary due to him up to the date of his discharge, and of all subsequent documents in any way relating to such demand, and the advice of the Attorney General thereon.
Question put and passed.
5. CROWN LANDS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.

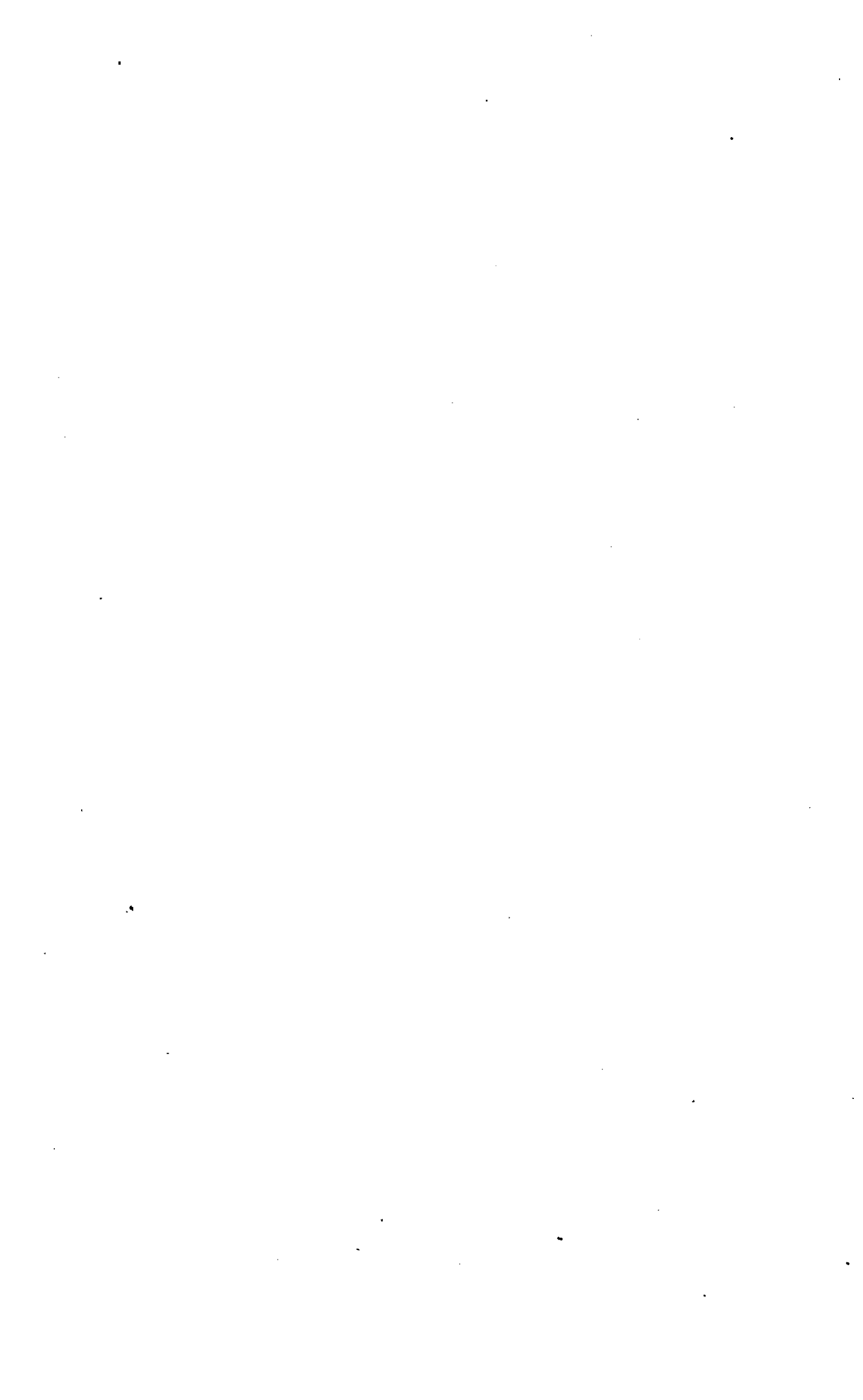
And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 4 JUNE, 1884, A.M.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

The House adjourned at twenty-six minutes after One o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 110.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 4 JUNE, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

GREAT COBAR COPPER MINING COMPANY TRAMWAY BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Stuart, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor.

Message No. 55.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorize the construction by the Great Cobar Copper-mining Company (Limited) of a Tramway over certain Roads and Government Reserves and vacant Crown Lands in the Colony of New South Wales,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 4th June, 1884.

2. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Over-crowding Public Buildings:—Mr. Cameron asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Taking into consideration the great danger to human life now existing through the over-crowding of Theatres and other places of public resort,—Will he take steps to place before the House, on an early date, the report of the Commission appointed to inquire into the subject?

(2.) In view of the great delay on the part of the Commission,—Will he cause representations to be made to them that the matter is one of urgency, and requiring that they should as quickly as possible bring their labours to a close?

Mr. Stuart answered,—I can only say I will invite the Royal Commission to present the Government with their Report at as early a date as possible, and it is my intention, whether I get their Report or not, to take immediate steps to have this matter investigated.

- (2.) Veterinary School:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to make any provision during the present Session for establishing a Veterinary School or a School of Agricultural Chemistry in connection with the University?

Mr. Stuart answered,—This is a matter entirely in connection with the University. I will endeavour to obtain the information for the Honorable Member; but it will be apparent that at a few hours notice it is impossible to do so. If Honorable Members will put questions requiring inquiry, they should give a few days notice to enable replies to be obtained.

- (3.) Captaincy in the Permanent Force:—Mr. Teece, for Mr. A. G. Taylor, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) How long has there been a vacant Captaincy in the New South Wales Permanent Artillery?

(2.) What is the name of the senior Lieutenant who qualified for examination?

(3.) Have the Cabinet decided to appoint this Officer?

(4.) Is there a minute of the Cabinet authorizing this appointment?

(5.) Has His Excellency the Governor refused to sanction the appointment; and if so, upon what grounds?

(6.) Is there any cause for delay?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

(1.) Since the 19th September, 1878.

(2.) Lieutenant Baynes.

(3.) The Honorable Member is probably aware that these appointments are not with the Cabinet.

(4, 5, 6.) There is no such minute, and no such refusal; and as for the causes of delay, they have been discussed again and again before this House. (4.)

- (4.) Permanent Artillery Force :—*Mr. Tecco*, for *Mr. A. G. Taylor*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that several Sergeants and Quarter-master Sergeants of the Permanent Artillery are desirous of re-engagement, are in excellent health, good samples of muscular activity, excellent characters, and in possession of good-conduct badges, and that permission to re-engage has been refused them; and have they appealed to the Commandant against this refusal?
 - (2.) Are they recommended by the Major of their Battery?
 - (3.) Are they refused permission to re-engage, and what sort of men are wanted in their stead?
 - (4.) If discharged, must not fresh expense be incurred for the training, clothing, accoutrements, and military education of their successors?
 - (5.) Are the offices they now fill required for other men?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

(1.) One Quarter-master Sergeant, a small slight man, and two active men in possession of good conduct badges, are desirous of re-engagement, and have been refused. They have appealed to the Commandant, but their appeal has not yet been decided by that officer.

(2.) No.

(3.) Yes. Good men who look for promotion as the reward for services are the best qualified.

(4.) Their successors will be the next best qualified senior Non-commissioned Officers. Having already been trained, no fresh expense will be entailed beyond that of the recruits required to fill the vacancy caused by their promotion.

(5.) Yes. On the expiration of the first term of service, unless considered excellent Non-commissioned Officers, their places will be filled by the next best qualified of each rank, for which these men work very hard.

3. PAPERS :—

Mr. Stuart laid upon the Table,—Report and Return of the Permanent and Volunteer Military Forces for 1883.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Cohen laid upon the Table,—Return to an Address adopted on 16th April, 1884,—“Gundagai Bench of Magistrates.”

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table,—

(1.) General Abstract of Bank Liabilities and Assets for the Quarter ended 31st March, 1884.

Ordered to be printed.

(2.) Return to an Address made on 28th February, 1884,—“Claim of Stephen Cole.”

Ordered that the document be referred to the Select Committee on the “Claim of Stephen Cole.”

4. CITY BANK ACT EXTENSION BILL [*Heretofore* CITY BANK BILL] :—*Mr. Burns*, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 23rd May, 1884; together with Appendix, and a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Burns then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday, 20th June.

Question put and passed.

5. STIRLING'S TRUSTS BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—*Mr. Suttor* moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Trustees of a Settlement made by Frederick Henry Stirling and Helen Cecilia Deas-Thomson to join with other persons in the leasing and sale of lands subject of the said Settlement.

Question put and passed.

6. LEAVE OF ABSENCE (*Formal Motion*) :—*Sir John Robertson* moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave of absence be granted to Edward Combes, Esq., a Member for East Macquarie, for three weeks, in consequence of his continued ill-health.

Question put and passed.

7. POSTPONEMENT OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS :—The Orders of the Day of Government Business Nos. 1 to 9 inclusive postponed, to follow after General Business.

8. POSTPONEMENT OF GENERAL BUSINESS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—

(1.) Parliamentary Prorogation Curtailment Bill; second reading;—
 (2.) District Courts Acts further Amendment Bill; adjourned Debate, on the motion of *Mr. A. G. Taylor*, “That this Bill be now read a second time”;—

} until to-morrow.

(3.) North Shore Steam Ferry Service; consideration in Committee of Resolution;—

} until Friday, 4th July.

(4.) Supreme Court Appellate Jurisdiction Bill; second reading;—

(5.) Tamworth Cattle Sale-yards Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—

} until Friday next.

(6.) Judgment Creditors Remedies Extension Bill; second reading;—

(7.) Supreme Court Process Facilitation Bill; second reading;—

(8.) Badham Annuity Bill; consideration in Committee of expediency of bringing in a Bill;—

} until Friday, 20th June.

(9.) Companies (Extra-Colonial Registers) Bill; second reading;—

(10.) Manly Gas-light and Coke Company Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of Legislative Council's amendment;—until Friday next.

(11.) Licensing Acts Amendment Bill; adjourned Debate, on the motion of *Mr. Olliffe*, “That this Bill be now read a second time;—

} until Friday, 4th July.

(12.) Legislative Assembly Quorum Bill; second reading;—

(13.) Cootamundry Roman Catholic Church Land Sale Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—

} until Friday, 27th June.

(14.) Boorowa Roman Catholic Church Land Sale Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—

(15.)

- (15.) Criminal Law further Amendment Bill; second reading;—*until Friday, 4th July.*
 (16.) Religious Persuasions of Children attending Public Schools; resumption of adjourned Debate;—*until Friday, 27th June.*
 (17.) District Courts Act further Amendment Bill (No. 2); third reading;—*until a later hour of the day.*
 (18.) Armidale Gas Company's Incorporation Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of Legislative Council's amendment;—*until Friday next.*
 (19.) Engineering Association Incorporation Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of Legislative Council's amendment;—*until Friday, 18th July.*

9. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Luscombe moved, That this House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and negatived.

10. STIRLING'S TRUSTS BILL:—Mr. Suttor having *presented* this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of the sum of Twenty-five Pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable the Trustees of a Settlement made by Frederick Henry Stirling and Helen Cecilia Deas-Thompson to join with other persons in the leasing and sale of lands subject of the said Settlement,*"—read a first time.

11. CROWN LANDS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

12. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Dibbs moved, That this House do now adjourn.
 Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

13. POSTPONEMENTS:—The Orders of the Day of Government Business Nos. 2 to 9 inclusive, postponed until to-morrow.

14. DISTRICT COURTS ACT FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2):—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Gould moved "That" this Bill be now read a third time.

Mr. A. G. Taylor moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "That," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of clause 7."

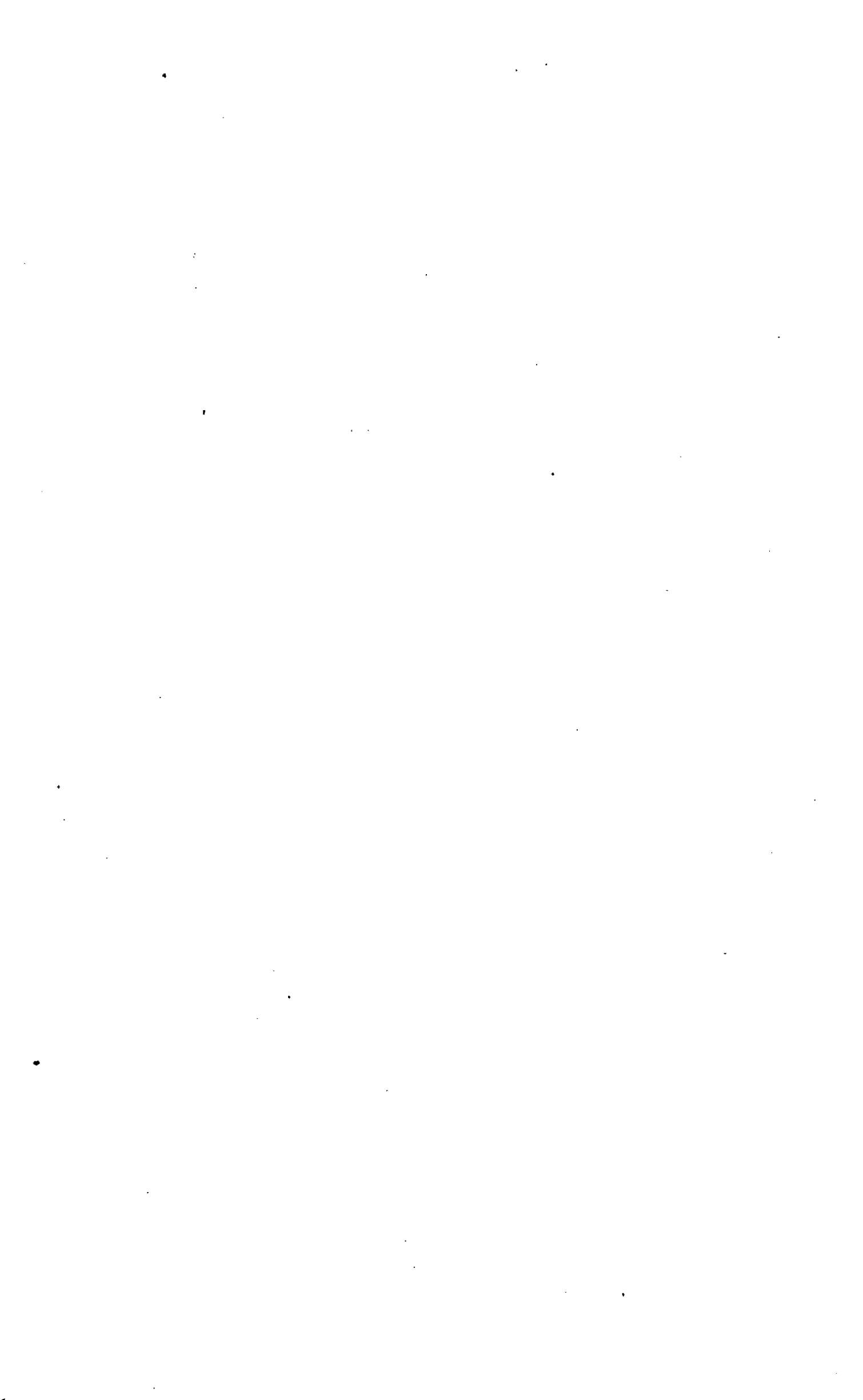
Question,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—put and negatived.
 Question,—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words omitted be there inserted,—put and passed.

Question then,—That the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of clause 7,—put and passed.
 On motion of Mr. Gould, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill 2^o, with a further amendment.
 On motion of Mr. Gould (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.
 Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

The House adjourned at twenty-seven minutes after One o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 111.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 5 JUNE, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) The Case of Mrs. Booty:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Minister of Justice,—Has he decided yet to mitigate the sentence of three years imprisonment passed on Mrs. Booty at the Wellington Quarter Sessions, the presiding Judge having expressed regret that the law compelled him to sentence her to more than one year's imprisonment?

Mr. Cohen answered,—I beg to refer the Honorable Member to the answer given by me to a somewhat similar question asked by the Honorable Member for Molong on 12th December, 1883, which, it will be seen, indicates the course that is to be pursued before any mitigation of sentence can be recommended.

- (2.) Lady Students at Hurlstone College:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—

(1.) Do the marks now obtained by the Lady Students at Hurlstone College count in the adjustment of their classification at the end of their twelve months probation?

(2.) Are good character, diligence, and certificates of competency from their previous Head Teachers counted in the adjustment of such classification?

(3.) Are regular attendance and absence of unfavourable reports also reckoned in the matter?

Mr. Trickett answered,—

(1.) The classification of the Students in training depends upon the value of their written papers and the marks gained in the various subjects of study when the final examination is held; also upon their practical skill as tested by teaching.

(2.) No. These are of value to the Students on entering the Training School; but the reports of the Training Officers and Inspectors supersede the certificates of previous Head Teachers on leaving the Training School.

(3.) Yes, always.

- (3.) James O'Connell, late Tramway Conductor:—Mr. Cameron asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he have any objection to state the reasons why James O'Connell, late Tramway Conductor, was dismissed by him from the Public Service?

Mr. Stuart answered,—For bringing untrue charges against the Superintendent of Tramways.

- (4.) Dismissal of Tramway Conductors:—Mr. Cameron asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) When will a decision be arrived at with reference to the Tramway Conductors who were dismissed without any reason being assigned, and into the circumstances of whose case he held an inquiry some time ago?

(2.) Will the Minister have any objection to lay upon the Table of the House copies of all papers connected with the dismissal of these men, and his own minutes taken at the inquiry in question?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

(1.) The decision arrived at by the Honorable Minister for Public Works, after an inquiry which he personally conducted, was that the course pursued in dismissing these men was a just one.

(2.) No good purpose can be served by laying these papers upon the Table of the House.

(5.)

- (5.) **The Case of William Stirling**:—Mr. Cameron asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—
- (1.) Is he aware that on or about the 28th October last the residence of one William Stirling was partially demolished by the fall of a wall connected with the Fort-street Public School, inflicting severe injuries on Mr. Stirling, through which he lost his employment, and his wife has been rendered a confirmed invalid?
 - (2.) Will he say whether it is his intention to place a sum of money on the Additional Estimates to recompense these people; and if so, what amount does he propose to award them?
- Mr. Trickett answered,—I am quite sure the Honorable Gentleman will see, when I tell him that there is an action pending for a claim for damages by these persons, and that this is now in the hands of the Crown Solicitor, it would be very inadvisable for me to express now anything about the merits of the case, or what the Government intend to do.
- (6.) **The Quirindi Rape Case**:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is it true that the young girl who was outraged at Quirindi has been kept in custody in the Quirindi Lock-up while the present inquiry is proceeding?
 - (2.) Is it true that Mr. Abbott, Stipendiary Magistrate, ordered the girl to be detained in custody till they heard from Sydney?
 - (3.) If it is true, will the Colonial Secretary state on what charge this young girl has been deprived of her liberty, and who is responsible for her imprisonment?
- Mr. Cohen answered,—No. After the inquiry held by him was concluded, Mr. T. K. Abbott, the Commissioner appointed to inquire into the case, ordered Jessie Jane Duncan to be locked up on a charge of perjury committed before him.
- (7.) **Under Secretaryship, Department of Public Instruction**:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—
- (1.) Is the Under Secretaryship of the Public Instruction Department vacant?
 - (2.) Are Mr. Inspector Johnson and Mr. George Miller candidates for the vacancy?
 - (3.) Did the late Minister for Public Instruction (G. H. Reid, Esquire) nominate Mr. Miller for the vacancy?
 - (4.) How long have these two applicants respectively served in the Public Instruction Department?
 - (5.) Have either or both of them an intimate knowledge of the School Districts and educational requirements of the interior?
 - (6.) When will the appointment be made?
- Mr. Trickett answered,—
- (1 and 2.) Yes.
 - (3.) No.
 - (4.) Since the present Act came into operation.
 - (5.) I do not think it advisable to give the Honorable Member any information in regard to this, considering that both these gentlemen are applicants for the position under consideration.
 - (6.) I am not at present prepared to state.
- (8.) **Charge against an Officer in Darlinghurst Gaol**:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) Was a charge recently made against an Officer in Darlinghurst Gaol for spreading a contagious disease in that prison, or was the Officer given to understand that he was suspected of such an offence?
 - (2.) Will he be good enough, in justice to the Officer's character, to state that the suspicion has been discovered to be unfounded?
- Mr. Cohen answered,—I am informed that no such charge against any Officer has been brought under the notice of the Gaol Authorities.
- (9.) **Outrages by Dynamite**:—Mr. Burns, for Sir John Robertson, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- Has the Government received any official or other authentic information from America, or elsewhere, respecting the coming to this Colony of persons who are suspected of intending to commit outrages by dynamite?
- Mr. Stuart answered,—About two months ago I did receive certain information—how far it is authentic I cannot say—respecting the possibility of certain persons coming to these Colonies suspected of intending to commit such outrages.
- (10.) **Holidays for Warders**:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) How many days a year are the Warders allowed as holidays?
 - (2.) Is it intended, in view of their arduous duties, to increase their vacation?
- Mr. Cohen answered,—
- (1.) The general rule of the Service, or rather privilege, is that where the staff is sufficiently large the ordinary Warders are allowed, in rotation, one day's leave in each month, apart from leave that may be specially given. Warders in superior posts are, where circumstances permit, allowed one day in eight. These privileges are sometimes necessarily curtailed by sickness in the staff and pressure of duties.
 - (2.) It would not be possible to increase the existing privileges without entailing an additional cost, for which there is no commensurate necessity.
- (11.) **Shea's Creek Sewer**:—Mr. Poole, for Mr. Olliffe, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- Will he inform the House if he has visited Botany with Mr. Bennett *re* Shea's Creek Sewer; if so, the result of his inspection?
- Mr. Stuart answered,—The Minister for Works visited Shea's Creek Sewer on Thursday last, with reference to road matters. He had visited it on previous occasions, and approved of the progress that was being made.

2. WHALING ROAD, NORTH SHORE :—Mr. Holtermann presented a Petition from Residents of St. Leonards, North Shore, in favour of the opening of the Whaling Road; and praying the House to have the obstructions to the opening of the said Road removed.
Petition received, and referred to the Select Committee on the subject.
3. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Burdekin moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
4. PAPERS :—
Mr. Abbott laid upon the Table,—Annual Report of the Department of Mines for the year 1883.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Trickett laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Report of the Trustees of the Australian Museum for 1883.
(2.) Notifications of Resumption of Land for Public School Purposes at Birch Grove, Blue Gum Flat, Murroo, and North Rocks.
(3.) Return to an Order made on 18th March, 1884,—“Expenditure under Public Instruction Act.”
Ordered to be printed.
5. RAILWAY FROM ORANGE TO FORBES *via* CUDAL :—Mr. Stokes presented a Petition from Inhabitants of Condobolin and surrounding district, urging the necessity of constructing a Railway from Orange direct to Forbes *via* Cudal; and praying the House to give the matter favourable consideration.
And the same having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker,—
Petition received.
6. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council :—
(1.) ‘Dubbo Gas Company’s Incorporation Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled “*An Act to incorporate the Dubbo Gas Company (Limited) and to enable the said Dubbo Gas Company (Limited) to construct Gas-works within the Town of Dubbo,*”—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 5th June, 1884.

JOHN HAY,

President.

DUBBO GAS COMPANY’S INCORPORATION BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 5th June, 1884.

JOHN J. CALVERT,

Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Pages 1 and 2, Preamble. *Omit* all the words after “South Wales” in line 6 to “Company” inclusive, in line 16, page 2, *insert* “in accordance with and subject to the provisions of the “Companies Act thirty-seven Victoria number nineteen”
- Page 2, clause 1, line 32. *Omit* “deed of settlement” *insert* “memorandum and articles of “association.”
- Page 2, clause 2, line 55. *Omit* “deed of settlement” *insert* “memorandum and articles of “association.”
- Page 3, clause 2, line 5. *Omit* “deed of settlement” *insert* “memorandum and articles of “association.”
- Page 3, clause 2, line 8. *Omit* “deed of settlement” *insert* “memorandum and articles of “association.”
- Page 3, clause 2, line 12. *Omit* “deed of settlement” *insert* “memorandum and articles of “association.”
- Page 3, clause 3, lines 16 and 17. *Omit* “deed of settlement” *insert* “memorandum and articles of “association.”
- Page 3, clause 6, line 36. *Omit* “deed of settlement” *insert* “memorandum and articles of “association.”
- Page 3, clause 7, line 48. *Omit* “deed of settlement” *insert* “memorandum and articles of “association.”
- Page 4, clause 11, line 24. *Omit* “deed of settlement” *insert* “memorandum and articles of “association.”
- Page 4, clause 11, line 38. *Omit* “deed of settlement” *insert* “memorandum and articles of “association.”
- Page 4, clause 12. *Omit* clause 12.
- Page 5, clause 13. *Omit* clause 13.
- Page 5, clause 14. *Omit* clause 14.
- Page 6, clause 16, lines 12 and 13. *Omit* “deed of settlement” *insert* “memorandum and articles “of association.”
- Page 6, clause 16, line 21. *Omit* “deed of settlement” *insert* “memorandum and articles of “association.”
- Page 11. *After* clause 35 *insert* the following new clause :—
“Any person may appeal from the judgment or conviction of any Court of Petty Sessions “under this Act in the form and manner set forth in the Act of Council fifth William the Fourth “number twenty-two.”

Examined,—

W. R. PIDDINGTON,

Deputy Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the Council’s amendments be taken into consideration to-morrow.

(2.) Windsor Gas-light Company Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to enable the Windsor Gas-light Company (Limited) to construct Gas-works within the Town of Windsor*,"—with the amendment indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendment the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 5th June, 1884.

JOHN HAY,
President.

WINDSOR GAS-LIGHT COMPANY (LIMITED) BILL.

Schedule of the Amendment referred to in Message of 5th June, 1884.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 8, clause 24, line 15. — After "town" omit remainder of clause.

Examined,—

W. R. PIDDINGTON,
Deputy Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the Council's amendment be taken into consideration to-morrow.

(3.) Sydney Streets Municipal Loan Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to enable the Municipal Council of Sydney to raise by Debentures the sum of Two Hundred Thousand Pounds for the Improvement of Public Highways within the said City*,"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 5th June, 1884.

JOHN HAY,
President.

SYDNEY STREETS MUNICIPAL LOAN BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 5th June, 1884.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, Preamble, line 4. Omit "and otherwise improving"

Page 1, clause 1, line 15. Omit "and otherwise improving"

Examined,—

W. R. PIDDINGTON,
Deputy Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the Council's amendments be taken into consideration on Tuesday next.

7. CONVICTIONS UNDER THE CRIMINAL LAW CONSOLIDATION ACT (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. A. G. Taylor moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House a Return detailing,—
- (1.) The names of all persons (giving initials only) convicted of indictable offences since the initiation of the Criminal Law Consolidation Act.
 - (2.) The number and nature of the previous convictions against each.
 - (3.) The sentences passed upon each, and also the names of all persons corporally punished during the same period, with the number of lashes inflicted on each, and the nature of the crime for which each was convicted.
- Question put and passed.
8. STIRLING'S TRUSTS BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Suttor moved, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) That Stirling's Trusts Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, with power to send for persons and papers.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Abigail, Mr. Burdekin, Mr. Burns, Mr. Gould, Mr. Heydon, Mr. Loughnan, Mr. Murray, Mr. Stephen, Mr. Teece, and the Mover.
- Question put and passed.
9. DISTRICT COURTS ACT FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL No. 2 (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Gould, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Gould then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to further amend the 'District Courts Act of 1858.'*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to further amend the 'District Courts Act of 1858.'*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 5th June, 1884.

10. CROWN LANDS BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 6 JUNE, 1884, A.M.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday next.

11. O'DOUD'S ESTATE LEASING BILL :—Mr. Day, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 8th May, 1884; together with a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Day then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday, 13th June.

Question put and passed.

12. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Stuart (*by consent*) moved without Notice, That this House at its rising this day do adjourn until Tuesday next.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned at five minutes after Three o'clock a.m., until *Tuesday next* at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 112.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 10 JUNE, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

ADDRESS OF CONDOLENCE WITH HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received a Letter from His Excellency the Governor enclosing copy of a Despatch from the Secretary of State for the Colonies acknowledging the receipt of the Address agreed to by this House on the 1st April last expressing sympathy with Her Majesty the Queen in the affliction which had befallen her in the death of Prince Leopold, Duke of Albany.

My Lord,

Downing Street,
4th April, 1884.

I have received and laid before the Queen your telegram communicating the words of an Address to Her Majesty, passed by both Houses of the Legislature of New South Wales, expressing their sympathy with Her Majesty in the affliction which has befallen her in the death of the Duke of Albany.

I am commanded by the Queen to request that you will inform the President of the Legislative Council and the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly that Her Majesty is deeply sensible of the kind feelings of sympathy expressed in their Address.

Governor,

The Right Honorable

Lord Augustus W. F. S. Loftus, G.C.B.,
&c., &c., &c.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) DERBY.

2. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Pipes for Hunter River Water Supply:—Mr. Luscombe asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) The number of cast-iron pipes imported for the Hunter River Water Supply now lying on Bullock Island, near Newcastle?
(2.) The gross number of tons weight of same?
(3.) How long have these pipes been lying in their present position?
(4.) What was the cost of the said pipes including inspection whilst making and passing, importing, stacking, and all other charges, including all commissions?
(5.) When was the first money paid towards these pipes, and the dates and amounts paid subsequently, and then the total cost up to date?
(6.) When will these pipes be used for the purpose for which they were imported?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

- (1.) 19,750 pipes.
(2.) 9,357 tons 19 cwt. 2 qrs. 17 lbs.
(3.) The first shipment was landed on the 25th May, 1883, and the last on the 24th January, 1884.
(4.) The cost to the present time, of which we have advices, is £52,512 12s. There may be a trifling sum yet to pay, but it cannot be much.
(5.) The first payment for the pipes was made in England on the 21st December, 1882, and the last on the 25th October, 1883. The total cost is the amount given in answer to query No. 4. The detailed amounts, and the dates of their respective payments, will occupy too much time to read as an answer to a question; but I will have a Return prepared giving them, if the information now supplied is not sufficient for the purpose of the Honorable Member.
(6.) 151 tons of the pipes have been sent to Walka, and partly laid. Fresh tenders are now being invited for laying the remainder. The work should occupy about nine months.

(2.)

(2.) Manufacture of Saddles in Gaols :—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Minister of Justice,—In what Gaols in the Colony are saddles made and sold to the townspeople?

Mr. Cohen answered,—I am informed by the Comptroller General of Prisons that this is not done in any of the Gaols in the Colony.

(3.) Mining for Coal under Maitland Road :—Mr. Melville asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) The name, or names, of the persons who received permission to mine for coal under the Maitland Road?

(2.) The conditions under which such persons were allowed to mine, and the royalty paid to the Government for such coal?

(3.) Is it the intention of the Government to prosecute the persons who mined without authority?

Mr. Abbott answered,—

(1.) One authority only was granted, namely, Mr. E. A. White, but was not issued.

(2.) The authority not having been issued the conditions did not take effect.

(3.) An injunction has been obtained against certain persons.

(4.) Prince Alfred and Sydney Hospitals :—Mr. Abigail asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) The cost per head of the Government patients sent to the Prince Alfred Hospital for the last eighteen months, ending May, 1884?

(2.) The same in reference to the Sydney Hospital?

(3.) The number of beds available at each of these Hospitals for such patients, and the number of such patients at present in each establishment?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

(1.) The charge to the Government for paupers is 2s. 3d. per diem; average stay of Government patients during last eighteen months, 39 days.

(2.) The charge to the Government is the same as in the Prince Alfred Hospital; average stay of Government patients in Hospital, 32 days.

(3.) No beds are set apart for Government patients in either Hospital. They are admitted as accommodation offers. Number of Government patients in Sydney Hospital, 31st May, 114; number in Prince Alfred Hospital on 7th June, 81.

(5.) Assisted Immigration :—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What is the total amount expended on Assisted Immigration by this Colony?

(2.) How many Immigrants has this money brought out to the Colony?

Mr. Stuart answered,—If the Honorable Member will indicate what he desires, I will endeavour to answer him; but he does not state when this is to commence. I do not know whether he wants to go back to the year one of the Colony; if he does, it would require a great deal of labour, and I should think it would be of comparative inutility, and it would occupy many clerks in the Government Service for weeks or months to search the old records. If he means of late years, and will fix some definite period, I will endeavour to get the information as rapidly as possible.

(6.) Coady's Case :—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Minister of Justice,—What decision has he arrived at with regard to the imprisonment of the labouring man Coady for not giving a fortnight's notice to the Manager of the Coal Cliff Coal-mining Company?

Mr. Cohen answered,—I have not yet come to any decision, not having had time to consider the report in the matter.

(7.) Mr. Coll, Bando Station :—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has a Mr. Coll, of Bando Station, near Melally, applied to the Railway Department for £150 compensation for a stack of grain alleged to be consumed by a spark from a Railway engine; if so, what reply has been sent to Mr. Coll?

Mr. Stuart answered,—Yes. Mr. Coll, through his Solicitor, has been informed that after careful inquiry no evidence can be obtained that any fire occurred on his land.

(8.) Public School Teachers as Sabbath School Teachers :—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—Will he alter the regulations of the Department so as to permit Teachers desiring to do so to teach in Sabbath Schools and officiate in places of worship?

Mr. Trickett answered,—There is no regulation precluding Teachers from teaching in Sabbath Schools. There is no intention to alter the terms of paragraph 28 of the Instructions to Teachers issued on the 28th May, 1883, which contains the only direction on the subject of Public School Teachers acting as Local Preachers.

(9.) Public School at Sally's Flat :—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—

(1.) Is he aware that the Public School at Sally's Flat is sadly in need of repair?

(2.) Will he take steps to erect new Buildings there?

Mr. Trickett answered,—

(1.) The building is represented to be in a very dilapidated state, and it is not considered advisable to spend any money in repairing it.

(2.) Steps are being taken with a view to the erection of new buildings.

(10.) Public School at Avisford :—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—When will new Public School Buildings be erected at Avisford, as requested by recent petitions?

Mr. Trickett answered,—The Petition was received on the 3rd instant, and the question of the erection of new buildings is under consideration.

(11.) Road known as the Windeyer Bridle Track :—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has he received two or more Petitions from the Residents of Campbell's Creek, Windeyer and Pyramul, for the formation of a Road known as the Windeyer Bridle Track?

(2.) Is it his intention to authorize any repairs to the said Road?

Mr.

Mr. Stuart answered,—

(1.) Yes ; a letter from the Progress Committee, Windeyer, and a Petition from the Residents of Pyramul, Campbell's Creek, &c.

(2.) A copy of the Assistant Engineer's report was sent to Mr. Taylor on 31st May, 1883, to the effect that the cost of this road would not be less than £4,000 ; that the country was mountainous and unsuited for selection ; that the traffic was very small, and the road would interfere with proposed water supply for Mudgee ; and that as there was no prospect of the opening of Rail increasing the traffic no grant could be given.

(12.) Land Titles Office :—Mr. Murray asked the Colonial Secretary,—The number of Deeds at the Land Titles Office not indexed ; the cause of delay, if any ; and the number of Deeds on which diagrams have to be drawn ?

Mr. Stuart answered,—The number at present to be entered not indexed is 876, and the Registrar attributes the cause of delay to the increase of business. There are 385 transfers, for which certificates of title must issue, and for which diagrams have to be drawn. There are 165 with the draftsmen, and 216 that are to be forwarded to the draftsmen.

(13.) Conveyance of Live Stock by Railway :—Mr. Badgery asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has the Board appointed to inquire into the conveyance of Live Stock by Railway concluded its work ?

(2.) Has the Government been furnished with the Report, and on what date ?

(3.) Has the Report been dealt with by the Government, and on what date will the same be laid upon the Table of the House ?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes, on the 5th May, 1884.

(3.) Yes. I will be able presently to lay upon the Table a report connected with this matter.

(14.) Administration of Justice at Walgett :—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Was the licensee of an hotel at Walgett charged with supplying liquor to an aboriginal ?

(2.) Was he allowed to give evidence in defence of what had been told him by his barman prior to the latter's departure that morning for Coonamble, and was the case dismissed in consequence ?

(3.) Will he instruct the Police Magistrate at Walgett to exclude hearsay evidence in future *quasi* criminal trials ?

Mr. Cohen answered,—

(1.) No. I am informed that the licensee referred to was, on 29th April last, charged before the Bench at Walgett with allowing (not supplying) liquor to be supplied to one John Hannan, aboriginal.

(2.) I understand such evidence was given after the barman had left for Coonamble, and the case was not dismissed in consequence of such evidence having been so given.

(3.) It would be highly inexpedient of me to give any such instructions.

(15.) Mr. G. J. Martin :—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Did Mr. G. J. Martin, a member of the Civil Service, apply about a year ago for appointment as Clerk of Petty Sessions ?

(2.) Was he informed by the Minister that he could be appointed Clerk of Petty Sessions at Cobar, and might have had the Urana Clerk of Petty Sessionship but for the objection of the Minister for Lands ?

(3.) Was Mr. Martin strongly recommended by Ministers, ex-Ministers, Members of the two Houses, of the Legal Profession, Magistracy, &c. ?

(4.) Is it a fact that he is not yet appointed ?

Mr. Cohen answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) No.

(3.) He has been so recommended.

(4.) Yes.

(16.) Road from Greta to Cessnock :—Mr. Burns asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Under whose supervision, and in what manner, will the grant of £800 for the Road from Greta to Cessnock be expended ?

Mr. Stuart answered,—Grant will be expended by Mr. Stilwell, Road Superintendent, Maitland, on Road from Greta to Hunter River, in 990 yards of construction now in hand ; on Road Greta to Cessnock, in 1 mile of construction and cuttings, and in the remedying of some defective work ; and in metalling and gravelling close to Allandale Railway Station.

(17.) The late Mr. Sandeman, Official Assignee :—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Did the late Alfred Sandeman enter into any guarantee or indemnity bond for moneys coming to his hands as Official Assignee ?

(2.) Was there any deficiency discovered in the accounts of the late Alfred Sandeman as Official Assignee ?

(3.) If so, have the bondsmen been called upon to pay the amount of the bonds ?

(4.) Who are the bondsmen ; for what amount ; and have they paid ?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

(1.) The late Alfred Sandeman did enter into a guarantee or indemnity bond for moneys coming into his hands as Official Assignee.

(2.) There was a deficiency discovered in the accounts of the late Alfred Sandeman as such Official Assignee.

(3.) Yes.

(4.) The bondsmen were Mr. Alexander Stuart, the present Colonial Secretary, and the Honorable J. B. Watt, for the sum of £1,000 each, and they have paid the amount, as in duty bound.

(18.) Recreation Grounds for Country Towns :—*Mr. Garrett*, for *Mr. McCourt*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will the Government submit a Vote on the Additional Estimates for the purchase of Recreation Grounds for Country Towns ?

Mr. Stuart answered,—The Government are not prepared to submit a vote on the Additional Estimates for the further purchase of Recreation Grounds.

(19.) Canowindra Police :—*Mr. A. G. Taylor* asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Was a man named Joseph Jean Pollett arrested on Queen's Birthday at Canowindra for assaulting a Constable in the execution of his duty ?

(2.) Did the arresting Constable tie his prisoner up with a chain in an out-house or lock-up from Saturday night to Monday night without bringing him before the Court ?

(3.) Did he at the end of that time demand £22 10s. (cash) bail for prisoner's appearance, and did he afterwards consent to receive £6 bail ?

(4.) Did the Bench refuse prisoner an adjournment to enable him to bring witnesses to disprove the charge ?

(5.) Will the Minister say if this is not the second time that his attention has been called to the Canowindra Police chaining their prisoners up ?

(6.) Is it not a fact that the new lock-up at Canowindra contains two cells, which might have been used on this occasion ?

(7.) Will the Minister make inquiry, and punish the Policeman, if this inhumanity is proven against him ?

Mr. Cohen answered,—

(1.) Yes, at 10 p.m. ; and he was also charged with being drunk and disorderly.

(2.) The prisoner was chained at night time, and for a short time on Monday when the Constable was attending an inquest. The case could not be heard on Monday, as the attendance of Magistrates could not be procured.

(3.) I am informed the Constable did not demand £22 10s., but took £6 as bail.

(4.) The Bench of Magistrates refused a postponement as the prisoner could not state who were his witnesses. When the prisoner heard the name of the witness for the prosecution he stated that he was satisfied to have the case heard, and told the Bench he was satisfied with his treatment.

(5.) Yes.

(6.) The new lock-up is not complete or fit for occupation. Tenders will be shortly called for the work required.

(7.) The practice of chaining up prisoners is most improper ; but there was apparently no alternative in this instance, and it is not intended to punish the Policeman, who has not been guilty of any inhumanity.

(20.) Insolvency of a Draughtsman in the Railway Department :—*Mr. A. G. Taylor* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it true that a Draughtsman in the Railway Survey Department filed his schedule recently ?

(2.) Was the business partner of the Minister for Mines among his creditors ?

(3.) Did the Minister for Mines recommend that a levy should be made on the insolvent's salary ?

(4.) Did the Minister for Works write a minute to the effect that the insolvent should have 25 per cent. deducted from his salary to pay his creditors ?

(5.) Was this minute made while the case was pending before the Official Assignee ?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) I am not aware.

(3.) No ; he recommended that the officer should make monthly instalments in payment of his debt. (4 and 5.) Yes.

(21.) *Mr. O'Brien*, Public Works Department :—*Mr. Cameron* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is there a person named O'Brien employed in his Department in the capacity of Private Detective ?

(2.) What salary does he receive ?

(3.) By whom was he recommended for employment in his present position ?

(4.) Where was he employed prior to the date of his present appointment ?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

(1.) There is a person of the name of O'Brien in the service of the Department, but I am not aware that he is in the capacity of a Private Detective. It is his duty to make investigations into the merits of claims for compensation, and generally to prevent fraud.

(2.) 12s. a day.

(3.) He was recommended by the Chairman of the Sydney Tramway and Omnibus Company.

(4.) For five years previous he was Traffic Manager of the Sydney Tramway and Omnibus Company, and he was for ten years in New Zealand as Inspector of Gold Field Licenses.

(22.) Captaincy in the Permanent Artillery :—*Mr. A. G. Taylor* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Did he make a minute appointing or nominating any person to the vacant Captaincy in the New South Wales Permanent Artillery ?

(2.) If so, upon whom did his choice fall, and what date does the minute bear ?

(3.) Has the minute of recommendation, nomination, or appointment, been submitted yet to the Executive Council ; and if so, when ?

(4.) What decision has the Executive Council arrived at in the matter ?

(5.) Has the Captaincy been vacant for nearly six years ?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

(1.) It is not my duty to appoint or nominate any person to this office, and therefore I did not make any such minute.

(2.) This is answered by No. 1.

(3.) A minute of recommendation has not been submitted to the Executive Council.

(4.) Answered by No. 3.

(5.) I understand the Captaincy has been vacant for nearly six years.

(23.)

(23.) Assistant Inspector of Fisheries :—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Department has recently appointed as Assistant Inspector of Fisheries a gentleman who had no experience of oyster culture?

(2.) Is it a fact that the gentleman appointed had hitherto been manager of a saw-mill?

Mr. Stuart answered,—Without some further clue to identify the person who is alluded to, I am not in a position to ascertain whether such a person has been appointed. If the Honorable Member will give me some index, I shall be happy to ascertain for him.

(24.) Municipal Endowment :—Mr. Teece asked the Colonial Secretary,—When will the Municipal Endowment of £65,000 be distributed among the various Municipalities entitled to the same?

Mr. Stuart answered,—The greater part of this money has been distributed. Whoever asks receives, so long as he can show a proper title to it.

(25.) Prohibitions under Licensing Act :—Mr. De Salis asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) When the Police give publicans notice that a prohibition under the 53rd clause of the Licensing Act is issued against any one, is it necessary that a copy should be left with every innkeeper, or will the exhibiting and reading the one copy in each licensed house in the district be sufficient?

(2.) When the prohibition is applied for and granted, has the applicant to pay for the one copy, or is it necessary to pay for every copy served in the district?

Mr. Cohen answered,—

(1.) The practice throughout the Colony could not be ascertained without reference to the various Benches of Magistrates. In the Metropolitan Licensing District applicants for the prohibition orders are supplied with as many notices as they may desire, which they themselves serve on licensees.

(2.) I understand that no charge is made for the notices in Sydney, but I have not yet been able to ascertain the practice in the country.

3. VICTORIAN COAL-MINING COMPANY'S BILL (No. 2) :—Mr. Fletcher, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 30th April, 1884; together with Appendix, and a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee. Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Fletcher then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday, 27th June.

Question put and passed.

4. CONDITIONAL PURCHASE ON MILLER'S CREEK RUN :—Mr. Farnell presented a Petition from Esther Ann Glass, of Gara, praying to be heard by Counsel or Solicitor before the Select Committee on "Conditional Purchase on Miller's Creek Run," with liberty to adduce such evidence as she may be advised concerning the subject matter of the said inquiry in the interests of herself and infant children.

Petition received, and referred to the Select Committee on the subject.

5. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. A. G. Taylor moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

6. PAPER :—Mr. Stuart laid upon the Table,—Report of the Board appointed to inquire into the conduct of the Live Stock Traffic on the Railways of New South Wales.

Ordered to be printed.

7. SYDNEY STREETS MUNICIPAL LOAN BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Stuart, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.

On motion of Mr. Stuart, the report was adopted.

Ordered, that the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Municipal Council of Sydney to raise by Debentures the sum of Two Hundred Thousand Pounds for the improvement of Public Highways within the said City.*"

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 10th June, 1884.

8. CROWN LANDS BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 11 JUNE, 1884, A.M.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

The House adjourned at fifteen minutes before One o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 113.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 11 JUNE, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Veterinary School:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to make any provision during the present Session for establishing a Veterinary School or a School of Agricultural Chemistry in connection with the University?

Mr. Stuart answered,—I do not think that during the present Session the Government will be able to make this provision?

- (2.) Public School at Sally's Flat:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—Is he aware that the Public School at Sally's Flat is in a dilapidated state; if so, will he be good enough to order the erection of a new building or the repair of the present one?

Mr. Trickett answered,—I answered this question yesterday, and I can give the Honorable Member no further reply.

- (3.) Public School at Wollar:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—When will steps be taken to erect a Public School at Wollar?

Mr. Trickett answered,—The population of the locality is not deemed sufficient to warrant the expense of erecting new Public School Buildings; but it has already been signified to the residents that aid will be granted towards the cost of a cheap building, provided they will themselves erect one in accordance with the Regulations for Provisional Schools.

- (4.) Roads in the Mudgee Electorate:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What steps does he intend to take towards the repair and improvement of the following Roads in the Mudgee Electorate?—

- (1.) From Grattai to Sally's Flat *via* Pyramul.
- (2.) From Windeyer to Raynor's Selection *via* Campbell's Creek.
- (3.) The Bombandi Road.

Mr. Stuart answered,—

- (1.) An amount of £300 was issued to Trustees on 13th May for the repair of this Road.
- (2.) £140 voted, will be at once expended by the Department.
- (3.) The amount for this Road was included in the items omitted from Schedule.

- (5.) Postal Service, Hill End:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Postmaster General,—

- (1.) When will he take steps to improve the Postal advantages of Hill End, either by a day coach from Sofala, or by a daily mail from Mudgee?
- (2.) Will he grant the latter when the Railway Line is opened to Mudgee?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

- (1.) The matter has been well considered, and it has been decided not to increase the communication with Hill End, as the requirements of that place are at present amply provided for.
- (2.) It is not contemplated to grant a daily mail from Mudgee when the Railway Line is opened to that place.

- (6.) Roman Catholic Cemetery at Pyramul:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Lands,—When will he authorize the expenditure of a sum of money for the improvement of the Roman Catholic Cemetery at Pyramul, as requested some months ago?

Mr. Farnell answered,—The Cemetery referred to cannot be identified. It is not usual to grant money for the purpose mentioned to any particular denomination.

(7.)

(7.) Compensation to Mr. William Readford:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Mines,—Why has no compensation been granted to Mr. William Readford for the Road taken through his lands purchased at auction from the Crown?

Mr. Abbott answered,—It is contrary to the practice of the Department to grant compensation for country lands; but an inspection has been ordered with a view to ascertain whether an allowance for fencing should be made.

(8.) Roads in the Mudgee Electorate:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What steps does he intend to take for the repair and improvement of the Roads in the neighbourhood of Bylong, Wollar, and Kerralce, including the main Road between Mudgee and Wollar?

Mr. Stuart answered,—The respective Road Superintendents have been instructed to proceed with the expenditure of amounts voted by Parliament where most required.

(9.) Orange-Molong Railway:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Did the Government, or any of the Officers in the Public Service, recently communicate with Messrs. Cain & Co., contractors for the Orange-Molong Line, to inquire whether they could find employment for twenty-five men at 5s. a day?

(2.) Did the contractors reply in the affirmative?

(3.) Did the Government despatch twenty-five men by rail to these contractors?

(4.) Did the contractors thereupon make room for these twenty-five men at 5s. a day by at once discharging twenty-five men who had previously been getting from 7s. to 7s. 6d. a day?

Mr. Stuart answered,—No; but in case the Honorable Member may require further particulars, I desire to state that a communication was made by the Railway Department to Messrs. Cain & Co. asking in general terms whether they could find employment for labouring men and the number they could take on, and a reply was received in the negative, upon receipt of which no further action was taken.

The letter to them was in these terms:—

[84,748.]

LABOUR FOR UNEMPLOYED.

7th May, 1884.

PLEASE state if you can find employment for labouring men, and the number of men, and particular classes of labour required.

Messrs. W. Cain & Co., Orange.

(Signed) W. H. QUODLING,
For the Engineer-in-Chief.

The reply was:—

Sir,

Orange, 12th May, 1884.

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 7th instant, No. 84/748, requesting us to state if we can find employment for labouring men. In reply we beg to say that although an average of fifty men leave the work every month others come to take their place, and in view of the near approach of winter, we do not feel justified in inducing more men to come on this contract.

We have the honor to be,

Your obedient servants,

WILLIAM CAIN & CO.;

(Intd.) Per T. C. G.

The Engineer-in-Chief,
Railway Department, Sydney.

(10.) Central Police Court:—Mr. Abigail asked the Minister of Justice,—When will tenders be called for the new Central Police Court for Sydney?

Mr. Cohen answered,—Plans are not yet finally decided upon; when they are tenders will be at once called for.

(11.) The Quirindi Rape Case:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Minister of Justice,—How long has the girl at Quirindi been kept in gaol; who sent her there, and on what charge; and why is it that she is not allowed a hearing with a view to her defence?

Mr. Cohen answered,—She was ordered to be detained in custody by Mr. T. K. Abbott, Stipendiary Magistrate, for having committed perjury before him in the recent investigation he held at Quirindi—I think about ten days since. It was impossible to proceed with the charge before now in consequence of the depositions which are necessary for the purpose of the prosecution having been required in Sydney for consideration by the Executive Council in connection with the conviction of the prisoners Warren and Green. The course to be adopted with regard to them having been decided yesterday, steps were immediately taken to proceed without delay with the charge of perjury against the girl. So far as is known, she may have been remanded or allowed out on bail by the local Justices, but I have not had any definite information as to this.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Stuart laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return to an Order made on 21st May, 1884,—“Land Titles Office.”

(2.) Return (*in part*) to an Order made on 14th May, 1884,—“Patients in Lunatic Asylums.—Prisoners in Gaols.”

(3.) Further Return to an Address adopted on 6th July, 1877,—“Immigration,”—Steamship “Texan.”

(4.) Third Annual Report on the State Children’s Relief Department. (*Schedule attached not to be printed.*)

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table,—Return relative to a dispute between Messrs. Blackman and E. H. Stobo, of the Lands Department, in connection with a Conditional Purchase made by Mr. Frank Hobbs at the Crown Lands Office, Glen Innes.

Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Select Committee on “Mr. Frank Hobbs’s Conditional Purchase.”

3. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Fletcher moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

4. OYSTER CULTURE:—Mr. Griffiths presented a Petition from Applicants for Leases with a view to Oyster Culture, complaining of the charges for Rental of Foreshores and Royalty on Oysters; and praying the House to reconsider the question of Rent and Royalty, with a view to the reduction of the same.
Petition received.
5. DISMISSAL OF TRAMWAY CONDUCTORS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Cameron moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all letters, minutes, and other documents connected with the case of the Tramway Conductors who were dismissed without any reason being assigned, together with all notes of proceedings taken at the inquiry held by the Secretary for Public Works into the matter referred to; also copies of any reports made by Mr. Detective O'Brien upon which the action of the Department was taken.
Question put and passed.
6. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. A. G. Taylor moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
7. POSTPONEMENT OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS:—The Orders of the Day of Government Business, Nos. 1 to 10 inclusive postponed, to follow after General Business.
8. POSTPONEMENT OF GENERAL BUSINESS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
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| (1.) Parliamentary Prorogation Curtailment Bill; second reading;— | } until to-morrow. |
| (2.) District Courts Act further Amendment Bill; adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. A. G. Taylor, "That this Bill be now read a second time";— | |
| (3.) Petty Sessions Jurisdiction Extension Bill; second reading;— | } until Friday next. |
| (4.) Trustees Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee;— | |
| (5.) Liabilities for Nuisances Limitation Bill; second reading;— | |
| (6.) Electoral Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee;— | |
| (7.) Party Processions Act Amendment Bill; second reading;— | } until Friday, 11th July. |
| (8.) Supreme Court Appellate Jurisdiction Bill; second reading;— | |
| (9.) Tamworth Cattle Sale-yards Bill (<i>as agreed to in Select Committee</i>); second reading;— | |
| (10.) Judgment Creditors Remedies Extension Bill; second reading;— | } until Friday next. |
| (11.) Supreme Court Process Facilitation Bill; second reading;— | |
9. MANLY GAS-LIGHT AND COKE COMPANY BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendment made by the Legislative Council in this Bill. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendment.
On motion of Mr. Dibbs, the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—
- MR. PRESIDENT,
The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendment made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Manly Gas-light and Coke Company (Limited) to construct Gas-works within the Borough and Suburbs of Manly.*"
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 11th June, 1884.
10. ARMIDALE GAS COMPANY'S INCORPORATION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendment made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendment.
On motion of Mr. Smith, the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—
- MR. PRESIDENT,
The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendment made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to incorporate the Armidale Gas Company (Limited) and to enable the said Armidale Gas Company (Limited) to construct Gas-works within the City of Armidale.*"
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 11th June, 1884.
11. DUBBO GAS COMPANY'S INCORPORATION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Cameron, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.
On motion of Mr. Cameron, the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—
- MR. PRESIDENT,
The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to incorporate the Dubbo Gas Company (Limited) and to enable the said Dubbo Gas Company (Limited) to construct Gas-works within the Town of Dubbo.*"
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 11th June, 1884.

12. **WINDSOR GAS-LIGHT COMPANY BILL.**—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Slattery, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendment made by the Legislative Council in this Bill. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendment.

On motion of Mr. Slattery, the report was adopted.

Ordered, that the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendment made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Windsor Gas-light Company (Limited) to construct Gas-works within the Town of Windsor.*"

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 11th June, 1884.

13. **MATRIMONIAL CAUSES ACT AMENDMENT BILL.**—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

With reference to the Legislative Council's Message, dated the 28th May last, communicating Reasons for disagreeing from an amendment made by the Legislative Assembly in the "Matrimonial Causes Act Amendment Bill," the Legislative Council has now to request that leave may be given to the proper Officer of the Council to expunge from the said Message the paragraphs numbered 4 and 5.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 11th June, 1884.

JOHN HAY,

President.

Mr. Stuart moved, That the Council's request be acceded to.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having had under consideration the Legislative Council's Message of 11th June,—referring to the Council's Message of 28th May last, communicating Reasons for disagreeing from an amendment made by the Assembly in the "Matrimonial Causes Act Amendment Bill," and requesting that leave may be given to the proper Officer of the Council to expunge from the Message of 28th May the paragraphs numbered 4 and 5,—accedes to the Council's request.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 11th June, 1884

The House adjourned at twelve minutes before Twelve o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,

Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 114.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 12 JUNE, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Police Reward and Superannuation Funds:—Mr. Cameron asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) When and under what authority were the Police Reward and Superannuation Funds formed?
 - (2.) Have those Funds ever received any subsidy from the Consolidated or General Revenue?
 - (3.) How have those Funds accumulated, and from what sources?
 - (4.) Was any promise or authority given by Act of Parliament, or otherwise, that should the Funds prove inadequate to the demands upon them that they should be supplemented from the General Revenue?
 - (5.) What is the amount now standing to the two Funds separately and conjointly?
 - (6.) Is it a fact that when the £100 Debentures of the Colony were being sold for £78 (or thereabouts), £26,700 of the Police Reward and Superannuation Funds, either separately or conjointly, were invested in Government Debentures at par, causing a loss to those Funds of £22 (or thereabouts) on each Debenture?
 - (7.) If that is a fact, what is the amount of loss to those Funds, with compound interest added; and by whose authority was the money invested?
 - (8.) Have the Funds beyond those invested in Government Debentures ever been invested, and have the Government ever paid any interest upon the credit balance beyond the interest upon the Debentures?
 - (9.) What is the amount at credit to the two Funds separately and conjointly?
 - (10.) Is it not a fact that through the insufficiency of funds great difficulty has occurred in granting pensions and gratuities to members of the Police Force who are unfit for duty, and that sums have been taken from the principal to pay arrears?
 - (11.) In what way are the Funds invested, and under what management; and what rate of interest is obtained?
 - (12.) Will the Government, after investigation, propose a grant of money to place the Funds on a firm and equitable basis, in accordance with section 28 of 14 Victoria No. 38, under which Act they were first formed?

Mr. Stuart answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Treasury and the Police Department:—

- (1.) In 1850, under the authority of Act of Parliament 14th Victoria No 38, amended by 25th Victoria No. 16.
- (2.) No.
- (3.) By contribution of 2 per cent. from the pay of all members of the Police Force, voluntarily increased to 3 per cent. from 1st July, 1868; by fines inflicted on the Police for misconduct subsequent to passing of 25th Victoria No. 16; by moieties of penalties in certain cases which would have otherwise been paid to Police laying informations; by trifling proceeds of sale of unclaimed property under section 30 of Act last quoted; by certain portions of inspection fees under Cattle Slaughtering Act.
- (4.) Yes, by section 28 of 14 Victoria No. 38; but it was never necessary to act upon it; and the provision was subsequently repealed, and is not contained in the 25th Victoria No. 16.
- (5.) Police Reward Fund, £19,694 9s.; Police Superannuation Fund, £14,077 5s. 11d; total, £33,771 14s. 11d. If the Honorable Member will turn to the Ways and Means, which are annually placed before the House, he will find this enumerated always in the Statement of Balances. The amount standing to the Police Reward Fund at the end of December, 1883, was £18,959 12s.; and the amount to the Police Superannuation Fund was £13,411 8s. 11d. The difference between these and what I have just quoted being no doubt the increase for this year.

(6.)

- (6.) No ; but £26,700 were purchased at the following rates, and on the following dates, viz. :—
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| In 1854, £1,500, 5 per cent. Debentures, at | | £105½. |
| In 1856, £6,000, " " " | | 98½. |
| In 1857, £3,000, " " " | | 99. |
| In 1861, £16,200, " " " | | 98 12s. 6d., and £99. |

(7.) Answered by No. 6.

(8.) I hardly understand the question. The Funds have always been invested in Government Securities, and there are no Funds outside of them ; therefore I answer, No.

(9.) Answered by No. 5.

(10.) No such difficulty as that referred to has been experienced in dealing with and authorizing payment of all legitimate claims upon the Fund. Some years ago portion of the invested Funds had to be realized to meet current charges. Of late, however, the revenue of the Funds has exceeded the expenditure, and portion of the surplus has been re-invested in Government Debentures.

(11.) The surplus Funds are invested in Government Debentures under the management of the Treasury. The following are now at the credit of those Funds, viz. :—£14,000 at 4 per cent., and £16,200 at 5 per cent.

(12.) Should the Funds prove at any time inadequate to meet the charges upon them, there would be, I think, an equitable claim upon the Consolidated Revenue to make up the deficiency, as a large proportion of the expenditure has hitherto been for pensions on account of services prior to the formation of the Funds, and during which there was no contribution.

(2.) Rations at Gladesville Hospital :—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the rations at Gladesville Hospital have recently been of an inferior character, and that complaints have been made by the attendants, and not duly considered by the Ration Inspector ?

(2.) Who inspects the rations at the Gladesville Hospital ?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

(1.) It is not the fact that the rations at the Gladesville Hospital have been of an inferior character, and every complaint that has been made has been duly considered by the person whose duty it is to inspect the rations.

(2.) The rations are inspected by the Surgeon in charge ; and, if there is any further dispute, by the Medical Superintendent.

(3.) Railway from Molong to Manildra :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Will he state when he will be in a position to furnish some satisfactory or final answer to the three numerously signed Petitions which were submitted to him early in May last from Residents of Parkes, Manildra, and Garra, respecting calling for tenders for the further extension of the Railway westward from Molong to Manildra (viz., section No. 2), and which has been sanctioned by Parliament ?

(2.) Is it his intention to call for tenders for No. 2 section at an early date ; if not, what is the cause of the delay in proceeding with the work ?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—No decision has as yet been arrived at.

(4.) Provisional School at Clarke's Creek :—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—When will he comply with the request of the Residents of Clarke's Creek for the establishment of a Provisional School thereat ?

Mr. Trickett answered,—I do not intend to establish a Provisional School at Clarke's Creek, inasmuch as the reports obtained show that there is no necessity for a School.

(5.) Road from Rylstone to Bylong :—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has he carried out his promise to authorize the expenditure of money for the improvement of the Road from Rylstone to Bylong ?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The Honorable Member was informed that Road would be put on Schedule for 1884, with adequate classification. This was struck out when Schedule was reduced to same as 1883 ; but a sum of £400 for two bridges on this road was retained on Estimates, and tenders for these works will be at once invited.

(6.) Public School, Pyangle :—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—When will steps be taken to erect new Public School Buildings at Pyangle, as procrastinatorily promised from time to time during the past five years ?

Mr. Trickett answered,—It is not correct that a new School Building was promised five years ago. A petition for a new building was first received on the 12th May, 1882. The delay has been caused chiefly by the difficulty experienced in connection with the site, a proper description of which was not received until the 15th February, 1884. The resumption was finally completed on the 8th April, 1884. Tenders have already been twice publicly invited, but the only one received in response is so high that it is not deemed advisable to accept it. The Architect for Public Schools is endeavouring to procure more reasonable offers privately.

(7.) Road from Bayly Public School to Botobolar :—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will steps be taken to repair the Road from Bayly Public School to Botobolar, and to erect a Culvert on the said road ?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—£150 voted for this Road. Local Officer has been instructed to invite tenders at once.

(8.) Roads through Farms at Wollar and Stoney Creek :—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has any compensation (and if so, how much) been granted to the undermentioned for the roads taken through their farms ?—

- (1.) Patrick Mara, of Wollar.
- (2.) James Donnelly, of Stoney Creek.
- (3.) William Curran, of Stoney Creek.
- (4.) M. McDonough, of Stoney Creek.

Mr.

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The Honorable Member was informed, in answer to questions on the 18th December, 1883, and 1st May, 1884, that the papers relating to these cases were with the Survey Department, and a definite reply could not be given until their return. The sums recommended—*J. Donnelly*, £20; *W. Curran*, £8 and fencing; *M'Donough*, £106 18s. 10d.—will be paid when all the claimants have been settled with, but until then the land cannot be taken, and at present these people are in undisturbed possession.

(9.) Assistant Clerk of Petty Sessions, Mudgee :—*Mr. A. G. Taylor* asked the Minister of Justice,—When will steps be taken to appoint an Assistant Clerk of Petty Sessions at Mudgee?

Mr. Cohen answered,—As I am not prepared at present to recommend the appointment of such an officer, I cannot say at what time such an appointment will be made.

(10.) Flooding of Property adjoining Wentworth Park :—*Mr. Abigail* asked the Colonial Secretary,—(1.) Will he state what has been done towards relieving the residents at the Bay-street end of Wentworth Park from being flooded out of their houses whenever it rains?

(2.) Is he aware that these houses have from three to six feet of water in them when it rains hard, and that it is caused by the Government filling in the channel when making the Park?

(3.) Can he state when the work of making the Road and Sewer necessary to carry off the immense body of water that comes down from Darlington, Newtown Road, and other places, will be commenced?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

(1.) The matter is now in train. Various negotiations of a local character, and otherwise, have had to be made with the owners of the adjoining land, which are nearly complete. A certain delay has occurred in surveys and so forth, but the matter is being pushed forward as fast as possible.

(2.) I am informed that these houses are flooded, but I do not admit that it is caused entirely by the filling in the channel in making the Park. I consider these buildings ought never to have been allowed there at all. They were in a position, before the Park was made, that if there had been a proper Health Act in this city would never have been allowed, and the people are now paying the penalty. I grant that some additional evil may have been inflicted upon them, but I cannot see that it is altogether the act of the Government. I have had the outlet carefully examined, and the ground is so low that in time of flood these houses must be flooded.

(3.) As soon as the preliminary arrangements are made, and plans and sections prepared, the work will be gone on with. One of the negotiations is to endeavour to arrange with the owners of these wretchedly low-lying houses that the Government should lift them bodily—to lift the houses, if we cannot lift the minds of the people who took advantage of that low piece of ground, for the sake of greed, to build upon. We may, perhaps, lift the houses out of the water.

(11.) Friendly Societies :—*Mr. Abigail* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is he aware that weekly cases of hardship and loss are occurring to members of the various Friendly Benefit Societies through the want of a good effective Friendly Societies Act?

(2.) Has he considered the report of the Royal Commission that inquired into the whole question two years ago and sent in a full report, with a number of recommendations, to enable a new Act being framed for the protection of the 40,000 members of the different Friendly Societies in the Colony?

(3.) Is he aware that numbering the members, their wives and families of these Friendly Societies, they represent about 250,000 of our population, and that by the provision they make the State is saved a large sum?

(4.) Can he state when the new Bill to protect this large number of people will be introduced?

Mr. Stuart answered,—Without admitting all the statements which are made in these questions, I feel perfectly confident that the Friendly Societies Act is not in a safe condition, and deserves immediate amendment at the hands of this House, and I have the matter, in some degree, now in hand. As soon as possible it will be done, and I hope before the Session closes to lay a Bill upon the Table in sufficient time for this House to consider it.

(12.) Police Protection, Mount Victoria and Hartley Vale :—*Mr. Targett* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Will he say what is the reason of the delay in granting Police protection to Mount Victoria and Hartley Vale?

(2.) Will he take steps to provide Police protection, as promised, as early as possible?

Mr. Stuart answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Inspector General of Police :—A cottage has been purchased at Hartley Vale, and a cell has been sent; a constable will be sent there immediately. A Police Station cannot be formed at Mount Victoria until a lock-up is built. The requirement is receiving attention, and a site for the building has been purchased.

(13.) James Marsh's Conditional Purchase :—*Dr. Ross* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it his intention to cause to be revoked the forfeiture of James Marsh's conditional purchase made at Molong on the 16th August, 1883; and is the same within the population boundaries of the village of Goolagong?

(2.) Is it not a fact that *Mr. Marsh* has been allowed to hold several selections previously made in the same locality?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) The conditional purchase referred to has not been forfeited, but an order for a refund of the deposit money has been forwarded to the applicant in consequence of the land being within the population limits adjacent to the village of Goolagong, and consequently not open to selection. That action cannot be revoked.

(2.) Yes, such selections having been available when applied for.

(14.) Railway from Gundagai to Tumut :—*Mr. Day*, for *Mr. O'Mara*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has the Officer appointed some time ago to make a Trial Survey for a Railway from Gundagai to Tumut yet sent in his report?

Mr.

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The Trial Survey between Gundagai, Adelong, and Tumut, has not been completed. The Surveyor's report will be submitted, with the plan and section, on completion of the survey.

- (15.) Post Office, Adelong :—*Mr. Day*, for Mr. O'Mara, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is the present Post Office at Adelong a private building held on lease; if so, when does the lease expire?
 - (2.) Has any money been voted, and if so when, for the erection of a Government Post Office?
 - (3.) When was the matter placed in the hands of the Colonial Architect for the preparation of plans?
 - (4.) Have tenders yet been called for the erection of the building?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

(1.) Yes; held on lease for one year from 4th November, 1883.

(2.) An amount of £1,200 was voted on the Estimates for 1877; the vote lapsed and amount was re-voted on Estimates for 1879; the vote again lapsed and was re-voted on Estimates for 1882; the vote has again lapsed. The reason why the erection of the building was not proceeded with was the difficulty of deciding upon a site owing to the conflicting wishes of the residents.

(3.) The Works Department having, pursuant to request of 30th April, 1883, prepared plans involving an expenditure of £1,600, the late Postmaster General asked for revised plans, which are now in course of preparation.

(4.) No.

- (16.) Railway Accommodation at Summer Hill :—*Mr. Day*, for Mr. Moses, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Having reference to his reply to my question concerning Railway accommodation at Summer Hill, and to the large and rapidly increasing passenger traffic with this important suburb,—Will he give instructions to promptly proceed with the erection of necessary Station Buildings, as well as Post and Telegraph Offices, in brick, instead of wood, as proposed?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—It is considered that the accommodation which is to be provided will meet present requirements.

2. PAPER :—*Mr. Dibbs* laid upon the Table,—Notification of resumption of land in the Parish of Menangle for the purpose of carrying out Works in connection with the Supply of Water to Sydney and Suburbs.
Ordered to be printed.
3. MINING ACTS AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—*Mr. Abbott* moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to extend the provisions of the Mining Acts, by giving power to grant Leases for mining on certain areas now exempt from such power, to prescribe the conditions of such Leases, to remove doubts as to the power to make Reserves for mining purposes, and for other purposes.
Question put and passed.
4. LICENSED VEHICLES (*Formal Motion*) :—*Mr. Ryrie* moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will on Friday, 18th July next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill for the better securing the safety of passengers travelling by Licensed Vehicles.
Question put and passed.
5. CROWN LANDS BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—*Mr. Speaker* left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 13 JUNE, 1884, A.M.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday next.

6. MATRIMONIAL CAUSES ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—*Mr. Speaker* acquainted the House that the proper Officer of the Legislative Council had expunged from the Council's Message of 28th May the paragraphs numbered 4 and 5, in accordance with the leave given by this House, at the request of the Legislative Council, on the 11th instant for that purpose.

Mr. Speaker then read the said Message, in its amended form, as follows :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having taken into consideration the Message from the Legislative Assembly, dated 14th May, 1884, in reference to the Matrimonial Causes Act Amendment Bill,—

Disagrees from the amendment in clause 3 which proposes to add at the end the words "And every Attorney and Solicitor of the Supreme Court may appear and be heard in all matters and proceedings before the Divorce Judge in Court or in Chambers without being required to employ Counsel."

1. Because the Bill was introduced and passed exclusively for the purpose of amending the Matrimonial Causes Act, and the Bill is so intitled accordingly, but the addition to section 3 is not in any sense an amendment of the Matrimonial Causes Act, and therefore is not within the title of the Bill.

2. Because the addition is in no sense connected with the object or subject-matter of the Bill in any portion of it. The Bill has no reference to the conduct of business before either the Court or Judge. It respects only the constitution of juries and the powers of the Court;—the third section, to which the amendment is attached, relating solely to the summoning of juries, with which of course Solicitors have nothing to do.

3. Because any provision for extending to Solicitors the right of advocacy in the Supreme Court, if in itself desirable, ought to be the subject of specific enactment, either in a Bill exclusively raising that question, or embracing generally procedure and practice, whether in one branch or more branches of the law—neither of which subjects is touched by the present Bill.

And agrees to all the other amendments made by the Legislative Assembly in this Bill.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 28th May, 1884.*

JOHN HAY,
President.

Ordered, that this Message as amended be taken into consideration on Tuesday next.

7. MATRIMONIAL CAUSES ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Legislative Council's Message of 28th May read,—and, on motion of Mr. Cohen, discharged.

The House adjourned at nineteen minutes before Two o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 115.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 13 JUNE, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

PRIVILEGE.—*Taylor v. Barton*:—Mr. Speaker acquainted the House that personal service upon him of a Writ of Summons in an action brought against him by Mr. A. G. Taylor, a Member for the Electoral District of Mudgee, had this day been effected,—

And the same was read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, as follows:—

No. 2,183, A.D. 1884.

In the Supreme Court of New South Wales.

Taylor }
v. } Copy Summons.
Barton. }

VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith, &c., &c.

To Edmund Barton, of Sydney, in the Colony of New South Wales, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of the said Colony.

We command you that within eight days after the service of this Writ on you, inclusive of the day of such service, you do cause an appearance to be entered for you in our Supreme Court, at Sydney, in an action at the suit of Adolphus George Taylor, of Summer Hill, near Sydney aforesaid.

And take notice, that in default of your so doing the said Adolphus George Taylor may proceed therein to judgment and execution.

Witness—The Honorable Sir James Martin, Knight, Chief Justice of our said Court, at Sydney, this twelfth day of June, in the forty-seventh year of our reign, and A.D. 1884.

For the Prothonotary,

T. E. MURPHY, (L.S.)
4th Clerk of the said Supreme Court.

N.B.—This Writ is to be served within three calendar months from the date thereof, or if renewed from the date of such renewal, including the day of such date and not afterwards.

This Writ was issued by Adolphus George Taylor, the plaintiff, in person, who resides at Summer Hill, near Sydney, but whose place of business is at 62 Hunter-street, Sydney, where all process may be served.

The plaintiff claims £1,000 damages.

Mr. Stuart moved, That leave be given to Mr. Speaker to appear and plead in the action, and that the Attorney General be directed to defend.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Burdekin moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Debate ensued.

Question,—That this Debate be now adjourned,—put and negatived.

Original Question put and passed.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Tunnabutta Public School:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. A. G. Taylor, asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—

(1.) Were Messrs. Gordon and Hayward fined £24 for delay in the erection of the Tunnabutta Public School?

(2.) Was not the delay caused by the interference of the Officers of the Department?

(3.) Will he reconsider the case and refund the amount of the fine?

(4.) If not, will he be good enough to enumerate the cases in which contractors failures to erect or repair Public School Buildings up to specified time have been condoned?

Mr.

Mr. Trickett answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) A delay of about one month was caused by the substitution of concrete for stone in the foundations. This substitution was, however, made because the contractors did not provide stone fit for the work, and in order to relieve them from difficulty and expense. Moreover, the delay arising from that cause was allowed for in fixing the amount of the penalty.
 - (3.) No.
 - (4.) The number of contracts not completed within the stipulated time, up to the 31st March last, is sixty-seven. In twelve cases penalties have been enforced, and in fifty-five cases they have been remitted on good cause being shown for the delay.
- (2.) Public School, Wilpinjong:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. A. G. Taylor, asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—When will new Public School Buildings be erected at Wilpinjong?
- Mr. Trickett answered,—A tender for erecting a new Public School Building at Wilpinjong has been accepted.
- (3.) Public School at Bombria:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. A. G. Taylor, asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—Will he make inquiries into the advisableness of establishing a Public School at Bombria, a northern suburb of Mudgee?
- Mr. Trickett answered,—Inquiries are now being made as to the advisableness of establishing a School at Bombria.
- (4.) Public Schools at Menah and Redbank:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. A. G. Taylor, asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—When will new Public School Buildings be erected at Menah and Redbank?
- Mr. Trickett answered,—I do not deem it advisable to erect new Public School Buildings at Menah and Redbank at present. It is reported that the existing rented buildings answer all requirements reasonably well.
- (5.) Public School at Wilpinjong:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. A. G. Taylor, asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—When will steps be taken to properly repair the Public School at Wilpinjong?
- Mr. Trickett answered,—It is not intended to repair the existing building, but a tender has been accepted for erecting an entirely new building.
- (6.) Sunday Lectures:—Mr. Murray asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is he aware that a charge is made for admittance to Lectures held in Theatres and Public Halls in the City on Sundays?
 - (2.) Will he put a stop to this practice?
- Mr. Stuart answered,—
- (1.) I have made inquiries, and I find that charges are made for admission.
 - (2.) With regard to No. 2, I am not at the present time aware how it can be put a stop to, or how far it is a breach of any law; but I shall make inquiries upon the subject.
- (7.) Approaches to Railway Terminus at Mudgee and Rylstone:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. A. G. Taylor, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will steps be taken to form and metal the streets approaching the Railway Terminus at Mudgee and at Rylstone?
- Mr. Dibbs* answered,—An amount has been approved of for expenditure in Mudgee, and local Officer has been instructed to carry out work at once. A tender has been recommended for acceptance for work in Rylstone.
- (8.) Fish River Caves:—*Mr. Melville*, for Mr. Targett, asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) Will he say what is the reason for changing the name of the Fish River Caves, which have been known and become famous to the scientific world for half a century under their present appellation?
 - (2.) Is he aware that the name Jenolan is already applied to a mountain in the Capertee district, nearly a 100 miles distant?
- Mr. Abbott answered,—
- (1.) Because they are not only not on the Fish River but on a different watershed. Mr. Surveyor Cooper and the Geological Surveyor, Mr. Wilkinson, recommended a change of name. The former recommended the adoption of the name of the parish in which the Caves are situated—"Jenolan."
 - (2.) The fact was not known, and did not appear on the papers referring to the change of name; but action in regard to change of name will be delayed pending further inquiry.
- (9.) The Permanent Force:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. A. G. Taylor, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that during last year 64 men deserted from the New South Wales Permanent Force, that 41 refused to rejoin, 15 bought out, and 16 were discharged for misconduct, and that in all the Corps lost 144 men last year?
 - (2.) Were uniforms bought for these men, and are these uniforms now useless?
- Mr. Stuart answered,—I understand the facts are, if not exactly, substantially as stated here. Uniforms were no doubt provided for these men; but in many cases the uniforms are left, and so far as can be done, they are used on other occasions.

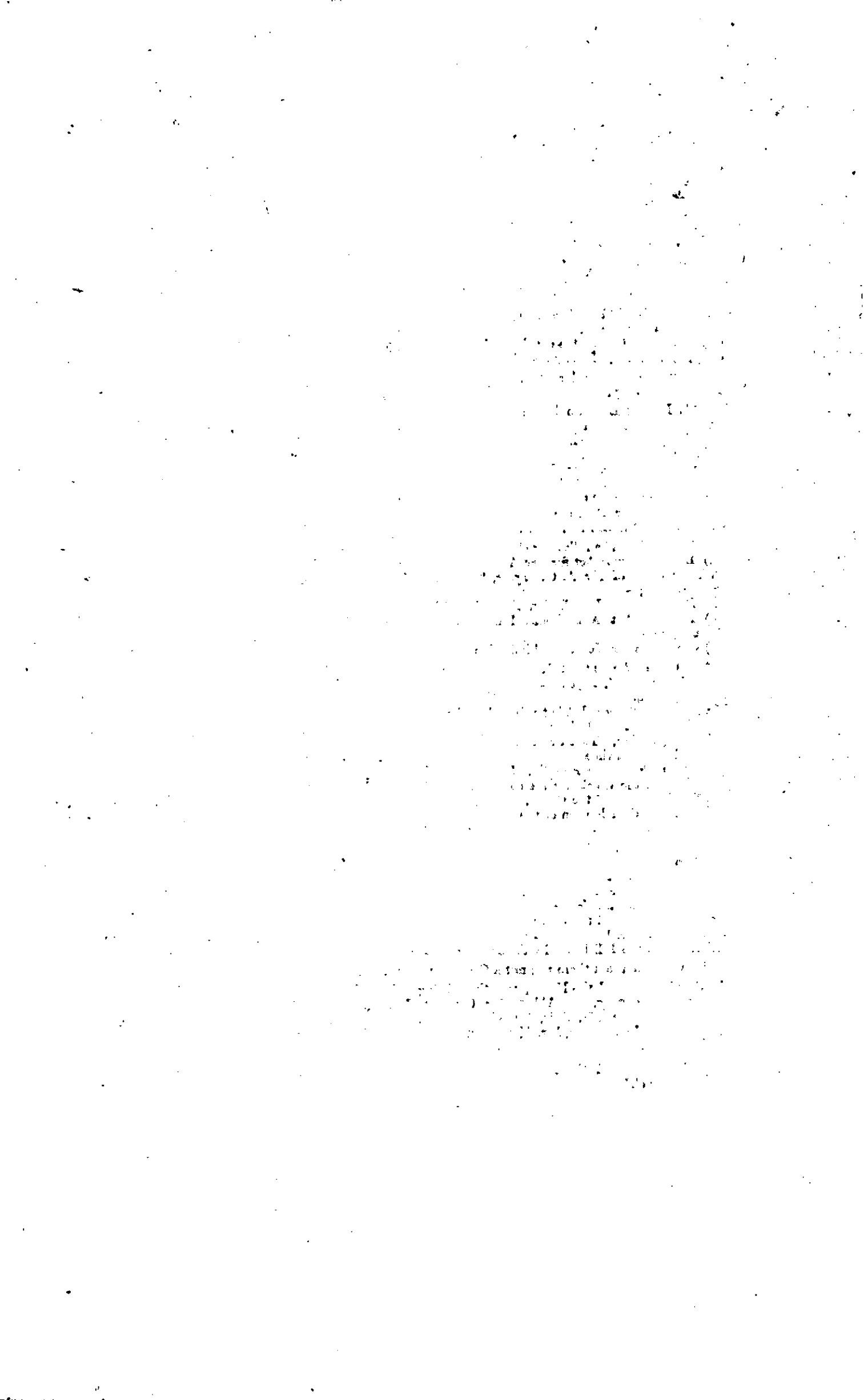
3. PAPERS:—

Mr. Stuart laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 16th November, 1883,—“High-level Bridge across Darling Harbour Railway.”
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Abbott laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 24th April, 1884,—“Mr. H. Margules, late Mining Registrar at Temora.”
Ordered to be printed.

4. **MEDICAL BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Tarrant, That this Bill be “now read a second time,”—
And the Question being again proposed, Mr. Abigail moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the words “now read a second time,” with a view to the insertion in their place of the words “referred to a Select Committee for inquiry and report, with power to send for persons and papers.”
“(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Stuart, Mr. Tarrant, Mr. Melville, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Gray, Mr. Levien, Mr. Hammond, Mr. Spring, and the Mover.”
Question,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—put and negatived.
Question,—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words omitted be there inserted,—put and passed.
Question then,—
(1.) That this Bill be referred to a Select Committee for inquiry and report, with power to send for persons and papers.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Stuart, Mr. Tarrant, Mr. Melville, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Gray, Mr. Levien, Mr. Hammond, Mr. Spring, and the Mover,—put and passed.
5. **POSTPONEMENT**:—The Order of the Day in reference to Bridge, Nambuccra River, postponed until Friday, 18th July.
6. **O'DOUD'S ESTATE LEASING BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Day moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Day, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Day, the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
7. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
(1.) District Courts Act further Amendment Bill; adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. A. G. Taylor, “That this Bill be now read a second time”;—
(2.) Petty Sessions Jurisdiction Extension Bill; second reading;—
(3.) Trustees Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee;—
(4.) Liabilities for Nuisances Limitation Bill; second reading;—
} until Friday, 27th June.
} until Friday, 11th July.
8. **SUPREME COURT APPELLATE JURISDICTION BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. McLaughlin moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Mr. R. B. Smith moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Question,—That this Debate be now adjourned,—put and negatived.
Original Question,—That this Bill be now read a second time,—put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. McLaughlin, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.
Ordered, that the adoption of the report stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.
9. **TAMWORTH CATTLE SALE-YARDS BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Levien moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Levien, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.
On motion of Mr. Levien (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present.
Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being only eighteen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely, Mr. Abbott, Mr. Cameron, Mr. W. R. Campbell, Mr. Cass, Mr. William Clarke, Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Ellis, Mr. Garrard, Mr. Griffiths, Mr. Holtermann, Mr. Machattie, Mr. McLaughlin, Mr. Melville, Mr. Merriman, Mr. R. B. Smith, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Hugh Taylor, and Mr. Trickett,—
Mr. Speaker adjourned the House at twenty-five minutes before Eleven o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 116.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 17 JUNE, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

ELECTORATE OF WEST MACQUARIE:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received a letter from Thomas Henry Hellyer, Esquire, resigning his Seat as Member for the Electoral District of West Macquarie.

Whereupon Mr. Stuart moved, That the Seat of Thomas Henry Hellyer, Esquire, Member of the Electoral District of West Macquarie, hath become and is now vacant, by reason of the resignation thereof by the said Thomas Henry Hellyer.

Question put and passed.

2. **PRIVILEGE.**—*Taylor v. Harnett*:—Mr. Speaker acquainted the House that the Sergeant-at-Arms attending this House had a communication to make to the House.

Whereupon the Sergeant came to the Bar, and informed the House that he had received a copy of a Writ of Summons in an action brought against him by Mr. A. G. Taylor, a Member for the Electoral District of Mudgee,—

And then he delivered in the copy of the Writ and other documents relating thereto, which were read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, as follows:—

L. J. Harnett, Esq.,
Sergeant-at-Arms,
Legislative Assembly.

62 Hunter-street,
Sydney, 23/4/84.

Dear Sir,

Having issued a Writ against you in the Supreme Court for assault, and being desirous of avoiding the indelicacy of personal process, I have to request that you will acquaint me with the name of an Attorney who will accept process on your behalf.

Yours, &c.,
A. G. TAYLOR.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 23rd April, 1884.

Sir,

I beg to inform you that I have no reply to make to your letter of this date beyond this acknowledgment of its receipt.

A. G. Taylor, Esquire, M.P.,
&c., &c., &c.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
LAU. J. HARNETT,
Sergeant-at-Arms.

No. 1,447, A.D. 1884.

Taylor }
v. } In the Supreme Court of New South Wales.
Harnett. } Copy Summons.

VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith, &c., &c.

To J. L. Harnett, of Sydney, in the Colony of New South Wales, Sergeant-at-Arms of the Legislative Assembly of the said Colony.

We command you that within eight days after the service of this Writ on you, inclusive of the day of such service, you do cause an appearance to be entered for you in our Supreme Court, at Sydney, in an action at the suit of Adolphus George Taylor, of Summer Hill, near Sydney aforesaid.

And take notice, that in default of your so doing the said Adolphus George Taylor may proceed therein to judgment and execution.

Witness—The Honorable Sir James Martin, Knight, Chief Justice of our said Court, at Sydney, this twenty-second day of April, in the forty-seventh year of our reign, and A.D. 1884.

For the Prothonotary
T. E. MURPHY, (L.S.)
4th Clerk of the said Supreme Court.

Concurrent Writ issued this fourth day of June, 1884.

For the Prothonotary,
T. E. MURPHY,
4th Clerk of the Supreme Court.

N.B.—This Writ is to be served within three calendar months from the date thereof, or if renewed from the date of such renewal, including the day of such date and not afterwards.

This Writ was issued by Adolphus George Taylor, the plaintiff, in person, who resides at Summer Hill, near Sydney, and whose place of business is at 62 Hunter-street, Sydney, where all process may be served.

The plaintiff claims £1,000 for damages.

Mr.

Mr. Stuart moved, That leave be given to the Sergeant-at-Arms to appear and plead in the action, and that the Attorney General be directed to defend.

Question put and passed.

Mr. Buchanan moved, as a Question of *Privilege*, That this House having ordered the Attorney General to appear on behalf of the Honorable the Speaker, in the action raised against him at the instance of the Honorable Member for Mudgee, Mr. A. G. Taylor, it also now orders the late Attorney General to appear on behalf of Mr. A. G. Taylor, the Honorable Member for Mudgee.

Point of Order :—Mr. Levison submitted that as this was a matter entirely within the control of the Honorable Member for Mudgee (Mr. Taylor) the motion could not be put without that Member's consent,—and requested Mr. Speaker's ruling whether it should be treated as a matter of *Privilege*.

Mr. Speaker said that the motion was irregular, on two grounds,—First, that as the Honorable Member (Mr. Buchanan) had not availed himself of the opportunity afforded him on Friday last, when the subject was under consideration, to make the motion, it could not now be considered as a matter of such urgency as to entitle it to be put without notice on the ground of *Privilege*. And secondly, that although in actions brought against Officers of the House for their official acts it had been usual to direct the Attorney General to defend, the House had not otherwise assumed such a jurisdiction as to order any of its Members, being a Member of the Bar, to appear on behalf of another Member who happened to be the plaintiff in such an action.

Mr. Buchanan then moved, as a Question of *Privilege*, That, in the opinion of this House, Counsel should be assigned and instructed to appear for Mr. A. G. Taylor, the Honorable Member for Mudgee, in the action raised at his instance against the Sergeant-at-Arms.

Point of Order :—Mr. McLaughlin objected to this motion being dealt with as a matter of *Privilege*, and asked for Mr. Speaker's ruling in regard to it.

Mr. Speaker ruled that the motion was not one of *Privilege*, nor of such a character that it might be proceeded with unless upon notice previously given.

3. QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Public School at Avisford :—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. A. G. Taylor, asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—When will the new Public School be erected at Avisford, as promised months ago?

Mr. Trickett answered,—The question of erecting a new Public School at Avisford is now under consideration, as I informed the Honorable Member on the 10th instant. No promise has yet been made on the subject.

- (2.) Hill End and Turon Road :—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. A. G. Taylor, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Have steps been taken to fence in dangerous portions of the Road between Hill End and Turon, as promised last August?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—Tenders will be invited next week for this work.

- (3.) Grant to Mr. John Hanber :—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. A. G. Taylor, asked the Secretary for Lands,—When will a Crown Grant be issued to Mr. John Hanber for his purchase of a Road in the parish of Galimbine, county of Phillip, the said purchase being made twelve months ago?

Mr. Farnell answered,—So soon as Mr. Hanber furnishes certain information, for which he has been asked, the sale will be proceeded with in his favour.

- (4.) Right-of-way from Crooked Creek to Pyambong Road :—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. A. G. Taylor, asked the Secretary for Mines,—When will he take steps to grant a Right-of-way from the Crooked Creek across to the Pyambong Road, as petitioned for eleven months ago by certain Residents of that locality?

Mr. Abbott answered,—As the access desired is over Crown Land under lease to Messrs. Cox & Rouse, they have been officially informed that unless they allow of necessary access across their leased land it might lead to a withdrawal of an area from their leases. A reply has been received from Mr. Cox, stating that he permits the necessary use of a road, and no further complaint of obstruction has been received. Under these circumstances it has not been considered necessary to take further steps at present. A similar answer was given to the Honorable Member on 27th March, 1884.

- (5.) Mudgee Temporary Common :—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. A. G. Taylor, asked the Secretary for Lands,—When will he take steps to cancel sufficient of the Mudgee Temporary Common (as concurred in by the Trustees) to legalise the purchases of 2 acres each made thereon ten years ago by James Jupp and John William Colless, the Crown Lands Agent at the time advising them that the purchases were legal, in virtue of which they have erected permanent improvements and thereon established their homes?

Mr. Farnell answered,—No applications to so deal with the cases have been received, and if made, it is doubtful whether sufficient cause could be shown why they should be complied with.

- (6.) Recreation Reserve at Windeyer :—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. A. G. Taylor, asked the Secretary for Lands,—When will the Recreation Reserve be gazetted at Windeyer?

Mr. Farnell answered,—The survey of the land has not yet been received. It will be expedited, and upon receipt the dedication will be proceeded with.

- (7.) Crown Lands Office, Gulgong :—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. A. G. Taylor, asked the Secretary for Lands,—When will steps be taken to establish a Crown Lands Office at Gulgong, as petitioned for several times by the leading inhabitants of the district?

Mr. Farnell answered,—Nothing further will be done in the matter pending the disposal of the Land Bill now before Parliament.

- (8.) Government Advertisements in Country Newspapers :—Mr. Lyne asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) What arrangements are made for distributing Government Advertisements to Country Papers?
(2.)

- (2.) Is it true that a firm of newspaper agents in Sydney charge the proprietors of Country Papers a large commission upon Government Advertisements transmitted through them?
 (3.) Has such a firm the power of selecting to which local Country Papers Government Advertisements shall be given?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

(1.) Advertisements are generally sent to the Sydney agents of the several Newspapers registered as such in the several Departments. In the rare case of a Newspaper having no Sydney agent, Advertisements are sent direct.

(2.) The Government has no information on this subject.

(3.) No firm or agent has any such power of selection. The order for each Advertisement names the Paper in which it is to appear.

- (9.) Steamship "Zealandia."—Dr. Warren :—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. A. G. Taylor, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Will he be good enough to state whether the Surgeon of the steamship "Zealandia," which arrived in Sydney in April, 1883, reported on its arrival that there was any case of typhoid fever on board?

(2.) Was the vessel then inspected by the Health Officer; and if so, what was the nature of his report?

(3.) Is he aware that in an action in the Supreme Court it was sworn that Dr. Warren, of that ship, was suffering from typhoid fever at that time?

(4.) Did Dr. Warren write to the Collector of Customs on the 8th ultimo to elicit the above information, and did the Collector reply on the 13th ultimo that he had forwarded his queries to the Health and Immigration Officers?

(5.) Will he ascertain why, up to 3rd June, no reply was sent to Dr. Warren from the last-named Department?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) Yes. That the ship was admitted to pratique.

(3.) I am not aware.

(4.) Yes.

(5.) Because it is not customary for the Health Department to report matters connected with the boarding of vessels, except to its Ministerial Head.

- (10.) Railway from Jerilderie to Deniliquin :—*Mr. Barbour* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Did a Deputation from Deniliquin and neighbourhood wait upon him a few weeks ago to urge the extension of the Jerilderie Line of Railway to Deniliquin; and did he promise to consult his Colleagues and inform the Petitioners of the result?

(2.) Has he consulted his Colleagues, and with what result?

(3.) Is it likely to be proceeded with, and tenders called for its construction, by the time the Line is completed to Jerilderie?

(4.) Is it likely that this Line will form one of the Lines to be proposed by the Government to be constructed at an early date?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—Yes; a Deputation waited upon Mr. Wright, and the matter stands over pending his return to office.

- (11.) Pipes for Hunter River Water Supply :—*Mr. Luscombe* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What was the amount of money paid on the 21st December, 1882, for pipes now stacked on Bullock Island?

(2.) What are the amounts paid separately, and the dates of payment since 21st December, 1882, for said pipes?

(3.) Does the amount £52,512 12s., mentioned in answer 4 on Tuesday last, include cost of inspection, cost of survey, cost of shipment, cost of stacking, cost of commission, and all costs of the pipes now stacked on Bullock Island and of the 151 tons sent to Walka; if not, what are the amounts of cost of the various items above enumerated in this question (3), and the dates of payment?

(4.) Are any amounts remaining unpaid of cost of said pipes; if so, what are the amounts?

(5.) When will a commencement be made in placing these pipes in the positions assigned for them?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

(1.) £5,882 11s. 3d., the payment being made in England.

(2.) The other payments in England for the pipes are as follows:—1st February, 1883, £6,064 2s. 1d.; 9th March, 1883, £7,682 8s. 3d.; 28th April, 1883, £9,951 8s. 8d.; 3rd May, 1883, £1,593 6s. 4d.; 10th July, 1883, £6,754 9s. 5d.; 25th October, 1883, £706 8s. Total, £32,752 2s. 9d.

(3.) It does, with some trifling exception, the full particulars of which are not to hand. The total amount is made up as follows:—Cost of pipes, £38,634 14s.; freight, £12,114 18s. 8d.; discharging and stacking, £944 16s. 8d.; surveys in Newcastle, £33 12s.; charges, inspecting, &c., £703 15s. 2d.; conservancy dues, £80 15s. 6d. Total, £52,512 12s.

(4.) The whole of the invoice price of the pipes has been paid. There appears, however, to be a small sum due for inspection in England, of which I have not the particulars at present.

(5.) At once.

- (12.) Lane Cove Road :—*Mr. Holtermann* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What amount of money was voted for the Lane Cove Road for the year 1883?

(2.) How much of that sum has been expended?

(3.) How much for 1883 and 1884 remains now unexpended?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

(1.) £2,000.

(2.) The whole amount was expended.

(3.) For 1883, none; for 1884, £4,012 10s. 7d.

(13.)

(13.) Sewerage System for Parramatta:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the plans of the proposed Sewerage System for Parramatta be prepared; and what course does the Government intend to pursue with regard to these works?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—Plans have been prepared; and Mr. Taylor was informed, in answer to a question on 28th November, 1883, that there were no funds voted by Parliament for the sewerage of any towns other than Sydney.

(14.) Drainage from Public Buildings, Parramatta:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he give instructions for some competent Officer to be sent to Parramatta to examine and report upon the existing nuisance at Lennox Bridge, caused by the drains emptying themselves at that place from the Gaol, Hospital for Insane, and Orphan School, and which is detrimental to the health of the inhabitants?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The local Officer reports that upon inspecting the place on 15th instant no trace of sewage was to be seen, nor could he perceive any disagreeable smell, and that everything in connection with the pipes appeared to be in perfect order.

(15.) Post and Telegraph Office, Parramatta:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—When is it his intention to cause the necessary alteration to be made in the Post and Telegraph Office at Parramatta, and which is much needed by the inhabitants, and which was promised some time ago?

Mr. Stuart answered,—I am informed that plans have been prepared, and tenders will be invited for this work shortly.

(16.) Finger Posts:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he cause instructions to be issued for the erection of Finger Posts at the intersection of all cross-roads throughout the country districts, and thus supply a want long felt by travellers?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—This has been done to a certain extent, but to do it generally would cost more than is available. If the Honorable Member will state what road he refers to, the matter will be taken into consideration.

(17.) Amendment of the Licensing Act:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it intended to introduce an Amended Licensing Act this Session; and if so, will provision be made for preventing single females being employed as barmaids?

Mr. Stuart answered,—It is not the intention of the Government to introduce an Amending Licensing Act this Session; but the Honorable Member will have an opportunity of moving an amendment or a new clause in the Bill which is already before the House, to carry out the views which the latter part of this question suggests, if he be so inclined.

(18.) Sites for Schools of Art:—Mr. Copeland asked the Secretary for Lands,—In how many cases since the passing of the Land Act of 1861 have free grants of land been given for the purposes of erecting Schools of Art thereon, and what is the usual area of such grants?

Mr. Farnell answered,—Eighty-eight free grants have been made for the purpose mentioned. The area usually granted now is 2 roods. In one instance 11 perches were granted; in another 2 acres. The average is 1 rood 33 perches.

(19.) Land Titles Office:—Mr. Abigail asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is he aware that great public inconvenience is felt at the Land Titles Office for want of more room to conduct the duties of that Department?

(2.) Is it true that deeds, wills, and other important documents are being damaged in the present building for want of space?

(3.) Before spending any of the £6,000 on the Estimates for additions to the present buildings, will he cause inquiry to be made for the purpose of ascertaining if it will not be wasting public money to expend large sums upon the present buildings?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

(1.) I have obtained from the Registrar General his opinion that there is great inconvenience from want of more room in the Land Titles Office, and also in the Offices of the Registrar for Births, Deaths and Marriages.

(2.) No, it is not the case; but the want of space causes considerable confusion and inconvenience.

(3.) Before I submitted the estimate of £6,000 for additions to the present buildings, I ascertained that the money could be expended very advantageously upon the present buildings.

(20.) Tuggerah Lakes:—Mr. Holtermann asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is he aware that in consequence of the sand having closed up the entrance to Tuggerah Lakes tons of fish are destroyed by the heavy seas throwing them up on the beach in the attempt to make their way to the ocean?

(2.) Will he cause a sum of money to be spent in opening the mouth of the Lakes?

Mr. Stuart answered,—I am aware that in consequence of the entrance being closed large quantities of fish were destroyed in an attempt to make their way to the ocean. I have had no opportunity of consulting as to whether it is possible to open the Lakes at a small expenditure; but if the Honorable Member will ask the second part of his question at some future time I will endeavour to give him some explanation. If it can be done for £10 or £20, as the Honorable Member informs me, I will at my own risk authorize him to expend the money.

4. MINING ACT FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Abbott presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to extend the provisions of the Mining Acts by giving power to grant Leases for Mining on certain Areas now exempt from such power to prescribe the conditions of such Leases to remove Doubts as to the power to make Reserves for Mining Purposes and for other purposes*,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

5. PAPERS :—
 Mr. Stuart laid upon the Table,—
 (1.) Papers respecting the Appointment to the vacant Captaincy in the Permanent Artillery.
 (2.) Return to an Order made on 28th May, 1884,—“ Immigration and Emigration.”
 Ordered to be printed.
 Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 29th May, 1884,—“ New Public Library and Art Gallery.” (*Four Plans and Drawings as Exhibits only.*)
6. RAILWAY FROM BORENORE *via* CUDAL AND EUGOWRA TO FORBES :—Mr. Stokes presented a Petition from J. T. Dunn, Chairman of a Public Meeting of Residents in and around the Town and District of Forbes, praying that should a Resolution come before the House in which a Line from Borenore *via* Cudal and Eugowra to Forbes is proposed, in lieu of the extension from Molong to Forbes, it may meet with favourable consideration and support.
 Petition received.
7. BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Cameron moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be a Sessional Order of this House, That Mr. Speaker, after calling over the various Notices of Motions and Orders of the Day for third reading of Bills for disposal as “ Formal Business,” shall again go through the Business Paper for the day to permit Members, without debate, to withdraw or postpone Notices of Motions or Orders of the Day on the Business Paper for that day ; and any Notices of Motions or Orders of the Day not so withdrawn or postponed, shall retain their relative positions on such Business Paper.
 Question put and passed.
8. O'DOUD'S ESTATE LEASING BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Day, read a third time, and *passed*.
 Mr. Day then moved, That the Title of the Bill be “ *An Act to authorize Patrick O'Doud and Robert Butcher or other the Trustees or Trustee for the time being of the Will of the late Mary O'Doud deceased to lease portion of the Real Estate of the said Mary O'Doud.*”
 Question put and passed.
 Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message :—
 MR. PRESIDENT,
 The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled “ *An Act to authorize Patrick O'Doud and Robert Butcher or other the Trustees or Trustee for the time being of the Will of the late Mary O'Doud deceased to lease portion of the Real Estate of the said Mary O'Doud,*”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee thereon, together with copies of the original Deeds referred to in the Preamble.
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
 Sydney, 17th June, 1884.*
9. TAMWORTH CATTLE SALE-YARDS BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Levien, read a third time, and *passed*.
 Mr. Levien then moved, That the Title of the Bill be “ *An Act to authorize the erection and maintenance of Cattle Sale-yards by the Borough Council of Tamworth within the Borough of Tamworth.*”
 Question put and passed.
 Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message :—
 MR. PRESIDENT,
 The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled “ *An Act to authorize the erection and maintenance of Cattle Sale-yards by the Borough Council of Tamworth within the Borough of Tamworth,*”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee thereon.
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
 Sydney, 17th June, 1884.*
10. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS :—Mr. Dibbs moved, pursuant to Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing of a Bill, intituled “ A Bill to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1884” through all its stages in one day ; and would also preclude the Resolutions of the Committees of Supply and of Ways and Means respectively, whereon the Bill is proposed to be founded, being received on the same day on which they are come to by the said Committees respectively.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed.
11. VOTE OF CREDIT :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Dibbs, and read by Mr. Speaker :—
 AUGUSTUS LOFTUS, *Message No. 56.*
Governor.
 In accordance with the provisions of the 54th clause of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony during the month of June, 1884 ; together with provision for other Services of an urgent nature.
*Government House,
 Sydney, 17th June, 1884.*
 Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of Supply.

12. **MATRIMONIAL CAUSES ACT AMENDMENT BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Cohen, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Legislative Council's Message of 28th May, as amended, in reference to this Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had not insisted upon its amendment disagreed to by the Council.

On motion of Mr. Cohen, the Report was adopted.

Ordered, that the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having had under consideration the Legislative Council's Message, dated the 28th May, 1884 (as amended) in reference to the Matrimonial Causes Act Amendment Bill,—

Does not insist upon its amendment disagreed to by the Council in the said Bill.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 17th June, 1884.*

13. **CROWN LANDS BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 18 JUNE, 1884, A.M.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

14. **SUPPLY**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, that the report be now received.

The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—

(8.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £715,000, being £480,000 to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of June, or following month of the year 1884, at the rates which have been sanctioned for 1883, subject to the rate of any reduction that may hereafter be made in the expenditure of the year 1884; £100,000 to meet wages to become due to Railway Employés during the month of July, 1884, and to cover the expenditure in June, 1884, in excess of the monthly allowance at the rate of last year's appropriation, and for Railway Services generally; £10,000 to meet wages to become due to Employés in the Department of Harbours and Rivers during the month of July, 1884, and to cover the expenditure in June, 1884, in excess of the monthly allowance at the rate of last year's appropriation, and for other Services of an urgent nature; £50,000 for new Public School Buildings and Residences (irrespective of date of claims) pending the passing of the Appropriation Act for 1884; £100,000 for erection of new Railway Workshops, Machinery, and Sidings in connection therewith, further sum (in anticipation of Loan Vote); and £25,000 for Trial Surveys, further sum (in anticipation of Loan Votes).

On motion of Mr. Dibbs, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

15. **WAYS AND MEANS**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, that the report be now received.

The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—

(11.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Services of the year 1884, the sum of £715,000 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.

On motion of Mr. Dibbs, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

16. **CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (NO. 7)**:—

(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Dibbs, that a Bill be brought in, founded on Resolution of Ways and Means (No. 11), to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1884.

(2.) Mr. Dibbs then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1884*,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Dibbs moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

(3.) Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Dibbs, the report was adopted.

Ordered, that the Bill be now read a third time.

(4.) Bill read a third time,—and, on motion of Mr. Dibbs, *passed*.

Mr. Dibbs then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1884.*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1884,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 18th June, 1884, a.m.*

17. POSTPONEMENTS :—The Orders of the Day of Government Business Nos. 5 to 8 inclusive postponed until to-morrow.
18. PRISONERS LABOUR SENTENCES BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Cohen moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Cohen, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Cohen, the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.
19. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of the Land Boilers Inspection Bill postponed until to-morrow.
20. SUPREME COURT APPELLATE JURISDICTION BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read for the adoption of the report from the Committee of the Whole on this Bill,—Mr. McLaughlin moved, That the report be now adopted.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

The House adjourned at twenty minutes before One o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 117.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 18 JUNE, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

PRIVILEGE.—Taylor v. Cameron:—Mr. Cameron, Chairman of Committees, informed the House that personal service upon him of a Writ of Summons in an action brought against him by Mr. A. G. Taylor, a Member for the Electoral District of Mudgee, had this day been effected,—
And the same was read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, as follows:—

No. 2,254, A.D. 1884.

In the Supreme Court of New South Wales.

Taylor }
v. } Summons.
Cameron }

VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith, &c., &c.

To Angus Cameron, of Sydney, in the Colony of New South Wales, Chairman of Committees of the Legislative Assembly of the said Colony.

We command you that within eight days after the service of this Writ on you, inclusive of the day of such service, you do cause an appearance to be entered for you in our Supreme Court, at Sydney, in an action at the suit of Adolphus George Taylor, of Summer Hill, near Sydney, aforesaid.

And take notice, that in default of your so doing the said Adolphus George Taylor may proceed therein to judgment and execution.

Witness—The Honorable Sir James Martin, Knight, Chief Justice of our said Court, at Sydney, this eighteenth day of June, in the forty-seventh year of our reign, and A.D. 1884.

For the Prothonotary,

REGINALD MONDAY, (z.s.)

5th Clerk of the Supreme Court.

N.B.—This Writ is to be served within three calendar months from the date thereof, or if renewed from the date of such renewal, including the day of such date and not afterwards.

This Writ is issued by Adolphus George Taylor (the plaintiff, in person), of Summer Hill, near Sydney, but whose place of business is at No. 62 Hunter-street, Sydney, where all process may be served.

Mr. Stuart moved, That leave be given to Angus Cameron, Esquire, to appear and plead in the action, and that the Attorney General be directed to defend.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Buchanan moved, That the Question be amended by the addition of the words "and that Counsel be instructed to appear for the Honorable Member for Mudgee, A. G. Taylor, Esquire."

Question put, That the words proposed to be added be there added.

The House divided.

Ayes, 3.
Mr. Buchanan.
Tellers,
Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Burdekin.

Noes, 35.
Mr. Stuart,
Mr. McLaughlin,
Mr. Burns,
Mr. Trickett,
Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Abbott,
Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Spring,
Mr. Day,
Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Targott,
Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Cramsie,
Mr. W. J. Fergusson,
Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Melville,
Mr. D. A. Ferguson,
Mr. Poole,
Mr. O'Mara,
Mr. Gray,
Mr. Griffiths,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Gould,
Mr. De Salis,
Mr. Gill,
Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Abigail,
Mr. Teece,
Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. A. G. Taylor,
Mr. Fletcher,
Mr. Merriman.
Tellers,
Mr. Hammond,
Mr. Fremlin.

And so it passed in the negative.

Original Question,—That leave be given to Angus Cameron, Esquire, to appear and plead in the action, and that the Attorney General be directed to defend,—put and passed. 2.

2. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Railway Paymaster, Newcastle:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 (1.) Was a Paymaster at the Railway at Newcastle suspended recently on a charge of sending false receipts to the Commissioner; if so, was the charge proved or disproved?

(2.) How long was the Paymaster kept under suspense; and has he been reinstated or dismissed?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

(1.) Yes; it was not clearly established, and the officer, who had been a long time in the service, received the benefit of the doubt.

(2.) Two months. He was neither reinstated nor dismissed. Waiving the more serious charge, he was clearly guilty of great neglect, and another position at a reduced salary was found for him.

- (2.) Bridge over Meroo Creek:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will a Bridge be erected over the Meroo Creek, near Windeyer?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The Honorable Member was informed, in answer to a question on 18th October, 1883, that this Bridge would not be erected, as the ford was good and traffic very small.

- (3.) Bridge across Cudgegong River at Wilbetree:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he recommend a sum of money to be placed on next year's Estimates for the erection of a Bridge across the Cudgegong River at Wilbetree?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—It appears that the Honorable Member was informed by letter on 12th September, 1883, that the estimated cost of this Bridge was £4,000, a sum that was not justified by the moderate amount of traffic to be provided for, as well as the existence of numerous bridges in the district.

- (4.) Water Supply for Mudgee:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will he sanction an expenditure for construction of works for a Permanent Water Supply at Mudgee?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—There are at present no funds available; but the matter, as before promised, will be taken into consideration when the question of Country Water Supplies is being dealt with.

- (5.) Polling-place at Sally's Flat:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has he been requested to establish a Polling-place at Sally's Flat?

(2.) Is it his intention to comply with the request?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

(1.) Yes, such a request was made by the Honorable Member in October last.

(2.) Not as I am at present advised. The Honorable Member will recollect that the Returning Officer in his report was unable to recommend the appointment of Sally's Flat as a Polling-place.

- (6.) Post Office at Green Gully:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Postmaster General,—Has the time arrived yet for the establishment of a Post Office at Green Gully, in the Mudgee District?

Mr. Stuart answered,—My Honorable Colleague, the Postmaster General, informs me that the small number of persons to be benefited would not justify the expenditure attendant upon the establishment of a Post Office at Green Gully, in the Mudgee District.

- (7.) Bridge across Widden Creek:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will tenders be accepted for the erection of a Bridge over Widden Creek, on the road from Muswellbrook to Mudgee?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—There are no funds available for this work, an amount of £1,000 which was noted on Draft Estimates for current year having been struck off when Estimates were reduced.

- (8.) John Ambrose Murray:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Was a man named John Ambrose Murray arrested at Windsor last week for vagrancy?

(2.) Did the evidence show that he was out of work, had no settled place of abode, and slept in the open air?

(3.) Did the Windsor Bench send the man to gaol for two months; and if so, will he bring in a Bill prohibiting Magistrates from sending men to gaol simply because they have neither home, bed, nor employment?

Mr. Cohen answered,—

(1.) Such a man was arrested recently for vagrancy.

(2.) The evidence showed he never did any work, that he had no settled place of abode, and no visible lawful means of support, and that he slept in the open air, and was in fact a vagrant.

(3.) Yes; but I am further informed that the records of the Windsor Court show that in the week previous to this conviction he was imprisoned for seven days on two charges of drunkenness, and that some time since he was frequently convicted there of drunkenness, using obscene language, &c., and that he has lately returned to the district and to the mode of life out of which his previous convictions arose, and is a constant source of annoyance to the public and the Police.

- (9.) Mrs. Louisa Bradford:—*Mr. Abigail*, for Dr. Ross, asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is it true that Louisa Bradford was ordered by the Molong Bench on the 1st of April last to pay to one John M'Nevin the sum of £22 10s. for certain improvements alleged to have been contained on certain Crown Lands selected by Mrs. Bradford on Cardington Run?

(2.) Was the order of the Bench, in default of payment, to be by levy and distress; if so, has the distress warrant been issued, and when?

(3.) Has the amount ordered to be paid since been recovered, or any attempt made to recover the same; if not, will he say for what reason?

(4.) Has the Bench order, in default of payment, been carried into effect in regard to imprisonment; if not, will he say for what reason?

(5.) Is it the intention of the Bench to imprison Mrs. Bradford for the non-payment of the money, and is she legally possessed of the land by virtue of conditional purchase?

(6.) Was the land, and which is now claimed by Mrs. Bradford, not previously selected by an alleged dummy of Mr. M'Nevin and forfeited for non-residence? Mr.

Mr. Cohen answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Yes, to first part of the question, and No to the second part.
- (3.) No. The reason being the defendant's Attorney gave notice of his intention to apply for a prohibition, but has lately informed Mr. Kinna (plaintiff's Attorney) that he had abandoned the same.
- (4.) No; warrant for distress not having been issued or applied for.
- (5.) Yes, if warrant of levy and distress should be applied for; and in the event of insufficiency to pay verdict a warrant would be issued if requested by the complainant. It is believed she is in legal possession of the land.
- (6.) The selection made by Mrs. Bradford was included within the conditional purchase made by William Crows, but no improvements were made by William Crows; the improvements were made by John M'Nevin prior to Crows selecting the land.

(10.) The late Alfred Sandeman, Official Assignee :—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) What claims have been made against the late Alfred Sandeman in regard to amounts deficient in Insolvent Estates administered by him?
- (2.) What payments have been made on account of the same?
- (3.) Is it intended to settle these claims in full; and if so, how?

Mr. Cohen answered,—I do not think it is possible to answer this question. I presume that persons who have been at all prejudiced by the deficiencies in the late Mr. Sandeman's estate—the creditors—would make their claims upon those estates, and not against Mr. Sandeman's personal estate.

(11.) Tabrabucca Public School :—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Has new furniture been supplied to the Tabrabucca School, as promised some months ago?
- (2.) When will new Buildings be erected at Tabrabucca for Public School purposes?

Mr. Trickett answered,—

- (1.) On inquiry it has been ascertained that the furniture, which was ordered from Hill End, is now made, and is being conveyed to the School.
- (2.) It is not intended to erect new Public School Buildings at Tabrabucca.

(12.) Lismore Magistrates :—Mr. Abigail asked the Minister of Justice,—Has any decision been arrived at with reference to the case of the Lismore Magistrates; if so, will he have any objection to state the result?

Mr. Cohen answered,—Mr. Stocks has been called upon to resign his position on the Commission of the Peace, and Messrs. Barrie and Larkin have had conveyed to them the disapproval of the Government in respect of their action in the case Currie v. Swift.

(13.) The Quirindi Rape Case :—Mr. Buchanan asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Is it true that the Quirindi girl who was sent to prison by Mr. Abbott on a charge of perjury has been liberated on the ground of the illegality of her imprisonment?
- (2.) Is it true that Mr. Abbott held the inquiry with closed doors, at the same time admitting the presence of reporters?
- (3.) Is it true that complaints were made to the Attorney General of the indecency of the published reports of this inquiry, and that the Attorney General stopped their publication?
- (4.) Is it the intention of the Government to proceed against this girl on a charge of perjury?
- (5.) Did the alleged perjury consist of the girl swearing she was a chaste and moral girl before the crime was perpetrated against her?

Mr. Cohen answered,—

(1.) As no charge of perjury had been formally instituted against the girl up to Friday last in consequence of the whole of the papers in the Quirindi case having been under the consideration of the Executive, and the opinion of the Attorney General having been sought as to the consequent legality of her detention, he advised that she should be discharged.

(2.) This question having been given notice of yesterday, I have not had time to ascertain whether the inquiry was held with closed doors. A reporter was present, by leave of Mr. Abbott, on the understanding that no portion of the evidence was to be published without obtaining his permission.

(3.) No such complaints were made to the Attorney General; but a telegram was received by the Colonial Secretary from the Mayor and two Clergymen of Tamworth complaining of the indecency of the publication, upon the receipt of which the Colonial Secretary pointed out to the proprietor of the journal that the publication was in violation of the understanding with Mr. Abbott, and that having regard to the nature of the evidence, in the interests of justice, of public decency, and of the girl, against whom a charge was pending, and who might be prejudiced by such publication, the publication of the evidence should be discontinued, which was done.

(4 and 5.) Mr. Abbott having pointed out in his report the specific acts of perjury which it had been proved to his satisfaction had been committed by the girl, the Attorney General directed that she should be prosecuted on certain of these statements. At the same time he pointed out that as she was a defenceless girl, and that the circumstances of the case were peculiar, the Police would take care that she should be afforded all facilities for meeting the charge. He also pointed out that it would be the duty of the Police to ascertain whether the existence of any hostile feeling would be likely to prejudice her at the place where the inquiry had been already held, and if this was found to be the case the Police prosecution should be instituted elsewhere.

(14.) Flooding of Lincoln Crescent :—Mr. Burdekin asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is he aware that there is no proper or sufficient means of taking off flood waters caused by heavy rain on the domain opposite Lincoln Crescent?
- (2.) Is he aware that parts of Lincoln Crescent are sometimes flooded by this water to a depth of nearly 2 feet?

(3.)

(3.) Is he aware that this flood water, having no sufficient inlet to any sewer, or other means of escape into the harbour, occasionally floods the houses and cellars between Nicholson-street and Cowper Wharf, and also at times flows through the residences there into Bourke-street?

(3.) If he is, will he refer the matter to Mr. Charles Moore, Director of the Botanic Gardens, for report, in order that immediate steps may be taken to prevent a recurrence of this flooding?

Mr. Stuart answered,—No complaints have reached me upon this subject, and the Director of the Botanic Gardens informs me that no complaints have reached him. But I will cause inquiries to be made, and take such action as may seem necessary. Perhaps the Honorable Member will be able to point out to me where the overflow is that he complains of.

(15.) Platform at Cattle Sale-yards, Homebush:—Mr. Abigail asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Referring to the letter of the Commissioner for Railways sent to him (Mr. Abigail) on 18th March, stating that tenders would be called for the Platform at the Cattle Sale-yards at Homebush within one week from that date,—Have such tenders been invited for this work; if not, can the Minister state when they will be?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—Tenders have not been invited, because it was considered undesirable to increase the expenditure at the Cattle Sale-yards pending the final settlement of the question whether, when the Abattoirs were removed from Glebe Island, the Sale-yards would be required in the present locality.

3. RAILWAY FROM GLEN INNES TO INVERELL:—Mr. W. J. Fergusson presented a Petition from Inhabitants of Glen Innes and surrounding district, representing the necessity and advantage to the Colony of connecting the Towns of Glen Innes and Inverell by a line of Railway; and praying the House to make provision during the ensuing Session for the construction of the Line.
Petition received.

4. PAPERS:—

Mr. Abbott laid upon the Table,—Report by the Examiner of Coal Fields respecting his action on the subject of Mining under Roads.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Trickett laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 20th May, 1884,—“School of Anatomy.”

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Religious and Public Purposes, in accordance with the 5th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.

(2.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from sale until surveyed for the Preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, in accordance with the 4th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.

(3.) Abstract of Alterations in Designs of Towns and Villages, under the 22nd section of the Act 43 Victoria No. 29.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Stuart laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 6th May, 1884,—“Statues ordered by Sir Henry Parkes.”

Ordered to be printed.

5. IMPORTED STOCK ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Abbott moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Imported Stock Act of 1871.
Question put and passed.

6. PRISONERS LABOUR SENTENCES BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Cohen, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Cohen then moved, That the Title of the Bill be “*An Act to provide for the carrying out of Labour outside the walls of Gaols by Prisoners under sentences and for other purposes.*”

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled “*An Act to provide for the carrying out of Labour outside the walls of Gaols by Prisoners under sentences and for other purposes,*”—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 18th June, 1884.

7. VOTES FOR PUBLIC WORKS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Garrett moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—

(1.) The particulars as regards amount of money voted, and locality, of all uncommenced Public Works the money for carrying out which has been voted by Parliament, such Return to include Railway and Tramway Works.

(2.) Also a like Return as to Works for which tenders have been accepted, but the work has not been proceeded with.

Question put and passed.

8. INFORMATIONS FOR BREACHES OF LICENSING ACT IN NEWCASTLE (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Fletcher moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence, minutes, or other documents received from or sent to any person in Newcastle or elsewhere, whether officials or otherwise, that led to a person named Orlando laying informations against certain publicans in Newcastle, or elsewhere throughout this Colony, for breaches of the Licensing Act.

Question put and passed.

9. RENEWAL OF PUBLICANS LICENSES (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Abigail moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all communications, if any, between the Inspectors of Police and the Superintendents referring to the renewal of Publicans Licenses at the Central or Water Police Courts held this month.
Question put and passed.
10. SUPREME COURT APPELLATE JURISDICTION BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. McLaughlin, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. McLaughlin then moved, That the Title of the Bill be “*An Act to regulate Appeals to and the Constitution of the Supreme Court sitting in Banco.*”
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message :—
MR. PRESIDENT,
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled “*An Act to regulate Appeals to and the Constitution of the Supreme Court sitting in Banco,*”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 18th June, 1884.*
11. IMPORTED STOCK ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—Mr. Abbott *presented* a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to amend the Imported Stock Act of 1871,*”—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
12. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Buchanan moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
13. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 7) :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council :—
MR. SPEAKER,
The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled “*An Act to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1884,*”—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.
Legislative Council Chamber, JOHN HAY,
Sydney, 18th June, 1884. President.
14. CROWN LANDS BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 19 JUNE, 1884, A.M.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

The House adjourned at three minutes before One o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 118.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 19 JUNE, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Tambaroora and Sofala Road:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he be good enough to authorize the repair of the Tambaroora-Sofala Road, between Tambaroora and Brownlow's?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The Honorable Member was informed by letter, on 20th June, 1883, that Road was not sufficiently important to justify a grant being given, as there was little or no traffic, and the Road was not bad.

- (2.) Bridge over Clarke's Creek:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will he sanction the erection of a Bridge over Clarke's Creek, between Grattai and Windeyer?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—An amount of £130 noted on Estimates for current year was struck off on reduction; but the Trustees have since built a culvert out of Road Funds, rendering any action of this Department unnecessary.

- (3.) Botobolar Road:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Have repairs been made to the Botobolar Road, as promised in August last?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—£150 voted for this Road, and local Officer has been instructed to expend the amount at once.

- (4.) High School, Mudgee:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—Is it his intention to establish a High School at Mudgee?

Mr. Trickett answered,—No.

- (5.) Letter-carrier, Mudgee:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Postmaster General,—

(1.) Is it his intention to appoint a second Letter-carrier at Mudgee?

(2.) How many miles per day does the present Carrier travel?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

(1.) It is not the intention of the Postmaster General to appoint a second Letter-carrier for Mudgee at the present time. Upon inquiry, there does not appear to be any necessity for so doing. This inquiry was made by the late Postmaster General, and nothing has transpired since to justify the reconsideration of the matter.

(2.) 12 miles a day, as stated in a reply to a question put by the Honorable Member in October last.

- (6.) General Cemetery, Merrendee:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Lands,—Have Trustees been gazetted yet for the General Cemetery at Merrendee?

Mr. Farnell answered,—No.

- (7.) Sweeping Allowance to Public School Teachers:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—

(1.) Have Teachers in the Public Service received less money for sweeping allowance than they paid away?

(2.) Were they induced to make these payments through receipt of a circular announcing the amounts they were to receive; if so, what steps will he take in the matter?

Mr. Trickett answered,—

(1.) This information cannot be furnished. When allowances for cleaning were originally granted, it was not intended that they should cover the whole cost of cleaning the Schools. They were granted as a contribution towards the payment of such cost.

(2.) Inasmuch as Teachers were supposed to make their own arrangements for the cleaning of the Schools under their charge, before any allowances towards the expense incurred on that account were granted, the circular referred to could not have induced them to make the payments alluded to.

(8.)

- (8.) Agricultural Societies :—Mr. Copeland asked the Colonial Secretary,—How much money by way of subsidy has been paid to the various Agricultural Societies, exclusive of the Sydney Society, during the last ten years; and the like information with regard to the Sydney Society?

Mr. Stuart answered,—The amounts are as follows :—The Sydney Society, £17,408 ls. 1d. ; other Societies, £45,779 11s.

- (9.) Boundaries of Conditional Purchases :—Mr. Murray asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Has his attention been directed to the case *Dangar & MacDonald v. Nichols*, just heard in the Supreme Court, in which the Court has ruled that a 640 acre selection which has one boundary of more than a mile is illegal?
 - (2.) Is he aware that very few selections of that area, with frontage to road or river, can be surveyed so as not to exceed a mile in one direction?
 - (3.) Will he introduce a short Bill to legalise selections already measured in that form?
 - (4.) Will he cancel the 64th section of Instructions to Surveyors, and substitute one to meet the case?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

- (1.) It is understood that in the case referred to a Judge held that the frontage of unmeasured land applied for by conditional purchase must not exceed 80 chains, without regard to the actual breadth of the portion or to the length or direction of the other boundaries.
- (2.) Unless the bearing of the frontage be to a cardinal point the limitation to 80 chains will not admit of 640 acres being measured without extending to a greater depth.
- (3.) The Bill now before Parliament is free from this difficulty, but the propriety will be considered of dealing with it as respects measurements under the existing law.
- (4.) The Surveyors will be duly instructed.

- (10.) Roads under Maitland District Council :—Mr. Burns asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the grants for this year for the various Roads under the control of the Maitland District Council be placed to the credit of the Council for expenditure?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The Treasury was requested to issue grants on 19th instant.

- (11.) Railway from Parramatta to Penrith :—Mr. T. R. Smith asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will tenders be called for doubling the Railway Line from Parramatta to Penrith?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—In about fourteen days from this date.

- (12.) High-street, Penrith :—Mr. T. R. Smith asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will tenders be called for metalling portions of High-street, Penrith, which has been promised for the last twelve months?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The contract is already let, and the metal is now being delivered.

- (13.) Telegraph Office, Albury :—Mr. Day asked the Postmaster General,—When will tenders be invited for the erection of the new Telegraph Office at Albury?

Mr. Stuart answered,—I find that plans of this Telegraph Office are under consideration. If they are approved of, tenders will be invited without any delay.

- (14.) Road from Eastern Creek to Liverpool Road :—Mr. T. R. Smith asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will tenders be called for clearing and repairing the Road from Western Road at Eastern Creek towards Liverpool Road?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—Papers relating to this Road are now with Mines Department, as to the removal of fences in order to widen Road, and until this has been done no expenditure can be made.

- (15.) The Quirindi Rape Case :—Mr. Buchanan asked the Minister of Justice,—Will he state the names of the three Justices of the Peace and other respectable persons who gave evidence against the poor girl at the inquiry before Mr. Abbott at Quirindi?

Mr. Cohen answered,—I have not got the papers; they are at Quirindi for the purpose of instituting proceedings against the girl Duncan for perjury; and I cannot carry the names in my memory, therefore I am unable to furnish them.

- (16.) Railway to Glen Innes :—Mr. W. J. Fergusson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the Railway be officially opened to Glen Innes?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The Engineer-in-Chief has just returned from an inspection of this Line, and he is of opinion that it will not be ready to open for public traffic before the middle of August.

- (17.) Glen Innes Gaol :—Mr. W. J. Fergusson asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Will he say what is the cause of delay in calling for tenders for the erection of Glen Innes Gaol?
- (2.) Can he say when tenders will be called?

Mr. Cohen answered,—Particulars of the site have only recently been received; plans are, however, far advanced, but levels of site have yet to be taken before completing. Tenders can, probably, be invited in about a month.

- (18.) Prothonotary of the Supreme Court :—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Did he recently call for a report on a certain matter from the Prothonotary of the Supreme Court, and did that Officer reply that by direction of the Chief Justice he must decline to comply with the request?
- (2.) Did the Minister of Justice thereupon write a letter to the Chief Justice or to the Prothonotary upon the subject, and has a letter in rejoinder been despatched from the Bench of Supreme Court Judges to the Colonial Secretary?
- (3.) If there are any letters, has the Minister any objection to lay copies of them upon the Table of the House to-morrow?

Mr.

Mr. Cohen answered,—

- (1.) I did call for a report. The Prothonotary did not reply in the terms suggested, but he did not forward the report.
- (2.) A minute was sent to the Prothonotary, and a letter on the subject has been received from the Chief Justice addressed to the Colonial Secretary.
- (3.) The papers are under consideration, and I cannot therefore promise to lay them upon the Table of the House to-morrow.

(19.) Registration of Patents :—*Mr. Merriman*, for Mr. Targett, asked the Colonial Secretary,—When is the Resolution carried by this House relative to the registering of Patents likely to be carried into effect?

Mr. Stuart answered,—This is now before me, in connection with the Bill which is in course of preparation.

(20.) Carrying Firearms in Tram-cars :—Mr. Gould asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has an order been recently issued prohibiting persons from travelling on the Tramways when carrying firearms; if so, will he have such order cancelled so far as applies to members of the Volunteer Force when travelling in uniform?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—No such order has been issued. Members of the Volunteer Force are allowed to carry their rifles when travelling on the Tramways. All passengers are prohibited by the By-laws from carrying loaded firearms in the Tramway-cars; and one of the conductors on a recent occasion applied this rule in error to some Volunteers who were carrying unloaded rifles.

(21.) Road on Upper Gilmore :—*Mr. Merriman*, for Mr. O'Mara, asked the Secretary for Mines,—What action has been taken in reference to a Petition sent in some months ago for the opening of a Road on the Upper Gilmore?

Mr. Abbott answered,—The Road referred to was preliminarily notified in *Government Gazette* of the 20th May, 1884, folio 3,267. The papers will be forwarded to the Surveyor General with a view to its confirmation at the expiration of the time allowed for making objections.

(22.) Repairs to Adelong and Gundagai Road :—*Mr. Merriman*, for Mr. O'Mara, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has any report yet been sent in as to the necessity of repairing the Devil's Elbow, on the main road between Adelong and Gundagai?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—Yes; and local Officer who reported has been instructed to forward levels and section of proposed new line.

(23.) School Buildings at Ferndale, Bombowlee, and Tumut Plains :—Mr. O'Mara asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—What progress has been made in the School Buildings at Ferndale, Bombowlee, and Tumut Plains?

Mr. Trickett answered,—*Ferndale* :—The contract was signed on the 29th February last, and the Architect has been instructed to ascertain at once how the works are progressing. *Bombowlee* :—The Architect reports that the works were "set out" on the 23rd of last month, and that the materials were then on the ground. *Tumut Plains* :—No tender has yet been accepted for the School Buildings at this place, inasmuch as the site has not yet been secured. A proper description was received from the Lands Department on the 13th of this month, and steps are now being taken to resume the site.

(24.) Darling Harbour Railway :—Mr. Cameron asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) When do the Government intend to begin the works in connection with the Darling Harbour Railway Scheme, the land for which was resumed some time ago?
- (2.) Is the Minister aware that there are several claims for compensation yet unpaid, and when will steps be taken to pay the amounts in question?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

- (1.) Plans are being prepared for this purpose.
- (2.) I am not aware.

RAILWAY FROM MOLONG TO MANILDRA :—Dr. Ross presented a Petition from James A. Liscombe, on behalf of the people of Manildra, setting forth the necessity for calling for tenders for the further construction of the Railway from Molong to Manildra; and praying the House to order that tenders be called for without delay.
Petition received.

3. RAILWAY FROM ORANGE TO MANILDRA :—Dr. Ross presented a Petition from John Rubie, Chairman, and James A. Liscombe, Honorary Secretary of the Garra Railway League, on behalf of the people of Garra, urging the necessity for calling for tenders for No. 2 Section of the further Extension of the Railway from Orange to Manildra; and praying that no time may be lost in calling for tenders for the construction of the said Line.
Petition received.

4. RAILWAY FROM GLEN INNES TO INVERELL :—Mr. Murray presented a Petition from Inhabitants of Inverell and surrounding District, in favour of the construction of a line of Railway from Glen Innes to Inverell; and praying the House to make provision during the present Session for the construction of the said Line.
Petition received.

5. RAILWAY FROM BORENORE TO FORBES :—Mr. Stokes presented a Petition from Archibald McMillan, Chairman of a Public Meeting of Residents of the Eugowra District, in favour of the construction of a line of Railway from Borenore to Forbes; and praying that the Extension may be by way of Eugowra.
Petition received.

6. **MR. FRANK HOBBS'S CONDITIONAL PURCHASE**:—Mr. Spring presented a Petition from John A. McIntyre, representing that the Conditional Purchase of Mr. Frank Hobbs is situated on the Pastoral Run held by him; and praying for permission to be represented by Counsel or Agent before the Select Committee appointed to inquire into the circumstances connected with the said Conditional Purchase.
Petition received, and referred to the Select Committee on the subject.
7. **CONDITIONAL PURCHASE OF MR. ROBERT JACKSON, OF POKOLBIN** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Burns moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers relating to the Conditional Purchase made at Maitland by Mr. Robert Jackson, of Pokolbin, in 1870 or 1871, and the alleged cancellation of the said selection.
Question put and passed.
8. **LISMORE BENCH OF MAGISTRATES** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Abigail moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers, letters, minutes, reports, and other documents relating to the case of the Lismore Magistrates investigation.
Question put and passed.
9. **CROWN LANDS BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 20 JUNE, 1884, A.M.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday next.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. W. R. Campbell (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That this House at its rising this day do adjourn until Tuesday next.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 24.

Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Poole,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. McCourt,
Sir Patrick Jennings,	Mr. Harris,
Mr. R. B. Smith,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. Hammond,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Griffiths,	Mr. William Clarke,
Mr. Gill,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Day,	Mr. Merriman,
Mr. Levin,	Mr. Mitchell.
Mr. Chapman,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. W. R. Campbell,
Mr. Cass,	Mr. Wilson.
Mr. Copeland,	

Noes, 10.

Mr. Stuart,
Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Tesce,
Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Bruner,
Mr. A. G. Taylor,
Mr. Stokes.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Murray,
Mr. Loughnan.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The House adjourned at sixteen minutes after Three o'clock a.m., until *Tuesday next* at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 119.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 24 JUNE, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

ASSENT TO BILLS:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Mr. Stuart, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

- (1.) Dubbo Gas Company's Incorporation Bill:—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor.

Message No. 57.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to incorporate the Dubbo Gas Company (Limited) and to enable the said Dubbo Gas Company (Limited) to construct Gas-works within the Town of Dubbo,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 20th June, 1884.

- (2.) Windsor Gas-light Company Bill:—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor.

Message No. 58.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Windsor Gas-light Company (Limited) to construct Gas-works within the Town of Windsor,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 20th June, 1884.

- (3.) Sydney Streets Municipal Loan Bill:—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor.

Message No. 59.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Municipal Council of Sydney to raise by Debentures the sum of Two Hundred Thousand Pounds for the Improvement of Public Highways within the said City,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 20th June, 1884.

- (4.) Grafton Lighting Company's Bill:—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor.

Message No. 60.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Grafton Lighting Company (Limited) to construct Gas-works and Electric-works within the Town and Suburbs of Grafton,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 20th June, 1884.

(5.)

(5.) Manly Gas-light and Coke Company's Bill:—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor.

Message No. 61.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Manly Gas-light and Coke Company (Limited) to construct Gas-works within the Borough and Suburbs of Manly,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, his Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 20th June, 1884.

(6.) Forest Lodge, near Tarlo, Estate Bill:—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor.

Message No. 62.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorize the Sale of certain Lands and Hereditaments conveyed upon certain Trusts mentioned and declared in a certain Indenture dated the first day of May one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six and made between George Slocombe of the first part Eliza Simons of the second part and Charles Newman and John Simons of the third part and to enable the Trustees thereof to invest the proceeds of such Sale for the persons entitled under such Deed and for other purposes in this Act mentioned,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 20th June, 1884.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Gaoler's Residence at Mudgee:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for *Mr. A. G. Taylor*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has he decided to sanction the addition of a Balcony to the Gaoler's Residence at Mudgee?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—No application has been made by the Gaol Authorities for the Balcony referred to.

(2.) Mudgee Cemetery:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for *Mr. A. G. Taylor*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—What sum of money does he propose to grant towards fencing and improving the Mudgee Cemetery, and when will it be available?

Mr. Farnell answered,—It is proposed to place a sum of £500 on the Additional Estimates for the purpose of fencing the exterior boundaries and clearing the Cemetery.

(3.) Public School at Cooyal:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for *Mr. A. G. Taylor*, asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—Has he decided yet to erect a new Public School at Cooyal?

Mr. Trickett answered,—It is not intended to erect new School Buildings at Cooyal; but, in order to provide more accommodation for the children, a tender was accepted on the 5th March last for enlarging the existing Building and for erecting a verandah fitted up as a lavatory.

(4.) Water Supply at Capertee:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for *Mr. A. G. Taylor*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will money be available for a Water Supply at Capertee?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—When the Loan Estimates are being prepared the question of Water Supply generally will be considered. Meanwhile, I am unable to give a definite reply to the question of the Honorable Member.

(5.) Post Office, Waverley Station, Crudine:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for *Mr. A. G. Taylor*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has he decided yet to establish a Post Office at Waverley Station, near Crudine?

Mr. Stuart answered,—As the number of letters received from and despatched to this place only averages about eighteen a week each way, the Receiving Office established on 1st November meets all present requirements.

(6.) Railway to Rylstone:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for *Mr. A. G. Taylor*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—After the opening of the Railway Line at Rylstone, will he run a day train between there and Sydney?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The question will be considered when the Line is open.

(7.) Conditional Purchases on Book-Book Station:—*Mr. Holtermann* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is he aware that several selections in and about the Book-Book Station, near Wagga Wagga, and the Book-Book Station, near Tarcutta, have been taken up, and the conditions of the residence clause fulfilled by the selector having a dinner every Saturday with his family on such selections?

(2.) Will he cause an inquiry to be made into the conditions of any selection made in the foregoing district under the name of E. Ingram, or any of his family, servants, or relations, and cause a report to be made with respect to the fulfilment of the residence and improvement clauses under which the selections were taken up?

(3.) In case of any default respecting any selections taken up by the above-named persons, will he take steps to have the same cancelled?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) I am not aware of any such case.

(2.) The conditions of any selections in the names of the parties indicated which have not already been finally dealt with will be duly inquired into and reported upon, as in all other cases.

(3.) All such cases will be dealt with on their merits, and if the conditions are not fulfilled the selections will be forfeited.

(8.)

- (8.) Road through Mr. Green's Property, near West Maitland :—Mr. Burns asked the Secretary for Mines,—When will a Surveyor be sent to inquire into and report on the application of Mr. Ahearn and others for the opening of a new Road through the property of Mr. Green, near West Maitland ?

Mr. Abbott answered,—Application was received on the 4th June ; instruction issued to the District Surveyor for a report on the 7th June, 1884.

- (9.) North Coast Railway :—Mr. Roberts asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 (1.) What progress has been made with the Trial Survey of North Coast Railway ?
 (2.) How many Surveyors are engaged in this work ?
 (3.) When will the Survey, probably, be completed ?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

- (1.) Nearly 200 miles of this Trial Survey were completed by the end of last month.
 (2.) Four.
 (3.) By the end of the year.

- (10.) Lieutenant Owen, Wollongong Artillery Corps :—Mr. Targett asked the Colonial Secretary,—
 (1.) Has Percy Owen, junior, lately appointed Second Lieutenant of No. 6 Battery, Wollongong Volunteer Artillery, ever been in the Artillery Force, or gone through any course of drill or examination to qualify him for the office ?
 (2.) On whose recommendation was he appointed ?
 (3.) Is the Minister aware that the appointment is generally disapproved of by the majority of the Wollongong Artillery Corps ?

Mr. Stuart answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Commandant :—

- (1.) No ; but he has passed the educational test prior to appointment, and at the expiration of twelve months from date of same he will be required to pass a qualifying examination in Military subjects as required by the Regulations.
 (2.) The Officer Commanding his Regiment, the Officer Commanding Artillery Forces, and the Commandant.
 (3.) The Corps has no right to express approval or otherwise of an appointment made by the Governor in Council.

- (11.) Road from Dural to Hornsby :—Mr. McCulloch asked the Secretary for Mines,—What steps have been taken towards opening the proposed direct Road from Dural to Hornsby Junction ?

Mr. Abbott answered,—The District Surveyor was instructed to report on the 20th ultimo. Report has not been received.

- (12.) The " Hansard " :—Mr. Burdekin asked the Colonial Secretary,—
 (1.) What was the total cost of the " Hansard," or Record of Parliamentary Debates, for the year 1883, distinguishing separately the cost of printing, paper, short-hand writing, and other expenses ?
 (2.) Is it a fact that the Government intend to raise the salaries of all the members of the Parliamentary Short-hand Staff ; and if so, by how much ?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

- (1.) As nearly as can be ascertained the cost of printing the " Hansard" for 1883 was £2,313, binding £286, and paper £351. The salaries for the Reporting Staff, as voted by Parliament, were £3,050.
 (2.) This will form the subject of the usual discussion upon the Estimates. No doubt the position of the Short-hand Writers will have to be the subject of reconsideration in consequence of their being compelled to report not only the Debates, but Royal Commissions, Boards of Inquiry, and Select Committees of both Houses, which will be undertaken by this Staff hereafter.

- (13.) Alfred Orlando :—Mr. Cameron, for Mr. Fletcher, asked the Minister of Justice,—
 (1.) Is he aware that a man, giving his name as Alfred Orlando, has for some time past been travelling the country as a professional spy and informer against licensed publicans, with a view to securing convictions under the Licensing Act ?
 (2.) Have the Police Authorities any instructions to act in concert with the said Alfred Orlando, and prosecute alleged offending publicans upon his information ?
 (3.) In connection with eleven recent prosecutions in Newcastle under the Licensing Act, did the Government authorize Orlando to act as informer ; if so, by whom was he authorized so to act ?
 (4.) Has the said Orlando received authority from the Minister direct, from any Inspector under the Licensing Act, from any Licensing Board, or from any other Official under the Government, to visit licensed public-houses during prohibited hours for the purpose of securing convictions for breaches of the Act ?
 (5.) Will the Minister state whether it is the duty of parties acting on behalf of the Distillery Department in testing the character of liquors, &c., to visit licensed public-houses during Sunday, and other prohibited hours, to obtain intoxicating liquors for that purpose ?
 (6.) If the man Orlando is in the service of the Government, or any Government official, will the Minister state the amount of remuneration he receives, whether a salary or travelling expenses, or both ; if so, from what fund is he paid, and by whom ?
 (7.) If convictions are secured on the information of the man Orlando, does he receive any portion of the fine ; if so, what amount of fine does he receive ?
 (8.) Will the Minister cause a strict inquiry to be made into the whole conduct of this person ?

Mr. Cohen answered,—

- (1.) Orlando has been acting as an informer in various parts of the Colony to obtain evidence against persons selling liquors without a license. He informed the Inspector of Police at Newcastle that he intended visiting the public-houses to detect Sunday selling, and stated that he had been similarly employed in Sydney, which statement was untrue.

- (2.) A Constable in plain clothes accompanied him, but the Inspector informed the Bench that the Police had nothing to do with the informer beyond laying the information under the Act.
- (3.) Answered by reply to question to No. 2.
- (4.) No. See reply to question No. 2.
- (5.) No.
- (6.) Orlando was not in the service of the Government. In the event of his obtaining a conviction against a person for selling spirits without a license he would, should the Bench make an order, receive a portion of the fine.
- (7.) The amount varies according to the order made by the Bench.
- (8.) The matter has been carefully investigated, and instructions given that Orlando is not to be employed. He would not have been allowed to act at Newcastle, but he produced a note from Superintendent Ryeland to Inspector Thorpe, dated in February last, and it was not known in Newcastle that his further employment had been prohibited by the Inspector General of Police.
- (14.) Journals of the Legislative Council, and Votes and Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly:—
Mr. Fremlin asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) What was the total cost of the volumes known as the Journals of the Legislative Council for the year 1883, distinguishing separately the cost of printing, paper, and other expenses; also salaries paid to the Shorthand Writer and the Officers of the Council?
- (2.) What was the total cost of the volumes known as the Votes and Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly for the year 1883, distinguishing separately the cost of printing, paper, and other expenses; also salaries paid to Shorthand Writers and the Officers of the Legislative Assembly?
- Mr. Stuart answered,—
- (1.) As nearly as can be ascertained, the Journals of the Legislative Council for the year 1883 was for printing, £882; binding, £195; and paper, £44.
- (2.) The Votes and Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly cost for printing, £3,087; binding, £534; and paper, £183. With regard to the salaries of the Officers of the Assembly, the Honorable Member will find them on the Estimates for the year.
- (15.) Compensation to Mrs. Julia Russell:—Mr. Cameron asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Has a claim been made by Mrs. Julia Russell, of Sussex-street, Sydney, for compensation for injuries she deems herself to have suffered during the time of the small-pox outbreak; if so, is it the intention of the Government to award her any sum of money as such compensation?
- Mr. Dibbs answered,—Mrs. Russell's claim for compensation was paid on 11th July, 1882, and a receipt given "in full of all demands." Subsequently an additional claim was preferred, which my predecessor declined to admit, and I see no reason to disturb his decision.
- (16.) Mineral Conditional Purchases:—Mr. Melville, for Mr. W. J. Fergusson, asked the Secretary for Lands,—When the Return moved for by me on the 24th October last, relating to Mineral Conditional Purchases, will be laid upon the Table of this House?
- Mr. Farnell answered,—A date cannot at present be fixed for presentation of the Return referred to, which is most elaborate (requiring examination of the details of the operations of ten years); but it is being proceeded with with all dispatch, and no time will be lost in bringing it to completion.
- (17.) Public School, Blue-gum Flat, near Gosford:—Mr. Holtermann asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—Has any tender been accepted for the Public School at Blue-gum Flat, near Gosford; if so, who is the successful tenderer, and what time will he have to complete the building?
- Mr. Trickett answered,—Tenders have been received, but none has yet been accepted. The lowest tenderer in this case not having stated any time for the completion of the building, the Architect has written to him to ascertain the shortest time in which he will undertake to do the work. As soon as his answer is received the tenders will be dealt with.
- (18.) Water Supply for North Shore:—Mr. Holtermann asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When are the flexible pipes for the purpose of conveying the Sydney water across the harbour expected to arrive?
- Mr. Dibbs answered,—The contractors, Messrs. D. and W. Robertson, have supplied me with the following information on this point:—"We anticipate the greater portion of these pipes will be delivered in Sydney within the next seven weeks from date. They will all be shipped by P. & O. or Orient steamers; and by our last advices we were informed that a quantity of them were then ready, and have no doubt they are now well on the way."
- (19.) Court-house and Police Station, St. Leonards:—Mr. Holtermann asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will tenders be advertised for the erection of the Court-house and Police Station at St. Leonards?
- Mr. Dibbs answered,—The preparation of plans for the buildings referred to has been delayed pending the conveyance of the land for the site, which is now proceeding.
- (20.) Post and Telegraph Office, St. Leonards:—Mr. Holtermann asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will tenders be called for the erection of the Post and Telegraph Office at St. Leonards?
- Mr. Dibbs answered,—Plans have been prepared for this building, but further action is delayed until the conveyance of the land for the site which is now proceeding shall have been completed.
- (21.) Branch Railway from Pearce's Corner to the water, North Shore:—Mr. Holtermann asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) How far are the plans and specifications for the Branch Railway Line from Pearce's Corner, of the Northern Line, to the waters of North Shore completed?
- (2.) Will he submit the same to the House for adoption during the present Session?
- Mr. Dibbs answered,—The Trial Survey for this Line will probably be completed in about a month.

- (22.) Reserve at Gore's Hill :—Mr. Holtermann asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is it a fact that there are some 80 or 100 acres of Crown Lands on, near, or about Gore's Hill, Lane Cove Road ; if so, will he cause due inquiry and a report to be made immediately, with a view to having the same proclaimed a Public Reserve ?
Mr. Farnell answered,—I am unaware ; inquiry will be made.
- (23.) Hill End and Bathurst Road :—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he sanction an expenditure for a deviation on the Road between Hill End and Bathurst ?
Mr. Dibbs answered,—All known deviations on this Road have been put in hand ; but if it is stated on which of the three Roads between these points, and at what part the proposed deviation is required, the information can be given.
- (24.) Mr. J. L. Loban's Application to Mine under Roads in the Mudgee District :—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Mines,—Has Mr. J. L. Loban's application for permission to mine under a road in the Mudgee District been dealt with yet ; if so, how ?
Mr. Abbott answered,—All the applications made by Mr. J. L. Loban to mine under Roads in the Mudgee District have been dealt with, namely, one abandoned, and the others refused.
- (25.) Court of Petty Sessions, Windeyer :—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Minister of Justice,—
(1.) Is he aware that a Court of Petty Sessions is urgently needed at Windeyer ; that memorials to that effect from the inhabitants, and recommendations from the Mudgee Members have been sent him from time to time for the past two years, and that a Court-house is in existence at Windeyer ?
(2.) Is it his intention to comply with the request ?
Mr. Cohen answered,—
(1.) I am not so aware ; but such memorials and recommendations have been received.
(2.) As I am not satisfied of the necessity for the establishment of this Court, it is not my intention at present to comply with the request.
- (26.) Deeds of Grant for Roman Catholic Churches at Mudgee, Gulgong, and Rylstone :—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Lands,—When will deeds of grant be ready for delivery in connection with the Roman Catholic Churches at Mudgee, Gulgong, and Rylstone ?
Mr. Farnell answered,—The deed of grant for the Roman Catholic Church Site at Mudgee was forwarded to Registrar General's Office (where it may be obtained on application) on the 27th ultimo. The Trustees for the sites at Gulgong and Rylstone have not yet been nominated, and therefore the grants cannot be prepared.
- (27.) Police Magistrate, Rylstone :—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Minister of Justice,—Has the time arrived yet for the appointment of a Police Magistrate at Rylstone ?
Mr. Cohen answered,—In my opinion the time has not yet arrived.
- (28.) Electoral Rolls, East Sydney and Redfern :—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has he decided to admit the applications of a number of Electors of East Sydney and Redfern to be placed on the Electoral Roll, such applications being lodged (and refused) at the Central Police Office on the Saturday preceding Easter Sunday, and since transmitted by me to the Colonial Secretary ?
Mr. Stuart answered,—The law prescribes a certain mode for these applications to be dealt with ; and I find that the notices were not accepted on the day named, because it was a public holiday ; but, on further investigation, I find that no one of these represented a valid claim.
- (29.) Country Residence for the Governor :—Mr. Garrett asked the Colonial Secretary,—When is it intended to proceed with the erection of the Country Residence for the Governor of this Colony, the money for which was voted last year ?
Mr. Stuart answered,—Plans were prepared for this work on a very large scale. Since then revised plans are being prepared ; and when these are submitted I shall be better able to answer the Honorable Member.
- (30.) Hargraves Common :—Mr. Buchanan asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is it true that a large portion of the Public Common at Hargraves has been sold ?
Mr. Farnell answered —The Temporary Common at Hargraves contained an area of 13,410 acres. It has been reduced by the withdrawal of 476 acres 3 roods and 7 perches, of which only a portion has been alienated.
- (31.) Railway from Mudgee to Gulgong :—Mr. Buchanan asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the Railway from Mudgee to Gulgong be proceeded with ?
Mr. Dibbs answered,—A Trial Survey has been completed from Mudgee to Gulgong, and thence to Coonamble.
- (32.) Expenditure under Public Instruction Act :—Mr. Copeland asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—Has he any objection to lay upon the Table of this House, with reference to a Return moved for by the Honorable Member for Bathurst, Mr. F. B. Suttor, and printed on the 5th instant, a Return showing,—
(1.) The difference (if any) between the General Estimates of Expenditure under the Public Instruction Act for 1883, as prepared by the late Administration, and those as prepared by the present Administration.
(2.) The increase in the number of children attending Schools under the Public Instruction Act during the year 1883 over the number attending the same Schools during 1882.
(3.) The number of such children taught in Tents during the last quarter of the year 1882.
(4.) The number of such children taught in Tents during the last quarter of 1883.

(5.) The number of School Buildings erected in 1883 to replace the Tent Schools.

(6.) The names of the places for which plans and specifications for new School Buildings and additions, &c., were submitted to the Minister during the year 1883, on authorities for the works given prior to 31st December, 1882, showing (a) nature of the work (b) estimated expenditure and (c) accommodation for pupils proposed in each case; also, whether the plans so submitted were approved or rejected; and if the latter, for what reason, and the directions (if any) as to new plans; also, in each case, the estimated cost of the works according to such new plans, and the accommodation to be provided for pupils.

(7.) The total number of School Buildings, whether of brick, stone, or wood, for which plans were ordered in 1882, showing the number of each, description, estimated cost thereof, and the accommodation for pupils proposed.

(8.) The total number of such Buildings initiated in 1883, and similar information in connection therewith?

Mr. Trickett answered,—There will be no objection to lay a Return of this kind upon the Table as soon as it can be prepared.

(33.) **Warder in Darlinghurst Gaol**:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Was a Warder in Darlinghurst Gaol absent from duty for five days in the month of May last on the score of illness?

(2.) Did the Gaol Surgeon attend him; and if so, what did he report him to be suffering from?

Mr. Cohen answered,—

(1.) I am informed by the Comptroller General of Prisons that there were several Officers absent from duty because of illness during May; two for five days.

(2.) The Report of the Visiting Surgeon is always rendered in such cases. In one of the cases referred to in the previous answer, the medical report was to the effect that the Warder was "malingering." He was suspended, and finally ordered to pay for a substitute employed in his place.

(34.) **Unclaimed Letters**:—Mr. Abigail asked the Postmaster General,—

(1.) Referring to a paragraph in the Annual Report for 1883, wherein it is stated that 175,000 unclaimed letters were returned to this Branch during the year,—Will he take the necessary steps to have all such letters returned to the writers without the delay that takes place under the present regulation of sending them to the Dead Letter Office?

(2.) Will he state the names of the persons, and the salaries received by each, through whose hands the unregistered returned letters which contained £14,989 passed?

(3.) How many complaints have been received of money letters being lost or stolen; and how many convictions were obtained for 1883?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

(1.) It is proposed to provide in a new Postal Act for the earlier return of unclaimed letters to the writers.

(2.) Chas. J. Booty, £300; Richard H. Crakanthorp, £250; Chas. A. Ord (to June), £225; George McGibbon (from June), £200 per annum.

(3.) 965 cases of missing letters containing valuables were reported, of which 357 were traced; there were five convictions.

(35.) **Pymont Bridge**:—Mr. Abigail asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What steps have been taken by the Pymont Bridge Company to prosecute their appeal to the Privy Council against the judgment of the Equity Judge and the full Court, given in favour of the Government in the matter of taking over the Bridge for the amount offered by the Government?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—This matter has been settled by an agreement made between the Pymont Bridge Company and the Government for payment of £52,500 for the Bridge, delivery to be taken over on the 1st August; consequently further proceedings at law have been abandoned.

3. PAPERS:—

Mr. Stuart laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Amended By-laws of the Municipal District of Muscleebrook.

(2.) Amended By-laws of the Borough of Kiama under Municipalities Act of 1867, and Nuisances Prevention Act of 1875.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Trickett laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 5th February, 1884,—“Unmarried Teachers in Public Schools.”

Ordered to be printed.

4. **SALE OF COLONIAL WINES**:—Mr. A. G. Taylor presented a Petition from Winegrowers of the District of Mudgee, complaining of the operation of certain clauses of the Licensing Act in regard to the sale of Colonial Wines; and praying the House to take the matter into consideration, with a view to relief.
Petition received.

5. **HARGRAVES COMMON** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers and letters in reference to the sale of a large portion of the Public Common at Hargraves.
Question put and passed.

6. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—

(1.) City Bank Act Extension Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—*until Friday, 11th July.*

(2.) Badham Annuity Bill; consideration in Committee of the expediency of bringing in a Bill;—*until Friday, 25th July.*

7. CROWN LANDS BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 25 JUNE, 1884, A.M.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

8. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Stuart moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
9. POSTPONEMENTS :—The Orders of the Day of Government Business Nos. 2 to 10 inclusive postponed until to-morrow.
10. APPRAISEMENTS OF TOWN LOTS OF TEMORA :—Mr. Spring moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Report from the Select Committee on "Appraisements of Town Lots of Temora," brought up on the 2nd April, 1884, be now adopted.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned at twenty-one minutes after Twelve o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 120.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 25 JUNE, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Finger Posts:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—With regard to my question of the 16th instant,—Will instructions be issued for the erection of Finger Posts at the intersections of Cross Roads at Pennant Hills, Field of Mars, Ryde, Smithfield, and other places, as far as the money for this work is available?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—I am not in a position to give, at the present time, any different answer to that which I gave on the 10th instant.

- (2.) Expenditure of Road Votes:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he, in view of the manner in which public grants are frequently expended by irresponsible and in some cases unqualified Road Trustees, give instructions that all such grants in future are made on the condition that all work must be first approved and afterwards certified to by the Local Government Road Superintendent?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—In view of the contemplated Local Government Bill, it is not considered advisable to alter the present system, or to increase the staff, as the dual system proposed would take as much of the Officer's time as if the money was expended directly under him.

- (3.) Police Protection at Prospect Waterworks:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—Taking into consideration the large increase of population at Prospect Waterworks, Blacktown, and Ryde Railway Works, as well as at Parramatta,—Will he cause instructions to be given to the Inspector at the latter place to report upon the necessity for additional Police protection at these places?

Mr. Stuart answered,—I have asked the Inspector to give me a report on this matter.

- (4.) Reclamation of Land at Homebush Bay:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he consider the practicability as well as the advantages of reclaiming the low lands of Homebush Bay with the refuse and silt of Sydney Harbour?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The question refers to a subject which demands more consideration than I have been able to give to it on this short notice. I will, however, take an early opportunity to consult with the Engineer-in-Chief for Harbours and Rivers thereon.

- (5.) Darling Harbour Railway:—Mr. Cameron asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is he aware that the business people on the western side of Darling Harbour are put to considerable loss and inconvenience owing to the deficient supply of rolling stock, and will he take the necessary steps to remedy the evil complained of?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—I am not aware of this, and think the Honorable Member must have been misinformed. The Traffic Manager reports that so far from the rolling stock being deficient, it is at the present time in excess of requirements, owing to the temporary slackness of the traffic.

- (6.) Wentworth Park:—Mr. Cameron asked the Colonial Secretary,—When is it likely that tenders will be called for improving the Sewerage Works in and around Wentworth Park?

Mr. Stuart answered,—The necessary surveys for this Park are being proceeded with; and I understand that in the course of a fortnight or so tenders will be invited, and provision will be made for the discharge of the storage waters.

(7.)

(7.) Religious Instruction in Public Schools:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Has the Bishop of Sydney made any representation to the Government with a view to the alteration in any way of our Public Schools Act?
- (2.) Will the Minister state if he has received any communication from the Bishop of Sydney, or from any parties representing him; and if so, will he state what that communication was?
- (3.) Is it the intention of the Government to adhere firmly to the present law which has abolished all State assistance to Denominational Schools?

Mr. Trickett answered,—The only representations for communications that the Government has received is a letter containing certain proposals, which I have no doubt the Honorable Member has read in the Daily Press, and in respect to which a Deputation is to wait upon me on Friday next. It is the duty of all Governments to adhere to the law.

(8.) The Quirindi Rape Case:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to bring the girl Duncan from Quirindi to Sydney for trial?
- (2.) Is the Government aware of the very strong feeling that has been excited against the unfortunate girl in Quirindi and throughout the whole district?
- (3.) Has the Government left it discretionary with the Police Authorities to decide where the girl shall be tried?
- (4.) Up to this moment has the Government given clear specific instructions as to the trial of the girl, and where it shall take place?

Mr. Cohen answered,—This cannot be determined till the girl is committed for trial, if she should be committed.

- (2.) No.
- (3.) No.
- (4.) The Attorney General has instructed the Police in the following words: "Should there be any ground for apprehending that the woman would be prejudiced by her case being proceeded with at Tamworth, it should be taken elsewhere, so that no local feeling of any kind might impair her right to a strictly just inquiry. She should, as a young girl upon whose testimony a jury convicted on a capital charge two prisoners, and who is now represented as a disreputable character, be afforded the fullest opportunity of defending herself. The Police will communicate with me at the earliest moment on these points, so that I may determine what shall be done."

(9.) Garden Hill Estate, Wollongong:—Mr. Abigail asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Who are the owners of that portion of the Garden Hill Estate, Wollongong, said to have been purchased for the Government, being 5½ acres, price £1,990?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The owner of the land in question was a Mr. Wiley; it was resumed in the usual way by the Government Valuer, and upon his valuation.

2. MR. LAMONT YOUNG AND PARTY:—Mr. Day (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Report from the Select Committee on "Mr. Lamont Young and Party," together with the Proceedings of the Committee and Minutes of Evidence, brought up on the 23th May, 1884, be printed.
Question put and passed.
3. LAND LEGISLATION:—Sir Patrick Jennings presented a Petition from Robert Booth, Mayor of Dubbo, as Chairman of a Public Meeting of Squatters, Selectors, and Citizens resident in the Pastoral Districts of Bligh, Wellington, and the Warrego, and the Town of Dubbo, held at the Town Hall, Dubbo, communicating Resolutions adopted at the Meeting suggesting certain amendments in the present Land Law; and praying the House to take the matters named into serious consideration.
And the same having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker,—
Petition received.
4. STIRLING'S TRUSTS BILL:—Mr. Suttor, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 5th June, 1884; together with a copy of the Bill as agreed to by the Committee.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Suttor then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday, 11th July.
Question put and passed.
5. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Divorce Amendment Bill postponed until Friday, 25th July.
6. CROWN LANDS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 26 JUNE, 1884, A.M.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

7. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

(1.) Oyster Fisheries Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act for the amendment of the 'Fisheries Act 1881' the promotion of Oyster Culture and the Regulation of Oyster Fisheries,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 25th June, 1884.

JOHN HAY,
President.

OYSTER FISHERIES BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 25th June, 1884.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 2, clause 3, line 32. *Omit "Minister" insert "Commissioners"*

Page 2, clause 3, line 57. *After "owner" insert "or agent"*

Page 2, clause 3, line 59. *Omit "thirty" insert "ninety"*

Page 4, clause 4. At end of clause *add* "Provided that the owner or his agent lessee or occupant of the land abutting on that described in any application for a lease or in any notice offering a lease for disposal by auction or tender shall have priority of claim if he shall within ninety days after the passing of this Act himself apply for a lease hereunder"

Page 4, clause 7, line 56. *After "from" insert "service or"*

Page 5, clause 15, line 53. *After "mark" insert "from Crown lands not leased under this Act"*

Examined,—

W. R. PIDDINGTON,
Deputy Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the Council's amendments be taken into consideration on Tuesday next.

(2.) Sydney Corporation Act Amendment Bill (No. 2.):—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Sydney Corporation Act of 1879,'*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 25th June, 1884.

JOHN HAY,
President.

SYDNEY CORPORATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2).

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 25th June, 1884.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, clause 1. *Omit clause 1.*

Page 1, clause 2, lines 18 and 19. *Omit "And with or without compensation for the land so required."*

Page 1, clause 2. *After sub-section (II.) insert the following new sub-section:—*

"(III.) To sell any land forming part of a way which is not required for any such purpose"

Page 1, clause 2, line 22. *Omit "Principal Act" insert "said Act"*

Page 1, clause 2. *After clause 2 insert the following new clause:—*

"2 No purchase sale or exchange of land under this Act shall be valid until the same has been sanctioned by the Governor and notified in the *Gazette.*"

Examined,—

W. R. PIDDINGTON,
Deputy Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the Council's amendments be taken into consideration on Tuesday next.

The House adjourned at fourteen minutes before One o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 121.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 26 JUNE, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Grants of Land for Church and School Purposes:—Mr. Abigail asked the Secretary for Lands,—Are grants of land being made to any of the denominations for Church and School purposes; if so, will he state the number of such grants made since the Resolutions were passed on the 11th May and 2nd July, 1880, against any such grants being made; and if so, the names of the denominations to which they have been granted?

Mr. Farnell answered,—Yes; one hundred and sixty grants have been made since the date mentioned for Church purposes. There have been no dedications for Denominational School purposes. The following grants for Church purposes have been made:—Church of England, sixty-two; Roman Catholic, thirty-eight; Wesleyan, twenty-nine; Presbyterians, twenty-five; Primitive Methodists, six. These grants were made in pursuance of promises given prior to the 11th May, 1880.

- (2.) Police Magistrate, Queanbeyan:—Mr. Teece asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Has the Police Magistrate of Queanbeyan removed his quarters from Bungendore to Queanbeyan; if not, when is it likely that he will do so?

(2.) What is the total amount paid to the Police Magistrate of Queanbeyan, since his appointment to the present position, for travelling expenses from his residence at Bungendore to Queanbeyan in connection with his official duties?

Mr. Cohen answered,—

(1.) No; but the Police Magistrate has promised to make immediate exertion to secure a suitable residence at Queanbeyan for himself and family, with the view of removing there.

(2.) £57 10s.; but when the Police Magistrate resides at Queanbeyan he has to visit Bungendore when required, which also entails expense.

- (3.) Darling Harbour Railway:—Mr. Cameron asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Can he inform the House when the plans and specifications for the Darling Harbour Railway Extensions will be submitted to Parliament for approval?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—I am informed that the extensions referred to by the Honorable Member are not of the character of extensions generally, but are more in the nature of sidings for the wharfage accommodation. Unless the papers are asked for by motion, there will be no necessity to lay them upon the Table of the House.

- (4.) Police Magistrate, Walgett:—Mr. Hugh Taylor, for Mr. A. G. Taylor, asked the Minister of Justice,—Has the Police Magistrate of Walgett issued orders forbidding the Reporters of the *Walgett Mail* from entering the Court-house until he takes his seat on the Bench; if so, is not this practice inconsistent with the courtesy extended to Reporters of the Press in all other Courts of the Colony?

Mr. Cohen answered,—I am informed by the Police Magistrate that he issued orders that no persons except Court Officials should be allowed to enter the Court before it was opened, in consequence of persons entering by a back-door and carrying on loud conversations, which interfered with public business in the adjoining offices; and on one occasion, after adjournment for lunch, the Police Magistrate found that his papers had been meddled with by people not connected with the Court; and were the public allowed access to the building when the Court is not sitting there would be no security for public documents. No discourtesy was intended to members of the Press, who have always had every facility extended to them in connection with their duties.

(5.)

- (5.) Sale of Meat at Glebe Island:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for *Mr. A. G. Taylor*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it a fact that during the week ending 7th June a shipment of bullocks by the "Yarra" was brought to Glebe Island, that amongst them were several dead bullocks, of which only one was condemned, the remainder being hung up in the stalls and sold to the metropolitan butchers?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—I find, upon inquiry, that the facts as alleged are not as might be inferred from the question. I find, upon inquiry, they do not exist; they are not facts.

- (6.) Tanks on Nyngan and Bye-Rock Roads:—*Mr. Russell Barton* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Will he state what (if anything) has been done towards sinking Tanks and making available for traffic the Road from Nyngan to Nymagee?

(2.) Will he state what preparation in the way of Water Supply, Sheds, &c., has been made at Bye-Rock for the proposed opening of the Great Western Extension of Railway to that place in July next?

(3.) Will he state what has been done towards sinking Tanks upon the Road between Bye-Rock and Gongolgon, without which people cannot avail themselves of this extension?

(4.) Will he state what has been done towards the construction of Bridges over the Barwon and Cato Creek, near Brewarrina?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

(1.) Tenders were accepted for Tanks on original road, but work was postponed at suggestion of Mines Department, that road via Pigeon Holes be adopted. This was reported against by Surveyor, and the Works Department now wait decision of Mines, as to whether Tanks originally proposed shall be gone on with or not.

(2.) There is at present about one million gallons of good water in the Tank, and a large gang of men are employed in enlarging it. A contract has been entered into for the erection of the Goods-warehouse, Water Tank, and Platforms, and a notice inviting tenders for the remainder of the buildings was forwarded for publication in the *Gazette* on 23rd instant. The Officer at Bourke has been directed by electric telegraph to arrange for a Tank at Bye-Rock at once; Pump, Service-tank, and Troughing will be despatched forthwith.

(3.) The selection of Tank Sites has been delayed pending survey of a direct road between Bye-Rock and Brewarrina.

(4.) Sections have been made, and the amount required ascertained. The amount will be provided on the next Estimates-in-Chief.

- (7.) Railway Sidings:—*Mr. Teece*, for *Mr. Garrett*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) The number of Sidings put in by the Government at the instance of private individuals on the respective lines of Government Railways?

(2.) The terms upon which such Sidings have been put in, and where guarantees have been given the cases in which the guarantors have failed to fulfil the terms and conditions of their respective guarantees?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—If the Honorable Member will put this in the shape of a motion for the production of papers, the Return will be produced as soon as possible, and it will be taken as a formal motion.

- (8.) Crown Lands held under Pre-emptive Lease:—*Mr. Teece*, for *Mr. Garrett*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—The number of acres of Crown Lands held under pre-lease on the 31st March last, distinguishing the area held by virtue of conditional purchase and the area held by virtue of other freehold or other holdings?

Mr. Farnell answered,—To give the information accurately, the basis of every pre-emptive lease would require to be critically examined. Approximately, it may be stated that there are about 11,600 leases of an area of 10,370,000 acres held in right of conditional purchases, and about 6,790 leases of an area of 5,970,448 acres held in right of freeholds.

- (9.) Quarrying Blue Metal at Rookwood:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has the Government granted a lease, or permission, to any person or persons to open a quarry for procuring blue metal on the land purchased by them at Rookwood; if so, will he give the name or names of the persons, and the amount to be received as rent, and for what term?

Mr. Farnell answered,—Yes, to James Hewitt. The quarry is to be worked on a royalty, the term of lease being five years.

- (10.) Federation of the Colonies:—*Mr. Buchanan* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) When will the matter of Federation be introduced for the consideration of this House?

(2.) Did the Representatives of this Colony state to the Convention that this question would be brought speedily before Parliament?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

(1.) I am unable at the present time to state at what time this matter will be introduced for the consideration of the House.

(2.) Not that I am aware of. The Representatives, I find, pledged themselves to invite the Legislatures of their respective Colonies to consider the question, but there is nothing about speedily in it.

- (11.) The "Hansard":—*Mr. Abigail*, for *Mr. Burdekin*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Referring to his answer of 24th June, purporting to state that the total cost of printing "Hansard" for the year 1883 was £2,950,—Will he state if the expenditure was incurred solely in respect of volumes viii. and ix. of Parliamentary Debates, first and second Sessions 1883?

(2.) If the expenditure was not solely applicable to the Parliamentary Debates for the Sessions 1883, will he state specifically what other services are comprised in the expenditure of the £2,950, and the amount incurred on account of each?

Mr.

Mr. Stuart answered,—I can best answer these questions together by stating that the following is the analysis of the expenditure referred to :—

<i>First Session</i> —(Volume viii. and part of volume ix.) :—			
Printing	...	...	£1,376 6 3
Binding	...	...	287 15 0
Paper	...	...	181 15 6
			£1,825 16 9
<i>Second Session</i> —(Part of volume ix.) :—			
Printing	...	...	£113 19 0
Wrapping	...	...	5 11 0
Paper	...	...	12 16 3
			132 6 3
Total—(First and Second Session)			
	...	...	£1,958 3 0
<i>Third Session</i> —(Weekly parts, to 31st December, 1883) :—			
Printing	...	...	£822 16 8
Wrapping	...	...	13 5 0
Paper	...	...	156 17 7
			£992 19 3
<i>Recapitulation.</i>			
First Session—(Volume viii. and part of volume ix.)	...	...	£1,825 16 9
Second do. —(Part of volume ix.)	...	...	132 6 3
Third do. —(Weekly parts, to 31st December, 1883)	...	...	992 19 3
			£2,951 2 3

2. RAILWAY FROM MOLONG TO MANILDRA :—Dr. Ross presented a Petition from John Ward, J.P., Chairman of a Public Meeting held at Parkes, urging the necessity of at once calling for tenders for the construction of the Railway West from Molong to Manildra ; and praying for favourable consideration of the matter.
And the same having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker,—
Petition received.

3. ASSENT TO BILLS :—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Mr. Stuart, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

- (1.) Consolidated Revenue Fund Bill (No. 7) :—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,

Message No. 63.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1884,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

*Government House,
Sydney, 26th June, 1884.*

- (2.) Armidale Gas Company's Incorporation Bill :—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,

Message No. 64.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to incorporate the Armidale Gas Company (Limited) and to enable the said Armidale Gas Company (Limited) to construct Gas-works within the City of Armidale,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

*Government House,
Sydney, 20th June, 1884.*

4. PATRICK BROWN AND DUNCAN McRAE :—Mr. Melville presented a Petition from Patrick Brown and Duncan McRae, relative to a Mineral Conditional Purchase made by them ; and praying that the matter may be referred to a Select Committee.
Petition received.
5. LICENSING ACT :—Mr. Olliffe presented a Petition from Residents of Sydney and Suburbs, complaining of the present state of the Law regarding the closing of Public Houses on Sundays, and stating that they consider that the provision respecting Travellers should be assimilated to that in the English Law ; and praying the House to adopt measures for giving effect to their wishes.
Petition received.

6. CROWN LANDS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.
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And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 27 JUNE, 1884, A.M.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday next.

The House adjourned at sixteen minutes after Twelve o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 122.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 27 JUNE, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Bridge over Darling Harbour at William-Henry-street:—Mr. Cameron asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What steps are being taken with reference to the construction of the Bridge over Darling Harbour at William-Henry-street?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—Specification is being prepared, with a view to tenders being invited for the erection of this Bridge.

- (2.) Pyrmont Bridge:—Mr. Abigail asked the Secretary for Public Works,—The Pyrmont Bridge matter being settled, is there any further objection to comply with the motion carried by this House, namely, “That all the papers relating to the question be laid upon the Table?”

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The papers will now be collected, copied, and laid upon the Table as quickly as possible.

- (3.) The Quirindi Rape Case:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Did the girl Duncan volunteer her evidence before Mr. Abbott at Quirindi, or was she compelled to give it?

(2.) Was she asked the question if she ever had carnal knowledge of any man before the crime was committed against her?

(3.) If so, did Mr. Abbott inform her that she was not bound to answer such a question?

(4.) How many days was the girl imprisoned in the Quirindi Lock-up?

(5.) Is it true that the girl was brought before Mr. E. Underwood, Justice of the Peace, at the end of eight days, and that she was remanded for eight days without any warrant for detaining her being produced?

Mr. Cohen answered,—

(1.) The girl Duncan was, in pursuance of a summons issued, compelled to attend at the inquiry before Mr. Abbott at Quirindi, and give evidence.

(2 and 3.) I have endeavoured to obtain the necessary information to answer these questions by personal inquiry; but as the depositions taken at Quirindi are at Quirindi for Police purposes, I have been unable to refer to them, and so I am unable to give the necessary answer.

(4.) For fourteen days.

(5.) It is true that the girl was brought before a Justice of the Peace at the end of eight days, but whether it was Mr. Underwood or not I am unable to say. She was remanded for eight days, without any warrant for detaining her being produced.

2. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—

(1.) Contempts Punishment Bill; second reading;—

(2.) Law of Seduction Amendment Bill; second reading;— } until Friday, 25th July.

3. MONK-WEARMOUTH COLLIERY RAILWAY BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Poole (for Mr. Burns) moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Poole, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Friday, 18th July.

4. COOTAMUNDREY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH LAND SALE BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Fletcher moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed.
 Bill read a second time.
 On motion of Mr. Fletcher, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
 On motion of Mr. Fletcher, the report was adopted.
 Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.

5. BOOROWA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH LAND SALE BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Fletcher moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed.
 Bill read a second time.
 On motion of Mr. Fletcher, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with an amendment.
 On motion of Mr. Fletcher (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.
 Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.

6. RELIGIOUS PERSUASIONS OF CHILDREN ATTENDING PUBLIC SCHOOLS :—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. A. G. Taylor,—“That, in the opinion of this House, the pupils attending the Public Schools of this Colony should not be required to state their religious belief, and no record should be kept of the religious persuasions of the pupils,”—
 And the Question being again proposed,—Mr. Cameron moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
 Debate ensued.
 Motion for the adjournment of the Debate, by leave, withdrawn.
 Original Question again stated.
 Debate ensued.
 Mr. Cameron moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
 Question put and passed.
 Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Friday, 25th July.

7. VICTORIAN COAL-MINING COMPANY'S BILL (No. 2) :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Fletcher moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Question put and passed.
 Bill read a second time.
 On motion of Mr. Fletcher, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday, 8th July.

8. DISTRICT COURTS ACT FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. A. G. Taylor,—“That this Bill be now read a second time.”
 Question put,—That this Bill be now read a second time.
 The House divided.

Ayes 11.

Mr. W. J. Fergusson,
 Mr. O'Connor,
 Mr. Hugh Taylor,
 Mr. Holtermann,
 Mr. De Salis,
 Mr. Barbour,
 Mr. McCourt,
 Mr. Abigail,
 Mr. Teece.
Tellers,
 Mr. Sec,
 Mr. A. G. Taylor.

Noes, 20.

Mr. Stuart,	Mr. Stephen,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Gill,
Mr. McLaughlin,	Mr. Machattie,
Mr. Trickett,	Mr. Poole,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Harris.
Mr. Cameron,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Quin,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Heydon.
Mr. Fletcher,	
Mr. Brunker,	
Mr. Abbott,	
Mr. Cramaic,	
Mr. Dibbs,	

And so it passed in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Cohen, the Order of the Day was discharged, and the Bill withdrawn.

9. PETTY SESSIONS JURISDICTION EXTENSION BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. A. G. Taylor moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed.
 Bill read a second time.
 On motion of Mr. Taylor, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with an amendment.
 On motion of Mr. Taylor (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.
 Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.

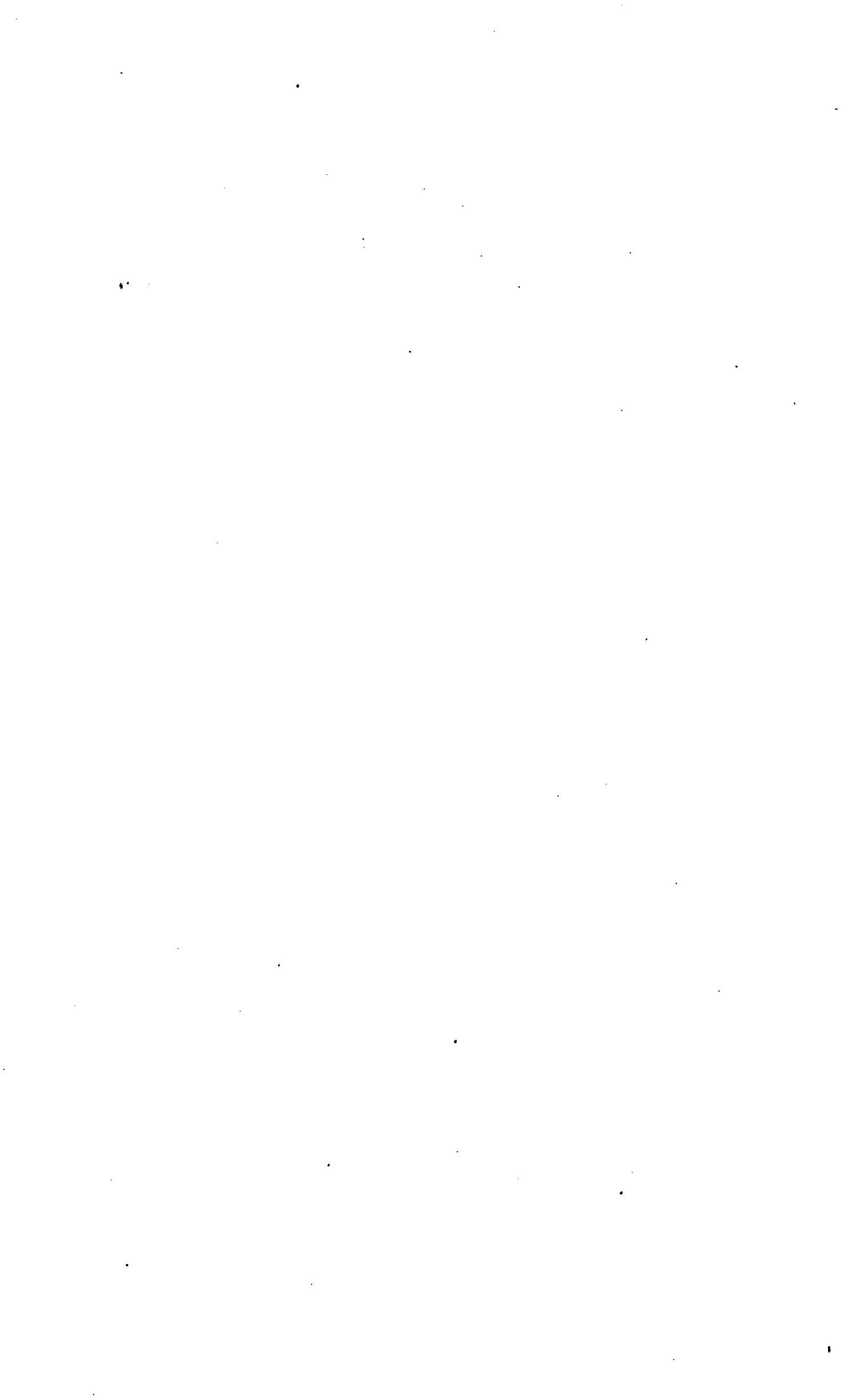
10. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—

- (1.) Trustees Act Amendment Bill ; to be further considered in Committee ;—*until Friday, 18th July.*
- (2.) Judgment Creditors Remedies Extension Bill ; second reading ;—
- (3.) Supreme Court Process Facilitation Bill ; second reading ;—
- (4.) Parliamentary Prorogation Curtailment Bill ; second reading ;—
- (5.) Companies (Extra-Colonial Registers) Bill ; second reading ;—*until Friday, 18th July.*

} *until Friday next.*

The House adjourned at Seven o'clock, until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 123.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 1 JULY, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk acquainted the House that he had received a Letter from Mr. Speaker, informing him that he had sustained a fresh injury to his foot, and was prohibited by his Medical Adviser from attending the House.

Whereupon the Chairman of Committees took the Chair, as Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the Second Standing Order of the House.

2. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Railway Station at Gundagai:—Mr. Watson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has the site for the proposed Railway Station at Gundagai been selected; if not, will he arrive at a decision at an early date, so as to prevent delay, and in arriving at such decision will he take into consideration the views of the residents of Gundagai with reference to the site, and which were recently placed before the Secretary for Public Works?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—Conflicting petitions have been forwarded to the Department with reference to the position of the Station at Gundagai, and every consideration will be given to them after the respective sites have been inspected.

- (2.) Railway to Coolac:—Mr. Watson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it his intention to enter into negotiation, or has he already entered into negotiation, with the contractors for the construction of the Railway from Cootamundra to Gundagai, with a view to the opening of the Railway to Coolac prior to the wool season, so as to secure the large traffic and haulage of wool and other produce which will otherwise be lost to the Department?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—Every effort will be made to get this portion of the Line completed before the wool season commences, and, if ready, it will be opened for traffic as provided by the conditions of contract.

- (3.) Station-master's Residence, Blacktown:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. Burdekin, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has the Minister resumed land at Blacktown for a Station-master's residence?

(2.) What is the area resumed?

(3.) Is the owner Mr. George Ireland?

(4.) Did the owner put the land under offer to the Department some year or two ago; and if so, at what price?

(5.) Did the owner withdraw this offer, and assign any reason?

(6.) On what date did the Minister resume the land?

(7.) Has Mr. Ireland sent in a claim for price?

(8.) When will the matter be settled and Mr. Ireland paid for his land, if it has been resumed?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—No land has been resumed for a Station-master's residence at Blacktown.

- (4.) Public Baths, Parramatta:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor* asked the Colonial Secretary,—When is it his intention, as promised some time ago by him, to introduce a Bill to enable the Government to resume a portion of the Market Reserve on the banks of the river at Parramatta North for the purpose of having the same dedicated as a site to erect Public Baths on?

Mr. Stuart answered,—I think that in the Land Bill now before the House there is power sufficient for the purpose. I am convinced that there is.

- (5.) Sewerage of Parramatta:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government to place a sum upon the Additional Estimates to carry out the proposed works of the Sewerage of Parramatta, according to the plans prepared by the Works Department for that purpose?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The whole system of Country Sewerage is now under consideration.

- (6.) Drainage from Public Buildings, Parramatta :—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—With reference to my question and the answer, on Tuesday, 17th ultimo, respecting the nuisance at Lennox Bridge, in the centre of the Town of Parramatta, caused by the drains running from Her Majesty's Gaol, Hospital for Insane, and Catholic Orphan Schools,—Will he give instructions to some competent Officer from the Harbours and Rivers Department to inspect and report upon it, and not take the report of the District Road Overseer that no nuisance exists?
Mr. Dibbs answered,—Yes; another Officer will be sent to report if any nuisance is caused by the drains, and his attention will be directed as to whether there are not other causes of nuisance here, which might be abated by the action of the Inspector for Nuisances.
- (7.) Railway Extension into the City.—Wharfage Improvements :—Mr. Hugh Taylor, for Mr. Abigail, asked the Colonial Secretary,—When will the Government intention with reference to the City Railway Extension and Wharfage Improvements be made known?
Mr. Stuart answered,—These important questions will receive due attention, and be communicated to the House when the Railway policy is made known.
- (8.) Bridge over George's River at Liverpool :—Mr. Lackey asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it intended to provide a sum on the Estimates for the erection of a Bridge over the George's River at Liverpool, in compliance with promise made by the Minister to a Deputation?
Mr. Dibbs answered,—Pending determination as to direct line of Railway—Sydney to Liverpool—no steps can be taken about this Bridge.
- (9.) Public School at Wee-Waa :—Mr. Dangar asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—When is the new Public School at Wee-Waa likely to be erected; and is there any cause of delay in completing the building?
Mr. Trickett answered,—A contract for this work was entered into on the 11th June ultimo, and it is expected that the new building will be ready for occupation by the end of this year.
- (10.) Railway to Wilcannia :—Mr. Quin asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government to immediately construct a Railway to Wilcannia?
Mr. Dibbs answered,—While I admit the importance of this question, it is desirable to submit the Railway policy of the Government as a whole, and not in detail; but the question asked by the Honorable Member will be promptly considered by the Government.
- (11.) Public School, Manilla :—Mr. Levien asked the Minister for Public Instruction :—Is there any delay in proceeding with the proposed additions and repairs to the Manilla Public School and will the work be proceeded with at once?
Mr. Trickett answered,—Mr. M. Delonger, whose tender for this work was accepted on the 14th January last, was unable to carry out the proposed additions and repairs. On the 24th April the contract was transferred to Messrs. Burke and Wilson, and it is expected that the work will be completed by the end of August proximo.
- (12.) Conditional Purchases on Memagong Station :—Mr. Levien asked the Secretary for Lands,—Does he intend to take any proceedings with reference to the disclosures made in the action of the City Bank *versus* Maitland, tried at Young lately, with reference to certain Conditional Purchases upon the Memagong Station?
Mr. Farnell answered,—The Conditional Purchases of the Defendant in the action alluded to had been previously cancelled, and although the circumstances there disclosed and the finding of the Jury point strongly to the presumption that they were not *bonâ fide*, it is necessary that the matter should undergo very full and careful inquiry and consideration before any proceedings are undertaken therein. Steps were immediately taken, however, for arresting repayment of the deposits on the cancelled selections pending a final decision in the matters involved.
- (13.) Timber Reserves :—Mr. Spring asked the Secretary for Lands,—When the Return of all the Timber Reserves in the Colony, ordered by this House on 15th January, will be laid upon the Table?
Mr. Farnell answered,—The Return, from its nature, will take a considerable time to prepare. Portion of it has been prepared, but there is yet a large amount of information in detail to be collected. There will be no unnecessary delay in completing the Return.
- (14.) The Artillery Force :—Mr. W. J. Fergusson, for Mr. Slattery, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Was the Officer commanding the Artillery Forces consulted with reference to the state and details of the Force which are published in the Report of the 4th May?
Mr. Stuart answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Commandant :—“The details were gathered from the Returns, &c., furnished by the Officer commanding the Permanent Artillery. This Officer was not consulted with regard to the state of his corps—the Queen's regulations requiring an Inspecting Officer to furnish from his own personal knowledge and observation the report in question.”
- (15.) Religious Instruction in Public Schools :—Mr. Buchanan asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—
- (1.) Is it the intention of the present Government to adhere firmly to the principle of no State Aid to Denominational Schools?
 - (2.) Will the Government resist every attempt that may be made to secure what is called payment by results?
 - (3.) Is it the intention of the Government to resist the proposal to open our Public Schools with religious worship in the form of prayers and hymns?
- Mr. Trickett answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
 - (2 and 3.) Having the Public Instruction Act in view, the Government intend to adhere to its provisions, and in no way to change its policy. It will be time enough to consider this matter when the question is forced upon the Government.

3. DEPUTY CHAEMAN OF COMMITTEES :—Mr. Stuart (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That Louis Francis Heydon, Esquire, do take the Chair in Committee of the Whole House for this day only. Question put and passed.
4. PAPERS :—
Mr. Stuart laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Report of the Executive Commissioner on the Calcutta International Exhibition, 1883–84.
(2.) By-law of the Municipal District of Wilcannia, under the Nuisances Prevention Act.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Abstracts of Revenue and Receipts, and Expenditure, of the Government of New South Wales for the Quarter and Year ended 30th June, 1884.
(2.) Regulation under the Customs Regulation Act of 1879.
Ordered to be printed.
5. COOTAMUNDRY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH LAND SALE BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Fletcher, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Fletcher then moved, That the Title of the Bill be “*An Act to enable the Right Reverend William Lanigan the Very Reverend Patrick Dunne and John Hurley junior as Trustees of certain Land in the County of Harden Parish of Cootamundry (Village of Cootamundry) to sell the said Land and to provide for the appropriation of the proceeds thereof.*”
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message :—
MR. PRESIDENT,
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled “*An Act to enable the Right Reverend William Lanigan the Very Reverend Patrick Dunne and John Hurley junior as Trustees of certain Land in the County of Harden Parish of Cootamundry (Village of Cootamundry) to sell the said Land and to provide for the appropriation of the proceeds thereof,*”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee thereon, together with copies of the original Deeds of Grant referred to in the Preamble of the Bill.
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 1st July, 1884.*
6. BOOROWA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH LAND SALE BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Fletcher, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Fletcher then moved, That the Title of the Bill be “*An Act to enable the Right Reverend William Lanigan and the Honorable John Nagle Ryan a Member of the Legislative Council as Trustees of certain Land in the County of King Parish of Boorowa Town of Boorowa to sell the said Land and to provide for the appropriation of the proceeds thereof.*”
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message :—
MR. PRESIDENT,
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled “*An Act to enable the Right Reverend William Lanigan and the Honorable John Nagle Ryan a Member of the Legislative Council as Trustees of certain Land in the County of King Parish of Boorowa Town of Boorowa to sell the said Land and to provide for the appropriation of the proceeds thereof,*”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee thereon, together with copies of the original Deeds of Grant referred to in the Preamble of the Bill.
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 1st July, 1884.*
7. PETTY SESSIONS JURISDICTION EXTENSION BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. A. G. Taylor, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Taylor then moved, That the Title of the Bill be “*An Act to extend the Jurisdiction of Courts of Petty Sessions.*”
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message :—
MR. PRESIDENT,
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled “*An Act to extend the Jurisdiction of Courts of Petty Sessions,*”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 1st July, 1884.*
8. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Luscombe moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put,—and Division called for,—but there being no Tellers on the part of the *Ayes*, no Division could be had, and Mr. Deputy Speaker declared the Question to have passed in the *negative*.
9. SALE OF COLONIAL WINES :—Mr. See presented a Petition from Wine-growers of the Grafton and Clarence River District, alleging that certain provisions of the Licensing Act retard the progress of the wine-growing industry; and praying that the Act may be amended in the way suggested by them.
And the same having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Deputy Speaker,—
Petition received.

10. **CROWN LANDS BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Deputy Speaker left the Chair^s and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.
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And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 2 JULY, 1884, A.M.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and *Mr. Heydon* reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

11. **OYSTER FISHERIES BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Stuart, Mr. Deputy Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill. Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and *Mr. Heydon* reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments, with amendments. On motion of Mr. Stuart, the report was adopted.

The House adjourned at seven minutes after Two o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

ANGUS CAMERON,
Deputy Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 124.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 2 JULY, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk informed the House of the continued unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker.

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Stuart, the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the second Standing Order of the House.

2. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES :—Mr. Stuart (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That Louis Francis Heydon, Esquire, do take the Chair in Committee of the Whole House for this day only. Question put and passed.

3. QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Railway Crossings, Goulburn :—Mr. Teece asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Were two Level Crossings promised to the inhabitants of Goulburn across the Railway Line in 1868—one at Goldsmith-street (120 miles 4 chains), and the other at Clinton-street (120 miles 47 chains); and have both these Crossings been provided?

(2.) Was a petition presented from the Municipal Council in 1874 praying for the erection of a Bridge over the creek near Conolly's Mill, to afford access to Blackshaw's Water Reserve?

(3.) Was a communication sent to the Mayor or other person, in October, 1874, stating that the prayer of the petition was complied with, and instructions had been given to build the Bridge; and has such Bridge been built?

(4.) Is it the intention of the Government to provide means whereby the inhabitants may cross the Railway Line at or near Clinton-street?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

(1.) Yes; one Crossing only has been provided.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) Mr. Teece was informed on the 23rd October, 1874, that a Bridge would be erected; but it was subsequently found that the expense of the work would be much greater than the convenience to be afforded would justify, and the proposal to erect the Bridge was consequently abandoned.

(4.) The question of affording some additional means of crossing the Line is under consideration.

(2.) Newtown Road :—Mr. Tarrant asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has the Borough of Newtown made application to the Government for an expenditure of any sum of money for the purpose of paving with wooden blocks the Newtown Road?

(2.) If such application has been made, what is the estimated expenditure; and from what Votes do the Government purpose to appropriate the amount required?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) To wood-pave 18,000 superficial yards of this Road, the cost will be about £20,000. It is proposed to pay for this service as follows :—Amount already voted for the repair of this Road, £4,000; contribution from the Municipal Council, £4,000; from the Tramway Vote, in consideration of the advantage obtained by the Tramway service, £6,000; to be provided on Additional Estimates, £6,000.

- (3.) Officers in the Agent General's Department :—Mr. Lynch, for Mr. Slattery, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the fact that the Secretary to the Agent General for the Colony (resident in London), and the Chief Clerk, Accountant, and Clerk in the Office of the Agent General, as well as the Emigration Officer and Clerks in the Emigration Office in London, have been appointed by the Agent General, and not by His Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, in accordance with the 37th section of the Constitution Act?

Mr.

Mr. Stuart answered,—I believe it to be the fact that all the Officers in the Agent General's Department, ever since that office was created, have been appointed by the Agent General. Whether these Officers should be appointed by His Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, I am not at present prepared to say.

- (4.) The "Hansard" :—Mr. Burdekin asked the Colonial Secretary,—Referring to his answer of 26th June, stating that the cost of printing and binding the Parliamentary Debates for the First and Second Sessions of the year 1883 was £1,958 3s.,—Will the Colonial Secretary state,—
- (1.) Were the Debates on the Criminal Law Amendment Bill reprinted as a separate publication?
 - (2.) If so, was the whole or any part of the cost of that publication included in the sum of £1,958 3s.?
 - (3.) If not so included, was it made a charge against any amount appropriated by Parliament for the printing of the Debates?
 - (4.) Were the Debates on the Inscribed Stock Bill reprinted and published as a separate volume?
 - (5.) If so, was the whole or any part of the cost of this publication included in the sum of £1,958 3s.?
 - (6.) If not so included, was it made a charge against any amount appropriated by Parliament for the printing of the Debates?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

- (1.) No.
- (2.) No.
- (3.) No.
- (4.) Yes.
- (5.) No.
- (6.) No.

- (5.) Removal of Children from Benevolent Asylum to Orphan Schools, Parramatta :—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has he given instructions for the removal of the children from the Benevolent Asylum to the Orphan Schools at Parramatta; if so, when will his instructions be carried out?

Mr. Stuart answered,—I have given no such instructions.

4. OYSTER FISHERIES BILL :—Ordered, on motion of Mr. Stuart, that the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having had under consideration the Legislative Council's Message, dated 25th June, 1884, in reference to the "Oyster Fisheries Bill,"—

Agrees to the amendments in clause 3, lines 32 and 57.

Amends the amendment in clause 3, line 59, by substituting the word "sixty" for the word "ninety."

And agrees to the amendment in clause 4, adding a proviso, but proposes to amend it by omitting the word "ninety" and inserting the word "sixty,"—in which amendments the Assembly requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Agrees to the remaining amendments in the Bill.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 2nd July, 1884.*

5. PAPERS :—Mr. Stuart laid upon the Table,—By-law under the Public Vehicles Regulation Act of 1873.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Religious and Public Purposes, in accordance with the 5th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.

(2.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from sale until surveyed for the Preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, in accordance with the 4th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.

(3.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated for the use of Pastoral and Agricultural Associations, in accordance with the 32nd section of the Act 39 Victoria No. 13.

(4.) Abstract of Alterations in Designs of Towns and Villages, under the 22nd section of the Act 43 Victoria No. 29.

(5.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Public Purposes, in accordance with the 5th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1, and the 32nd section of the Act 39 Victoria No. 13.

Ordered to be printed.

6. PATRICK HANNAN'S MINING CLAIM AT TEMORA :—Mr. Spring, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this subject was referred on 20th December, 1883.

Ordered to be printed.

7. SALE OF COLONIAL WINES :—

(1.) Mr. Young presented a Petition from Vignerons of the District of Port Macquarie, alleging that certain provisions of the Licensing Act very materially retard the progress of the Wine-growing industry; and praying that the Act may be amended in the manner suggested by them. And the same having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Deputy Speaker,—
Petition received.

(2.) Mr. Loughnan presented a similar Petition from Wine-growers of the District of Wagga Wagga.
Petition received.

8. **MEDICAL BILL**:—Mr. Abigail (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Petitions presented to this House from Richard Sadleir, R.N., the Citizens of Sydney, the Residents of Windsor, &c., and the Medical Practitioners of New South Wales, in reference to the Medical Bill, be referred to the Select Committee now sitting on that Bill.
Question put and passed.
9. **PETITION OF MR. JOACHIM** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a copy of the Petition of Mr. Joachim to the Governor in reference to his selections.
Question put and passed.
10. **RAILWAY SIDINGS** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Garrett moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—
(1.) The number of Sidings put in by the Government at the instance of private individuals on the respective Lines of Government Railways.
(2.) The terms on which such Sidings have been put in, and where guarantees have been given the cases in which the guarantors have failed to fulfil the terms and conditions of their respective guarantees.
Question put and passed.
11. **LEAVE OF ABSENCE** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Trickett moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave of absence on account of ill health be granted to Robert Butcher, Esquire, one of the Members for Paddington, for three weeks from this date.
Question put and passed.

12. **MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**:—Mr. Deputy Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

(1.) Tamworth Cattle Sale-yards Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to authorize the Erection and Maintenance of Cattle Sale-yards by the Borough Council of Tamworth within the Borough of Tamworth,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 2nd July, 1884,

JOHN HAY,
President.

TAMWORTH CATTLE SALE-YARDS BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 2nd July, 1884.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, clause 1, lines 19 to 21. *Omit* "The word 'Sale-yard' shall include any premises where cattle are customarily exhibited or kept for the purpose of sale exchange or disposal in any other way whatsoever."

Page 2, clause 6, line 38. *Omit* "or place"

Page 2, clause 6, line 39. *Omit* "or within two miles thereof"

Page 2, clause 6, line 41. *After* "levied" *insert* "by the said Council."

Examined,—

W. R. PIDDINGTON,
Deputy Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the Council's amendments be taken into consideration on Friday next.

(2.) District Courts Act further Amendment Bill (No. 2):—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to further amend the 'District Courts Act of 1858,'*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 2nd July, 1884.

JOHN HAY,
President.

DISTRICT COURTS ACT FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 2nd July, 1884.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Pages 1 and 2, clause 1. *Omit* clause 1 *insert* the following new clauses:—

"1. In all actions commenced in any District Court for a debt or liquidated demand in money with or without interest arising upon a contract express or implied the plaintiff shall be at liberty upon filing his plaint to cause to be issued a summons in the form or to the effect given in Schedule A to this Act and if such summons together with a statement of the particulars of plaintiff's claim shall be personally served on the defendant and the defendant shall not within eight days if resident within the district from which such summons issued or if not so resident then within ten days after such service inclusive of the day of such service give notice in writing signed by himself or his attorney to the Registrar of his intention to defend the action"

In respect of certain demands plaintiff may require defendant to give notice of intention to defend.

"action the plaintiff at any time within three months after the expiration of such time for giving notice of defence as aforesaid upon filing an affidavit of due service of such summons or of an order for leave to proceed as if personal service had been effected together with an account of what is justly due to him verified by the oath of such plaintiff his attorney or agent may have judgment entered up against the defendant for the amount of his claim together with interest to the date of judgment and a sum for costs to be fixed by the Judge unless the plaintiff claim more than such fixed sum in which case the costs shall be taxed by the Registrar *ex-parte* Provided always that the defendant may give notice of his intention to defend at any time before judgment entered up against him as aforesaid.

Judgment thereon.

"2. Such judgment shall be for payment forthwith or at such time or times and by such instalments if any as the plaintiff or his attorney shall in writing have consented to take at the time of entry of the plaint or of the judgment and it shall be lawful for the plaintiff in default of payment in accordance with such judgment to issue execution forthwith for the full amount thereof and in any case in which judgment has been entered up for payment by instalments execution shall be had for the whole amount due upon the judgment if default be made in payment of one such instalment.

Proceedings on notice of defence

"3. Where the defendant shall have given notice of defence the Registrar shall upon the receipt thereof cause a summons in the usual form to be issued and served upon the defendant at such time and in such manner as is provided by the principal Act And the proceedings subsequent to the issue thereof shall in all respects be the same as if such summons had been issued in the first instance And the Registrar shall forthwith communicate notice of such defence and of the time and place at which the action is intended to be tried to the plaintiff or his attorney by post or by leaving the same at his residence or usual place of business.

Neglect to give notice.

"4. Where the defendant has neglected to give notice of defence the Judge upon an affidavit disclosing a defence upon the merits and satisfactorily explaining the neglect shall let in the defendant to defend upon such terms as the Judge may think fit.

Where personal service dispensed with.

"5. Where personal service cannot be effected and the Judge or Registrar is satisfied by affidavit that reasonable efforts have been made to effect such service and either that the summons has come to the knowledge of the defendant or that he wilfully evades service of the same or that the same has been served in the manner directed by the District Court Rules in respect of an ordinary summons it shall be lawful for the Judge or Registrar to order that the plaintiff be at liberty to proceed as if personal service had been effected subject to such conditions as to the Judge or Registrar may seem fit."

Page 3, clause 3. At end of clause *add* "And the plaintiff or defendant as the case may be may reply in answer to any such plea facts which avoid the same on equitable grounds"

Page 3, clause 5, line 16. *Omit* "if he think fit"

Page 3, clause 5, line 17. *Omit* "in any such case"

Page 3, clause 5, line 19. *Omit* "shall" *insert* "does"

Page 3, clause 5, lines 20 and 21. *Omit* "of such District Court"

Page 3, clause 5, line 23. *Omit* "said"

Page 3, clause 5, line 29. *Omit* "of the Court"

Page 3, clause 6, line 36. *Omit* "any" *insert* "a"

Page 3, clause 6, line 36. *Omit* "may have" *insert* "has"

Page 3, clause 6, line 37. *Omit* "if he think fit"

Page 3, clause 6, lines 40 and 41. *Omit* "on sufficient cause shown to him for that purpose"

Page 3, clause 7. At end of clause *add* "And this Act may be cited as the 'District Courts Act 'Amendment Act of 1884.'"

Page 3, clause 8. *Omit* clause 8.

Examined,—

W. R. PIDDINGTON,
Deputy Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the Council's amendments be taken into consideration on Friday next.

(3.) Illegal Lotteries Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to extend and amend the Law respecting Lotteries,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 2nd July, 1884.

JOHN HAY,
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Farnell, read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 18th July.

(4.) Mittagong Coal-mining Company's Railway Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable a Company called the Mittagong Coal-mining Company (Limited) to construct a Railway from the Mittagong Coal-mine to the Great Southern Railway,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee thereon.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 2nd July, 1884.

JOHN HAY,
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Dibbs, read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 25th July.

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13. CROWN LANDS BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Deputy Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and *Mr. Heydon* reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

14. SYDNEY CORPORATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2) :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Stuart, Mr. Deputy Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and *Mr. Heydon* reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.

On motion of Mr. Stuart, the report was adopted.

Ordered, that the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Sydney Corporation Act of 1879.'*"

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 2nd July, 1884.

The House adjourned at twenty-one minutes before Twelve o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

ANGUS CAMERON,
Deputy Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 125.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 3 JULY, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk informed the House of the continued unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker.

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Stuart, the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the second Standing Order of the House.

2. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES:—Mr. Stuart (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That Louis Francis Heydon, Esquire, do take the Chair in Committee of the Whole House for this day only. Question put and passed.

3. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Fire Brigades Act:—Mr. Chapman asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is he aware that the Fire Brigades Board have sent Circulars to Suburban Boroughs demanding contributions under the Act; if so, are they justified under such Act in demanding one quarter's payment for January, 1884?

Mr. Stuart answered,—I have been informed that the Fire Brigades Board have sent such a Circular; but since I received that information, I have given instructions to the Fire Brigades Board that the assessment should commence from the 1st April,—that the first quarter of this year should not be brought in, but that the small expense incurred during that time should be defrayed from the Vote taken for the purpose on the Estimates-in-Chief.

(2.) Journals of Legislative Council:—*Mr. Quin*, for Mr. Fremlin, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Referring to my question of date 24th June, namely, "What was the total cost of the volumes known as the Journals of the Legislative Council for the year 1883, distinguishing separately the cost of printing, paper, and other expenses?"—And to the Colonial Secretary's answer, namely, "As nearly as can be ascertained, the cost of the Journals of the Legislative Council for the year 1883 was—for printing, £882; binding, £195; and paper, £44,"—Will he state the cost of each of the three volumes under the following heads:—

Journals of the Legislative Council, 1883.

Volume.	Printing.			Binding.			Paper.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
No. 33						
No. 34, Part I.						
No. 34, Part II.						
Total						

Mr. Stuart answered,—It will be much more convenient if the Honorable Member will withdraw this question, and move for the information in the shape of a Return.

(3.)

- (3.) Votes and Proceedings of Legislative Assembly:—*Mr. Quin*, for *Mr. Fremlin*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Referring to my question of date 24th June, namely, “What was the total cost of the volumes known as the Votes and Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly for the year 1883, distinguishing separately the cost of printing, paper, and other expenses?”—And to the Colonial Secretary’s answer, namely, “The Votes and Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly cost—for printing, £3,087; binding, £534; and paper, £183,”—Will he state the cost of each of the six volumes under the following heads:—

Votes and Proceedings, 1883.

Volume.	Printing.			Binding.			Paper.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1.									
2.									
3.									
4.									
Supplementary volume (plans) Second Session, 1883									
Total									

Mr. Stuart answered,—It will be much more convenient if the Honorable Member will withdraw this question, and move for the information in the shape of a Return.

- (4.) Railway from Penrith to Capertee:—*Mr. T. R. Smith* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Does he intend to make a Trial Survey of the proposed Line of Railway from Penrith to Capertee, and known as the Colo Line, which was recommended by *Mr. Townsend*?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—No determination has yet been arrived at in this matter.

- (5.) Railway Employés as Crown Tenants:—*Mr. T. R. Smith* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that several of the Railway employés who have been tenants of the Government have had notice that their rents would be increased over 100 per cent.?

(2.) Is it also a fact that, although their rents have been increased, they have been served with notice that the increased rents are to commence from months back instead of the day they received notice?

(3.) If so, is it the intention of the Minister to enforce this back rent, in some cases of large amounts, of which the Railway employés have only just received notice?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

(1.) It has been notified that the rents to be paid must be equal to 6 per cent. upon the outlay for brick or stone buildings, and 10 per cent. upon the outlay for wooden buildings, in no case the rent charged to exceed one day’s pay of the wages or salary of the occupants.

(2.) The new scale of rents was to take effect from the 1st Maylast.

(3.) The amount of back rent must necessarily be trifling. If any individual case of hardship can be established, it will be redressed.

- (6.) Bridge over Orphan School Creek:—*Mr. Chapman* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Are the works now being carried out at the Bridge over the Orphan School Creek, Pymont Bridge Road, by contract; if so, what time was allowed for such works?

(2.) When will the Road be again open for public traffic?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

(1.) Yes. Bond for re-decking was signed on 25th March, work to be completed within four weeks from commencement; but on stripping, it was found that much more timber had to be replaced than was anticipated.

(2.) In a fortnight.

- (7.) Haulage of Coal on Western Railway:—*Mr. Tarrant* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

Is it a fact that the haulage of coal on the Western Railway Line is attended with considerable pecuniary loss to the Government; if so, what steps does he propose to take to remedy this condition of affairs?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—It is attended with a loss in one sense, because the nett profit made is too small to admit of this service contributing its proportionate share to the interest upon the capital invested.

- (8.) Albury Waterworks:—*Mr. Day* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) How long is it since the machinery for the Albury Waterworks was sent by rail to Albury?

(2.) Is it true that most, if not all, of this valuable and costly machinery is exposed to the weather in the Railway yards, and likely to suffer material injury from rust, &c.?

(3.) How long is it since the Government accepted a tender for the erection of the engine-house and machinery?

(4.) Has the contractor commenced the work; if not, will he say what is the cause of delay?

(5.) Will the people of Albury have to pay interest on the cost of the machinery while it is lying for months in the Railway yards?

(6.) Will the Government compel the contractor to go on with the work at once, or take immediate steps to cancel the contract?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) The boilers were sent to Albury in December of last year; some fittings followed in April, and the engines on the 12th May—these various parts being despatched to Albury as they were landed from the ship’s side.

(2.)

(2.) It is not the case. All the parts likely to be injured or affected by the weather have been oiled, cleaned, re-packed, and covered with tarpaulins.

(3.) The tender for the erection of the engine-house was accepted on the 1st May; that for the construction and erection of the boilers and machinery, on the 12th August, 1882.

(4.) The work of the erection of the machinery cannot be commenced till the foundation of the engine-house is in, the work for which will commence at once. The few weeks delay in connection with this last has been caused through the withdrawal from the contract before the bond was signed of one of the partners, necessitating fresh arrangements, which were yesterday approved of by me. No further delay is anticipated in the matter.

(5.) No.

(6.) Certainly.

- (9.) Crown Lands Agent, Molong:—Mr. De Salis asked the Secretary for Lands,—Have any charges been preferred against the Crown Lands Agent at Molong, to the effect that he was utterly unacquainted with the simplest duties of his office, and notoriously incompetent, and ought to be dismissed at once; if so, what is the nature of the report, and are the charges borne out?

Mr. Farnell answered,—Such charges were made; but upon a report being obtained, it appeared that the gentleman complaining had based the charges upon information which, on investigation, proved to be unreliable and incorrect.

- (10.) Classification of Public School Teachers:—Dr. Ross asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—

(1.) Are there any Teachers at present in charge of Public Schools whose classification is below the standard required for such respective Schools; if so, how many?

(2.) The number of Teachers whose classification is above the standard of the Schools they are at present occupying?

Mr. Trickett answered,—

(1.) Yes; about 462.

(2.) About 304.

- (11.) Edwin Watkins's Conditional Purchase:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Has any definite decision been arrived at in the case of Edwin Watkins, who took up a conditional purchase at Molong on the 21st April, 1881?

(2.) Did Watkins, early in June last, send to the Minister, through Dr. Ross, a written statement complaining of the way that he had been treated in regard to his selection; and will he state if he has yet given Watkins's complaint due consideration, and the result of the same?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) Yes; the decision, which was on a complaint that Edward Watkins had obstructed a boundary road, was conveyed to Edward Watkins by a letter pointing out to him that such obstruction was illegal, and dated 28th May last.

(2.) A letter from Dr. Ross, accompanied by a statement from Edward Watkins, was duly received and replied to under date 30th ultimo.

- (12.) Treasurer's Advance Account:—Mr. Watson asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What is the unexpended balance of the Treasurer's Advance Fund, as voted for 1884?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The unexpended balance of the Treasurer's Advance Account on the 30th June last, as shown by the Quarterly Returns just published, was £60,810 4s. 9d.

4. ASSENT TO BILLS:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Mr. Stuart, and read by Mr. Deputy Speaker:—

- (1.) Prisoners Labour Sentences Bill:—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor.

Message No. 65.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the carrying out of Labour outside the walls of Gaols by Prisoners under sentences and for other purposes,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

*Government House,
Sydney, 3rd July, 1884.*

- (2.) Matrimonial Causes Act Amendment Bill:—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor.

Message No. 66.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Matrimonial Causes Act,'*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

*Government House,
Sydney, 3rd July, 1884.*

5. PAPERS:—

Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 18th March, 1884,—“The ‘Hansard.’”
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Abbott laid upon the Table,—Report of the Chief Inspector of Stock for the year 1883.
Ordered to be printed.

6. **ADDITIONAL CONDITIONAL PURCHASES DECLARATORY BILL** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing through all its stages in one day of a Bill to declare the Law relative to Additional Conditional Purchases.
Question put and passed.
7. **CONDITIONAL PURCHASES MADE BY PAUPERS FROM ASYLUMS** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Suttor moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all minutes, correspondence, and other documents having reference to Conditional Purchases made on Pockataroo and other Runs in the names of certain paupers from the Asylums during the year 1882, 1883, and 1884.
Question put and passed.
8. **CROWN LANDS BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Deputy Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 4 JULY, 1884, A.M.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and *Mr. Heydon* reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday next.

The House adjourned at seven minutes after Two o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

ANGUS CAMERON,
Deputy Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 126.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 4 JULY, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk informed the House of the continued unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker.

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Stuart, the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the second Standing Order of the House.

2. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES :—Mr. Stuart (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That Louis Francis Heydon, Esquire, do take the Chair in Committee of the Whole House for this day only. Question put and passed.
3. ELECTORATE OF WEST MACQUARIE :—Mr. Deputy Speaker informed the House, that upon the passing of the Resolution of the 17th June last declaring the Seat of Thomas Henry Hellyer, Esquire, vacant, Mr. Speaker issued a Writ for the election of a Member to serve in the room of Mr. Hellyer, and that such Writ had been duly returned, with a Certificate endorsed thereon by the Returning Officer of the election of Lewis Lloyd, Esquire, to serve as Member for the Electoral District of West Macquarie.
4. QUESTIONS :—
- (1.) Railway Pass to Mr. Richardson :—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Was a communication received from R. C. Luscombe, Esq., M.P., on or about the 1st instant, stating that Mr. Richardson was certain to be elected for West Macquarie, and requesting that a free Railway Pass should be forwarded to Mr. Richardson, or a telegram sent to the Station-master to permit Mr. Richardson to travel free; if so, was such Railway Pass sent to Mr. Richardson, in care of the Station-master, Bathurst; and will the Minister take care that in future the Department does not issue free passes upon such recommendations?
Mr. Dibbs answered,—Yes. A letter to the above effect was received; but the Pass was not sent to Mr. Richardson, or made out in Mr. Richardson's name. It was issued to the "Member for West Macquarie," and forwarded to the Station-master, Bathurst, who delivered it to Mr. Lewis Lloyd when the result of the election was known.
- (2.) Courts Martial :—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary,—The number of Courts Martial since the Return on that subject was laid upon the Table of this House?
Mr. Stuart answered,—Thirty.
- (3.) Reclamation of Land at Balmain :—Mr. Hutchinson asked the Secretary for Lands,—When will the reclamation of swampy land at the head of White's, Snail's, and Rozelle Bays, Balmain, be commenced?
Mr. Farnell answered,—The necessary action is now being taken, with a view to Bills being introduced to deal with the matters.
5. CONDITIONAL PURCHASE ON MILLER'S CREEK RUN :—Mr. Levien (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Return to an Order "Conditional Purchases made by James Glass and others," laid upon the Table on the 20th May, 1884, be referred to the Select Committee now sitting on "Conditional Purchase on Miller's Creek Run."
 Question put and passed.
6. MR. FRANK HOBBS'S CONDITIONAL PURCHASE :—Mr. Fletcher presented a Petition from John McMaster, stating that it is alleged that this Conditional Purchase is a "dummy" of McMaster; and praying for permission to be represented by Counsel or Agent before the Select Committee on the subject.
 Petition received, and referred to the Select Committee.

7. CLAIM OF MR. THOMAS HORTON:—*Mr. Slattery*, for *Mr. Purves*, brought up the Report from and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this subject was referred on 26th February, 1884; together with Appendix.
Ordered to be printed.
8. PERMANENT AND VOLUNTEER FORCES (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Slattery* moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all Annual Reports and Returns of the Commandant on the Permanent and Volunteer Forces not already printed by order of this House.
Question put and passed.
9. MUNICIPAL GAS BILL (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Stuart* moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Municipal Law in relation to the Supply of Gas by Municipal Corporations, and for other purposes in connection therewith.
Question put and passed.
10. ADDITIONAL CONDITIONAL PURCHASES DECLARATORY BILL (*Formal Motion*):—
(1.) *Mr. Farnell* moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to declare the Law relative to Additional Conditional Purchases in certain cases.
Question put and passed.
(2.) *Mr. Farnell* presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to declare the Law relative to Additional Conditional Purchases in certain cases*,”—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
11. NORTH SHORE STEAM FERRY SERVICE:—The Order of the Day in reference to this subject read,—and, on motion of *Mr. Dibbs*, discharged.
12. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed until Friday next:—
(1.) Judgment Creditors Remedies Extension Bill; second reading.
(2.) Supreme Court Process Facilitation Bill; second reading.
13. LICENSING ACTS AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of *Mr. Olliffe*, “That this Bill be now read a second time,”—And the Question being again proposed,—the House resumed the said adjourned Debate.
Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present.
Mr. Deputy Speaker counted the House, and there being only nineteen Members present, exclusive of *Mr. Deputy Speaker*, namely,—*Mr. Abbott*, *Mr. Abigail*, *Mr. Barbour*, *Mr. Brunner*, *Mr. Burdekin*, *Mr. William Clarke*, *Mr. Cohen*, *Mr. Coonan*, *Mr. Dibbs*, *Mr. Farnell*, *Mr. Gould*, *Mr. Hammond*, *Mr. Holtermann*, *Mr. Merriman*, *Mr. Murray*, *Mr. Olliffe*, *Mr. Slattery*, *Mr. Tooth*, and *Mr. Trickett*,—
Mr. Deputy Speaker adjourned the House at eight minutes after Eight o'clock, until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

ANGUS CAMERON,
Deputy Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 127.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 8 JULY, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk informed the House of the continued unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker.

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Stuart, the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the second Standing Order of the House.

2. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES :—Mr. Stuart (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That Louis Francis Heydon, Esquire, do take the Chair in Committee of the Whole House for this day only.
Question put and passed.

3. ELECTORATE OF MONARO :—Mr. Deputy Speaker informed the House that Mr. Speaker had received a letter from Robert Lucas Tooth, Esquire, resigning his Seat as a Member for the Electoral District of Monaro.

Whereupon Mr. Stuart moved, That the Seat of Robert Lucas Tooth, Esquire, a Member for the Electoral District of Monaro, hath become and is now vacant, by reason of the resignation thereof by the said Robert Lucas Tooth.

Question put and passed.

4. MEMBER SWORN :—Lewis Lloyd, Esquire, having taken and subscribed the Oath and signed the Roll of the House, took his Seat as Member for the Electoral District of West Macquarie.

5. QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Railway Survey, Narrabri to Walgett :—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is the Railway Survey Narrabri to Walgett being carried on ; and when is it likely to be finished ?
Mr. Dibbs answered,—This Survey is being proceeded with, and will be completed by the end of the year.

(2.) Road through Hall's Conditional Purchases :—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Referring to question and reply (Votes and Proceedings No. 71, 18th March, 1884),—Has the Attorney General's report been received, or that of the Local Road Officer from the Works Department, as to the Road through Hall's selections, Narrabri district ?

(2.) If not, when are such likely to be obtained ; and will they be expedited ?

(3.) Is the Minister aware this matter has been on hand over three years, and the delay in settlement very injurious to the Halls, who are unable to do anything with the land pending decision ?

Mr. Abbott answered,—

(1.) The Attorney General has not yet advised. The Local Officer recommends the adoption of the line surveyed through Hall's selection as far as the western boundary of allotment 15, and thence the retention of the old line along the river to the hundredth mile on surveyed road ; and that an outer road be surveyed as an alternative line for use in flood-time from the ninety-first to near the ninety-eighth mile.

(2.) The report was received on 3rd July instant.

(3.) The question has been under consideration for some time, but no unnecessary delay has occurred. The Local Officer reports surveyed road through Hall's land as fenced ; so it would appear that no inconvenience on that score has been suffered since the survey.

(3.)

(3.) Chatfield's Conditional Purchase :—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Did Jane Chatfield, of Jack Hall's Creek, near Coonabarabran, make a conditional purchase on 18th January, 1883, of 40 acres on the right bank of that Creek, before survey, and apply to have it surveyed, which was not done for five months after being taken up?
- (2.) Were improvements and fencing on some 2½ acres of this selection made between the time of taking up and survey of the land on the land made in accordance with the application?
- (3.) After survey was this 2½ acres of improved land taken up by one Robinson and fenced, in consequence of the Surveyor failing to include and survey it in Chatfield's application?
- (4.) Is it intended to restore to Chatfield this 2½ acres of improved land, or afford any redress if she is entitled to it?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

- (1.) The selection was applied for on the date mentioned and measured in August, 1883.
- (2.) The improvements at the time of survey were reported to be of the value of £9.
- (3.) A complaint was made that some of the improvements had been excluded from the measurement; but it has been reported that the land could not have been measured as described without infringing the Regulations, and that the measurement generally is in the manner desired. The fencing and clearing which were excluded, and embraced in the conditional purchase of Robertson, are stated to be of the value of about £2 10s.
- (4.) It has been decided that there are no grounds for a re-survey.

(4.) Weir under Railway Bridge at Duck Creek :—Mr. Olliffe asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is he aware that a Weir has been erected under the Railway Bridge at Duck Creek for the purpose of storing water for Hudson's factory at Clyde?
- (2.) If so, has such Weir been erected with the consent of the Minister?
- (3.) Is it a fact that this Weir is an obstruction, and likely to materially affect the Railway embankment which is utilised for the purpose of forming a reservoir for the storage of the said water?
- (4.) Will he inform this House if fears were not entertained of the insecurity of this embankment some few years since?
- (5.) Will he instruct the proper Officer to examine these works, and report to this House the result of such inspection?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

- (1.) A Weir has been erected, but not for the purpose stated. It was erected for the more abundant supply of water for locomotive and other purposes for the Department at Granville. The firms of Messrs. Hudson Brothers (limited), C. J. Byrnes & Co., and Thompson, Maxwell & Co., participate in the benefit derived from the supply, for which privilege they contributed 68 per cent. of the original cost.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) No.
- (4.) No fears were entertained of the insecurity of this embankment.
- (5.) The above answers have been given upon the information supplied by the Officer in question.

(5.) Waterworks at Goulburn, Wagga Wagga, and Albury :—Mr. Olliffe asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Have the contractors for second section of Waterworks at Goulburn, Wagga Wagga, and Albury duly signed their bond in terms of contract?
- (2.) Have any of the partners withdrawn from the firm since the notification of acceptance of tender; if so, is it usual for the Department to allow this to be done?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

- (1.) It is presumed this question refers to Messrs. Evans & Sons contract for the engine houses, the bonds for which have been signed.
- (2.) Yes; one of the partners has withdrawn from the firm. It is not usual, but there is no rule against it, the main thing being to obtain reliable men. This the Department, after careful inquiries, believes it has secured in this case.

(6.) Railway Stations and Platforms on Southern Line :—Mr. Spring asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What is the number of Railway Stations on the Great Southern Line, and the name of each?
- (2.) Also the number and names of the Platforms on the same Line in charge of porters?
- (3.) What Stations on the same Line produce a less yearly revenue than the Murrumburrah Platform?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—I will lay this information upon the Table of the House in a few days.

(7.) Road through Pigeon Grove, Manning River :—Mr. Young asked the Secretary for Mines,—Has the Road through Pigeon Grove at Redbank, Manning River, been formally opened yet; if not, will he give instructions to have it done at once?

Mr. Abbott answered,—No; but instructions to open it were issued in March last. The Surveyor will be reminded.

(8.) Public School at Dingo Creek, Manning River :—Mr. Young asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—When will tenders be called for the erection of a Public School and Teacher's Residence at Dingo Creek, Manning River?

Mr. Trickett answered,—Amended plans of a School Building, with Residence attached, have to day been received from the Architect, and tenders will be at once invited for the works.

(9.) Railway Employés as Crown Tenants :—Mr. Sydney Smith, for Mr. T. R. Smith, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that some of the Railway employés only received notice that their rents would be increased last month, and since then they have been called upon to pay back rent from May last, in some cases amounting to between £10 and £20?

(2.)

(2.) Is it not a fact that the rents now charged by the Department are fully 50 per cent. too high, or 50 per cent. over the value; if so, will the Minister give instructions to have the houses inspected; and do these men pay a fair and equitable rent?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

(1.) It is not a fact that in any case the back rent has amounted to between £10 and £20; the amount of back rent for increased rate must be from the date named, limited to a few shillings.

(2.) It is believed that the men are paying only a fair and equitable rent, even when they are paying the stipulated interest upon the outlay; in many cases they are paying less. But the buildings occupied will be again valued, and the rents adjusted by such valuation.

(10.) Friendly Societies Commission:—*Mr. Hammond* asked the Colonial Secretary,—What was the total cost of the Friendly Societies Commission, 1881–2, distinguishing separately the cost of printing, paper, short-hand writing, and other expenses?

Mr. Stuart answered,—Printing, £455 9s. 9d.; binding, £87 10s. 6d.; paper, £150 11s. 10d.; total, £693 12s. 1d. Fees to Members of Board, £1,228 10s.; fee to Short-hand Writer and Secretary, £750 3s.; fees for reporting on returns collected by Commissioner, £400; petty expenses, £100; preparing returns, £51; total, £3,223 5s. 1d.

(11.) Railway to Rockdale:—*Mr. Hammond* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What was the date originally fixed for the completion of the Railway contract from Sydney to Rockdale; has there been any delay; and when will this Line be open to public traffic?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The date specified for completion to Hurstville was the 31st March last. The delay has been caused by the non-arrival of the iron-work of the superstructure of Cook's River Bridge, the whole of which is now in the Colony, I believe. This length will probably be ready to open for traffic in September next.

(12.) The Master-in-Equity:—*Mr. Teece* asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is it true that under an Order in Equity certain lands in the Hutchinson Estate, situate in Stanley-street and Bourke-street respectively, are to be sold by auction?

(2.) Is it true that Messrs. Richardson and Wrench sold by auction the property in question, and that the sale fell through from no fault of theirs, but from disagreement as to title, and that the plans and all other particulars are still in their hands?

(3.) Is it true that, nevertheless, the names of Messrs. Richardson and Wrench have been struck out of the order for sale by *Mr. Holroyd*, notwithstanding the expressed wish of all beneficially interested in the property?

(4.) Will not these proceedings put the Estate to the expense of double commission?

(5.) Is it true that the Master-in-Equity has acted in a similar manner in other cases in which Messrs. Richardson and Wrench were interested?

Mr. Cohen answered,—

(1.) The Master-in-Equity believes so.

(2.) The Master-in-Equity has been so informed.

(3.) I am informed by the Master-in-Equity it is not true that the names of Messrs. Richardson and Wrench were struck out of any order for sale. According to the usual practice in all proposals for sale the names of proposed auctioneers are left in blank. The names of Messrs. Richardson and Wrench were inserted in the proposal, and on settling and allowing the same other names were substituted by the Master-in-Equity in the exercise of his judicial discretion under the Equity Rules.

(4.) I have not been supplied with an answer to this question.

(5.) No.

(13.) Police Magistrate for Ryde, Parramatta, and Liverpool:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor* asked the Minister of Justice,—On account of the large amount of business now having to be performed on account of the large increase of population at Parramatta, Ryde, and Liverpool Court Houses,—Will he cause a sum to be placed upon the next Estimates for a Police Magistrate to be appointed to carry out the duties of Police Magistrate at the three named places?

Mr. Cohen answered,—This matter will be considered when preparing Estimates for 1885.

(14.) Suburban Trains and Tramways:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is he aware that the Suburban Trains are frequently blocked, and consequently behind time, causing much delay and inconvenience to travellers; and that the Trams are often late arriving at and departing from Redfern Station; if so, will he cause an inquiry into this matter, with a view to the public convenience being attended to in this respect in the future?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—I am informed that the delays are immaterial, amounting at the most to three minutes, and are inseparable from the conduct of a very busy train service. Every possible attention is paid to punctuality, and will continue to be paid.

(15.) Railway Station, Molong:—*Dr. Ross* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it true that the land required for the Railway Station at Molong has been offered to the Government free; if so, by whom?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—There is no record in the Department of any offer of this kind.

(16.) Haulage of Coal on Western Railway:—*Mr. McCourt*, for *Mr. Tarrant*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—As he admits, in reply to my question on Thursday last, that the haulage of coal on the Western Railway is attended with considerable pecuniary loss,—Will he, in justice to the Coastal Collieries, and to protect the country from further pecuniary loss, cause the tariff on coal to be altered?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—Inquiry will be made.

6. THE UNEMPLOYED:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor* presented a Petition from *John Sutherland*, Chairman of a Public Meeting of the Unemployed, held in the Masonic Hall, York-street, Sydney, communicating certain Resolutions agreed to by the Meeting; and praying the House to give the matters therein contained full consideration, with a view to relief.

And the same having been read by the Clerk, by direction of *Mr. Deputy Speaker*,—
Petition received.

7. PAPERS :—Mr. Stuart laid upon the Table,—
 (1.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Ryde.
 (2.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Inverell, under the Nuisances Prevention Act.
 Ordered to be printed.
8. POLICE MAGISTRATE, QUEANBEYAN (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Teece moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence on the subject of complaints made by the residents of Queanbeyan against the Police Magistrate of Queanbeyan residing at Bungendore.
 Question put and passed.
9. MUNICIPAL GAS BILL :—
 (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Stuart moved, That Mr. Deputy Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Municipal Law in relation to the Supply of Gas by Municipal Corporations, and for other purposes in connection therewith.
 Question put and passed.
 Whereupon Mr. Deputy Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.
 Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair, and *Mr. Heydon* reported from the Committee a Resolution, which was read, as follows :—
Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to amend the Municipal Law in relation to the Supply of Gas by Municipal Corporations, and for other purposes in connection therewith.
 On motion of Mr. Stuart, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
 (2.) Mr. Stuart presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to amend the Municipal Law in relation to the Supply of Gas by Municipal Corporations and for other purposes in connection therewith*,”—which was read a first time.
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
10. ADDITIONAL CONDITIONAL PURCHASES DECLARATORY BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Farnell moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed.
 Bill read a second time.
 On motion of Mr. Farnell, Mr. Deputy Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
 Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and *Mr. Heydon* reported the Bill with an amendment.
 On motion of Mr. Farnell, the report was adopted.
 Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.
11. CROWN LANDS BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Deputy Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and *Mr. Heydon* reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

12. POSTPONEMENTS :—The Orders of the Day of Government Business Nos. 4 to 12 inclusive postponed until to-morrow.
13. VICTORIAN COAL-MINING COMPANY'S BILL' (No. 2) :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Deputy Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.
 Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and *Mr. Heydon* reported the Bill with amendments.
 On motion of Mr. Fletcher (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.
 Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

The House adjourned at twelve minutes after One o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

ANGUS CAMERON,
Deputy Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 128.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 9 JULY, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk informed the House of the continued unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker.

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Stuart, the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the second Standing Order of the House.

2. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES :—Mr. Stuart (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That Louis Francis Heydon, Esquire, do take the Chair in Committee of the Whole House for this day only. Question put and passed.

3. QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Mail Train from Newcastle :—*Mr. Barbour*, for Mr. Gould, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is there any truth in the rumour that it is the intention of the Railway Department at an early date to start the Down Mail Train from Newcastle at or about midnight in lieu of the present time; or is it in any way contemplated to materially alter the time of departure of such Mail Train?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The question has been under consideration at the instance of one of the Steamship Companies, but so far the proposal has been deemed impracticable.

(2.) Wollongong Magistrates :—*Mr. A. G. Taylor*, for Mr. Buchanan, asked the Colonial Secretary,—(1.) Is it true that the Magistrates in trying a case at Wollongong ordered a young girl, a witness, to be examined by a medical man because she had given evidence denying an allegation against her virtue?

(2.) If this is true, is it the intention of the Government to remove those Magistrates from the Bench, on the ground of incompetency?

Mr. Cohen answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) This is practically answered by No. 1.

(3.) Courts Martial :—*Mr. A. G. Taylor* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he be good enough to lay upon the Table of the House a list of the charges about which the last thirty Courts Martial in the New South Wales Permanent Artillery were held, and the sentence awarded to each of the men convicted?

Mr. Stuart answered,—I will lay this Return upon the Table presently.

(4.) Employment of Labour by Government Contractors :—*Mr. A. G. Taylor* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it a fact that some contractors near Maitland received workmen from the Government at 5s. a day, to make room for whom they dismissed a like number of men in receipt of 7s. a day?

Mr. Stuart answered,—It is not the fact, as far as I have been able to ascertain. I cannot find that any such contractor, either in Maitland or anywhere else has employed men at 5s. a day to make room for whom they dismissed men at 7s. a day. A contractor near Maitland says he employed a certain number of men, known as the unemployed, at 7s. 6d. per day, and was glad to get them at that price.

(5.) Railway to Byerock :—*Mr. Wilson* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will the Railway Department be in a position to carry out his promise, made some time ago, to open the Bourke extension to Byerock by the end of this month?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The promise made was that the Line would be opened at the earliest possible moment. At that time, viz., 8th May last, it was thought it could be opened in July; but it will be the end of August before it can be opened.

4. PAPERS :—Mr. Stuart laid upon the Table,—
 (1.) Regulations under the Fire Brigades Act.
 (2.) Return to an Order made on 29th May, 1884,—“Local Option.”
 (3.) Return relative to Courts-Martial in the New South Wales Artillery.
 Ordered to be printed.
5. ADDITIONAL CONDITIONAL PURCHASES DECLARATORY BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Farnell, read a third time, and *passed*.
 Mr. Farnell then moved, That the Title of the Bill be “*An Act to declare the Law relative to Additional Conditional Purchases in certain cases.*”
 Question put and passed.
 Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message :—
 MR. PRESIDENT,
 The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled “*An Act to declare the Law relative to Additional Conditional Purchases in certain cases,*”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 9th July, 1884.
6. RAILWAY TRAFFIC BETWEEN NEWCASTLE AND SINGLETON (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Gould moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—
 (1.) The average number of passengers travelling by the Train leaving Newcastle at 8 a.m. during each of the first six months of the present year :—From Newcastle to West Maitland ; from Newcastle to Singleton ; from Newcastle to Stations to the north and north-west of Singleton ; from West Maitland to Singleton ; from West Maitland to Stations to the north and north-west of Singleton.
 (2.) The average number of passengers travelling by the Train leaving Singleton at 7.45 p.m. during the same months.
 (3.) From Stations to the north and north-west of Singleton to West Maitland ; from Singleton to West Maitland ; from Stations to the north and north-west of Singleton to Newcastle ; from Singleton to Newcastle ; from West Maitland to Newcastle.
 (4.) The daily cost of running the Trains at 7 a.m. from Newcastle to Singleton, and at 7.50 p.m. from Singleton to Newcastle.
 Question put and passed.
7. VICTORIAN COAL-MINING COMPANY'S BILL, No. 2 (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Fletcher, read a third time, and *passed*.
 Mr. Fletcher then moved, That the Title of the Bill be “*An Act to authorize the Construction and Maintenance of a Line of Railway from Land at Mount Kembla to the Sea Coast at Port Kembla near Red Point near Wollongong.*”
 Question put and passed.
 Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message :—
 MR. PRESIDENT,
 The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled “*An Act to authorize the Construction and Maintenance of a Line of Railway from Land at Mount Kembla to the Sea Coast at Port Kembla near Red Point near Wollongong,*”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee thereon, together with the Plan and Section of the proposed Line of Railway.
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 9th July, 1884.
8. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL :—Mr. Deputy Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council :—
 (1.) Oyster Fisheries Bill :—
 MR. SPEAKER,
 The Legislative Council having had under consideration the Legislative Assembly's Message, dated 2nd July, 1884, in reference to the Oyster Fisheries Bill,—Agrees to the Assembly's amendments upon the Council's amendments in the said Bill.
Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 9th July, 1884.
 JOHN HAY,
 President.
- (2.) O'Doud's Estate Leasing Bill :—
 MR. SPEAKER,
 The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled “*An Act to authorize Patrick O'Doud and Robert Butcher or other the Trustees or Trustee for the time being of the Will of the late Mary O'Doud deceased to lease portion of the Real Estate of the said Mary O'Doud,*”—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.
Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 9th July, 1884.
 JOHN HAY,
 President.
9. CROWN LANDS BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Deputy Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Heydon reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

10. POSTPONEMENTS :—

(1.) The Orders of the Day of Government Business Nos. 3 to 11 inclusive postponed until to-morrow.

(2.) The Orders of the Day of General Business Nos. 2 to 5 inclusive postponed until to-morrow.

11. DISTRICT COURTS ACT FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2) :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Burns, Mr. Deputy Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and *Mr. Heydon* reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.

On motion of Mr. Burns, the report was adopted.

Ordered, that the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to further amend the 'District Courts Act of 1858.'*"

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 10th July, 1884, a.m.

The House adjourned at fourteen minutes after Twelve o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m., This Day.

ANGUS CAMBRON,
Deputy Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 129.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 10 JULY, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk informed the House of the continued unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker.

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Stuart, the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the second Standing Order of the House.

2. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES :—Mr. Stuart (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That Louis Francis Heydon, Esquire, do take the Chair in Committee of the Whole House for this day only. Question put and passed.

3. QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Resumption of Land at Blacktown Station :—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. Burdekin, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—In reference to my question asked on Tuesday the 1st instant relative to land resumption at Blacktown Station,—Has any land been resumed in the vicinity of Blacktown Station within the last twelve months; if so, what is the area of the resumed land, who was the owner, and for what purpose was the resumption made?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—I cannot ascertain. I am not aware of any land having been resumed in the vicinity of Blacktown.

(2.) Railway Buildings at Millthorpe and Spring Hill :—Mr. William Clarke asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has a site for the new Station Buildings at Millthorpe been determined upon?

(2.) When will tenders be called for the Station Buildings at Millthorpe and Spring Hill?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

(1.) Not yet. The matter is receiving consideration.

(2.) The plans for Millthorpe will be prepared when site is determined. As regards Spring Hill, the plans are nearly ready, and tenders will be invited in about three weeks from this date.

(3.) Petty Debts Court at Greta :—Mr. Burns asked the Minister of Justice,—Has an application been made to the Government for the establishment of a Court for Petty Debts at Greta; and if so, is it his intention to accede to such application?

Mr. Cohen answered,—No; but Courts of Petty Sessions are held at Greta; and by section 4 of 10 Victoria No. 10 all such Courts have jurisdiction in Small Debts Cases.

(4.) Deposits on account of Assisted Immigration :—*Mr. W. J. Fergusson*, for Mr. Spring, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it a part of the duty of Clerks of Petty Sessions in the Country Districts to receive moneys paid by persons desirous of availing themselves of the Immigration Vote to bring out relatives and friends to the Colony?

Mr. Stuart answered,—On ordinary occasions it is the duty of Clerks of Petty Sessions to receive moneys paid by persons desirous of bringing out persons to the Colony; but since the 29th February last the receipt has been temporarily discontinued, in deference to the views expressed by Parliament.

(5.) Hours for opening Police Courts :—Mr. W. J. Fergusson asked the Minister of Justice,—Is there any regular hour appointed for opening the Police Courts throughout the Colony where Police Magistrates preside; if not, will he issue instructions for all Police Courts to be opened at, say, 10 o'clock in the morning?

Mr. Cohen answered,—The Police Courts are usually opened at 10 o'clock a.m. for the conduct of Magisterial Business where Police Magistrates preside; but Clerks of Petty Sessions are required to attend at their offices every week-day during the same hours as other public officers, namely, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. excepting on Saturday, when their attendance is from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. (6.)

(6.) Picton and Burraborang Road :—Mr. Garrett asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) The amount of money granted for the year 1883 for the Road from Picton to Burraborang, *via* The Oaks or Vauderville?
- (2.) The amount of money that was expended for said year?
- (3.) How and where the money was expended?
- (4.) The balance, if any, that fell back to the Treasury; and was there any reason why the said balance was not expended?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

- (1.) £1,150 voted.
- (2.) £621 1s.
- (3.) £113 11s. for maintenance wages; 17s., repairing tools; £196 18s., cutting at Reilly's Hill; £309 15s., forming, blinding, ballasting, &c., at Abbottsford; total, £621 1s.
- (4.) £528 19s., unexpended balance, is still available, and is reserved with amount voted this year, waiting compliance with formalities, in order to obtain a road to a metal quarry, metalling being the most urgent requirement of the Road.

(7.) Provisional School, Wollar Creek :—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—How long has the Provisional School at Wollar Creek been without a Teacher, and when will one be sent to fill the vacancy?

Mr. Trickett answered,—Since 30th April last, when the School was closed on the recommendation of the local Inspector, who reported as follows:—"There are only six children between six and fourteen years of age, none between four and six, and four between fourteen and seventeen, living within 3 miles of this School. There is no probability of any increase." Further inquiry will be made as to the educational requirements of the place.

(8.) Land Agent at Parkes :—Mr. Stokes asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is the Land Agent at Parkes allowed to charge selectors in his Land District fees for information sought by them concerning their selections?
- (2.) Is it the duty of the Land Agent to afford the selector or applicant all information, and to give tracings if desired of any land in the books of his office free of charge?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

- (1.) No.
- (2.) The Crown Lands Agent is required to afford selectors or intending purchasers all necessary information as to available lands; but it is not part of his duty to supply tracings.

(9.) The "Hansard" :—*Mr. Burns*, for *Mr. Suttor*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Does the Return relative to the earlier publication of "Hansard" include all the correspondence upon the subject?
- (2.) Has the Principal Short-hand Writer made any reply to statements contained in the Return in so far as they concern himself and the Debates Staff?
- (3.) If he has done so, what is the date of his letter or letters on the subject?
- (4.) Is there any objection to lay the further correspondence, if any, upon the Table of the House?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

- (1.) It does up to the date of the Order of this House.
- (2.) A reply has been made.
- (3.) I really do not know the date, but I do not suppose it is material.
- (4.) There can be no objection.

(10.) Railway to Jerilderie :—*Mr. Loughnan*, for *Mr. Wilson*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Will the Railway Department be in a position to carry out his promise, made some time ago, to open the Line to Jerilderie not later than the middle of August?
- (2.) Is he aware that the rails are now laid to the Station-yard?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—I cannot find that any such promise was made. *Mr. Secretary Wright* stated to a Deputation in February last that every effort would be made to open the Line as early as possible. It cannot be opened till September next.

(11.) *Mr. Morris* :—*Mr. A. G. Taylor* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Has there been a vacant clerkship recently in the Attorney General's Department, and carrying with it a salary of £156 a year?
- (2.) Is a young gentleman named *Morris* temporarily employed in the Attorney General's Department; and if so, how long has he been so employed, and what salary is he receiving?
- (3.) Is this *Mr. Morris* a son of *Mr. Augustus Morris* who received £500 for his services in connection with the Land Inquiry Court?
- (4.) Is he a brother of *Mr. Morris* who was appointed by the present Government a Lieutenant in the Permanent Artillery?
- (5.) Has the *Mr. Morris* in the Attorney General's Department passed the Civil Service examination?
- (6.) Is it intended to permanently appoint him to the clerkship, or is the appointment to remain in abeyance?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

- (1.) There has been.
- (2.) *Mr. Morris* was temporarily employed.
- (3.) Yes.
- (4.) Yes.
- (5.) No.
- (6.) He has been appointed.

4. PAPER :—*Mr. Trickett* laid upon the Table,—Amended By-laws of the University of Sydney.
Ordered to be printed.

5. RAILWAY FROM GRAFTON TO NEW ENGLAND (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. W. J. Fergusson*, for *Mr. See*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
- (1.) Copies of all correspondence and Surveyors Reports of all Trial Surveys made since the 1st January, 1879, relating to the proposed Line of Railway from Grafton to the table land of New England.
- (2.) A complete list and the date of all petitions presented to Parliament relating thereto, the number of signatures to each petition, and by whom the petitions were presented.
- Question put and passed.
6. CROWN LANDS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—*Mr. Deputy Speaker* left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 11 JULY, 1884, A.M.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and *Mr. Heydon* reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday next.

The House adjourned at twenty-five minutes before Two o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

ANGUS CAMERON,
Deputy Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 130.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 11 JULY, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk informed the House of the continued unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker.

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Dibbs, the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the second Standing Order of the House.

2. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES:—Mr. Dibbs (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That Louis Francis Heydon, Esquire, do take the Chair in Committee of the Whole House for this day only. Question put and passed.

3. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Permanent Artillery Force:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. A. G. Taylor, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a young man employed as telegraph operator in the New South Wales Permanent Artillery was recently arrested for a breach of military duty; was he marched through the public streets under escort to Dawes Battery one day, and marched back to the barracks the next; and was it then discovered that the accused was innocent?

(2.) If so, who ordered the young man's arrest; and why was he not dealt with on the spot?

(3.) Are the prisoners from the Victoria Barracks marched to Dawes Battery through the public streets for the convenience of the Officer who holds his Court at the latter place?

(4.) If so, is not this marching of military prisoners through the public streets against the spirit of the Queen's Regulations?

(5.) If this is the case, will he take steps to forbid this practice, and give instructions that prisoners shall be conveyed from one barracks to another in a covered ambulance waggon, as is the practice in the British Army?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Government:—

(1.) Yes; he was marched to and from Dawes Battery the same day, having been remanded for further evidence in defence. The case is still under consideration.

(2.) The Officer commanding Permanent Artillery. The charge was investigated at Dawes Battery, as being the head-quarters of the Corps.

(3.) Prisoners whose cases require severe punishment, and cases of importance, are taken to the Regimental Head-Quarters, as is customary in the Imperial Service.

(4.) The Commandant is of opinion that, except under unavoidable circumstances, the practice is against the spirit of the Queen's Regulations.

(5.) The Commandant has already forbidden the practice, as far as possible. None but those committed to prison, under the conduct of Escort Warders, are furnished with covered conveyance in the Imperial Service.

- (2.) Telegraph Offices:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. A. G. Taylor, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What is the weekly average amount received for telegrams from the 1st January last to date at the following Telegraph Offices, viz.:—Baradine, Clifton, Robertson, Major's Creek, Lower Gundaroo, Broke, Blandford, Molonglo, Bowna, St. Albans, Gininderra, Marengo, Coorabong, Bush Grove, and Michelago?

(2.) Are the Officers attached to these Offices provided with residences; if so, by whom are they provided, specifying the Offices, and by whom provided separately, and at what cost; if any are unprovided, what is allowed in lieu thereof?

(3.)

(3.) Which of these Offices are Post and Telegraph Offices combined; and what is the full amount paid to each Office, distinguishing the amount paid for services for Post Office and Telegraph Office separately?

(4.) Is it the intention of the Postmaster General to close any of the said Offices; if so, which?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—If the Honorable Member will move for a Return in the ordinary way, the information shall be supplied.

(3.) Grafton and Armidale Road:—*Mr. Henry Clarke*, for Mr. See, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has any money been returned to the Treasury within the last six years—part of an unexpended Vote for the Grafton and Armidale Main Road; if so, what was the amount?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—Yes; an amount of 11s. 6d., unexpended balance on Vote for 1878, and £36 3s. 4d., balance on 1882 Vote, were written off to close accounts.

(4.) The Case of Mrs. Chapman:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. A. G. Taylor, asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is he aware that Mr. Delohery, Clerk of Petty Sessions at the Central Police Court, lately issued a warrant for the arrest and imprisonment, on a charge of common assault, of one Pattie Chapman, a respectable married woman and mother of a large family, residing at George-street West, where she and her husband carry on the business of furniture brokers; if so, why was she not proceeded against by summons?

(2.) Is the Minister aware that Acting Stipendiary Magistrate Mair found this woman guilty of a common assault, viz., striking a man named Davis a blow on the head with her fist, and fined her in the severe penalty of £10, with the alternative of four months imprisonment?

(3.) Will the Minister cause the information, depositions, and all the proceedings in the case to be laid before the House?

Mr. Trickett answered,—

(1.) I am informed that a warrant was issued by Mr. Delohery, as Davis was in the Infirmary at the time unconscious and in a very critical and dangerous state through the assault committed on him by Mrs. Chapman. On Davis becoming better, Mrs. Chapman was released on bail.

(2.) No. The woman was charged and found guilty to having unlawfully assaulted one Edward Walter Davis in a violent manner on the 27th of June last, and was fined £10, with costs of Court, and £1 1s. complainant's costs, or four months gaol.

(3.) There will be no objection to copies of the information and depositions, &c., being laid upon the Table of this House, if moved for in due form.

4. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Party Processions Act Amend-Bill postponed until Friday, 8th August.

5. ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Deputy Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and *Mr. Heydon* reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. R. B. Smith, the report was adopted.

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.

6. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Liabilities for Nuisances Limitation Bill postponed until Friday next.

7. CITY BANK ACT EXTENSION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Burns moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Burns, Mr. Deputy Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and *Mr. Heydon* reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Burns, the report was adopted.

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time Tuesday next.

8. STIRLING'S TRUSTS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Slattery moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Slattery, Mr. Deputy Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and *Mr. Heydon* reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Slattery, the report was adopted.

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.

9. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—

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| (1.) Judgment Creditors Remedies Extension Bill; second reading;— | } until Friday next. |
| (2.) Supreme Court Process Facilitation Bill; second reading;— | |
| (3.) Legislative Assembly Quorum Bill; second reading;—until Friday, 1st August. | |

10. CRIMINAL LAW FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. A. G. Taylor moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Cohen moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Friday, 8th August.

11. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Parliamentary Prorogation Curtailment Bill postponed until Friday, 8th August.

12. TAMWORTH CATTLE SALE-YARDS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Slattery, Mr. Deputy Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill. Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Heydon reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.

On motion of Mr. Slattery, the report was adopted.

Ordered, that the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorize the Erection and Maintenance of Cattle Sale-yards by the Borough Council of Tamworth within the Borough of Tamworth.*"

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 11th July, 1884.*

13. CLEANING PUBLIC SCHOOLS:—Mr. Burdekin moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Tuesday the 29th July, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Additional Estimates for 1884 a sum not exceeding £1,500 to pay Teachers of Public Schools the full amount authorized for cleaning Schools, from the date of the minute issued by the Instruction Department, on 13th August, 1883, to the receipt by the Teachers of the minute, dated 1st May, 1884, ordering a reduction in the amount.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
14. INSPECTOR QUINLAN, FISHERIES DEPARTMENT:—Mr. A. G. Taylor moved, pursuant to Notice That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers, documents, &c., connected with charges made by Mr. Joseph Coote and Mr. Harser against Inspector Quinlan, of the Fisheries Department; and also a translation of the Greek Epistle received in similar complaint.
Question put and passed.
15. ROAD THROUGH MR. POLSON'S PROPERTY, MANNING RIVER:—Mr. Burns moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That the Petition of Mr. Hugh Polson in relation to the opening of a Road through his property at Kerri, Oxley Island, Manning River, be referred to a Select Committee for inquiry and report, with power to send for persons and papers.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Abbott, Mr. Targett, Mr. Gray, Mr. De Salis, Mr. Day, Mr. Copeland, Mr. Teece, Mr. Wisdom, and the Mover.
Question put and passed.
16. CLAIM OF BROWN AND McRAE FOR LOSS OF LEASES:—Mr. William Clarke, for Mr. Melville, moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the Claim of Patrick Brown and Duncan McRae against the Government for loss of Leases, &c.; and that the Petition of Messrs. Brown and McRae, presented to this House on Thursday, 26th June, be referred to the Committee.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Henry Clarke, Mr. Cass, Mr. Fletcher, Mr. Holtermann, Mr. Targett, Mr. Luscombe, Mr. Fremlin, Mr. Abbott, and the Mover.
Debate ensued.
Mr. A. G. Taylor moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Friday next.
17. COMPENSATION TO ISIDORE JAMES KNIGHT COHN:—Mr. A. G. Taylor moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Additional Estimates for 1884 a sum not exceeding £1,000, towards compensating Isidore James Knight Cohn for the negligent misappropriation by the Lands Department of a similar sum of money to which he was entitled.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned at five minutes after Six o'clock, until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

ANGUS CAMERON,
Deputy Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 131.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 15 JULY, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Court House, Parramatta:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Minister of Justice,—Will he state if it is his intention, during the coming recess, to consider the desirableness of resuming a more suitable site for the purpose of erecting a Court-house and Buildings at Parramatta, the present Buildings being totally unfit for the purposes, as reported upon by His Honor Mr. District Court Judge Dowling, and the Minister of Justice during his tenure of office as District Court Judge; and also, will he state, if so decided, he will place a sum upon the next Estimates for carrying out the above?

Mr. Abbott answered,—The papers in the matter will receive full consideration before the next Estimates are prepared.

- (2.) Railway Goods Traffic between Armidale and Glen Innes:—Mr. W. J. Fergusson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the arrangement entered into by the Government and the contractor to carry goods from Armidale to Glen Innes is for £7 10s. a truck, of which the Government receives one-third, and that the contractor or his agent charges the public £12 per truck from Armidale to Glen Innes, a distance of 60 miles?

(2.) Has the contractor rendered any statement of the amount of carriage done under the agreement with the Government; if so, what rate per truck has he paid the one-third on?

(3.) The quantity of goods carried between the above towns to the 30th June last under the above agreement?

(4.) What rate or allowance is made to the Government for passengers between the above towns?

(5.) Is he aware the contractor charges £2 each for using a very inferior second-class carriage?

(6.) The total amount received from the contractor for goods and passengers to date?

(7.) Can he state when the Line will be opened by the Government to Glen Innes?

(8.) Has the Government granted any one firm of forwarding agents a monopoly of forwarding goods by the contractor's train under the above arrangement?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

(1.) Nothing is known of the alleged charge of £12 per truck; but inquiry will be made. £7 10s. per truck was the charge agreed upon under the terms stated.

(2.) No; and it is unnecessary for the contractor to do so, as the Railway Department keeps the account, and has debited the contractors with the amount due.

(3.) Ninety-seven truck loads.

(4.) 7s. per passenger.

(5.) No; the charge made per passenger is as arranged, 25s.; if more is demanded, the Department will claim its proportion.

(6.) The amount due is £242 10s., and will be paid on adjustment.

(7.) The exact date is not fixed, but some time towards the end of August.

(8.) No.

- (3.) Clerk of Petty Sessions at Parkes:—Mr. Stokes asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is the Clerk of Petty Sessions and Land Agent at Parkes, who is a Justice of the Peace, and occasionally presides at the Parkes Bench, allowed to hold a slaughtering license, and compete with the tradesmen of the town?

(2.) In view of the small number of Justices of the Peace at Parkes, and the great demand upon their time, will he cause the Police Magistrate from Forbes to visit there once every two weeks?

Mr.

Mr. Abbott answered,—

(1.) No; the Clerk of Petty Sessions is not allowed to hold a slaughtering license for the purpose of competing with the tradesmen of the town; but he holds such license for his private farm only, and occasionally kills a sheep for family consumption, but does not sell meat.

(2.) I find that the Police Magistrate, Forbes, has been instructed to attend at Parkes when required, and I am now causing inquiry to be made for arrangements for his attendance as desired.

2. REVENUE FROM WHARFS AND LICENSES, SYDNEY (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Abigail* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—

(1.) The total revenue from wharfage rates and wharf leases, publicans licenses, hawkers licenses, chemists licenses, carriers licenses, draymens licenses, cabmens licenses, brewers licenses, and other trades in the City of Sydney.

(2.) Also, approximately, the proportion of revenue derivable through Custom House of the inhabitants of the City.

Question put and passed.

3. BLANDFORD PROPRIETARY SCHOOL BILL (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Burns* moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That the Blandford Proprietary School Bill be referred to a Select Committee for inquiry and report, with power to send for persons and papers.

(2.) That such Committee consist of *Mr. Stuart*, *Mr. Stephen*, *Mr. Fletcher*, *Mr. Poole*, *Mr. Gill*, *Mr. Spring*, *Mr. White*, *Mr. Day*, *Mr. De Salis*, and the Mover.

(3.) That the proceedings of previous Committees on the same subject be referred to the said Committee.

Question put and passed.

4. POST OFFICE CARVINGS (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Teece* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a copy of the Report of the Colonial Architect in reference to the Post Office Carvings.

Question put and passed.

5. CITY BANK ACT EXTENSION BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of *Mr. Burns*, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Burns then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to continue for a further term of Twenty-one Years the provisions of the 'City Bank Act' whereby the City Bank as thereby incorporated was empowered to make issue circulate and re-issue Bank Notes or Bills.*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to continue for a further term of Twenty-one Years the provisions of the 'City Bank Act' whereby the City Bank as thereby incorporated was empowered to make issue circulate and re-issue Bank Notes or Bills,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee thereon.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 15th July, 1884.

6. STIRLING'S TRUSTS BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of *Mr. Burns*, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Burns then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to enable the Trustees of a Settlement made by Frederick Henry Stirling and Helen Cecilia Deas-Thomson to join with other persons in the Leasing and Sale of Lands subject of the said Settlement.*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Trustees of a Settlement made by Frederick Henry Stirling and Helen Cecilia Deas-Thomson to join with other persons in the Leasing and Sale of Lands subject of the said Settlement,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee thereon, together with copies of the Deeds referred to in the Preamble of the Bill.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 15th July, 1884.

7. CROWN LANDS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—*Mr. Speaker* left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 16 JULY, 1884, A.M.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.

Ordered, that the adoption of the report stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

The House adjourned at five minutes after Twelve o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 132.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 16 JULY, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS:—Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the requirement of the Electoral Act of 1880, laid upon the Table his Warrant appointing John Fitzgerald Burns, Esquire, to be a Member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications for the present Session,—of which the following is a copy:—

“ *By the Honorable the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly
of New South Wales.* ”

“ Pursuant to the power in that behalf vested in me, as Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, by the Electoral Act of 1880, I do hereby appoint

John Fitzgerald Burns, Esquire,

“ being a Member of the said Assembly, to be a Member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications in the said Act referred to during the present Session of the Assembly aforesaid, in the room of Robert Lucas Tooth, Esquire, whose Seat in the said Assembly was declared vacant on the eighth day of July instant, by reason of his resignation thereof.

“ Given under my hand, at the Legislative Assembly Chamber, Macquarie-street, Sydney, this 16th day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four.

“ EDMUND BARTON,
“ Speaker.”

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Exploration of New Guinea:—Mr. Gray asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What amount did the Government or Marine Board spend in the outfit of the Steam Launch lent to Signor D'Albertis for New Guinea Exploration?

(2.) What became of the Steam Launch after she was left at Thursday Island or elsewhere by Signor D'Albertis?

(3.) What did the Government receive from him in the way of useful information, or specimens of Natural History, for the outlay?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

(1.) The Steam Launch “Neva” was supplied with stores at a cost of about £20.

(2.) She was ultimately sold in March, 1880, to a Mr. Brown, at Thursday Island, to pay the expense which had been incurred in looking after her.

(3.) I cannot find that any such return was received.

(2.) Road Contracts:—Mr. Luscombe asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is there any objection to the amounts of successful tenders for road contracts being published in the *Government Gazette* (or otherwise officially notified) at the same time that the names of tenderers are announced?

(2.) If there is no objection, will the Minister cause a regulation to be observed for road contracts similar to that which is in practice in the Department of Telegraphs and in the Department of Public Education, both of which cause the amounts of tenders to be published at the same time that the names of successful tenderers are announced?

(3.) Will the Minister be good enough to state the amount or amounts at which the latest tenders for the supply of spraggs for the Railway Department have been accepted?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—I presume the Honorable Gentleman desires to know if there be any objection to publishing the name of the successful tenderer and the amount of his tender. There is no objection, and they will in future be published.

(3.)

(3.) Railway to Crookwell :—Mr. Holborow asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Has a Trial Survey been made for a Line of Railway from the Main Southern Line at or near Breadalbane to Crookwell ; if so, what would be the total length of Line by such route from Crookwell to Sydney ?
- (2.) Has a Trial Survey been made, or is one in progress for a Railway from the Main Southern Line on the Sydney side of Goulburn to Crookwell ?
- (3.) What would be the length of Line by this route from Crookwell to Sydney ?
- (4.) Would the latter Line serve, by the construction of a Loop-line, the interests of the people of Taralga and Crookwell ?
- (5.) Will the Minister, in selecting the route, consider the advisability of adopting the Line which will as far as practicable be common to both Taralga and Crookwell ?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

- (1.) Yes ; 175 miles.
- (2.) The Survey is now in progress.
- (3.) 161 miles.
- (4.) Yes, by the construction of a Loop-line about 14 miles in length.
- (5.) The question of Railway construction generally is now under the consideration of the Cabinet.

(4.) Volunteers Parade on Queen's Birthday :—Mr. Gray asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Did the Volunteers who attended the Parade on the 28th June last receive pay for so doing ?
- (2.) Has any Return of the number of men attending the Parade in celebration of Her Majesty's Birthday on the 28th June last been furnished to the Government, or made public ; if not, will the Colonial Secretary call for a Return showing the full establishment of each Corps ; also the number of men of each Corps who attended the Queen's Birthday Parade from 1878 to 1884, both years inclusive, stating the cost of each of those Parades to the country ?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Such a Return has been furnished by the Commandant, and I will lay it upon the Table this afternoon.

(5.) Railway between Parramatta and Castle Hill :—*Mr. Teeco*, for *Mr. Lackey*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Have the Government come to any decision respecting the construction of a Light Railway between Parramatta and Castle Hill ?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The whole question of the Railway proposals is under consideration, and will be submitted to the House in the course of a few days.

(6.) District of Ryde :—*Mr. Teeco*, for *Mr. Hugh Taylor*, asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) The Ryde District having been proclaimed a separate Police District, is it the intention of the Government to proclaim the same District as a Licensing District under the Licensing Act, 1882 and 1883 ?
- (2.) Is it the intention of the Government to appoint a Licensing Court for such new Police District ?

Mr. Abbott answered,—Inquiry is now being made as to the necessity for proclaiming Ryde as a separate Licensing District, and when the requisite information has been obtained the subject shall receive due consideration.

(7.) Approach to Parramatta Railway Goods-shed :—*Mr. Teeco*, for *Mr. Hugh Taylor*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is he aware that the approach to the Parramatta Railway goods-shed, by D'Arcy-street from Church-street, is totally impassable and dangerous, and that persons are prevented from taking their goods by that street through the overflow of water from the Railway premises into that street, and as the Government are kerbing, guttering, and asphaltting the south side of D'Arcy-street,—Will he give instructions to have the street, which is only a short one, metalled at once, so that the approach to the Station may be used ?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The road to Railway premises within the boundary of the Railway Land is in good order. The Railway Department cannot repair roads outside its boundary.

(8.) Wentworth Park :—*Mr. Abigail* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Are the arrangements in reference to the works around Wentworth Park sufficiently advanced to allow of tenders being called for at once ; if not, can he state when they will be ?

Mr. Stuart answered,—The work has been delayed somewhat longer than I had anticipated in consequence of its having been found that no water-table on the roads round the Park could take off the large quantity of storm-water. Other means are now being devised, and as soon as settled and approved of by the Trustees of the Park and the Corporation, tenders for the work will be invited.

(9.) Alleged Illtreatment of "Vernon" Boys :—*Mr. Abigail* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Has he received any communication from the State Children's Relief Department bearing upon a report from the Boarding-out Officer, *Mr. Maxted*, that he had been informed by the Police at Moss Vale that a number of boys apprenticed from the "Vernon" to persons resident in the Moss Vale District were systematically illused and neglected in a very gross manner ?
- (2.) If so, have any steps been taken to ascertain the truthfulness or otherwise of the allegations referred to ?
- (3.) What is the character of the report received (if any) thereon ?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

- (1.) Such a communication has been received.
- (2 and 3.) Steps have been taken to ascertain, and it has been found that it has been reported in a very exaggerated form to *Mr. Maxted*. On further inquiry, the Police Sergeant who reported the matter to *Mr. Maxted* in the first instance, now says he merely alluded to cases that had occurred ; two such cases had occurred. Steps had been taken by the Department of Public Instruction to call the people to account, and the indentures had been cancelled immediately.

8. PAPERS:—

Mr. Stuart laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Additional and Amended By-laws of the Borough of Burwood.
- (2.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Liverpool, under the Municipalities Act and Nuisances Prevention Act.
- (3.) Amended Regulations for Government Savings Bank.
Ordered to be printed.
- (4.) Return to an Order made on 13th May, 1884,—“William Lee’s Application to bring Land at Bathurst Plains under the Real Property Act.”

Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return to an Order made on 11th June, 1884,—“Dismissal of Tramway Conductors.”
- (2.) Return to an Order made on 28th November, 1883,—“Railway Loan Votes.”
Ordered to be printed.

4. VOTE OF CREDIT:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Dibbs, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor.

Message No. 67.

In accordance with the provisions of the 54th clause of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony during the month of July, 1884; together with provision for other Services of an urgent nature.

*Government House,
Sydney, 16th July, 1884.*

Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of Supply.

5. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Dibbs moved, pursuant to Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing of a Bill, intituled “A Bill to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1884” through all its stages in one day; and would also preclude the Resolutions of the Committees of Supply and of Ways and Means respectively, whereon the Bill is proposed to be founded, being received on the same day on which they are come to by the said Committees respectively.
Question put and passed.6. MINING UNDER STREETS IN PEPPER TOWN, AND UNDER MAITLAND ROAD (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Melville moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence from the Examiner of Coal Fields and all other persons relative to the undermining of the Streets in Pepper Town, and copies of the minutes of the Minister for Mines on the same; and the like with regard to the undermining of the Main Maitland Road.
Question put and passed.7. SYDNEY CORPORATION (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Abigail moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—

- (1.) The number of miles of streets in the City of Sydney, defining the extent of pitching and metalling done, the length remaining to be done, and total cost.
- (2.) The same information with regard to paving.
- (3.) The cost per annum of lighting the City with gas, and the number of lamps.
- (4.) The total revenue of the City Council, showing city rates, water rates, sewerage rates, lighting rates, and miscellaneous, giving particulars under separate heads; the present endowment from the Government; the charges made for rates on all kinds of public buildings in the City given separately.
Question put and passed.

8. LICENSING ACTS AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Garrard, for Mr. Olliffe, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Order of the Day for the resumption of the adjourned Debate on the second reading of the Licensing Acts Amendment Bill, which lapsed on the 4th July for want of a quorum, be restored to the Paper, and stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday the 5th August.
Question put and passed.

9. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

(1.) Cootamundry Roman Catholic Church Land Sale Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled “*An Act to enable the Right Reverend William Lanigan the Very Reverend Patrick Dunne and John Hurley junior as Trustees of certain Land in the County of Harden Parish of Cootamundry (Village of Cootamundry) to sell the said Land and to provide for the appropriation of the proceeds thereof;*”—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 16th July, 1884.*

JOHN HAY,
President.

(2.) Boorowa Roman Catholic Church Land Sale Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled “*An Act to enable the Right Reverend William Lanigan and the Honorable John Nagle Ryan a Member of the Legislative Council as Trustees of certain Land in the County of King Parish of Boorowa Town of Boorowa to sell the said Land and to provide for the appropriation of the proceeds thereof;*”—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 16th July, 1884.*

JOHN HAY,
President.

10. **POSTPONEMENTS** :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—
 (1.) Compensation to Isidore James Knight Cohn ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor ;—*until Friday next.*
 (2.) Electoral Act Amendment Bill ; third reading ;—*until Tuesday next.*
11. **SUPPLY** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.
 The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
 Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, that the report be now received.
 The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows :—
 (9.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £540,000, being £430,000 to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of July, or following month of the year 1884, at the rates which have been sanctioned for 1883, subject to the rate of any reduction that may hereafter be made in the expenditure of the year 1884 ; £100,000 to meet wages to become due to Railway Employés during the month of August, 1884, and to cover the expenditure in July, 1884, in excess of the monthly allowance at the rate of last year's appropriation, and for Railway Services generally ; and £10,000 to meet wages to become due to Employés in the Department of Harbours and Rivers during the month of August, 1884, and to cover the expenditure in July, 1884, in excess of the monthly allowance at the rate of last year's appropriation, and for other Services of an urgent nature.
 On motion of Mr. Dibbs, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
12. **WAYS AND MEANS** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.
 The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
 Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, that the report be now received.
 The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows :—
 (12.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Services of the year 1884, the sum of £540,000 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.
 On motion of Mr. Dibbs, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
13. **CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 8)** :—
 (1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Dibbs, that a Bill be brought in, founded on Resolution of Ways and Means (No. 12), to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1884.
 (2.) Mr. Dibbs then *presented* a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1884,*"—which was read a first time.
 Ordered to be printed, and now read a second time.
 (3.) Bill read a second time.
 On motion of Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
 On motion of Mr. Dibbs, the report was adopted.
 Ordered, that the Bill be now read a third time.
 (4.) Bill read a third time,—and, on motion of Mr. Dibbs, *passed*.
 Mr. Dibbs then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1884.*"
 Question put and passed.
 Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message :—
 MR. PRESIDENT,
 The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1884,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 16th July, 1884.
14. **CROWN LANDS BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read for the adoption of the report from the Committee of the Whole,—Mr. Dibbs moved, "That" the report be now adopted.
 Mr. Farnell moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "That," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of clauses 3, 4, 21, 27, 38, and new clause 53."
 Question,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—put and negatived.
 Question proposed, That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words omitted be there inserted.
 Mr. Garrett moved, That the proposed amendment be amended by adding the words "and clauses "65, 95, and 104."
 Debate ensued.
 And Mr. Abbott requiring that the clauses be put *seriatim*,—

Question put, That the proposed amendment be amended by adding the words "and clause 65."
The House divided.

Ayes, 18.

Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. Young,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Stokes,
Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Abigail,
Mr. W. J. Fergusson,
Mr. Heydon,
Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Griffiths,
Mr. Quin,
Mr. Teece,
Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Gibbes.

Tellers,

Mr. Burdekin,
Mr. Sydney Smith.

Noes, 42.

Mr. Stuart, Sir John Robertson, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Trickett, Mr. McCulloch, Mr. Gill, Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Holborow, Mr. Garvan, Mr. Garrard, Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Lyne, Mr. Moses, Mr. Cransie, Mr. Wilkinson, Mr. W. R. Campbell, Dr. Ross, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Humphery, Mr. Poole,	Mr. Lloyd, Mr. D. A. Fergusson, Mr. Luscombe, Mr. Ryrie, Mr. Hammond, Mr. White, Mr. Gray, Mr. Murray, Mr. Machattie, Mr. Melville, Mr. George Campbell, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Abbott, Mr. William Clarke, Mr. Holtermann, Mr. Fletcher, Mr. Merriman, Mr. Withers, <i>Tellers,</i> Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Brunker.
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And so it passed in the negative.

Question,—That the proposed amendment be amended by adding the words "and clause 95,"—put and passed.

Question put, That the proposed amendment be further amended by adding the words "and clause 104."

Debate ensued.

The House divided.

Ayes, 21.

Sir John Robertson, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Burdekin, Mr. Copeland, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Poole, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Garrard, Mr. W. J. Fergusson, Dr. Ross, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Gibbes, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Suttor, Mr. Slattery, Mr. Heydon, Mr. E. B. Smith.	<i>Tellers,</i> Mr. Teece, Mr. Young.
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Noes, 40.

Mr. Stuart, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Abbott, Mr. Holborow, Mr. Brunker, Mr. McCulloch, Mr. Melville, Mr. Gill, Mr. Garvan, Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. Moses, Mr. Lyne, Mr. Cransie, Mr. Luscombe, Mr. W. R. Campbell, Mr. Trickett, Mr. Dalton, Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Stokes, Mr. Humphery, Mr. Wilkinson,	Mr. D. A. Fergusson, Mr. Withers, Mr. Griffiths, Mr. Holtermann, Mr. Murray, Mr. Quin, Mr. George Campbell, Mr. Ryrie, Mr. Gray, Mr. White, Mr. Mackinnon, Mr. Henry Clarke, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Machattie, Mr. Hammond, Mr. Dibbs. <i>Tellers,</i> Mr. Merriman, Mr. Fremlin.
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And so it passed in the negative.

Mr. Copeland moved, That the proposed amendment be further amended by adding the words "and clause 7."

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 37.

Mr. Roberts, Sir John Robertson, Mr. Burns, Mr. Heydon, Mr. Brunker, Mr. Gill, Mr. Copeland, Mr. Fletcher, Mr. R. B. Smith, Mr. Teece, Mr. Slattery, Mr. Young, Mr. Fremlin, Mr. Griffiths, Mr. Gibbes, Mr. White, Mr. H. H. Brown, Mr. Wilkinson, Mr. George Campbell, Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Byrie, Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Harris, Dr. Ross, Mr. Dalton, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Stokes, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Garrard, Mr. Dangar, Mr. Lyne, Mr. Burdekin, Mr. Vaughn, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Barbour. <i>Tellers,</i> Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Quin.
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Noes, 15.

Mr. Abbott, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Holborow, Mr. Trickett, Mr. Luscombe, Mr. Melville, Mr. D. A. Fergusson, Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Merriman, Mr. Machattie, Mr. Loughnan, Mr. Abigail, Mr. Holtermann. <i>Tellers,</i> Mr. McCulloch, Mr. Moses.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Heydon moved, That the proposed amendment be further amended by adding the words "and clauses 54, 51, and 24."

Debate ensued.

And

And Mr. Farnell requiring that the clauses be put *seriatim*.—

Question,—That the proposed amendment be further amended by adding the words “and clause “54.”—put and passed.

Question put, That the proposed amendment be further amended by adding the words “and clause 51.”
The House divided.

Ayes, 16.

Sir John Robertson,
Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. Burns,
Mr. Roberts,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Humphery,
Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Teece,
Mr. Young,
Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Gibbes.

Tellers,

Mr. Burdekin,
Mr. Heydon.

Noes, 45.

Mr. Machattie,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. White,	Mr. D. A. Ferguson,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. George Campbell,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Lloyd,
Mr. Trickett,	Mr. Griffiths,
Mr. Holborow,	Mr. Holtermann,
Mr. Gill,	Mr. W. J. Fergusson,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. Luscombe,	Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Fremlin,	Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Bruncker,	Mr. Quin,
Mr. Stephen,	Mr. Wilson,
Mr. Cramsie,	Mr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Moses,	Mr. Loughnan,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Hammond,
Mr. Mitchell,	Mr. Ryrie,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Stokes,	Mr. Fletcher,
Mr. Dalton,	Mr. Merriman.
Mr. Dangar,	
Dr. Ross,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Purves,
Mr. W. R. Campbell,	Mr. Levien.
Mr. Harris,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Question put, That the proposed amendment be further amended by adding the words “and clause “24.”

The House divided.

Ayes 17.

Sir John Robertson,
Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. Burns,
Mr. Roberts,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Humphery,
Mr. Griffiths,
Mr. Teece,
Mr. Young,
Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Gibbes.

Tellers,

Mr. Burdekin,
Mr. Heydon.

Noes 45.

Mr. Machattie,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. White,	Mr. D. A. Ferguson,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. George Campbell,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Lloyd,
Mr. Trickett,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Holborow,	Mr. Holtermann,
Mr. Gill,	Mr. W. J. Fergusson,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. Luscombe,	Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Fremlin,	Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Bruncker,	Mr. Quin,
Mr. Stephen,	Mr. Wilson,
Mr. Cramsie,	Mr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Moses,	Mr. Loughnan,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Hammond,
Mr. Mitchell,	Mr. Ryrie,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. Fletcher,
Mr. Stokes,	Mr. William Clarke,
Mr. Dalton,	Mr. Merriman.
Mr. Dangar,	
Dr. Ross,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. W. R. Campbell,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Purves.
Mr. Harris,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Mr. Slattery moved, That the proposed amendment be further amended by adding the words “and clause 134.”

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 19.

Sir John Robertson,
Mr. Burns,
Mr. Stephen,
Mr. Burdekin,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Luscombe,
Mr. W. J. Fergusson,
Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. Roberts,
Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Griffiths,
Dr. Ross,
Mr. Teece,
Mr. Young,
Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Heydon,
Mr. Gibbes.

Tellers,

Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Sydney Smith.

Noes, 37.

Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. George Campbell,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Lloyd,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Jones,	Mr. Cramsie,
Mr. Trickett,	Mr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. Quin,
Mr. Holborow,	Mr. Hammond,
Mr. White,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Bruncker,	Mr. Loughnan,
Mr. Gill,	Mr. William Clarke,
Mr. Targett,	Mr. Ryrie,
Mr. Mitchell,	Mr. Fletcher,
Mr. Dalton,	Mr. Merriman,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Holtermann.
Mr. McCulloch,	
Mr. Stokes,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. W. R. Campbell,	Mr. Fremlin,
Mr. Dangar,	Mr. Wilson.
Mr. Murray,	
Mr. Harris,	
Mr. D. A. Ferguson,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Mr.

Mr. Sydney Smith moved, That the proposed amendment be further amended by adding the words "and original clause 53."

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 15.

Sir John Robertson,
Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Burns,
Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Burdekin,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Dalton,
Dr. Ross,
Mr. Young,
Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Gibbes,
Mr. Roberts.

Tellers,

Mr. Fletcher,
Mr. Tecco.

Noes, 32.

Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Harris,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Lloyd,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Wilson,
Mr. Trickett,	Mr. Cramsie,
Mr. Holtermann,	Mr. Quin,
Mr. Gill,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Luscombe,	Mr. George Campbell,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. White,
Mr. Mitchell,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Murray,	Mr. Machattie,
Mr. Fremlin,	Mr. Ryrie,
Mr. McCulloch,	Mr. Merriman.
Mr. W. R. Campbell,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Loughnan,	Mr. Hammond.
Mr. D. A. Ferguson,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Mr. Young moved, That the proposed amendment be further amended by adding the words "and clause 36."

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 7.

Mr. Gibbes,
Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. Burdekin,
Mr. Roberts.

Tellers,

Mr. Young,
Mr. Barbour.

Noes, 39.

Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Harris,
Mr. Stuart,	Mr. D. A. Ferguson,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Lloyd,
Mr. Abbott,	Dr. Ross,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. White,
Mr. Trickett,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. Holtermann,	Mr. Wilson,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. George Campbell,
Mr. Gill,	Mr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Ryrie,
Mr. Holborow,	Mr. Machattie,
Mr. Luscombe,	Mr. Hammond,
Mr. Cramsie,	Mr. Tecco,
Mr. Fremlin,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Fletcher,
Mr. McLaughlin,	Mr. Merriman.
Mr. Melville,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Griffiths,	Mr. Loughnan,
Mr. McCulloch,	Mr. Murray.
Mr. W. R. Campbell,	
Mr. Quin,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Mr. Burdekin moved, That the proposed amendment be further amended by adding the words "and a new clause to stand clause 49."

Question put and passed.

Dr. Ross moved, That the proposed amendment be further amended by adding the words "and clause 14."

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

Question,—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words omitted from the Original Question be there inserted,—put and passed.

Question then,—That the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of clauses 3, 4, 21, 27, 38, and new clause 53, and clauses 95, 7, 54, and for the consideration of a new clause to stand clause 49,—put and passed.

On motion of Mr. Abbott, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

15. MINING ACT FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Abbott moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Abbott, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

And

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THUESDAY, 17 JULY, 1884, A.M.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.
On motion of Mr. Abbott (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

The House adjourned at eighteen minutes after Twelve o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 133

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 17 JULY, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Pacific Mail Service:—Mr. Burns asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has the Government been advised of any intention on the part of the United States Government to grant a subsidy in aid of the Pacific Mail Service; and if so, the amount of the proposed contribution of that Government, and the date from which it is to take effect?

Mr. Stuart answered,—The Government has no direct official information; but it is in possession of a letter received on the 9th instant from the Postmaster General of New Zealand, stating that a Ship Bill had passed into law in the United States providing for the payment of various subsidies, including that of the Pacific Service, but stating neither the amount nor the time. I presume by next mail we shall have particulars of it.

- (2.) Main Street, Walgett:—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it intended to place the main street through Walgett in thorough order and repair, the same having been done to other main streets through towns?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The propriety of placing a sum on 1885 Estimates for this work will be considered.

- (3.) Railway to Walgett:—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Have Railway Trial Surveys been made from Mudgee to Coonamble, and from Dubbo to Coonamble, and thence to Walgett; if so, the distance between each place, and the nature of the country through which the proposed Lines pass?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—Yes; Mudgee to Coonamble, 143 miles; Dubbo to Coonamble, 92 miles; and Coonamble to Walgett, 67 miles. The Line from Mudgee to Coonamble passes near to Gulgong, thence *via* Cobbora and Mendooran, the first 100 miles being through undulating country, requiring steep gradients in places, with a rather heavy average of earthwork, culverts, &c.; the remaining 43 miles being through almost level country. The Line from Dubbo to Coonamble passes through level country throughout, presenting no engineering difficulties. The length from Coonamble to Walgett is a dead level, and may be formed from side cuttings for the entire distance.

- (4.) Sunday Lectures at Theatres:—Mr. Abigail asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has any report been received from the Police Authorities in reference to the Sunday Entertainments at the Theatres; if so, will he state the contents?

Mr. Stuart answered,—I have received, as I stated I would endeavour to do, a report from the Police Authorities in Melbourne with regard to the position of this matter there, and they seem to be in much the same position as ourselves. A telegram from Mr. Chomley states that Sunday Lectures in the Theatres have not been discontinued, and they have no power, apparently, to take any steps in the matter. The subject is under consideration, to see what steps can be devised in the matter.

- (5.) Purchase of Paling's Property:—Mr. Barbour asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) What progress has been made in the purchase of the land in George-street from Mr. Paling?
- (2.) When will the matter be completed?
- (3.) Is it intended to pay the purchase money out of the Treasurer's Advance Account, or will the amount be placed on the Estimates; and if the latter, will it be placed on the Additional Estimates of the present year?
- (4.) Has notice been given to the Government that the vendor will demand 8 per cent. interest on the purchase money?

Mr. Stuart answered,—This matter will be brought before the House at as early an opportunity as can be.

(6.)

- (6.) Ex-students of Training School :—Dr. Ross asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—
- (1.) When will the List of Pupils from the Training School, and who have recently submitted themselves for examination, be published, and their classification?
 - (2.) Is he aware that many of them are now idle and awaiting an appointment?
- Mr. Trickett answered,—
- (1.) Many of the Ex-students of the Training School have already been officially informed of the result of their examination, and letters are now being written to those who have not been so informed. It is not the practice to publish Lists of this kind.
 - (2.) All the Ex-students who passed the final examination have been provided with employment, with the exception of one for whose employment arrangements are in progress.
- (7.) Land Sale at Manildra :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Is there any delay in offering for sale the town lots at Manildra, near Molong?
 - (2.) Will he state if the re-survey of the township has been completed, and when these allotments will be offered for sale?
- Mr. Farnell answered,—
- (1.) Not that I am aware of.
 - (2.) Allotments are about to be notified for sale on an early date.
- (8.) Surplus Revenue :—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he have any objection to state, or cause a Return to be prepared, showing how the Surplus Revenue left by the previous Government has been expended, specifying the nature of the work, and the amount expended thereon in each case and district respectively?
- Mr. Dibbs answered,—The information asked for by the Honorable Member has already been prepared, and will be found in the Ways and Means and Estimates of Expenditure which were laid by me upon the Table.
- (9.) Short-hand Writing in High Schools :—Dr. Ross asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—Is it the intention of the Government to make any provision for establishing a system of teaching short-hand writing in our Higher Schools; and if so, when?
- Mr. Trickett answered,—No, there is no such intention at present.
- (10.) Unoccupied Crown Lands :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Are there any Runs or Crown Lands at the present time unoccupied, or not under lease to any person?
 - (2.) If so, the number of Runs, and the area contained within each, that are so unoccupied?
 - (3.) How long have they been so unoccupied?
 - (4.) In which of the three Divisions (Eastern, Central, and Western) are the unoccupied or vacant lands so situated, and the area in each?
- Mr. Abbott answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) One hundred and fifteen Runs are shown not to be under lease; two in Western Division, twenty-one in Central Division, ninety-two in Eastern Division; but of these above sixty have become forfeit for non-payment of the minimum rent of £10. If thought necessary, Return could be prepared, but it would only show the area estimated to be available for five years lease at the time of last appraisement.
 - (3.) For various terms; three for eighteen months, twenty for twelve months, fifteen for six months, and sixteen for seventeen days. Leases of the remainder have fallen in at dates extending back to 1875.
 - (4.) In all three. The estimated area available for lease at last appraisement was: Western, 97,640 acres; Central, 229,370 acres; Eastern, 1,763,232 acres. But these areas are only estimated, and must be accepted as such.
- (11.) Borings in Jamberoo Swamp :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What are the results of borings for bottom in the Jamberoo Swamp in the proposed deviation of the Illawarra Railway?
- Mr. Dibbs answered,—The borings have been bottomed on rock, the average depth of mud and sand passed through before reaching the rock being 58 feet.
- (12.) Railway Policy of the Parkes Administration :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to carry out the Railway policy of the Parkes Administration, and which received the sanction of Parliament in 1881?
 - (2.) Have the tenders for the construction of the second section from Molong to Manildra, the plans of which have been submitted and approved of by Parliament, been delayed?
 - (3.) Have the working plans of the third section from Manildra to near Forbes been submitted for the approval of Parliament, and is the work being proceeded with?
- Mr. Dibbs answered,—The Railway policy of the present Government will be submitted in a few days.
- (13.) Wollar Police Station :—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will tenders be invited for additions to the Wollar Police Station?
- Mr. Dibbs answered,—Plans for a new Building have been prepared, and are under consideration; when approved of, and the site determined upon, tenders for its erection will be invited.
- (14.) Postal Communication between Rylstone and Cudgegong :—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—When will he take steps to have a daily mail run between Rylstone and Cudgegong?
- Mr. Stuart answered,—On inquiry, it appears that there is not sufficient postal traffic between these two places to justify taking the steps indicated by this question.

(15.) Mining Case, Holman and Payne :—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Mines,—Has he given his decision yet on the disputed mining case, Holman and Payne, forwarded him by the Hill End Warden ; if not, when will he give his decision ?

Mr. Abbott answered,—The case has been decided so far as Payne is concerned, and Holman's application is now being dealt with.

(16.) Village Reserve at Ulan :—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Lands,—When will instructions be given to survey the Village Reserve at Ulan ?

Mr. Farnell answered,—The matter is now under reference to the Surveyor of the district.

(17.) Rylstone and Cudgegong Road :—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will repairs be made to the Road between Rylstone and Cudgegong, so as to render it available for traffic ?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—There is no money available for this Road.

(18.) Webber v. Traill.—Lismore Magistrates :—Mr. Abigail asked the Minister of Justice,—When will the Resolutions of this House be complied with by the production of the papers in the case of Webber *versus* Traill ; also in the matter of the Lismore Magistrates ?

Mr. Abbott answered,—The papers in the case of Webber v. Traill are ready, and will be laid upon the Table of this House to-morrow ; and as regards the matter of the Lismore Magistrates, the papers have been copied, but await examination, as the original papers have been required for some other purpose, and the final completion of the Return has consequently been unavoidably delayed a few days. They will probably be ready to be laid upon the Table of this House during the ensuing week.

(19.) Reformatory at Bankstown :—Mr. Abigail asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Are the reports as published in the Daily Papers about the establishment of a Reformatory on the Cottage Home principle at Bankstown by the Government correct, as disclosing the Government proposals ?

(2.) Before proceeding with the same, will Parliament have an opportunity of discussing the question ?

Mr. Stuart answered,—Considering that the reports in the Daily Papers are of the most contradictory character, I cannot be bound by those reports. Before a Reformatory can be established upon the plan which seems to me to be desirable, it will be necessary to bring in a Bill to amend the present Act, and then, of course, this House will have an opportunity of discussing the matter, and I will state my own views upon it.

2. SALE OF COLONIAL WINES :—Mr. Burns, for Mr. H. H. Brown, presented a Petition from Wine-growers and others in the Hunter River District, representing that the portion of the present Licensing Act regulating the sale of Colonial Wines is opposed to the development of the Wine-growing Industry ; and praying that the Act may be amended in the manner suggested by them. Petition received.

3. MINING ACT FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Abbott, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Abbott then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to extend the provisions of the Mining Acts by giving power to grant Leases for Mining on certain areas now exempt from such power to prescribe the conditions of such Leases to remove doubts as to the power to make Reserves for Mining purposes and for other purposes.*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to extend the provisions of the Mining Acts by giving power to grant Leases for Mining on certain areas now exempt from such power to prescribe the conditions of such Leases to remove doubts as to the power to make Reserves for Mining Purposes and for other purposes,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 17th July, 1884.

4. MUNICIPAL GAS BILL :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill read,—and, on motion of Mr. Stuart, discharged,
Ordered, that the Bill be withdrawn.

5. MUNICIPAL GAS BILL (No. 2) :—

(1.) Mr. Stuart moved, That the Resolution agreed to by this House on the 8th July last, and on which the Municipal Gas Bill had been founded, be now read.

Question put and passed.

And the said Resolution (*as recorded in Votes and Proceedings No. 127 entry 9*) read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker.

(2.) Mr. Stuart then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Municipal Law in relation to the supply of Gas by Municipal Corporations and for other purposes in connection therewith,*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

6. ADDITIONAL CONDITIONAL PURCHASES DECLARATORY BILL :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to declare the Law relative to Additional Conditional Purchases in certain cases,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 17th July, 1884.

JOHN HAY,
President.

7. CROWN LANDS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 18 JULY, 1884, A.M.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday next.

8. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 8):—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1884,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 17th July, 1884.*

JOHN HAY,
President.

The House adjourned at five minutes after Two o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 134.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 18 JULY, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Mining under Public Roads:—Mr. W. J. Fergusson asked the Secretary for Mines,—
 (1.) How many applications under the 28th section of the Mining Act of 1874 have been made since the 1st July, 1882?
 (2.) How many of the above applications, made prior to the 1st May last, are still pending?
 (3.) Will he state the cause of delay in dealing with applications under the above section?

Mr. Abbott answered,—

- (1.) 757.
 (2.) 203.

(3.) Awaiting payment of deposit by applicants, or payment of survey fee, or supply by the applicants of proper description of the land applied for, or settlement of conflict with prior applications. Others are awaiting survey, or report of local officer, or are being dealt with in this office.

- (2.) Fire Brigades Regulations:—Mr. Hugh Taylor, for Mr. A. G. Taylor, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it his intention to ask the House to amend the Fire Brigades Regulations, so as to relieve Licensed Victuallers from the proposed disqualification?

Mr. Stuart answered,—This question was answered yesterday in reply to a question without notice.

- (3.) Business of the Supreme Court and Circuit Courts:—Mr. Abigail, for Dr. Ross, asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) The number of civil cases tried in the Supreme Court in Sydney annually during the last five years?
 (2.) The number of Circuit Courts in the Colony for the hearing of civil cases, and the number of cases tried in each Circuit Court respectively during the same period?
 (3.) How many of the cases tried in Sydney were from the country, or could have been tried before Circuit Courts?
 (4.) The number of cases now in arrears in the Supreme Court in Sydney, and the same with regard to Circuit Court cases?

Mr. Stuart answered,—I would suggest that this should be moved for as a Return; but as a matter of fact, it is all published in the Statistical Register year by year, and it seems to me that it comes under the category of cases alluded to by Mr. Speaker on a previous occasion, except No. 4.

- (4.) Boat for use at Forbes:—Mr. Abigail, for Dr. Ross, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that in or about the year 1870 the town of Forbes was inundated by a flood?
 (2.) If it is, did the Government on that occasion send up a boat from Sydney to Forbes, in order to afford protection to the residents from the flood?
 (3.) What became of the boat, and is it still in Forbes, and in whose care or keeping, or was it returned to Sydney, and when?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
 (2.) No; an application was made by the Flood Relief Committee, and an expenditure of £30 was incurred for a boat, which was constructed at Forbes.
 (3.) The boat is now in charge of the Police at Forbes, and local officer reports that it can be repaired, if urgently required.

(5.)

- (5.) Infirmary Building, Macquarie-street:—*Mr. Abigail*, for Dr. Ross, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has anything definite been decided as to what is to be done with the proposed Infirmary Building in Macquarie-street now in course of erection, or is it intended to let it remain in its present incomplete state?
Mr. Stuart answered,—Nothing definite has been decided, and cannot be decided until the future of the system of Hospital Accommodation be settled, and even then not until money be voted by this House.
- (6.) Blacktown Road :—*Mr. Burdekin* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 (1.) The names of the Trustees of that portion of the Blacktown Road from Eastern or Breakfast Creek to Richmond?
 (2.) The names of the Trustees of the Road leading from Blacktown Road to Riverstone Railway Station?
Mr. Dibbs answered,—
 (1.) The Richmond Road Trust:—Messrs. Edward Parnell, Joseph Onus, W. T. Price, R. H. Ducker, Geo. M. Pitt, junr.
 (2.) This Road is under the Department.
- (7.) Expenditure of the Colony for 1884 :—*Mr. Abigail*, for Mr. Buchanan, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it true that the expenditure for the first six months of the year 1884, as shown by the *Government Gazette*, amounts to £480,000 in excess of the Revenue for the said six months?
Mr. Dibbs answered,—No.
2. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—
 (1.) Judgment Creditors Remedies Extension Bill ; second reading ;— } *until Friday next.*
 (2.) Supreme Court Process Facilitation Bill ; second reading ;— }
 (3.) Claim of Brown and McRae for loss of Leases ;—*until Friday, 1st August.*
3. PAPER :—*Mr. Stuart* laid upon the Table,—Further Return to an Address adopted on 6th July, 1877,—“ Immigration ”—Ship “ Bann.”
 Ordered to be printed.
4. ENGINEERING ASSOCIATION INCORPORATION BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of *Mr. Poole*, *Mr. Speaker* left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendment made by the Legislative Council in this Bill. *Mr. Speaker* resumed the Chair ; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council’s amendment.
 On motion of *Mr. Poole*, the report was adopted.
 Ordered, that the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council :—
 MR. PRESIDENT,
 The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendment made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled “ *An Act to incorporate a Society called the ‘ Engineering Association of New South Wales.’* ”
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 18th July, 1884
5. CARRIAGES REGULATION BILL :—
 (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of *Mr. Ryrie*, *Mr. Speaker* left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill for the better securing the safety of Passengers travelling by Licensed Vehicles. *Mr. Speaker* resumed the Chair ; and the Chairman reported from the Committee a Resolution, which was read as follows :—
Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill for the better securing the safety of Passengers travelling by Licensed Vehicles.
 On motion of *Mr. Ryrie*, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
 (2.) *Mr. Ryrie* presented a Bill, intituled “ *A Bill for better securing the safety of Persons travelling by Stage Carriages,* ”—which was read a first time.
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 1st August.
6. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day respecting Bridge over Nambucca River postponed until Friday next.
7. MONK-WEARMOUTH COLLIERY RAILWAY BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—*Mr. Speaker* left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Friday, 1st August.
8. TRUSTEES ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—*Mr. Speaker* left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.
9. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Companies (Extra-Colonial Registers) Bill postponed until Friday next.
10. ADJOURNMENT :—*Mr. Dibbs* moved, That this House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed.
 The House adjourned accordingly at twenty-seven minutes after Six o’clock, until Tuesday next at Four o’clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 135.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 22 JULY, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

ELECTORATE OF MONARO:—Mr. Speaker informed the House, that upon the passing of the Resolution of the 8th July instant, declaring the Seat of Robert Lucas Tooth, Esquire, vacant, he had issued a Writ for the election of a Member to serve in the room of Mr. Tooth, and that such Writ had been duly returned, with a Certificate endorsed thereon by the Returning Officer of the election of David Ryre, Esquire, to serve as a Member for the Electoral District of Monaro.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Resumption of Hyndes's Grant for a Public Park:—*Mr. A. G. Taylor*, for Mr. Hugh Taylor, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government to resume any portion of Hyndes's Grant, in the Electorate of St. Leonards, for a Public Park or Recreation Ground?

Mr. Stuart answered,—As I stated upon a similar question being asked some time ago, if the Honorable Member will indicate which Hyndes's Grant it is, we may be able to make some discovery in the matter.

(2.) Engineers Certificates:—*Mr. Hutchinson*, for Mr. Garrard, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it true that the Navigation Act 35 Vic. No. 7 only authorizes the issue of three classes of Certificates to Engineers in charge of passenger-carrying steamships, viz.:—1st-class, for foreign-going or coast-trade steamship of any horse-power; 2nd-class, for foreign-going or coast-trade steamship not exceeding 100 horse-power; and 3rd-class, for harbours and rivers only?

(2.) Is it true that the Marine Board has issued a new kind of Certificate not authorized by the Act, viz., Limited Coasting Certificate?

(3.) How many of these Certificates have been issued?

(4.) The date on which each was issued?

(5.) Will the Minister give instructions to stop the further issue of these Certificates, and call in those already granted?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) Four.

(4.) On 27th December, 1883; 20th February, 1884; 4th April, 1884; 6th June, 1884.

(5.) There is no doubt the four Certificates were issued in excess of the law, but they will be recalled.

(3.) Narrabri Common:—*Mr. Dangar* asked the Secretary for Lands,—In consequence of the revocation of the Temporary Common at Narrabri,—Has application been made, and will such be granted (this land being available) to add to and dedicate to the present Permanent Common at Narrabri measured portion No. 234, to be thrown into the Reserve No. 385, and portion No. 449, and the Reserve north of No. 385, and will same be vested in the Borough Council of Narrabri?

Mr. Farnell answered,—Application has been made. Extensions to Permanent Commons are not now granted. A letter, fully explaining the matter, is about to be written to the Borough Council of Narrabri, in whom it is proposed to vest both the Permanent and Temporary Commons.

(4.) Bridge over Mulbring Creek:—*Mr. Burns* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will steps be taken towards the erection of a Bridge over Mulbring Creek, for which the sum of £850 has been voted?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—Tenders will be invited immediately upon receipt of sections, which the local Officer was instructed to forward on 30th April.

(5.)

- (5.) Licenses for Sale of Gunpowder at Shoalhaven :—Mr. Humphery asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Will he say how many ordinary and special licenses respectively for the sale of gunpowder or other explosives were issued to persons within the Police District of Shoalhaven during the years 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, and the six months ended 30th June, 1884?
 - (2.) The names of the persons to whom such licenses were issued, and the periods covered in each case?
 - (3.) The quantities of powder or explosives forwarded to special and ordinary license-holders respectively in the district mentioned, the dates of transmission, and whether sent by steamer or sailing vessel?
 - (4.) What steps have been taken during the year mentioned to inspect powder magazines in the said district of Shoalhaven, and how many were approved by a duly appointed Inspector?
 - (5.) Is it a fact that the Ordnance Storekeeper recently delivered from Goat Island for the holder of an ordinary license in Shoalhaven, and at the same time procured the appointment of an Inspector and forwarded instructions to that Officer to seize the powder when delivered?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

(1 and 2.) I will lay upon the Table, if the Honorable Member desires it, a Return from which he will be able to get the information asked in these two questions.

(3.) It is impossible to give the quantities, as the law provides for explosives being shipped by merchants from their registered premises.

(4.) To assist the Departmental Inspector, Officers of the Police Force were appointed in the year 1881 for each district in New South Wales, and reports on the magazines obtained through them.

(5.) Acting under Mr. Attorney General Windeyer's opinion, a delivery was made under protest, as the licensed vendors and shippers in Sydney insisted on the powder being shipped. A Police Officer was appointed to lay information and take legal proceedings as an Inspector in the event of the powder being stored in unregistered premises.

- (6.) Bathurst and Rockley Road :—Mr. Sydney Smith, for Mr. Lloyd, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is he aware that the main Road from Bathurst is nearly impassable near Rockley for a distance of 2 miles; if so, will he take steps to have it repaired?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—Local Officer reports Road bad, but not impassable. It is intended, by a deviation from the present Road, which is very hilly, to make an easy grade for a mile and a half into the town, which must be opened throughout at one operation, and will require a 35 feet bridge. Temporary repairs will be done to keep present Road passable.

- (7.) Railway to Rockley :—Mr. Sydney Smith, for Mr. Lloyd, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has a Trial Survey been made, or is one being made, from the main Western Line at or near Perth to the township of Rockley; if so, what would be the total length of Line by such route from Bathurst to Rockley?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—A Trial Survey is being made from the Great Western Line, near Perth, to Rockley. The length from Bathurst to Rockley will be 24 miles.

3. ASSENT TO BILLS :—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Mr. Stuart, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

- (1.) Oyster Fisheries Bill :—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor.

Message No. 68.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act for the amendment of the 'Fisheries Act 1881' the promotion of Oyster Culture and the Regulation of Oyster Fisheries,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 21st July, 1884.

- (2.) District Courts Act further Amendment Bill (No. 2) :—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor.

Message No. 69.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to further amend the 'District Courts Act of 1858,'*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 21st July, 1884.

- (3.) Sydney Corporation Act Amendment Bill (No. 2) :—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor.

Message No. 70.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Sydney Corporation Act of 1879,'*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 21st July, 1884.

(4.)

(4.) Consolidated Revenue Fund Bill (No. 8):—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor.

Message No. 71.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1884*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 22nd July, 1884.

(5.) Additional Conditional Purchases Declaratory Bill :—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor.

Message No. 72.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to declare the Law relative to Additional Conditional Purchases in certain cases*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 22nd July, 1884.

(6.) O'Doud's Estate Leasing Bill :—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor.

Message No. 73.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorize Patrick O'Doud and Robert Butcher or other the Trustees or Trustee for the time being of the Will of the late Mary O'Doud deceased to lease portion of the Real Estate of the said Mary O'Doud*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 21st July, 1884.

(7.) Boorowa Roman Catholic Church Land Sale Bill :—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor.

Message No. 74.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Right Reverend William Lanigan and the Honorable John Nagle Ryan a Member of the Legislative Council as Trustees of certain Land in the County of King Parish of Boorowa Town of Boorowa to sell the said Land and to provide for the appropriation of the proceeds thereof*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 22nd July, 1884.

(8.) Tamworth Cattle Sale-yards Bill :—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor.

Message No. 75.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorize the Erection and Maintenance of Cattle Sale-yards by the Borough Council of Tamworth within the Borough of Tamworth*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 22nd July, 1884.

4. MITTAGONG COAL-MINING COMPANY'S RAILWAY BILL :—Mr. Humphery presented a Petition from Thomas Forster Knox, Esquire, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Australian Kerosene Oil and Mineral Company (Limited), praying that the Mittagong Coal-mining Company's Railway Bill may not pass into law as it now stands, and that Petitioner's Company may be heard by their Counsel against such of the clauses and provisions of the said Bill as affect their rights and interests.
And the same having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker,—
Petition received.
5. CASE OF MARK DUFFY :—Mr. Loughnan, as Chairman, brought up a Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this subject was referred on 28th November, 1883.
Ordered to be printed.
6. ELECTORATE OF MONARO :—David Ryrie, Esquire, having taken and subscribed the Oath, and signed the Roll of the House, took his Seat as a Member for the Electoral District of Monaro.
Mr. Speaker informed the House, that whereas the name of the Member returned for the Electoral District of Monaro is endorsed on the Writ as "*David Ryrie*," the gentleman who had just subscribed the Oath and the Roll as such Member had signed his name in both documents as "*David Ryrie*."
Whereupon

Whereupon Mr. Stuart moved, That the Clerk of the House do amend the return by substituting the name "David *Ryrie*" for that of "David *Ryre*."

Question put and passed.

And the Clerk amended the said return accordingly.

7. PAPERS :—

Mr. Trickett laid upon the Table,—Annual Report of the University of Sydney, being for the year 1883.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Stuart laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Amended By-laws of the Borough of Wollongong, under the Municipalities Act and the Nuisances Prevention Act.

(2.) Amended By-laws of the Borough of Ryde, under the same Acts.

Ordered to be printed.

8. ALEXANDER GRAY :—Mr. Day presented a Petition from Alexander Gray, alleging that he was instructed by the Government to proceed to Bermagui, and use every exertion to unravel the mystery of the disappearance of Mr. Lamont Young and party; that he carried out his instructions and sacrificed time and money in so doing; and praying the House to take the matter into consideration, with a view to relief being afforded him.

Petition received.

9. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—

(1.) Electoral Act Amendment Bill; third reading;—*until Thursday next.*

(2.) Compensation to Isidore James Knight Cohn;—

(3.) Flogging Abolition Bill; second reading;— } *until Tuesday, 12th August.*

10. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Proctor moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

11. RAILWAY BETWEEN ARMIDALE AND GLEN INNES :—Mr. Proctor presented a Petition from Residents of the City of Armidale, complaining of the Contractor running Trains and carrying passengers and goods between Armidale and Glen Innes before the Line is completed; and praying that the House will cause steps to be taken for preventing the Contractor from continuing the traffic.

Petition received.

12. CROWN LANDS BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

13. IMPORTED STOCK ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Abbott moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Abbott, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Abbott, the report was adopted.

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

The House adjourned at Twelve o'clock (Midnight), until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 136.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 23 JULY, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Mr. Stocks, J.P.:—Mr. Abigail asked the Minister of Justice,—Has Mr. Stocks, the Lismore Magistrate, resigned, as called upon to do by the Executive; if not, what steps do the Government propose taking in his case?

Mr. Abbott answered,—The papers in this matter are with the Colonial Secretary, and the question ought properly to have been asked of him. Mr. Stocks has been called on to resign, but he sent in a protest against that decision, and has been given until the 31st of this month to decide what course he will adopt. Nothing will be done in the matter until the 31st of this month.

(2.) Road from Camden to The Oaks:—*Mr. W. J. Fergusson*, for Mr. Targett, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Who is the Road Superintendent for the District of Campbelltown and Camden?

(2.) Has he recommended lately that any money be spent on the Road from Camden to The Oaks?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

(1.) Mr. Hugh Miller.

(2.) Mr. Miller reported that the annual grant for this Road, which is under Trustees, is quite sufficient to keep up the formation.

(3.) Federal Council Bill:—*Mr. W. J. Fergusson*, for Mr. Heydon, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has he received any acknowledgment of or reply to the Resolution carried in this House on 25th March last, and required by this House to be communicated to His Excellency the Governor, with the request that he would transmit the same to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, to the effect that it was desirable, in the opinion of this House, that before any Bill for the Federation of these Colonies was passed into law by the British Parliament, such Bill should be submitted to the Parliament of this Colony?

(2.) If any such reply has been received, would he communicate its purport to this House?

(3.) If no such reply has been received, will he urge that a reply be given to the Resolution of this House without further delay?

Mr. Stuart answered,—I have not received any such communication.

2. PAPERS:—*Mr. Farnell* laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return to an Order made on 19th June, 1884,—“Conditional Purchase of Mr. Robert Jackson, of Pokolbin.”

(2.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Public Purposes, in accordance with the 5th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.

(3.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from sale until surveyed for the Preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, in accordance with the 4th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.

(4.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 4th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.

(5.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated for the use of Pastoral and Agricultural Associations, in accordance with the 32nd section of the Act 39 Victoria No. 13.

(6.) Abstract of Alterations in Designs for Towns and Villages, under the 22nd section of the Act 43 Victoria No. 29.

(7.) Return to an Order made on 2nd July, 1884,—“Petition of Mr. Joachim.”

Ordered to be printed.

3. IMPORTED STOCK ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Abbott, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Abbott then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the 'Imported Stock Act of 1871.'*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Imported Stock Act of 1871,'*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 23rd July, 1884.

4. PUBLIC SCHOOL, SEVEN HILLS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Abigail moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all letters, minutes, plans, petitions, or other documents relating to the Public School to be erected at Seven Hills.
Question put and passed.

5. VICTORIAN COAL-MINING COMPANY'S BILL (No. 2):—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to authorize the Construction and Maintenance of a Line of Railway from Land at Mount Kembla to the Sea Coast at Port Kembla near Red Point near Wollongong,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 23rd July, 1884.

JOHN HAY,

President.

VICTORIAN COAL-MINING COMPANY'S BILL (No. 2).

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 23rd July, 1884.

JOHN J. CALVERT,

Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 2, clause 1, line 17. *Omit "sustained" insert "contained"*

Page 2, clause 1. At end of clause *add* "And that in default thereof or if after its completion the said Railway shall cease to be used for three years continuously all the said lands and all the said Company's interest and estate therein shall revert without any conveyance to the original owners thereof their heirs and assigns"

Page 3, clause 4, line 1. *Before "his" insert "and loading"*

Page 3, clause 4, line 23. *After "transit" insert "or otherwise"*

Page 4, clause, 6, line 16. *Omit "one" insert "not"*

Page 6, clause 13, lines 8 and 9. *Omit "if ordered by two Justices so to do"*

Page 6, clause 13, line 11. *Omit "if so ordered as aforesaid"*

Page 7, clause 15, line 5. *Omit "turnpike" insert "main"*

Page 7, clause 16, line 30. *Omit "turnpike" insert "main"*

Page 8, clause 20, line 49. *After "animals" insert "if any"*

Page 9, clause 22, line 3. *After "by" insert "two"*

Page 9, clause 22. At end of clause *add* "one to be appointed by the party or parties complaining and the other by the Company in accordance with the provisions of the Act thirty-first Victoria number fifteen '*An Act to make arbitrations more effectual.*'"

Page 9, clause 22. *After* clause 22 *insert* the following new clauses:—

"23. The Company shall make compensation and satisfaction to the said owners and occupiers (the amount of such compensation and satisfaction to be ascertained and recovered in case of difference in the manner hereby provided) for temporary permanent or recurring injury and all other damage loss costs charges and inconveniences which may in anywise be occasioned to the said owners or occupiers by the non-performance by the said Company of any of the matters and things hereby required to be performed by them or otherwise In every case where the Company shall take temporary possession of lands by virtue of the powers hereby granted it shall be incumbent on them within one month after their entry upon such lands upon being required so to do to pay to the occupier of the said lands the value of any crop or dressing that may be thereon as well as full compensation for any other damage of a temporary nature which he may sustain by reason of their so taking possession of his lands and they shall also from time to time during their occupation of the said lands pay half-yearly to such occupier or to the owner of the lands as the case may require a rent to be fixed by two Justices in case the parties differ and shall also within six months after the completion of the Railway pay to such owner and occupier or deposit in the bank for the benefit of all parties interested as the case may require compensation for all permanent or other loss damage or injury that may have been sustained by them by reason of the exercise as regards the said lands of the powers hereby granted including the full value of all clay stone gravel sand and other things taken from such lands."

"24. For the purpose of regulating the conduct of the officers and servants of the Company and for providing for the due management of the affairs of the Company in all respects it shall be lawful for the Company subject to the provisions herein mentioned from time to time to make such by-laws and regulations as they shall think fit Provided that such by-laws be not repugnant to the laws of the Colony or to the provisions of this Act or to any resolutions of any general meeting of shareholders and such by-laws shall be reduced into writing and shall have affixed thereto the common seal of the Company and a copy of such by-laws shall be given to every officer

Compensation for temporary permanent or recurring injuries.

Compensation to be made for temporary occupation.

Company may make by-laws.

“ officer and servant of the Company affected thereby and such by-laws may specify a maximum and minimum penalty for any breach thereof such penalty to be proceeded for and recovered under the provisions of the Act eleventh and twelfth Victoria chapter forty-three Provided always that any by-laws of the said Company relating to penalties must be first approved of by the Attorney General of the Colony for the time being.”

“ 25. The production of a printed or written copy of the by-laws of the Company having the common seal of the Company affixed thereto shall be sufficient evidence of such by-laws in all proceedings under the same.” ^{Evidence of by-laws.}

“ 26. In this Act the said ‘Justices’ shall mean Justices of the Peace in and for the territory of New South Wales and where any matter shall be authorized or required to be done by two Justices the expression ‘two Justices’ shall mean two Justices assembled and acting together in Petty Sessions and the word ‘owner’ shall mean any person or corporation who under the provisions of this Act would be able to sell land to the Company.” ^{Interpretation clause.}

Examined,—

JOSEPH DOCKER,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the Council's amendments be taken into consideration on Friday, 1st August.

6. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS :—

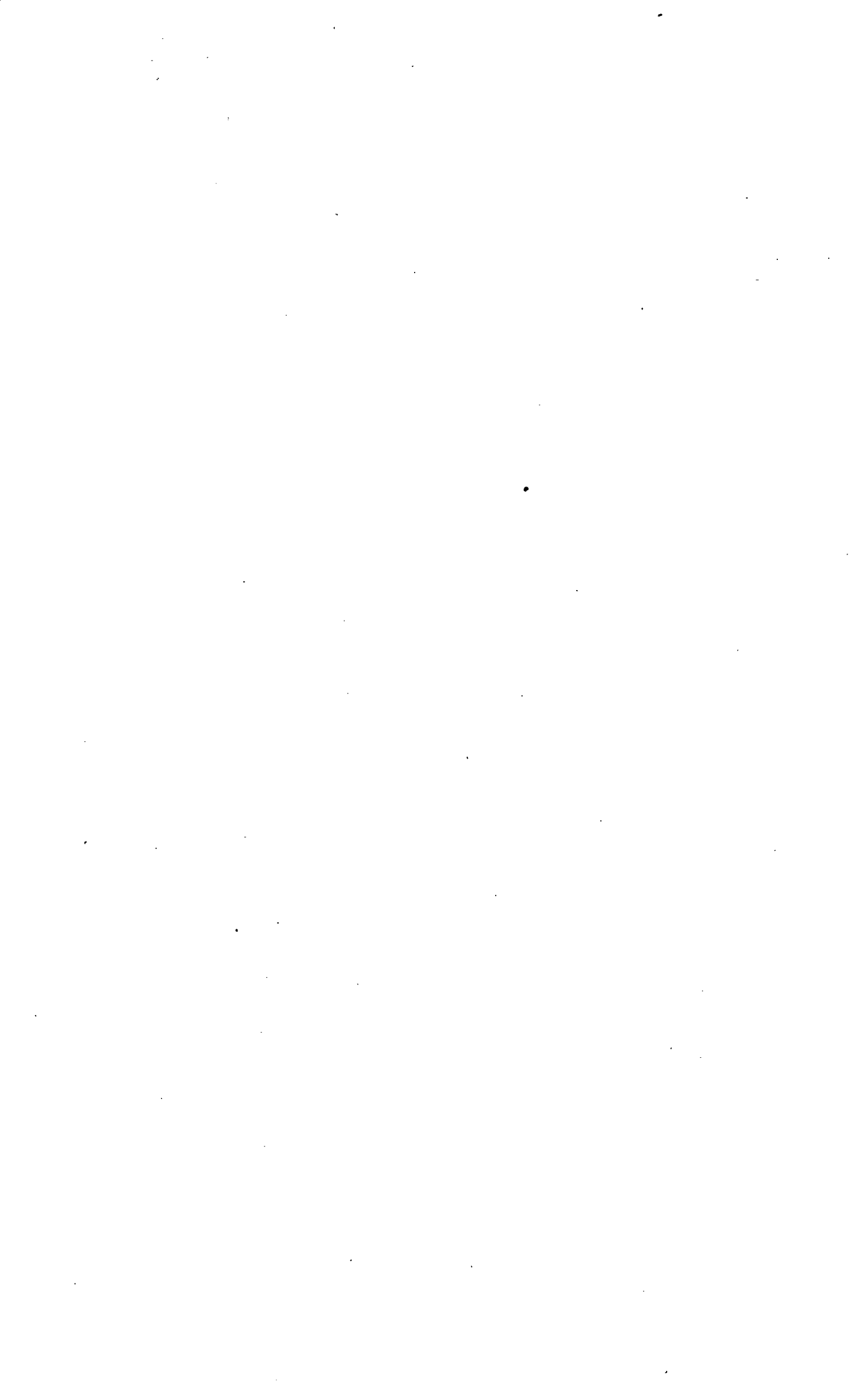
(1.) *Maturity of Warrant reported* :—Mr. Speaker reported that his Warrant, laid upon the Table on the 16th July instant, appointing John Fitzgerald Burns, Esquire, to be a Member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications for the present Session, not having been disapproved by the Assembly in the course of the three next sitting days on which the Assembly met for the despatch of Business, had now taken effect; and intimated that it was therefore open to Mr. Burns to be sworn at the Table by the Clerk, in accordance with the 59th section of the Electoral Act of 1880.

(2.) *Member of Committee Sworn* :—Mr. Burns came to the Table, and was sworn by the Clerk as a Member of the Committee.

7. CROWN LANDS BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill 2^o with further amendments. On motion of Mr. Farnell (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted. Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.

The House adjourned at ten minutes before Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 137.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 24 JULY, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Grant of Land to Australian Agricultural Company:—Mr. Melville asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Was a grant of 2,000 acres issued to the Australian Agricultural Company for land near Newcastle?
- (2.) What is the date of the grant?
- (3.) What was the amount of purchase money?
- (4.) Has the Commissioner for Railways resumed any portion of the grant for Railway purposes; if so, what area was resumed?
- (5.) Was it unimproved at the time of resumption?
- (6.) If resumed, was the land presented to the Government by the Company, or have they demanded compensation for the same; and if so, what amount?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) 20th November, 1847.
 - (3.) Nothing was paid; the land was granted for the purpose of encouraging the cultivation of the waste lands of the Colony.
 - (4.) Yes; 1 acre 13 $\frac{3}{4}$ perches was resumed in 1883 for the Great Northern Line, and 38 acres 23 perches in the same year for the Line from Homebush to Waratah.
 - (5.) It had the appearance of being unimproved.
 - (6.) The Company have not presented the land free; for the small portion they demanded £977 and for the 38 acres their demand is £118,489.
- (2.) Railway Cars:—*Mr. Poole*, for *Mr. McCulloch*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) What is the cost of the 1st-class Railway cars of the American saloon pattern?
 - (2.) What is the cost of 2nd-class cars of same pattern?
 - (3.) What is the number of passengers which such cars will carry?
 - (4.) What is the average space accommodation in cubic feet afforded to each passenger in such cars?
 - (5.) What is the weight of such cars?
 - (6.) For what length of time will such cars last, and what is the average cost of keeping them in repair?
 - (7.) What is the cost of the 1st-class cars recently constructed of the older pattern on Ashbury under carriages?
 - (8.) What is the cost of 2nd-class cars of that pattern?
 - (9.) What is the number of passengers such cars will carry?
 - (10.) What is the average space accommodation in cubic feet afforded to each passenger in such cars?
 - (11.) What is the weight of such cars?
 - (12.) For what length of time will such cars last, and what is the average cost of keeping them in repair?
 - (13.) Is it intended to construct any more such cars; and if so, how many are now ordered?
 - (14.) Is it intended to construct more cars of the American pattern; and if so, how many are now ordered?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—I shall have much pleasure in laying the information required by the Honorable Member upon the Table in the shape of a Return.

(3.)

(3.) Railway Traffic, Armidale to Glen Innes:—Mr. W. J. Fergusson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Have representations been made to him that all goods sent on the Line from Armidale to Glen Innes have to be sent through Wright, Heaton & Co., and that they charge £1 10s. per truck in addition to the £12 charged by the contractor? . . .

(2.) If this is the case, will he take immediate steps to have the above practice stopped, and allow the public to send goods without reference to Wright, Heaton & Co. ?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

(1.) Yes, representations to this effect have been made.

(2.) Immediately upon its being ascertained that there had been a departure from the terms of agreement under which the contractor was allowed to carry goods, the contractor was written to to observe agreement, and he has since been informed that the concession will be withdrawn altogether if immediate compliance is not made.

(4.) Cylinders for Hawkesbury Bridge.—Pipes for Hunter River Water Supply:—Mr. Luscombe asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it true that instructions are already sent to England to prepare the cylinders required for the Hawkesbury Railway Bridge ?

(2.) If not, will tenders be called in the Colony for the cylinders; and will sufficient time be given to the ironmasters of New South Wales fairly to tender before the upper structure of the Bridge arrives ?

(3.) Were tenders called in the Colony for the pipes now lying at Bullock Island, and required for the Hunter River and Newcastle Water Supply ?

(4.) Were the terms as to place of delivery of said pipes the same in the Colonial specification as in that of the specification for the English supply ?

(5.) Were the pipes delivered from the English ship on to the wharf at Bullock Island, or were they delivered first in our harbour and then transhipped to Bullock Island ?

(6.) Will the Minister give the names of the shippers or agents who obtained the orders to convey the pipes to this country, and the names of those who transhipped the pipes to Bullock Island, if they were so transhipped ?

(7.) Was the cost of shipping the pipes ascertained by inviting tenders, or from what source; and by whose authority was the order for shipment given ?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

(1.) No.

(2, 3, and 4.) Yes.

(5 and 6.) They were delivered in Newcastle direct, and not transhipped from Sydney.

(7.) The arrangements for the shipment of the pipes were made by the Agent General in London. A reference can be made for the particulars if the Honorable Member specifically wishes it.

(5.) Grant of Land to Mrs. Jessie Pegler:—Mr. Merriman asked the Secretary for Lands,—Has the Crown Solicitor issued a certificate in favour of Mrs. Jessie Pegler for a grant of some 30 acres of land at Bankstown, originally granted to John Mollett; if so, will he say if there is any delay in issuing the grant to Mrs. Pegler ?

Mr. Farnell answered,—The matter is under consideration, and in finally disposing of it there will be no unnecessary delay.

2. GOULBURN HOSPITAL SITE SALE BILL:—Mr. Teece presented a Petition from John Thomas Gannon, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the sale of the Site of the Goulburn Hospital, and to provide for the expenditure of the money received therefrom in the erection of suitable Buildings for a like purpose on a new site.

And Mr. Teece having produced the *Government Gazette*, the *Sydney Morning Herald*, the *Goulburn Herald* and the *Southern Argus*, newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—

Petition received.

3. PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Stuart moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Law relating to Patents and Trademarks.
Question put and passed.

4. TYPHOID FEVER (*Formal Motion*):—Dr. Ross moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—

(1.) The number of deaths that have occurred in the Colony from typhoid fever during the last five years, specifying the age, sex, and number in each year and registrar district respectively.

(2.) Also a similar Return showing the number of cases treated during the same period in the various Hospitals throughout the Colony, the age, sex, how long ill, and number of deaths in each year and in each Hospital respectively.

Question put and passed.

5. LEAVE OF ABSENCE (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Melville, for Mr. Tarrant, moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave of absence for three weeks be granted to John M. Purves, Esquire, Member for The Clarence, in consequence of ill-health.
Question put and passed.

6. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the third reading of the Electoral Act Amendment Bill postponed until Friday, 1st August.

7. MUNICIPAL GAS BILL (No. 2):—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Stuart moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Stuart, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.

On motion of Mr. Stuart (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.

8. TRAMWAY FROM NEWCASTLE TO PLATTSBURG :—Pursuant to the requirements of the 9th section of the Railway Act 22 Victoria No. 19, Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table (*as exhibits only*) Plans, Sections, and Book of Reference of a proposed Tramway from Newcastle to Plattsburg, commencing at Perkins-street, Newcastle, and terminating at Kenrick-street, Plattsburg, being a distance of 8 miles 20 chains.
9. PAPER :—Mr. Stuart laid upon the Table,—Further Return to an Address adopted on 6th July 1877,—“Immigration,”—Ship “Abergeldie.”
Ordered to be printed.
10. ADJOURNMENT :—
 - (1.) Mr. Stuart moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
 - (2.) Mr. Griffiths (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That this House at its rising this day do adjourn until Tuesday next.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly at three minutes after Seven o'clock, until *Tuesday next* at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 138.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 29 JULY, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Public Tanks and Wells:—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Mines,—Referring to my question and the Minister's reply thereto of 29th April last,—When is it likely the Tank Returns, ordered by this House five months ago, will be placed upon the Table?

Mr. Abbott answered,—Some of these Returns will be laid upon the Table within a few days; others will have to be delayed because the papers are under reference to the Inspectors.

- (2.) Court of Petty Sessions at Millie:—Mr. Dangar asked the Minister of Justice,—Is it intended, and if so when, to establish Courts of Petty Sessions at Millie, between Narrabri and Moree?

Mr. Cohen answered,—Inquiry is now being made in reference to this subject; but I am informed that the village of Millie has not yet been laid out, and that no Police Quarters have been erected there. However, the subject shall receive the fullest consideration in due course.

- (3.) Telegraph from Menindie to Silverton:—Mr. Hammond, for Mr. Quin, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it intended to construct a Telegraph Line from Menindie to Silverton?

Mr. Stuart answered,—This matter is engaging the attention at the present moment of the Postmaster General, who is making inquiry into the cost, and the best route.

- (4.) Memagong Run:—Mr. Luscombe asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) The name of the person or Corporation that held the lease of the Memagong Run in the Lachlan District on the 23rd of March, 1882, and in whose name does the lease now stand on the Government books?

(2.) Is it true that on the 23rd March, 1882, John Nisbet, Manager of Memagong Run (acting on behalf of the City Bank), Samuel C. Reid, and George M. Vance (both clerks in the City Bank at Young), conditionally purchased 640 acres of land each on the said Run; if it is true, will he lay copies of their applications upon the Table of this House?

(3.) Are such said selected lands improved; and has an Inspector of Conditional Purchases reported as to the fulfilment of conditions of improvements and residence; if so, will he lay copies of said reports upon the Table of this House?

(4.) What refunds, if any, have been paid in respect to such conditional purchases, to whose order were said refunds made payable, and to whom was the money paid by the Treasury?

(5.) Is it true that on Thursday the 17th instant, John Nisbet, managing Memagong Run (on behalf of the City Bank), re-selected 320 acres of land on the said Run, such land being an additional conditional purchase?

(6.) Did Edward Hay Fisher, on the 30th March, 1882, select 640 acres of land on the Memagong Run; and has the Inspector of Conditional Purchases ever made a report of residence of said E. H. Fisher on the selection; if so, will he lay copies of application to purchase, and of Inspector's report, upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) The City Bank.

(2.) Conditional purchases were on the dates mentioned made by the parties named, but as on their own behalf, not as for the City Bank.

(3.) The Inspector of Conditional Purchases has reported as to the residence and improvements in two of these cases, which have been referred to the Commissioner for investigation.

(4.) Refund in respect of 320 acres has been made to John Nisbet, and in respect of 263 acres to G. M. Vance.

(5.)

(5.) The additional selection of 320 acres was applied for by John Nisbet on the 17th instant on his own behalf.

(6.) R. H. Fisher selected 640 acres on the date mentioned. The Inspector has reported thereon, and the claim has been referred to the Commissioner for investigation. Copies of any of the foregoing documents will be laid upon the Table of the House if moved for.

(5.) Railway to Glen Innes:—Mr. W. J. Fergusson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Can he state the date the Line will be opened to Glen Innes?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The contractor has been informed that the length to Glen Innes must be ready to open for public traffic on Monday the 18th August next.

(6.) The Soup Kitchen:—Mr. Burns asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has his attention been drawn to the statement contained in the Annual Report of the Authorities of the Soup Kitchen, to the effect that a considerable number of newly arrived Immigrants, in destitute circumstances, had availed themselves of the benefits of the charity; and if so, has he ascertained whether the statement was correct?

Mr. Stuart answered,—I received last week a report from the Agent for Immigration on this subject. He states that, having challenged the correctness of the statement in question, he obtained from the Manager of the City Night Refuge a list of twenty-one so-called Immigrants who had applied for relief from the 1st of February to the 30th of June last, and that of these only one was an Immigrant, and he did not obtain relief from the Soup Kitchen till nearly three months after his arrival.

(7.) Grant to the Australian Agricultural Company:—Mr. Melville asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has he any objection to lay a copy of the Grant to the Australian Agricultural Company, dated 20th November, 1847, upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Stuart answered,—I should have no objection to lay upon the Table a copy of the Grant in question, but it is already upon the Table. I refer the Honorable Member to a Return ordered by the House to be printed on the 27th March, 1879.

(8.) Original Wills in Registrar General's Office:—Mr. Merriman asked the Minister of Justice,—Is it a fact that the Custodian of Wills takes away, or permits to be taken away, from the Registrar General's Office Original Wills for the purpose of being copied; if so, will the Minister order such practice to be discontinued?

Mr. Cohen answered,—I am informed that Original Wills are not allowed to be removed from the proper office, except when required to be produced under subpoena in the regular way; but two Officers of the Supreme Court have recently had certain Wills to copy into book form, which they keep under lock and key when not in use.

(9.) Defaced Silver Coin:—Mr. Hutchinson, for Mr. Garrard, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is he aware that the public suffer considerable annoyance and loss owing to the large amount of worn and defaced silver coin now in circulation; if so, will he give instructions to collect the said coin, say, by receiving the same for sale of stamps at all the Post Offices throughout the Colony for a period of three months, or by some other plan?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—A stock of new silver coin is always kept at the Mint, and can be exchanged with the Banks for worn and defaced silver coin at its full nominal value. It appears, therefore, to be the duty of those Institutions (with these easy means at their command, and without loss by the operation) to withdraw the defaced silver coin as it is deposited with them, and place the new coin in circulation.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Cohen laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return to an Address adopted on 8th February, 1884,—“Benches of Magistrates, West Kempsey and Gladstone.”

Ordered to be printed.

(2.) Correspondence, &c., respecting a charge of Perjury preferred against Jessie Jane Duncan, arising out of a case “*Regina v. Green and Warring*” (Rape).

Mr. Stuart laid upon the Table,—Return to an Address adopted on 13th February, 1884,—“*William Cresswell*.”

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Notification of resumption of Land near the junction of Cooperook Creek and Lansdowne River for Wharfage Purposes.

(2.) Notification of resumption of Land in the Parish of Menangle for Works in connection with Water Supply for Sydney and Suburbs.

(3.) Proclamation of the extension of the provisions of certain sections of the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act of 1880 to the Municipal District of Forbes.

Ordered to be printed.

3. COOTAMUNDRY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH LAND SALE BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Stuart, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,

Message No. 76.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled “*An Act to enable the Right Reverend William Lanigan the Very Reverend Patrick Dunne and John Hurley junior as Trustees of certain Land in the County of Harden Parish of Cootamundry (Village of Cootamundry) to sell the said Land and to provide for the appropriation of the proceeds thereof*,”—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,

Sydney, 29th July, 1884.

4. MUNICIPAL GAS BILL, No. 2 (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Stuart, read a third time, and passed.
Mr. Stuart then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the Municipal Law in relation to the Supply of Gas by Municipal Corporations and for other purposes in connection therewith.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—
MR. PRESIDENT,
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Municipal Law in relation to the Supply of Gas by Municipal Corporations and for other purposes in connection therewith,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 29th July, 1884.*
5. GOULBURN HOSPITAL SITE SALE BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Teece moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to authorize the sale of the Site of the Goulburn Hospital, and to provide for the expenditure of the money received therefrom in the erection of suitable Buildings for a like purpose on a new site.
Question put and passed.
6. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day respecting the Cleaning of Public Schools postponed until Tuesday next.
7. GOULBURN HOSPITAL SITE SALE BILL:—Mr. Teece having presented this Bill, and produced a Certificate of the payment of the sum of Twenty-five Pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to authorize the sale of the Site of the Goulburn Hospital and to provide for the expenditure of the money received therefrom in the erection of suitable Buildings for a like purpose on a new site,*"—read a first time.
8. CIVIL SERVICE BILL:—Mr. Stuart presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill for the regulation of the Civil Service for providing Retiring Allowances to the Members thereof and for other purposes,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
9. CROWN LANDS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Farnell moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 30 JULY, 1884, A.M.

Sir Patrick Jennings moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until to-morrow.

The House adjourned at twenty-seven minutes before One o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 139.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 30 JULY, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Railway Station, Blacktown Junction :—Mr. Burdekin asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is there a new Railway Station being erected at Blacktown Junction ?
 - (2.) Is it the intention of the Department to provide quarters for the Station-master in the building ?
 - (3.) If not, is it the intention of the Department to erect a separate building as a Station-master's residence ?
 - (4.) If so, is it proposed to resume land belonging to Mr. George Ireland adjoining the Station-yard for this purpose ?
 - (5.) If this is the intention of the Department, when will this land be resumed ?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) No.
 - (3.) Not immediately. No doubt a new residence will be required ere long.
 - (4 and 5.) I think the Honorable Member will see the propriety of my not answering these questions.
- (2.) Federation :—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary,—When will this House have the opportunity of considering the question of Federation, which the Government pledged the late Convention would be laid before this House for consideration without delay ?
- Mr. Stuart answered,—The House will shortly have an opportunity of considering the questions which the Government pledged to the late Convention would be laid before the House for consideration. But I am not aware that the Government pledged themselves to bring forward the question of Federation. They pledged bringing forward the question of a Federal Council, which is a very different thing from Federation.

- (3.) Financial position of the Colony :—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it true, as stated in a *Gazette* lately published, that there is a deficit for this year, as far as it has gone, of £480,000 ?
 - (2.) If this is not true, is there any deficit ; and how comes it that the *Gazette* referred to gives the deficit as above stated at £480,000 ?
 - (3.) Is it true that as much as £800,000 has been paid as interest on our Public Debt out of loan money, as shown by a Return showing in detail the various sums paid out of the Loans amounting to six millions sterling, issued in London in the year 1883 ?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

- (1.) No, it is not true.
 - (2.) This is answered by No. 1 ; but to make myself understood by the Honorable Member, I should have to go into a small financial statement, which I am sure the Honorable Member would not expect me to do. But if the first statement is not true, it seems to me that the others go by the board.
 - (3.) No.
- (4.) Wooden Pavement in George-street West :—Mr. Poole asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has his attention been called to the present disgraceful state of the costly wooden pavement in George-street West ; if so, will he insist upon a strict and impartial investigation being held to ascertain the cause, and who is to blame ?

Mr.

Mr. Dibbs answered,—My attention had not been called to this matter of the state of George-street West until I saw the notice of question given by the Honorable Member. But this afternoon I went down to look for myself, and I was surprised at the evidence of what looked like wear and tear of the road. It was in a disgraceful state, almost as bad as a badly worn metal road. It is so seriously out of order that I have called upon three of the Officers of the Department—Mr. Moriarty, Mr. Cowdery, and Mr. Bennett—to report upon the present condition of the road, and the causes that have led to its getting into its present state.

- (5.) Railway Commissioner's Report:—Mr. Poole asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he say when the Railway Commissioner's Report for 1883 will be published for general information?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The Report will be laid upon the Table in about two months.

- (6.) The Prisoner Potter:—Mr. W. J. Fergusson asked the Minister of Justice,—If his attention has been drawn to the case of Potter, sentenced to three years at the last Glen Innes Quarter Sessions for assaulting a young girl, and to the evidence given before the Judge after passing sentence, about statements made by the prosecutrix and her mother as to the truth of the evidence given at the trial; if so, is it his intention to have an inquiry made, or will he recommend the liberation of the prisoner?

Mr. Cohen answered,—Yes. Judge Murray, before whom this case was tried, has addressed a communication to the Department of Justice upon the subject, and some further inquiry is being made, and the Judge has been invited to forward a copy of his notes taken at the trial, upon receipt of which the case shall receive immediate consideration.

- (7.) The Civil Service:—Mr. Stephen asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Have any representations been made to the Colonial Secretary by Civil Servants who were Officers of the Government before the passing of the Constitution Act with regard to their claims for retiring allowances under Schedule B of that Act?

(2.) Has any case been submitted to the Crown Law Officers for an opinion as to whether the sum of £3,500 provided for in that Schedule was only available for Civil Servants who were in the employment of the Government at the time of the passing of the Act?

(3.) Has any opinion been given by the Crown Law Officers; and if so, is there any objection to lay a copy of it upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) Yes; and I will lay a copy of it upon the Table this afternoon.

- (8.) Darling Harbour Yard:—Mr. Abigail asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is he aware that the Darling Harbour Yard is in a disgraceful state, preventing people who have to attend the produce sales from doing their business; if so, will he take the necessary steps to have it placed in a proper state of repair?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—This Yard is not in a disgraceful state. It has a good sound metalled foundation; and though, in consequence of the recent wet weather, it is more muddy than usual, every effort is being made to keep it in as clean a condition as the weather and the conditions of the traffic will allow.

- (9.) Road from Riverstone Railway Station to Blacktown Road:—Mr. Burdekin asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Will the Minister instruct the Commissioner for Roads to send an Inspector at once to report on the state of the road, Riverstone Railway Station to Blacktown Road, especially at a hill about a mile and a half from Riverstone Station; also on the state of the road at a hill opposite Clydesdale on the Blacktown Road?

(2.) Is it a fact that these two hills have been rendered perfectly impassable for teams by the hard top being cut off, and the white pipeclay substratum left exposed to carry the traffic?

(3.) Is it a fact that the first mentioned road is under the control of a Government Road Superintendent, under whose supervision this cutting was authorized and carried out; did the same Road Superintendent advise the Blacktown Road Trustees to allow the hard hill to be cut down at Clydesdale?

(4.) If so, will the Minister put a sufficient sum of money on the Additional Estimates to make these roads passable?

(5.) Will the Minister ascertain whether this road, Riverstone Railway Station to Blacktown Road, is not one of the principal roads of approach to Riverstone Railway Station?

(6.) Will the Minister ascertain whether all heavy-team traffic from Windsor, Richmond, and Pitt Town, is not completely cut off by the impassable nature of the roads?

(7.) Will the Minister instruct the Inspector to see Mr. Edward Carey, freeholder, of the Blacktown Road, drawing to Riverstone Station, who can give valuable information on the above subjects, as well as to the deposits of metal for road formation?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—An inspection has been ordered, and a report will be prepared embodying replies to all the Honorable Member's questions, and laid upon the Table.

2. PRIVILEGE:—Mr. Cameron, Chairman of Committees, complained of certain language addressed to him last evening by the Honorable Member for Redfern (Mr. Fremlin), in one of the ante-rooms, and stated that he regarded such language as intended to influence him in the discharge of his duties as a Member of this House.

And Mr. Fremlin having been heard in his place, withdrew.

Mr. A. G. Taylor moved, That this House is of opinion that, notwithstanding personal friendliness may have actuated the Honorable Member for Redfern (Mr. Fremlin), in the advice tendered by him to the Chairman of Committees, it is incumbent on this House to assert the right of the Chairman of Committees to exercise independence of voice and vote when freed from his official capacity.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The

The House divided.

Ayes, 32.

Mr. Stuart,	Mr. Humphery,
Sir John Robertson,	Mr. Lynch,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Trickett,	Mr. Roberts,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Hugh Taylor,
Mr. Proctor,	Mr. Abigail,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. A. G. Taylor,
Mr. Wisdom,	Mr. Tecca,
Mr. Combes,	Mr. Gill,
Mr. Day,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Burdakin,	Mr. Gibbes,
Mr. Alexander Rylie,	Mr. Stephen.
Mr. Quin,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Buchanan,	
Mr. David Rylie,	Mr. Griffiths,
Mr. Cass,	Mr. Heydon.

Noes, 24.

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. O'Mara,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Loughnan,	Mr. T. R. Smith,
Mr. McCulloch,	Mr. Harris,
Mr. Poole,	Mr. Ellis.
Mr. Garvan,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Dalton,	
Mr. Levin,	Mr. Merriman,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Mitchell.
Mr. W. J. Fergusson,	
Mr. Hutchinson,	
Mr. Butcher,	
Mr. Lloyd,	
Mr. Murray,	
Mr. Targett,	
Mr. Withers,	
Mr. De Salis,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

3. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Mr. Stuart, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

(1.) Patents and Trademarks Bill:—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor.

Message No. 77.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to amend the Law relating to Patents and Trademarks.

*Government House,
Sydney, 30th July, 1884.*

Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

(2.) Civil Service Bill (No. 2):—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor.

Message No. 78.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill for the regulation of the Civil Service, for providing Superannuation and Retiring Allowances to the Members thereof, and for other purposes.

*Government House,
Sydney, 30th July, 1884.*

Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

4. PETITION OF CAPTAIN ARMSTRONG:—Mr. Day, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this subject was referred on 6th May, 1884; together with Appendix.

Ordered to be printed.

5. MINING ACT FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to extend the provisions of the Mining Acts by giving power to grant Leases for mining on certain areas now exempt from such power to prescribe the conditions of such Leases to remove doubts as to the power to make Reserves for Mining Purposes and for other purposes,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 30th July, 1884.*

JOHN HAY,
President.

6. PAPER:—Mr. Stuart laid upon the Table,—Opinion of the Honorable the Attorney General on the provision made by the Constitution Act for Retiring Allowances to non-political Officers of the Government.

Ordered to be printed.

7. SYDNEY UNIVERSITY FEES (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Poole moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing the total number of applications from intending Students received this year, from 1st January to date, by the Senate of the Sydney University for remission of fees, for grace in the matter of time of payments, and for reduction of fees, stating the several faculties in relation to which the indulgence was requested, the number of such applications granted, and the number refused, together with copies of the reasons given for such refusals.

Question put and passed.

8. PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDINGS AT MORPETH (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Wisdom moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence which has taken place during the last eighteen months between the Department of Public Instruction and any person or persons relative to the repair of the Public School Buildings at Morpeth, together with copies of tenders and all other documents having reference to such repairs.

Question put and passed.

9. TELEGRAPH OR TELEPHONE OFFICE AT LARGS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Wisdom moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence and papers having reference to the establishment of a Telegraph or Telephone Office at Largs.
Question put and passed.
10. PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDINGS, WALLALONG (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Wisdom moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence and papers relating to the proposed new Public School and Teacher's Residence at Wallalong.
Question put and passed.
11. THE ART GALLERY (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Burdekin moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers and plans connected with the present temporary Art Gallery and its proposed alteration.
Question put and passed.
12. GOULBURN HOSPITAL SITE SALE BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Teece moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That the Goulburn Hospital Site Sale Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, with power to send for persons and papers.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Farnell, Mr. Holborow, Mr. De Salis, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Gibbes, Mr. Harris, Mr. Barbour, and the Mover.
Question put and passed.
13. MORNING STAR EXTENDED QUARTZ CLAIM (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Melville*, for Mr. Vaughn, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the papers laid upon the Table of this House on the 20th March, 1884, respecting the "Morning Star Extended Quartz Claim" be printed.
Question put and passed.
14. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed until Friday, 8th August:—
(1.) Religious Persuasions of Children attending Public Schools; resumption of the adjourned Debate.
(2.) Mittagong Coal-mining Company's Railway Bill; second reading.
(3.) Bridge, Nambuccera River; consideration in Committee of an Address to the Governor.
15. CROWN LANDS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Farnell, "That this Bill be now read a third time,"—
And the Question being again proposed, the House resumed the said adjourned Debate.
Mr. Alexander Ryrie moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until to-morrow.

The House adjourned at five minutes before Twelve o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 140.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 31 JULY, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

PAPER:—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Abstracts of the Public Accounts of the Colony for the year 1883, together with the Auditor General's Report thereon,—transmitted to the Legislative Assembly in accordance with the provisions of the Audit Act of 1870.
Ordered to be printed.

2. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Eastern Creek Road:—Mr. T. R. Smith asked the Secretary for Mines,—When the fence will be removed and road cleared on road from Western Road towards Liverpool Road, at Eastern Creek, which has been promised for the last two years?

Mr. Abbott answered,—A part of the road, viz., from the east boundary of J. T. Campbell's, now Messrs. Shepherds 1,100 acres, to the south-east corner of J. W. Howey's 124 acres, having been confirmed, was formally opened by the Surveyor in March, 1883, and the Department is not aware of any fence being upon the road. If the question refers to a part of the road from the Western Road to the south-east corner of J. W. Howey's 124 acres, that particular part has not been proclaimed, nor has any promise been made by the Department in respect to it.

- (2.) Junction of New South Wales and Queensland Railways:—Mr. W. J. Fergusson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) If he has received any communication from the Queensland Government in reference to the Junction of the New South Wales Railway with that Colony?

(2.) Will he state to the House what arrangements, if any, have been made about the Joint Railway Station?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

(1.) No communication on this subject has been received from the Queensland Government since June, 1883.

(2.) No arrangement has yet been made.

- (3.) Glen Innes Gaol:—Mr. W. J. Fergusson asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) When tenders will be called for the erection of the Glen Innes Gaol?

(2.) Have the plans been prepared; if so, has he approved of them?

(3.) What has been the cause of delay in calling for tenders?

Mr. Cohen answered,—Plans are nearly completed, but tenders cannot be invited until the levels of the site have been taken, for which purpose an Officer will visit Glen Innes if possible next week.

- (4.) Waterproof Clothing for Tram Guards:—Mr. Fremlin asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) From whom were the Tram Guards waterproofs purchased last year?

(2.) What was the price paid for each?

(3.) Were they purchased in England?

(4.) Is it a fact that they were of very bad quality?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

(1.) Messrs. Stathorn & Co., of England.

(2.) Thirty-two shillings each.

(3.) Yes.

(4.) Yes; not equal to specification, as certified to by experts. The firm who supplied them have been communicated with through their Sydney Agent.

(5.)

- (5.) Northern Coast Railway—Morpeth to Grafton:—Mr. Wisdom asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the Trial Survey of the proposed Northern Coast Railway from Morpeth to Grafton be completed?
Mr. Dibbs answered,—The Trial Survey from West Maitland to Grafton will, I think, be completed in November next.
- (6.) Temperance Hall, Newtown:—Mr. Melville asked the Minister of Justice,—
 (1.) What is the cost of the alterations in the Temperance Hall, Newtown, to fit it for a temporary Court-house?
 (2.) Were public tenders called for the alterations and fittings?
 (3.) How many persons tendered?
 (4.) Who was the successful tenderer, and what is the amount of his tender?
 (5.) Who has the passing of the work previous to payment being made?
Mr. Cohen answered,—
 (1.) £94 4s. 3d.
 (2.) No.
 (3 and 4.) Answered by No. 2.
 (5.) William Crane, Esq., and T. K. Abbott, Esq., Stipendiary Magistrates, Central Police Court, to whom the supervision of the work was entrusted in view of its pressing urgency.
- (7.) Approaches to Allandale Railway Station:—Mr. Burns asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he cause the approaches to Allandale Railway Station to be improved as early as may be practicable?
Mr. Dibbs answered,—A sum of £70 has been voted, and local Officer instructed to expend as soon as possible.
- (8.) Electorate of Canterbury:—Mr. Hammond asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has the Electoral District of Canterbury been proclaimed entitled to an additional Member to serve in the Legislative Assembly by reason of the number of Electors on the Electoral Roll having exceeded 8,000; if not, within what time will the Proclamation appear, as required by the Electoral Act of 1880?
Mr. Stuart answered,—My attention has not been called to the fact—if it be a fact—that the Electoral District of Canterbury is entitled to more Members. It is usual for the sitting Members, or the leading Electors, to point out that such a dignity has been attained to, and it is then the duty of the Colonial Secretary to make inquiry to ascertain whether it be so or not.
- (9.) Annandale Bridge:—*Dr. Ross*, for Mr. Garrard, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 (1.) Is it true that several Deputations from the Leichhardt and Camperdown Borough Councils have waited upon the Minister, pointing out the great danger to the public through the narrowness of the Annandale Bridge, Johnstone's Creek, over which the Tram runs, and urging that the bridge should be widened?
 (2.) Is he aware that frequent accidents occur at this bridge, and that on the 24th July the Tram which left Leichhardt at 6:25 ran into a dray at the Camperdown Bridge, knocking off one of the wheels and throwing the driver to the ground with such force that he lay for some time insensible, and that only an evening or two before a precisely similar accident occurred at the same place?
 (3.) Will the Minister give instructions to have this bridge widened at once?
Mr. Dibbs answered,—
 (1.) Yes.
 (2.) Neither of the accidents referred to occurred at the bridge, and the width of the road-way in no way affected the cause of these accidents.
 (3.) The width of the road-way at bridge has already been increased 7 feet; the road is now wider than most of the streets of Sydney. Further inquiry will, however, be made.
- (10.) Renewed Leases of Runs:—*Dr. Ross* asked the Secretary for Lands,—The number of Leases of Runs in the three Divisions of the Colony that have been renewed during the last twenty years in consequence of the carrying capabilities having been increased by virtue of improvement, specifying the number in each Division respectively, and the area of same?
Mr. Farnell answered,—1,371 Leases have been extended, under the provisions of the 15th section of Occupation Act of 1861:—
- | | | Average area of each Run. |
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| Western Division, | 827 Runs | 43,586 acres. |
| Central | 495 " | 24,032 " |
| Eastern | 49 " | 15,418 " |
- The acreage shows the average area available for pastoral lease contained in these Runs, as estimated at their last appraisalment.
3. MITTAGONG COAL-MINING COMPANY'S RAILWAY BILL:—Mr. Lackey presented a Petition from George Alexander Murray, Esq., Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Mittagong Land Company, praying that the Mittagong Coal-mining Company's Railway Bill may not pass into law as it now stands, and that Petitioner's Company may be heard by Counsel against certain provisions of the Bill which affect their rights and interests.
 Petition received.
4. LICENSING ACT:—Mr. Gorrick presented a Petition from Licensed Publicans of the City of Newcastle and surrounding District, and others interested in the trade, complaining of the compulsory closing of Public Houses on Sundays, and the limitation put on the hours of selling on week days, and giving their opinion that it is not desirable that the principle of local option should be applied to the renewal of Publicans Licenses; and praying the House to favourably consider their representations.
 Petition received.

5. **PAPERS:—**
 Mr. Cohen laid upon the Table,—Return to an Address adopted on 8th February, 1884,—“ Benches of Magistrates, West Kempsey and Gladstone.” (*In substitution for the Paper bearing similar title laid upon the Table on Tuesday, 29th July.*)
 Ordered to be printed.
 Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 22nd April, 1884,—“ Trial Survey of the Armidale and Trial Bay Railway.”
 Ordered to be printed.
6. **CIVIL SERVICE BILL, No. 2 (Formal Motion):—**Mr. Stuart moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill for the regulation of the Civil Service, for providing Superannuation and Retiring Allowances to the Members thereof, and for other purposes.
 Question put and passed.
7. **THE CIVIL SERVICE (Formal Motion):—**Mr. Hutchinson moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing the names of all Officers of the Public Service whose appointments date back to before the passing of the Constitution Act, giving length of service, and salary, and the amount of pension to which they would respectively be entitled by the extension of Schedule B, or the adoption of subsequent English Acts of Superannuation.
 Question put and passed.
8. **LEAVE OF ABSENCE (Formal Motion):—**Mr. Melville moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave of absence for three weeks be granted to Richard Randolph Machattie, Esquire, a Member for Bourke, on account of urgent private business.
 Question put and passed.
9. **THE QUIRINDI RAPE CASE (Formal Motion):—**Mr. Levien moved, pursuant to Notice, That the papers in reference to the prisoners Warring and Green laid upon the Table of this House on the 29th of July by the Minister of Justice be printed, with the exception of the evidence taken at the inquiry before Mr. T. K. Abbott.
 Question put and passed.
10. **CROWN LANDS BILL:—**The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Farnell, “That this Bill be now read a third time,”—
 And the Question being again proposed, the House resumed the said adjourned Debate.
 Mr. McCourt moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
 Question put and passed.
 Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.
11. **PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS BILL:—**The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Stuart, Mr. Speaker left the Chair and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Law relating to Patents and Trademarks.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported from the Committee a Resolution, which was read as follows:—
Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to amend the law relating to Patents and Trademarks.
 On motion of Mr. Stuart, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
12. **ADJOURNMENT:—**Mr. Stuart moved, That this House do now adjourn.
 Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

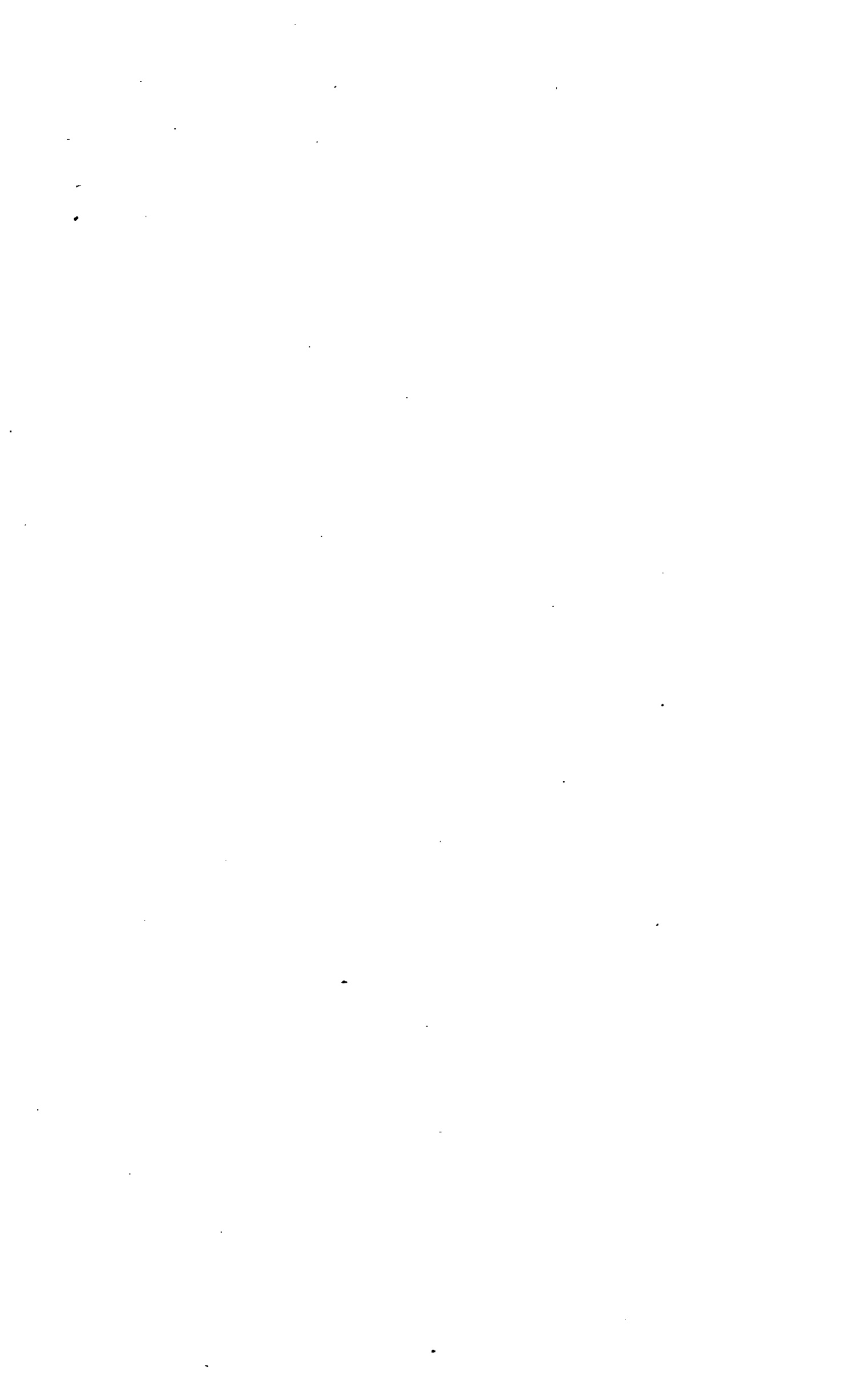
And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 1 AUGUST, 1884, A.M.

13. **ADJOURNMENT:—**Mr. Poole (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That this House at its rising this day do adjourn until Tuesday next.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly at five minutes after Twelve o'clock a.m., until *Tuesday next* at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 141.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 5 AUGUST, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Sale of Gunpowder at Shoalhaven :—Mr. Humphery asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
 (1.) Will he give the name or names of the Inspector or Inspectors appointed for the district of Shoalhaven under the Gunpowder Act during and since 1881 ?
 (2.) The number of licensed premises under the Act approved in the district of Shoalhaven since 1880, and the locality of such premises, and names of licensees ?
 (3.) The dates of shipment of powder from the Ordnance Stores for Shoalhaven since 1880, the names of persons to whom shipped, and the quantities of powder or other explosives so shipped ?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The information asked for by the Honorable Member will be laid upon the Table this evening in the shape of a Return.

- (2.) Service of Process on Government Officials :—Mr. W. J. Fergusson asked the Minister of Justice,—Whether he will instruct the Crown Solicitor to accept service of any process issued against Ministers, or other Crown Officials in their official capacity, on the same being tendered at the Crown Solicitor's Office without the Crown Solicitor first requiring to obtain direct instructions from the Official sued, or that the process should be personally served upon such Official ?

Mr. Abbott answered,—It is not desirable that process issued against Ministers or other Government Officials should be served upon the Crown Solicitor. If sent to the Minister or Official named in process, it, with the necessary instructions to defend, is forwarded to the Crown Solicitor, who until he receives such instructions has no information as to the subject matter of the action, and is not authorized to deal with it.

- (3.) Public School Buildings at Pyangle :—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—When will steps be taken to erect the new Public School Buildings at Pyangle, promised many months ago ?

Mr. Trickett answered,—The Architect reports that he expects to be in a position to recommend a tender for the Buildings in a week's time. He is awaiting the receipt of tenders from contractors at Dungaree and Rylstone, for whose perusal the plans have been sent.

- (4.) Stock Road near Mudgee Railway Terminus :—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Mines,—When will the proposed Road for Stock (near the Mudgee Railway Terminus, through the Honorable G. H. Cox's land) be opened ?

Mr. Abbott answered,—The only Act under which the Government can proclaim roads is 4 William IV. No 11, but this law contemplates parish roads for the use of the public, but not such roads as that asked for for the use of travelling stock.

- (5.) Financial Position of the Colony :—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Treasurer,—The Treasurer having stated, in answer to a question put by me last Wednesday, that no money had been paid out of loan money as interest on National Debt,—I now ask him if £783,230 was not paid as interest on Debentures, and also £77,545 as interest and extinction of the Million Loan, as stated in a Return laid upon the Table of the Legislative Council showing the various sums paid out of the Loans, amounting to Six Millions sterling, issued in London in the year 1883 ?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—I have already replied to a question of this nature that the interest upon the public debt, &c., was not paid out of borrowed money.

- (6.) Financial Position of the Colony :—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is the Treasurer aware the Attorney General admits a deficit, in answer to a question put to him in the other Chamber ?

(2.) Is it the intention of the Treasurer to make a further Financial Statement during the present Session ?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

(1.) I am not aware that the Attorney General admitted anything of the kind.

(2.) That will depend entirely upon circumstances.

(7.)

- (7.) Re-selection of Forfeited Conditional Purchases:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the Judges of the Supreme Court decided that forfeited Free Selections could not be legally re-selected?
 - (2.) If so, was this decision affirmed by the Privy Council, and does the Department permit forfeited Free Selections to be re-selected?
- Mr. Farnell answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) The decision was affirmed by the Privy Council on appeal. Forfeited selections are permitted to be re-selected pursuant to the Forfeited Conditional Purchases Declaratory Act of 1880.
2. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Buchanan moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
3. QUESTIONS:—
- (8.) Mr. Stuart's Mineral Conditional Purchases:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Is it true that the twenty applications for Mineral Conditional Purchases, Nos. 74–13,310 to 13,330, parishes of Bulga and South End, county Cumberland, recorded in the Land Agent's books at Campbelltown as having been made in that Land Office on the 26th November, 1874, were not so lodged or made on that date?
 - (2.) Were they forwarded from Sydney to the Land Agent at Campbelltown on Saturday, 28th November, 1874, with orders to enter them in his books as if made on Thursday, 26th November?
 - (3.) Is it true that the Minister for Lands has issued instructions, or otherwise advised, that on the applicant, Alexander Stuart, paying up the balance of the purchase money, that he, the Minister for Lands, would order the issue of the deeds for said lands?
 - (4.) Have any other applications to conditionally purchase the said lands been made?
 - (5.) Is the Alexander Stuart named in these twenty applications now the Colonial Secretary?
- Mr. Farnell answered,—
- (1.) The applications referred to (the applicant for which was the holder of the land under mineral lease, and consequently the only person who could have conditionally purchased the land) were lodged with the Department of Lands in Sydney on the date mentioned instead of the local Land Office.
 - (2.) Yes.
 - (3.) No.
 - (4.) Applications have recently been made by other parties to purchase certain of the same lands.
 - (5.) Yes.
- (9.) Scaffolding at General Post Office:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
When will instructions be given to remove the scaffolding at the rear of the General Post Office?
- Mr. Dibbs answered,—This is a matter that rests with the contractor for the building, whose time for completion does not expire until February next.
- (10.) Analysis of Water used for Street Watering:—Mr. O'Mara asked the Colonial Secretary,—
Will he instruct the Government Analyst to make, as early as possible, an analysis of water taken while the harbour is at low tide from the Street Watering Tanks situate near St. Andrew's Cathedral and Hyde Park respectively?
- Mr. Stuart answered,—I will instruct the Government Analyst as desired.
4. AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE IMPORTED INTO THE COLONY:—Dr. Ross presented a Petition from Members of the Molong Farmers Union, and others, in favour of the imposition of a duty for Revenue purposes on all Agricultural Produce imported into New South Wales; and praying for a careful consideration of the matter.
Petition received.
5. PAPER:—Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table,—Return showing the names of Inspectors appointed under the Gunpowder Act, and the quantity of Gunpowder shipped, for the District of Shoalhaven.
Ordered to be printed.
6. CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN MESSRS. BRETNALL BROTHERS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Fremlin moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence between Messrs. Brettnall Brothers and the Department of Justice, and all correspondence relating to that subject between the Department of Justice, the Prothonotary, and His Honor the Chief Justice.
Question put and passed.
7. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
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| (1.) Licensing Acts Amendment Bill; adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Olliffe, "That this Bill be now read a second time";— | } until Tuesday next. |
| (2.) Cleaning Public Schools; consideration in Committee of an Address to the Governor;— | |
- (3.) Monk-Wearmouth Colliery Railway Bill; to be further considered in Committee;—until Friday, 15th August.
- (4.) Victorian Coal-mining Company's Bill (No. 2); consideration in Committee of the Whole of Legislative Council's amendments;—until Friday next.
- (5.) Electoral Act Amendment Bill; third reading;—until Friday next.
- (6.) Badham Annuity Bill; consideration in Committee of expediency of bringing in a Bill;—until Friday, 15th August.
- (7.) Companies (Extra-Colonial Registers) Bill; second reading;—until Friday, 22nd August.
- (8.) Illegal Lotteries Bill; second reading;—until Tuesday, 19th August.

8. **CIVIL SERVICE BILL**.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill read,—and, on motion of Mr. Stuart, discharged.
Ordered, that the Bill be withdrawn.
9. **CIVIL SERVICE BILL (No. 2)**.—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Stuart, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill for the regulation of the Civil Service, for providing Superannuation and Retiring Allowances to the Members thereof, and for other purposes.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), that the report be *now* received.
The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—
Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill for the regulation of the Civil Service, for providing Superannuation and Retiring Allowances to the Members thereof, and for other purposes.
On motion of Mr. Stuart, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
10. **CROWN LANDS BILL**.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Farnell, "That this Bill be now read a third time,"—
And the Question being again proposed, the House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 6 AUGUST, 1884, A.M.

Mr. Abigail moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 34.

Sir John Robertson,	Mr. Copeland,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Gibbes,
Mr. Combes,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Burdekin,	Mr. Suttor,
Mr. R. B. Smith,	Mr. A. G. Taylor,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Proctor,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Cameron.
Mr. Heydon,	
Mr. Day,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Levin,	Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Dalton,	Mr. Hammond.
Mr. Vaughn,	
Mr. Wisdom,	
Mr. Garrett,	
Mr. Buchanan,	
Mr. Dangar,	
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	
Mr. Do Salis,	
Mr. McLaughlin,	
Dr. Ross,	
Mr. Teece,	
Mr. Spring,	
Mr. Abigail,	
Mr. Holborow,	
Mr. Griffiths,	

Noes, 48.

Mr. Stuart,	Mr. White,
Mr. Targott,	Mr. William Clarke,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Moses,
Mr. Trickett,	Mr. Tarrant,
Mr. Lynch,	Mr. T. R. Smith,
Mr. Bruncker,	Mr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Alexander Ryrie,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Quin,	Mr. Fromlin,
Mr. Lloyd,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Butcher,	Mr. Ellis,
Mr. Gill,	Mr. Cass,
Mr. Luscombe,	Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Olliffe,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Merriman,	Mr. D. A. Ferguson,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Poole,
Mr. Jones,	Mr. Withers,
Mr. David Ryrie,	Mr. W. R. Campbell,
Mr. George Campbell,	Mr. Coonan.
Mr. W. J. Fergusson,	
Mr. Mackinnon,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Russell Barton,	Mr. Loughnan,
Mr. Murray,	Mr. Mitchell.

And so it passed in the negative.

Original Question again proposed,—That this Bill be now read a third time.

Mr. Sydney Smith moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

And Mr. Speaker having called the attention of the House to continued irrelevance and tedious repetition on the part of Mr. A. G. Taylor, one of the Members for Mudgee, directed that Honorable Member to discontinue his speech.

Question again proposed, That this House do now adjourn.

And Mr. Taylor persisting in addressing the House, notwithstanding repeated warnings, was named by Mr. Speaker as disregarding the authority of the Chair.

Whereupon, on motion made by Mr. Stuart, Mr. Speaker forthwith put the Question,—That Mr. A. G. Taylor, one of the Members for Mudgee, be suspended from the service of the House.

Question put and passed.

Then Mr. Speaker directed Mr. Taylor to withdraw.

And Mr. Taylor refusing to withdraw,—Mr. Speaker directed the Sergeant-at-Arms to do his duty. Whereupon the Sergeant-at-Arms removed Mr. Taylor from the Chamber.

Question again proposed, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate continued.

And the House continuing to sit until the hour fixed by Sessional Order for its meeting on Wednesday,—Mr. Speaker called on the Business set down for that day.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 142.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 6 AUGUST, 1884.

1. The House continued to sit without interruption from Tuesday until the hour fixed by Sessional Order for its meeting This Day.
2. PROPOSED TRAMWAY FROM NEWCASTLE TO PLATTSBURG (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Dibbs moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House approves of the Plan, Section, and Book of Reference of the proposed Tramway from Newcastle to Plattsburg, laid before the House on the 29th July last, in accordance with the 9th section of the Government Railways Act 22 Victoria No. 19.
Question put and passed.
3. OFFICERS OF THE SUPREME COURT (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. R. B. Smith, for Mr. A. G. Taylor, moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence, minutes, &c., between the Chief Justice and the Colonial Secretary, between 7th May, 1883, and 7th June, 1883, respecting the propriety of putting the appointment of the Officers in the Supreme Court upon the same footing as in the Mother Country.
Question put and passed.
4. THE CASE OF EDWARD ANDERSEN (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Hammond moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House a copy of the depositions and other papers (if any) in connection with the case of a seaman named Edward Andersen, a Norwegian, who was tried before Mr. Addison, Stipendiary Magistrate, for indecent behaviour at Coogee, and who was sentenced to be flogged.
Question put and passed.
5. POSTPONEMENTS:—The Orders of the Day of Government Business Nos. 1 to 7 inclusive postponed until to-morrow.
6. CLAIM OF BROWN AND MCRAE FOR LOSS OF LEASES:—The Order of the Day in reference to this subject read,—and, on motion of Mr. Melville, discharged.
7. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Carriages Regulation Bill postponed until Friday, 22nd August.
8. PAPER:—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Copy of a Minute of His Excellency the Governor and the Executive Council authorizing the application of an amount from one Head of Service to supplement a Vote for another Service,—transmitted to the Legislative Assembly under the directions contained in the 18th section of the Audit Act of 1870.
Ordered to be printed.
9. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Wisdom moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
10. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—
 - (1.) Stirling's Trusts Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Trustees of a Settlement made by Frederick Henry Stirling and Helen Cecilia Deas-Thomson to join with other persons in the Leasing and Sale of Lands subject of the said Settlement*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 6th August, 1884.

JOHN HAY,
President.
(2.)

(2.) City Bank Act Extension Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to continue for a further term of Twenty-one Years the provisions of the 'City Bank Act' whereby the City Bank as thereby incorporated was empowered to make issue circulate and re-issue Bank Notes or Bills,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 6th August, 1884.*

JOHN HAY,
President.

11. SALE OF COLONIAL WINES:—Mr. Young presented a Petition from Residents of the Manning River and vicinity, representing that the portion of the present Licensing Act regulating the sale of Colonial Wines is opposed to the development of the Wine-growing Industry; and praying the House to take into favourable consideration the representations made by them.
Petition received.
12. CROWN LANDS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Farnell, "That this Bill be now read a third time,"—
And the Question being again proposed, the House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 7 AUGUST, 1884, A.M.

Mr. Spring moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker having retired, the Clerk at the Table, after some time, informed the House of the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker.
Whereupon the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the second Standing Order.

Question put, That this Debate be now adjourned.
The House divided.

Ayes, 66.

Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Hutchinson,
Sir Patrick Jennings,	Mr. Butcher,
Mr. Wisdom,	Mr. Stephen,
Mr. Stuart,	Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Alexander Ryrie,
Mr. Young,	Mr. David Ryrie,
Mr. Hammond,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Mitchell,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Sir John Robertson,	Mr. Lloyd,
Mr. R. B. Smith,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Griffiths,
Mr. Day,	Mr. Abigail,
Mr. Gorrick,	Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Olliffe,
Mr. Gibbes,	Mr. Combes,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Wilkinson,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. W. R. Campbell,
Mr. Poole,	Mr. Tarrant,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. George Campbell
Mr. Spring,	Mr. D. A. Ferguson,
Mr. De Salis,	Mr. Humphery,
Mr. Levin,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Proctor,	Mr. Burdekin,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Dalton,
Mr. Teece,	Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Heydon,	Mr. Harris,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Loughnan,
Mr. See,	Mr. Withers.
Mr. Vaughn,	
Mr. Copeland,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Suitor,	Mr. Targett,
Mr. Luscombe,	Mr. Garvan.

Noes, 7.

Mr. Gill,
Mr. White,
Mr. Coonan,
Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Lovien.
Tellers,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,
Mr. T. R. Smith.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until to-morrow.

The House adjourned at twenty-three minutes after Two o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 143.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 7 AUGUST, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) The "Hansard":—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for *Mr. A. G. Taylor*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
 (1.) Referring to the memorandum from the Superintendent of the Printing Office, page 3 "Hansard" Return,—“With reference to *Mr. Robinson's* request that he may obtain proofs of the 'Debates' not later than Saturday night, and revise sheets not later than Monday night in each week, I beg to say that his request could be complied with if he would be good enough to furnish the 'copy' in proper time—that is, by 8:30 in the morning, which might be done if the gentlemen of the Reporting Staff would transcribe their notes on the night the Debates take place—as they would have to do if they were reporting for a morning newspaper—instead of leaving that work to be done on the following day.”—Has the Colonial Secretary taken any steps to compel the Debates Reporters to furnish their copy in proper time; if not, will he do so?
 (2.) Has he taken any steps to give effect to the Government Printer's suggestion of 12th November, 1883, to compel the Debates Reporters to furnish their copy “from both Houses as fast as the Debates proceed”; if not, will he do so?
 (3.) Has he taken any steps to carry out the Government Printer's suggestion of 12th November, 1883, “That an effort be made to ensure correct reporting”; if not, will he do so?
 (4.) Was the neglect, if any, of the Debates Reporters to furnish their copy in proper time, referred to in Sub-overseer Small's report, 30th October, 1883 (page 9 of the Return), ever communicated to the Head of the Debates Staff; if so, what excuse was made?
 (5.) If that report was not so referred, will the Colonial Secretary, now that the report has been printed by order of the Legislative Assembly, require the Debates Reporters to account for the delay alleged by the following statement in that report? :—“Last week's MSS. came to hand as below:—
 “ Council (Wednesday) adjourned at 9:56 p.m.; MS. to hand 4:30 p.m. Thursday.
 “ Assembly (Wednesday) adjourned at 11:46 p.m.; MS. to hand 5:15 p.m. Thursday.
 “ Council (Thursday) adjourned at 8:41 p.m.; MS. to hand 4 p.m. Friday.
 “ Assembly (Thursday) adjourned at 11 p.m.; MS. to hand 8:20 p.m. Friday.
 “ Assembly (Friday) adjourned at 9:56 p.m.; MS. to hand 11:30 a.m. Saturday.”

Mr. Stuart answered,—It seems to me that it is utterly impossible for me to answer these questions. Much of them is matter of correspondence, opinion, and debate. If the Honorable Member wishes to obtain such information as I can give him, it will be necessary that he should allow a reasonable time—a week at the least—to ascertain it.

- (2.) *Yanko Creek*:—*Mr. Barbour* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 (1.) Was *Mr. James*, hydraulic engineer, sent to examine and report upon opening up the entrance from the *Murrumbidgee River* of the *Yanko Creek*?
 (2.) If so, has the report been approved of, and will the works recommended be executed, and when will they be commenced?

(3.)

(3.) Is the Minister aware that now is the best time in all the year for doing such work, and that many of the settlers are badly off for the supply which this will give?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) The plan proposed by Mr. James, with certain modifications, has been recommended by the Engineer-in-Chief for Harbours and Rivers. I propose to deal with the matter when the next year's Estimates are under consideration.

(3.) I believe this is the case; but it is impossible to compass this year all the works, and there are many such, in favour of the early carrying out of which similar cogent arguments might be adduced.

(3.) Mail Service between Mudgee and Cassilis:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. A. G. Taylor, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it his intention to continue the present Mail Service between Mudgee and Cassilis by horse after the Railway opens, or will a coach service be substituted?

Mr. Stuart answered,—It is intended to continue the present mail service until the amount of correspondence to be transmitted increases to such an extent as would justify the employment of another mode of conveyance.

(4.) Site for Noxious Trades:—*Mr. Hutchinson* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Will the Government state whether they intend to proceed with the dedication of a site for Noxious Trades?

(2.) What steps have the Government taken in reference to the site at Cape Solander for Noxious Trades for the City of Sydney, the site visited by the representatives of the trade, at the suggestion of the Honorable the Colonial Secretary, and approved of as a site for that purpose?

(3.) Does the Government intend to complete the arrangements for the dedication of this site at Cape Solander for such a purpose?

Mr. Stuart answered,—The Honorable Member's questions relate to a matter of extreme difficulty and importance. It is impossible for me to say at the present moment exactly what steps will be taken, but at the very earliest period, consistent with the importance of the matter, something will be determined upon.

(5.) The Case of Edward Anderson:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. A. G. Taylor, asked the Minister of Justice,—Has he caused any inquiry to be made into the circumstances connected with the flogging of the Norwegian sailor, Andersen; if not, will he cause such inquiry to be made?

Mr. Cohen answered,—Yes; the depositions have been obtained, and the case is now being further inquired into.

(6.) Alleged Case of Small-pox at Forbes:—*Dr. Ross* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) The cost to the Government of the alleged small-pox case reported to have occurred at Forbes on the 25th ultimo, but which has since proved to be a case of measles; the amount paid for the special train from Sydney to Orange, the hiring of a buggy from Orange to Forbes, and the amount of fees paid to the Medical Officer who was sent up from Sydney to report on the case?

(2.) Will he have any objection to lay a copy of the medical report, telegrams, and all other papers having reference to the above case upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

(1.) The expenditure in this case is not yet complete. I have ascertained from the Railway Department that the cost of the train was £67 4s. When completed, the amount will be stated, for the information of the Honorable Member.

(2.) No objection; the papers will be laid upon the Table next week.

(7.) Transactions under the Real Property Act:—*Mr. Wilkinson* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it a fact that the Registrar General has on more than one occasion within the last eighteen months permitted any person to be registered as proprietor, by transmission of land under the Real Property Act, against dealings with which land a caveat had been lodged and was still in force, without first giving the caveator the notice referred to in the 82nd section of the Real Property Act, and notwithstanding the provisions of the 83rd section of the same Act?

Mr. Stuart answered,—I have this moment received the following information:—The Official Assignee has been registered as proprietor by transmission under the 78th section of the Real Property Act, subject, however, to any caveat that may be put on the register. Otherwise the answer appears to be in the negative.

(8.) Local Government Bill:—*Mr. Alexander Ryrie* asked the Colonial Secretary,—When will the Local Government Bill be introduced?

Mr. Stuart answered,—If there is any strong expression of a desire on the part of a majority of the House to enter upon the consideration of the Local Government Bill this Session, I will endeavour to meet their wishes by bringing in the Bill. In the absence of some expression of the desire of Honorable Members, and looking to the long period during which the House has been in Session, I am inclined to think that it will hardly be palatable to the House that I should press the question upon their attention during the present Session.

(9.) Expenditure of the Colony from January to June, 1884:—*Mr. Buchanan* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What is the total amount of the Monthly Supply Bills voted by this House, from January to June, 1884, inclusive?

(2.) What is the total amount of our Expenditure from same date?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

(1.) £4,056,884.

(2.) £3,813,861 10s. 8d.

(10.) Mr. Stuart's Mineral Conditional Purchases:—Mr. Sydney Smith asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Was Mr. Alexander Stuart the applicant for Mineral Conditional Purchase No. 78-1, Campbelltown, area 870 acres?

(2.) Did this application exceed the maximum area allowed by law; if so, was it declared void on receipt thereof?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes; the Conditional Purchase was declared void as respects the excess, and dealt with for the area available, namely, 550 acres, afterwards found to be 574 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Trickett laid upon the Table,—

(1.) By-laws for the Regulation of the Free Public Library, Canterbury.

(2.) Amended Regulation, under the Public Instruction Act, for the examination and classification of Teachers.

(3.) Notifications of resumption of Lands for Public School Purposes at Cranbrook and Tumut Plains.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Religious and Public Purposes, in accordance with the 5th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.

(2.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from sale until surveyed for the Preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, in accordance with the 4th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.

(3.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 4th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.

(4.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated for the use of Pastoral and Agricultural Associations, in accordance with the 32nd section of the Act 39 Victoria No. 13.

(5.) Abstract of Alterations in Designs for Towns and Villages, under the 22nd section of the Act 43 Victoria No. 29.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 15th July, 1884,—“Post Office Carvings.”

Ordered to be printed.

3. CROWN LANDS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Farnell, “That this Bill be now read a third time,”—
And the Question being again proposed, the House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 8 AUGUST, 1884, A.M.

Question put,—That this Bill be now read a third time.

The House divided.

Ayes, 65.

Mr. Stuart,	Mr. Lynce,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Moses,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. De Salis,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Gray,
Mr. Trickett,	Mr. Poole,
Mr. Gill,	Mr. Chapman,
Sir Patrick Jennings,	Mr. Fremlin,
Mr. Bruncker,	Mr. Ellis,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Lynch,
Mr. W. R. Campbell,	Mr. Hammond,
Mr. Quin,	Mr. D. A. Ferguson,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Withers,
Mr. Mitchell,	Mr. Targett,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Butcher,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Alexander Rylie,
Mr. Lloyd,	Mr. David Rylie,
Mr. Cass,	Mr. Gramsie,
Mr. Stokes,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Olliffe,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Humphery,	Mr. George Campbell,
Mr. Russell Barton,	Mr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Tarrant,
Mr. Loughnan,	Mr. White,
Mr. Jones,	Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. W. J. Fergusson,
Mr. Merriman,	Mr. Coonan,
Mr. Gorrick,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Badgery,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Garrard.
Mr. Stephen,	
Mr. Murray,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. T. R. Smith,	Mr. Sec,
Mr. Harris,	Mr. Mackinnon.
Mr. Garvan,	

Noes, 30.

Sir John Robertson,
Mr. Combes,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. Burns,
Mr. Watson,
Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Roberts,
Mr. Luscombe,
Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Spring,
Mr. Day,
Mr. Griffiths,
Mr. Dalton,
Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Teece,
Dr. Ross,
Mr. Levin,
Mr. Gibbes,
Mr. McCourt,
Mr. Abigail,
Mr. Heydon,
Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Proctor,
Mr. Cameron.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Burdekin,
Mr. McLaughlin.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Notice

Notice was taken by Mr. Wisdom that the following Members who voted with the Ayes were Lessees of the Crown, or Lessees Agents, and thereby had a direct pecuniary interest in passing the Bill, namely,—Mr. Barbour, Mr. Russell Barton, Mr. Bruncker, Sir Patrick Jennings, Mr. Mackinnon, Mr. Humphery, Mr. W. R. Campbell, Mr. Loughnan, Mr. Quin, Mr. Moses, Mr. Fremlin, Mr. Gray, Mr. Cass, Mr. De Salis, Mr. W. J. Fergusson, Mr. Alexander Ryrie, Mr. Wilkinson, Mr. McCulloch, Mr. Lackey, Mr. Stokes, Mr. Wilson, Mr. White, Mr. David Ryrie, Mr. Cramsie, Mr. George Campbell, Mr. Stuart, Mr. Lyne, Mr. Gill, and Mr. Lynch,—

And these gentlemen severally disclaimed having any pecuniary interest in passing the Bill.

But the following gentlemen having admitted that they were the holders of Pastoral Leases from the Crown, namely,—Mr. Russell Barton, Sir Patrick Jennings, Mr. W. R. Campbell, Mr. Loughnan, Mr. Quin, Mr. Moses, Mr. Alexander Ryrie, Mr. McCulloch, Mr. Lackey, Mr. Stokes, Mr. David Ryrie, Mr. George Campbell, and Mr. Lyne,—

Mr. McLaughlin moved, That the votes of the following Members be disallowed, on the ground of personal interest, namely,—Mr. Russell Barton, Sir Patrick Jennings, Mr. W. R. Campbell, Mr. Loughnan, Mr. Quin, Mr. Moses, Mr. Alexander Ryrie, Mr. McCulloch, Mr. Lackey, Mr. Stokes, Mr. David Ryrie, Mr. George Campbell, and Mr. Lyne.

Debate ensued.

And Mr. Stuart requiring that the name of each Honorable Member included in the Resolution be put *seriatim*,—

Question put,—That the names be put *seriatim*,—

And Division called for,—but there being no Tellers on the part of the *Noes*, no Division could be had, and Mr. Speaker declared the Question to have passed in the *affirmative*.

Question then put, That the vote of Mr. Russell Barton be disallowed, on the ground of personal interest.

The House divided.

Ayes, 4.

Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Luscombe.

Tellers,

Mr. McLaughlin,
Mr. Heydon.

Noes, 52.

Mr. Stuart,	Mr. Withers,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Bruncker,	Mr. William Clarke,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Hugh Taylor,
Mr. Trickett,	Mr. White,
Mr. Gill,	Mr. Fremlin,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. T. R. Smith,	Mr. Coonan,
Mr. Humphery,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Hammond,	Mr. Gray,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. Lloyd,	Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Murray,	Mr. Merriman,
Mr. Levin,	Mr. Wilson,
Mr. See,	Mr. Gorrick,
Mr. W. J. Fergusson,	Mr. De Salis,
Mr. Cass,	Mr. Griffiths,
Mr. Targett,	Mr. Ellis,
Mr. Butcher,	Mr. D. A. Ferguson,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Day,	Mr. Garrard.
Mr. Barbour,	
Mr. Cramsie,	Tellers,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Stephen,
Mr. Poole,	Mr. Badgery.

And so it passed in the negative.

Question,—That the vote of Sir Patrick Jennings be disallowed, on the ground of personal interest,—put and negatived.

Question,—That the vote of Mr. W. R. Campbell be disallowed, on the ground of personal interest,—put and negatived.

Question,—That the vote of Mr. Loughnan be disallowed, on the ground of personal interest,—put and negatived.

Question,—That the vote of Mr. Quin be disallowed, on the ground of personal interest,—put and negatived.

Question,—That the vote of Mr. Moses be disallowed, on the ground of personal interest,—put and negatived.

Question,—That the vote of Mr. Alexander Ryrie be disallowed, on the ground of personal interest,—put and negatived.

Question,—That the vote of Mr. McCulloch be disallowed, on the ground of personal interest,—put and negatived.

Question,—That the vote of Mr. Lackey be disallowed, on the ground of personal interest,—put and negatived.

Question,—That the vote of Mr. Stokes be disallowed, on the ground of personal interest,—put and negatived.

Question,—That the vote of Mr. David Ryrie be disallowed, on the ground of personal interest,—put and negatived.

Question,—That the vote of Mr. George Campbell be disallowed, on the ground of personal interest,—put and negatived.

Question,—That the vote of Mr. Lyne be disallowed, on the ground of personal interest,—put and negatived.

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The Bill was then read a third time.
Mr. Farnell moved, That this Bill do now pass.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 63.

Mr. Jones,	Mr. Cass,
Mr. Stuart,	Mr. Levin,
Sir Patrick Jennings,	Mr. Gorrick,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Trickett,	Mr. Fremlin,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Hammond,	Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Gill,	Mr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Coonan,	Mr. De Salis,
Mr. T. R. Smith,	Mr. Cramsie,
Mr. Harris,	Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Poole,
Mr. See,	Mr. Day,
Mr. Stephen,	Mr. Lloyd,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. W. J. Fergusson,
Mr. Targett,	Mr. Barbour,
Mr. White,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. David Ryrie,	Mr. Garrard,
Mr. George Campbell,	Mr. Ellis,
Mr. Loughnan,	Mr. D. A. Ferguson,
Mr. Alexander Ryrie,	Mr. Withers,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Gray,
Mr. Olliffe,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Merriman,	Mr. W. R. Campbell,
Mr. Mitchell,	Mr. Quin,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Badgery.
Mr. Moses,	
Mr. Humphery,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. McCulloch,	Mr. Brunker,
Mr. Mackinnon,	Mr. Levien.
Mr. Butcher,	

Noes, 6.

Mr. Garrett,
Mr. McLaughlin,
Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Luscombe.
Tellers,
Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Heydon.

And so it was resolved it the affirmative.

Mr. Farnell moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to regulate the Alienation Occupation and Management of Crown Lands and for other Purposes.*"

Question put and passed.

Mr. Farnell then moved, That the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to regulate the Alienation Occupation and Management of Crown Lands and for other purposes,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 8th August, 1884, a.m.*

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

4. ADJOURNMENT:—

(1.) Mr. Stuart moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

(2.) Mr. O'Connor (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That this House at its rising this day do adjourn until Tuesday next.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly at half-past Four o'clock a.m., until *Tuesday next* at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 144.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 12 AUGUST, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

PAPER:—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Copies of Minutes of His Excellency the Governor and the Executive Council authorizing the application of an amount from one Head of Service to supplement a Vote for another Service,—transmitted to the Legislative Assembly under the directions contained in the 18th section of the Audit Act of 1870.
Ordered to be printed.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Railway Charge for Carriage of Wool:—Mr. Burns asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) The distance by rail from Armidale to Newcastle, Narrabri to Newcastle, Nyngan to Sydney, Hay to Sydney, and Albury to Sydney?

(2.) The charge for the carriage of wool by rail from Armidale to Newcastle, Narrabri to Newcastle, Nyngan to Sydney, Hay to Sydney, and Albury to Sydney?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

Armidale to Newcastle,	distance	260 miles;	wool rate per bale,	10s. 6d.
Narrabri to Newcastle,	do.	252 do.	do.	10s.
Nyngan to Sydney,	do.	377 do.	do.	11s.
Hay to Sydney,	do.	454 do.	do.	11s.
Albury to Sydney,	do.	386 do.	do.	10s. 6d.

(2.) Deniliquin Sessions:—Mr. Barbour, for Mr. Wilson, asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Has the Attorney General received any complaints as to the manner in which the cases for the Crown were brought forward at the Deniliquin Sessions on 8th July last?

(2.) Did the Judge say to a prisoner whom he discharged, "So far as the evidence brought forward in that Court was concerned, there was not a tittle of evidence against him; whatever the merits might be he was not prepared to say"?

Mr. Cohen answered,—

(1.) The Attorney General has not received any complaints as to the conduct of cases at the Deniliquin Sessions; but his attention having been directed by the papers to some alleged miscarriage of justice at the Hay Sessions, he called for a report, which, if the Honorable Member desires, I will lay upon the Table.

(2.) I am not aware of any remarks having been made by the Judge.

(3.) The Art Gallery:—Mr. Burdekin asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—

(1.) Did the Minister on receiving a report from the Trustees of the Art Gallery as to the unsuitability of the present building submit the same to the Colonial Architect, the duly recognized Officer of the Government, for his report in the matter?

(2.) If not, will the Minister call for a report from this Officer as to the state, condition, and fitness of the present Art Gallery for its purpose?

(3.) Who proposed the erection of the present Art Gallery, who was the Architect, and also the builder?

(4.) Has anything transpired to make the building more unfit for its temporary purpose now than when it was originally designed and contained the pictures of the different Nations exhibiting at the Exhibition?

(5.) How long were these valuable pictures exhibited there, and did they suffer from being exhibited there; if so, did the different Governments and owners make any claim on the Government for this depreciation?

(6.) Were the principal objections to the present temporary structure raised before the present Government came into power—the variability of the temperature in the building and the danger from fire?

(7.) Did not the Colonial Architect suggest that a sum of about £4,500 would put a brick case round the present building and a duplicate roofing?

(8.)

(8.) Are the ravages of white ants of a serious or somewhat trivial character, and has the timber so affected been removed and replaced with stone?

(9.) Does the present building show any signs of damp, or such signs of damp as to make it unfit as a receptacle for pictures?

(10.) Will he say if the present temporary building, with the alterations mentioned above (cased round with brickwork), the estimate for which was submitted during Mr. Suttor's tenure of office as Minister for Education, answers the purpose of an Art Gallery until a more substantial edifice could be erected?

(11.) If the present building cannot be made satisfactory, is there wall space at the Museum to hang all pictures of value?

Mr. Trickett answered,—I will lay the information upon the Table in the shape of a Return.

(4.) Local Government Bill:—Mr. Alexander Ryrie asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House a copy of the Local Government Bill during this Session, in order that it may be digested by Honorable Members during the Recess?

Mr. Stuart answered,—I cannot promise that I will, if only from a regard for the digestion of Honorable Members during the Recess.

(5.) Police Reports on the Licensing Court:—Mr. Hugh Taylor, for Mr. Abigail, asked the Colonial Secretary,—When will the papers relating to the Inspectors of Police reports upon the action of the Licensing Court in Sydney be laid upon the Table, in accordance with Resolution carried some time ago?

Mr. Stuart answered,—I learn from the Minister of Justice that these papers will be ready to be laid upon the Table probably to-morrow afternoon.

3. RAILWAY FROM PEARCE'S CORNER TO NORTH SHORE:—Pursuant to the requirements of the 9th section of the Government Railways Act 22 Victoria No. 19, Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table (*as exhibits only*) Plan, Section, and Book of Reference of a proposed Railway from Pearce's Corner to North Shore.

4. PAPERS:—

Mr. Trickett laid upon the Table,—Return respecting the Temporary Art Gallery.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Cohen laid upon the Table,—Further Return (*in part*) to an Order made on 14th May, 1884,—“Patients in Lunatic Asylums.—Prisoners in Gaols.”

Ordered to be printed.

5. VOTE OF CREDIT:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Dibbs, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor.

Message No. 79.

In accordance with the provisions of the 54th clause of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony during the month of August, 1884; together with provision for certain Services of 1884 and previous years, and other Services of an urgent nature.

*Government House,
Sydney, 12th August, 1884.*

Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of Supply.

6. MITTAGONG COAL-MINING COMPANY'S RAILWAY BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Humphery moved, pursuant to Notice, That the prayer of the Petition of Thomas Forster Knox, Esquire, presented to this House on the 22nd July last, that the Australian Kerosene Oil and Mineral Company may be heard by Counsel against certain clauses of the Mittagong Coal-mining Company's Railway Bill, now before this House, be granted.
Question put and passed.

7. POSTPONEMENTS:—

(1.) The Orders of the Day of Government Business, Nos. 1 to 7 inclusive, postponed until to-morrow.

(2.) Mittagong Coal-mining Company's Railway Bill; second reading;—

(3.) Bridge, Nambuccra River; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor;—

(4.) Electoral Act Amendment Bill; third reading;—*until Friday, 29th August.*

8. PURCHASE OF RAILWAY ROLLING STOCK:—Mr. Sydney Smith moved, pursuant to *amended* Notice,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the purchase of Rolling Stock, Material, &c., for the Government Railways and Tramway Works of the Colony.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Fletcher, Mr. Suttor, Mr. George Campbell, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Poole, Mr. Tece, Mr. Wright, Mr. Garrard, and the Mover.
Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

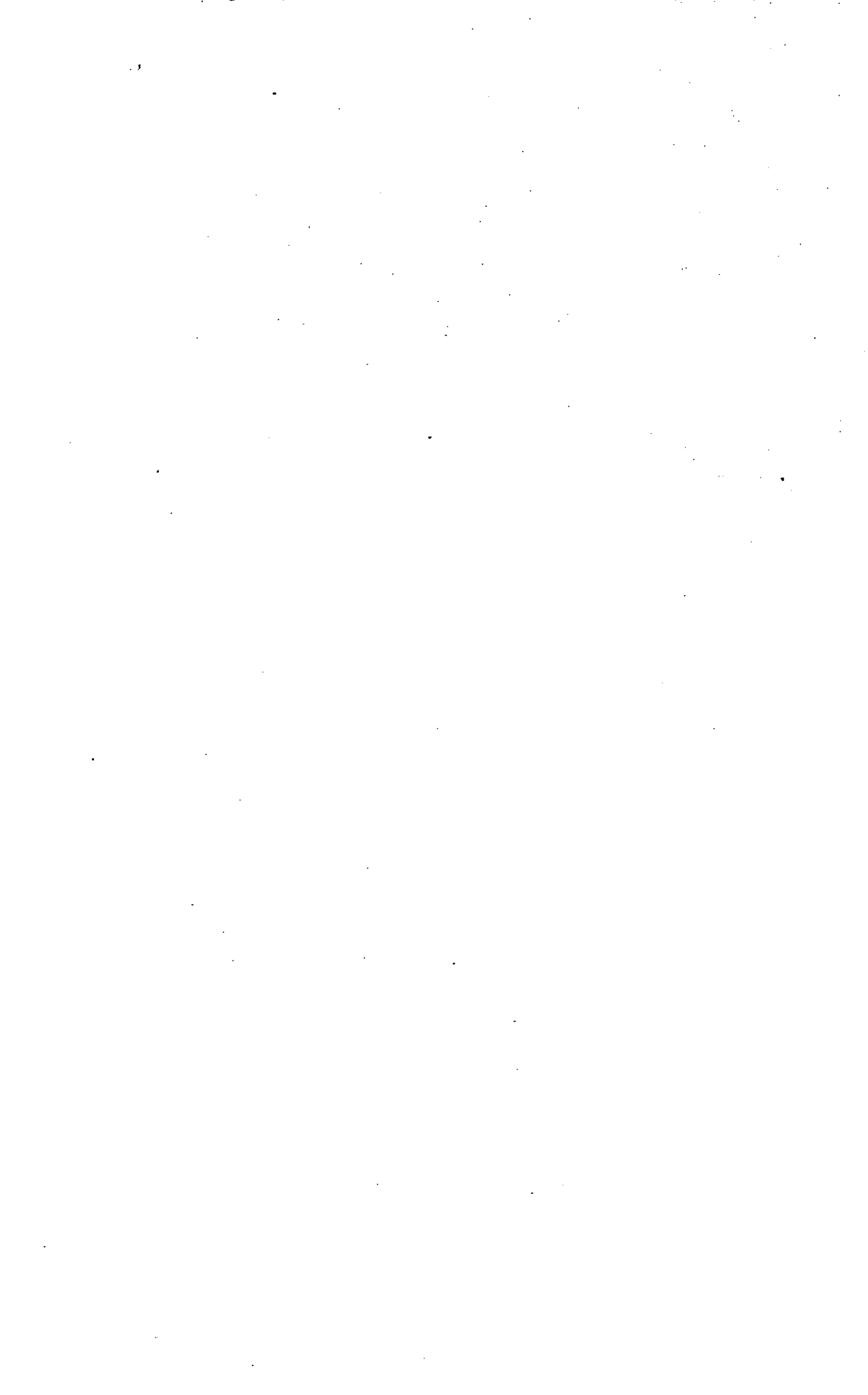
Notice

Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present.

Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being only seventeen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely,—Mr. Abigail, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Burdekin, Mr. Burns, Mr. Day, Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Gray, Mr. Griffiths, Mr. Hammond, Mr. Humphery, Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. Luscombe, Mr. Melville, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. See, Mr. Sydney Smith, and Mr. Tecce,—

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House at three minutes before Seven o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 145.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 13 AUGUST, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

QUESTION:—INSPECTION OF FOOD AND DRINK:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—
What steps, if any, have been taken for the proper inspection of adulterated drink and food?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—This matter will be considered by the Government so soon as other important measures are dealt with.

2. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

- (1.) Imported Stock Act Amendment Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to amend the Imported Stock Act of 1871,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 12th August, 1884.

JOHN HAY,
President.

IMPORTED STOCK ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 12th August, 1884.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, clause 3, line 15. Omit "horses."

Page 1, clause 3. At end of clause add "Provided that the Governor may by proclamation suspend the provisions of any one or more of the sections of this or the Principal Act for any period not exceeding six months in respect to any stock introduced or proposed to be introduced from any of the Australian Colonies."

Examined,—

JOSEPH DOCKER,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the Council's amendments be taken into consideration to-morrow.

- (2.) Supreme Court Appellate Jurisdiction Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to regulate Appeals to and the Constitution of the Supreme Court sitting in Banco,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 12th August, 1884.

JOHN HAY,
President.

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SUPREME COURT APPELLATE JURISDICTION BILL.

*Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 12th August, 1884.*JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 1, Preamble, lines 1 to 7. *Omit* "Whereas it is expedient to make provision for the better regulation of the Constitution of the Full Court sitting in Banco and whereas also it is inexpedient that a Judge of the Supreme Court should take part in the hearing of an appeal from his own decision or in the hearing of any matter arising out of any cause or matter in which he may have sat as Judge and coming before the Full Court on motion or otherwise."
- Page 1, Preamble, line 7. *Omit* "therefore"
- Page 1, clause 1, line 11. *Omit* "That from and after the passing of this Act"
- Page 1, clause 1, line 12. *Omit* "as a Judge"
- Page 1, clause 1, line 13. *Before* "any" *insert* "or on a motion to set aside"
- Page 1, clause 1, line 13. *Omit* "rule"
- Page 1, clause 1, line 13. *After* "by" *omit* remainder of clause *insert* "him"
- Page 2, clause 2, line 5. *Omit* "That"
- Page 2, clause 2, line 5. *Omit* "Full"
- Page 2, clause 2, line 6. *Omit* "of the Supreme Court"
- Page 2, clause 3. *Omit* clause 3 *insert* the following new clause:—

"3. Provided always that this Act shall not apply to any judgment order decree or ruling pronounced or made *pro forma* by consent of parties nor to any motion for a *rule nisi* only nor to the hearing of an appeal or motion before two Judges only where the parties consent thereto."

Page 2, clause 4. *Omit* clause 4.

Examined,—

JOSEPH DOCKER,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the Council's amendments be taken into consideration on Friday next.

(3.) Dillon's Estate Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorize the Sale of certain Land devised by Joseph Napoleon Dillon and to provide for the investment and appropriation of the proceeds*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence; accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee thereon.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 12th August, 1884.

JOHN HAY,
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Burns, read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 22nd August.

3. PAPERS:—

Mr. Stuart laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return to an Address made on 4th July, 1884,—"*Permanent and Volunteer Forces*."
- (2.) Returns under the Real Property Act, for 1883.
- (3.) By-laws of the Borough of Waterloo, under the Municipalities Act and Nuisances Prevention Act.
- (4.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Grenfell.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Cohen laid upon the Table,—Return to an Address adopted on 6th August, 1884,—"*The Case of Edward Andersen*."

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return to an Order made on 28th May, 1884,—"*Annandale Bridge over Johnston's Creek*."
- (2.) Report of the Local Officer of the Roads Department on the Road from Riverstone Railway Station to the Blacktown Road.

Ordered to be printed.

4. CIVIL SERVICE BILL (No. 2):—Mr. Stuart presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill for the regulation of the Civil Service for providing Superannuation and Retiring Allowances to the Members thereof and for other purposes*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

5. RAILWAY TO WILCANNIA:—Mr. Russell Barton presented a Petition from Residents of Wilcannia and the surrounding District, praying the House to direct that steps be taken without delay for the construction of a Railway to Wilcannia from Nyngan *via* Cobar.
Petition received.

6. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. W. J. Fergusson moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House at its rising on Friday next do adjourn until Thursday, 21st August.
Question put and passed.

7. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Dibbs moved, pursuant to Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing of a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1884 and previous years*" through all its stages in one day; and would also preclude the Resolutions of the Committees of Supply and of Ways and Means respectively, whereon the Bill is proposed to be founded, being received on the same day on which they are come to by the said Committees respectively.
Question put and passed.

8. **MINING UNDER RAILWAYS** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Melville moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
- (1.) Copies of all letters, minutes, and other documents, between the Department of Mines and the Examiner and the Inspector of Collieries; also copies of all letters received from or sent to Mr. William Farthing, or Mr. Vickery, in reference to drive or drives under the Great Northern Railway from Anvil Creek or Greta Collieries.
- (2.) Copies of all letters, minutes, and other documents, between the Secretary for Mines, or Minister for Works, and the Examiner of Coal Fields, in reference to a drive under Bullock Island Railway from the Wickham or Bullock Island Colliery.
- Question put and passed.
9. **PROBATE AND LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION EVIDENCE BILL** (*Formal Motion*):—
- (1.) Mr. McLaughlin moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to facilitate Proof of Title by Devises and others to Real Estate.
- Question put and passed.
- (2.) Mr. McLaughlin presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to facilitate Proof of Title by Devises and others to Real Estate,*”—which was read a first time.
- Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday next.
10. **POST OFFICE CARVINGS** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. William Clarke moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all minutes, evidence, and papers, in any way connected with the Post Office Carvings, including the proceedings of the Commission appointed to report on the Carvings, and the statement submitted by the Colonial Architect to the Commissioners.
- Question put and passed.
11. **LAW OF LANDLORD AND TENANT** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Burns, for Mr. Wisdom, moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Law of Landlord and Tenant.
- Question put and passed.
12. **PUBLIC WATERING-PLACES BILL** (No. 2):—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Abbott moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
- Question put and passed.
- Bill read a second time.
- On motion of Mr. Abbott, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
- Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.
- On motion of Mr. Abbott (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.
- Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.
13. **SUPPLY**:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply having been read,—Mr. Dibbs moved, “That” Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.
- Mr. Buchanan moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word “That,” with a view to the insertion in their place of the words “in the event of any Member calling attention to the presence of Strangers in the House, the Speaker or Chairman of Committees, as the case may be, shall thereupon put the Question, without debate, and on a division, if a majority vote to exclude Strangers, Strangers shall be excluded accordingly.”
- Question proposed, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
- Debate ensued.
- Question put, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
- The House divided.

Ayes, 37.

Mr. Stuart,	Mr. Gould,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Griffiths,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Hugh Taylor,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Targett,
Sir John Robertson,	Mr. W. J. Fergusson,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Young,
Mr. Day,	Mr. Sec,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Hammond,
Mr. White,	Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Butcher,	Mr. Withers,
Mr. Dalton,	Mr. William Clarke,
Mr. Mitchell,	Mr. Trickott.
Mr. Moses,	
Mr. Garrett,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. McCulloch,	Mr. Fremlin,
Mr. McLaughlin,	Mr. Garrard.
Mr. Abigail,	

Noes, 4.

Mr. Fletcher,
Mr. Buchanan.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Luscombe,
Mr. Teece.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original Question,—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair,—put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, that the report be now received.

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The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows :—

(10.) *Resolved*.—That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £740,000, being £430,000 to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of August, or following month of the year 1884, at the rates which have been sanctioned for 1883, subject to the rate of any reduction that may hereafter be made in the expenditure of the year 1884; £200,000 towards recouping the Treasurer's Advance Account for payments made therefrom for Supplementary Services of 1883 and previous years, pending Parliamentary Appropriation for such Services; £100,000 to meet wages to become due to Railway Employés during the month of September 1884, and to cover the expenditure in August, 1884, in excess of the monthly allowance at the rate of last year's appropriation, and for Railway Services generally; and £10,000 to meet wages to become due to Employés in the Department of Harbours and Rivers during the month of September, 1884, and to cover the expenditure in August, 1884, in excess of the monthly allowance at the rate of last year's appropriation, and for other Services of an urgent nature.

On motion of Mr. Dibbs, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

14. **WAYS AND MEANS**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, that the report be now received.

The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows :—

(13.) *Resolved*.—That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Services of the year 1884, the sum of £740,000 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.

On motion of Mr. Dibbs, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

15. **CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 9)** :—

(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Dibbs, that a Bill be brought in, founded on Resolution of Ways and Means (No. 13), to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1884 and previous years.

(2.) Mr. Dibbs then *presented* a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1884 and previous years*,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and now read a second time.

(3.) Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Dibbs, the report was adopted.

Ordered, that the Bill be now read a third time.

(4.) Bill read a third time,—and, on motion of Mr. Dibbs, *passed*.

Mr. Dibbs then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1884 and previous years*."

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1884 and previous years*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 13th August, 1884.*

16. **POSTPONEMENTS** :—The Orders of the Day of Government Business, Nos. 3, 4, 5, and 7, postponed until to-morrow.

17. **POINT PIPER ROAD** :—Mr. Butcher moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report on the various Alignments and Plans of the Point Piper Road that have from time to time been made by the Government, or by Licensed Surveyors authorized by the Government.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Abbott, Mr. Moses, Mr. Humphery, Mr. Melville, Mr. Trickett, Mr. William Clarke, Mr. Poole, Mr. Hutchinson, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

18. **POSTPONEMENTS** :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—

(1.) Compensation to Isidore James Knight Cohn ;—

(2.) Flogging Abolition Bill ; second reading ;—

(3.) Licensing Acts Amendment Bill ; adjourned Debate, on motion of Mr. Olliffe, "That this Bill be now read a second time" ;—

(4.) Cleaning Public Schools ;—*until to-morrow*.

(5.) Party Processions Act Amendment Bill ; second reading ;—*until Tuesday, 9th September*.

(6.) Criminal Law further Amendment Bill ; adjourned Debate, on motion of Mr. A. G. Taylor, "That this Bill be now read a second time" ;—

(7.) Parliamentary Prorogation Curtailment Bill ; second reading ;—

(8.) Religious Persuasions of Children attending Public Schools ;—

} *until Wednesday next.*

} *until to-morrow.*

19. VICTORIAN COAL-MINING COMPANY'S BILL (No. 2).—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Fletcher, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.

On motion of Mr. Fletcher, the report was adopted.

Ordered, that the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council :—

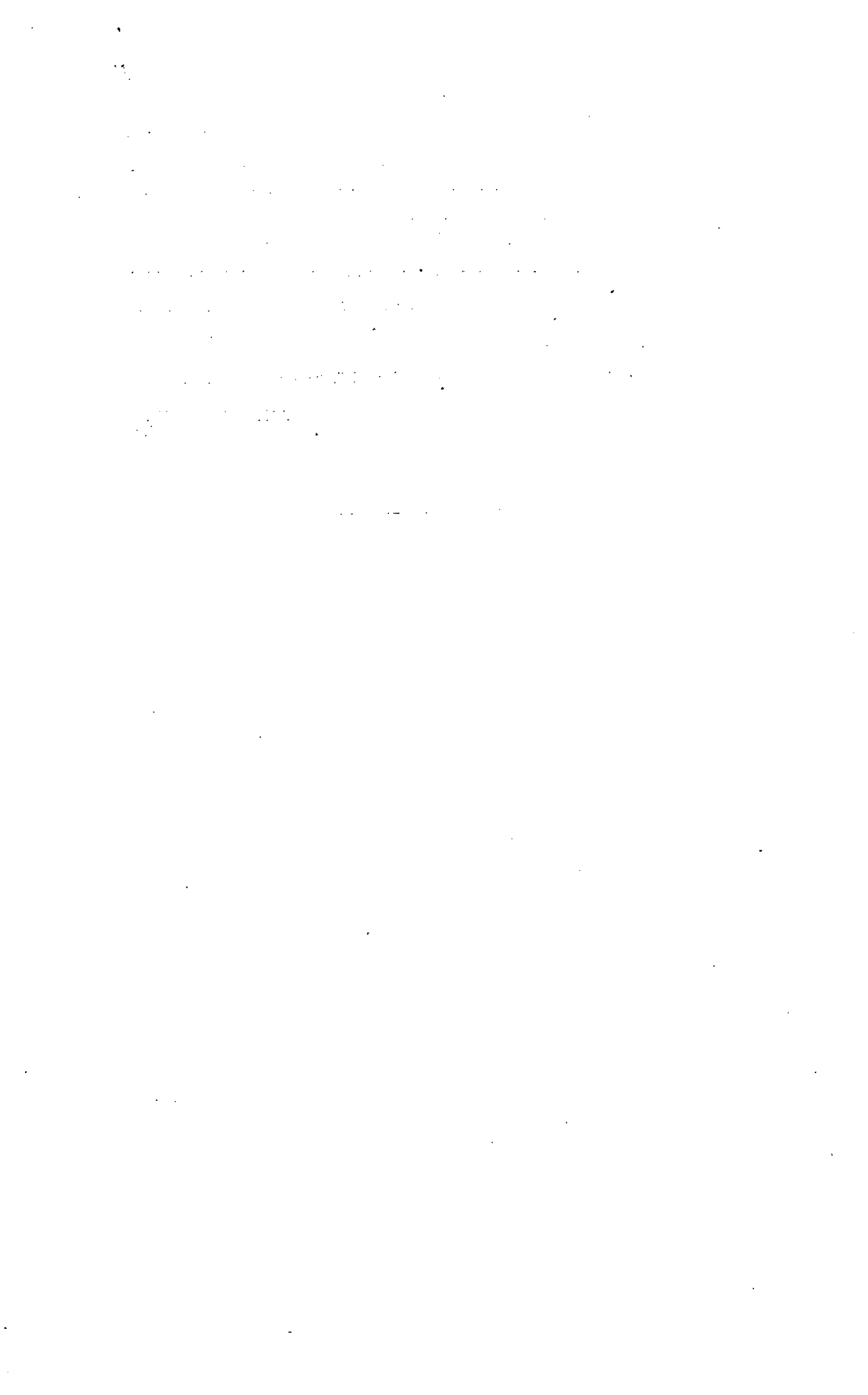
MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorize the Construction and Maintenance of a Line of Railway from Land at Mount Kembla to the Sea Coast at Port Kembla near Red Point near Wollongong.*"

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 13th August, 1884.*

The House adjourned at five minutes after Seven o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 146.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 14 AUGUST, 1884.

There being only nineteen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely,—Mr. Barbour, Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Burns, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Chapman, Mr. William Clarke, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Dibbs, Mr. W. J. Fergusson, Mr. Hammond, Mr. Luscombe, Mr. Melville, Mr. Poole, Dr. Ross, Mr. Stuart, Mr. Hugh Taylor, Mr. Teece, Mr. Trickett, and Mr. White,—

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House at half-past Four o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 147.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 15 AUGUST, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Wooden Pavements:—Mr. Chapman asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Who appointed the Royal Commission now sitting on an inquiry on the wooden pavements of the City of Sydney?
- (2.) On whose suggestion was the Commission appointed?
- (3.) Will he say why the Mayor of the City was not appointed to such Commission?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

- (1.) A Royal Commission has not been appointed.

(2.) I have appointed a Board to report to me upon the matter. I was induced to take this step by reason of an expression of opinion on the part of the Board of Health, to the effect that this description of pavement was deleterious to public health. Having been the means of introducing to this House a Bill to sanction the raising of a large Loan by the Corporation of Sydney for the purpose of laying down wood pavements, I desired that this matter should be probed to the bottom. The fact that the Mayor was not appointed arose in no respect from any discourtesy to the Mayor of Sydney, but simply because it seemed to me expedient that an opinion should be obtained which could not be supposed to be influenced by those who are committed to a large expenditure on this description of pavement.

- (2.) Newcastle Harbour:—Mr. Cameron, for Mr. Fletcher, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) What expense has the Government been to *re* Newcastle Harbour during the past two years?
- (2.) What have been the receipts at the Custom House for the Harbour Revenue during the same period?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

- (1.) £78,525 2s. 5d.
- (2.) £52,227.

- (3.) Planting School Grounds with Trees:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—Does he intend to avail himself of the present suitable season to plant out the Recreation Grounds of the Public Schools with trees as shelter for the children during the hours of recreation, in accordance with the recommendation of Dr. Clarke, specially appointed by the Government to report upon the Public Schools of the Colony?

Mr. Trickett answered,—The rule of the Department is to ask the Director of the Botanic Gardens to forward a supply of trees and shrubs to Schools where a special necessity exists for planting the Grounds, provided satisfactory arrangements be made locally for the planting and care of the trees.

- (4.) Road to Railway Platform, Harris Park:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government to repair the piece of Road extending about 500 yards from the Great Western Road, running through Parramatta to the new Platform at Harris Park, so as to enable the public to traverse it with safety; and if so, when will the necessary improvement be effected?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—This is entirely a Municipal matter. A new Platform for the convenience of foot-passengers only is being erected at Harris Park. To make this road will cost £500, and when made it will only accommodate a few persons who reside between the Platform and main West Road at Dixon's Store.

(5.)

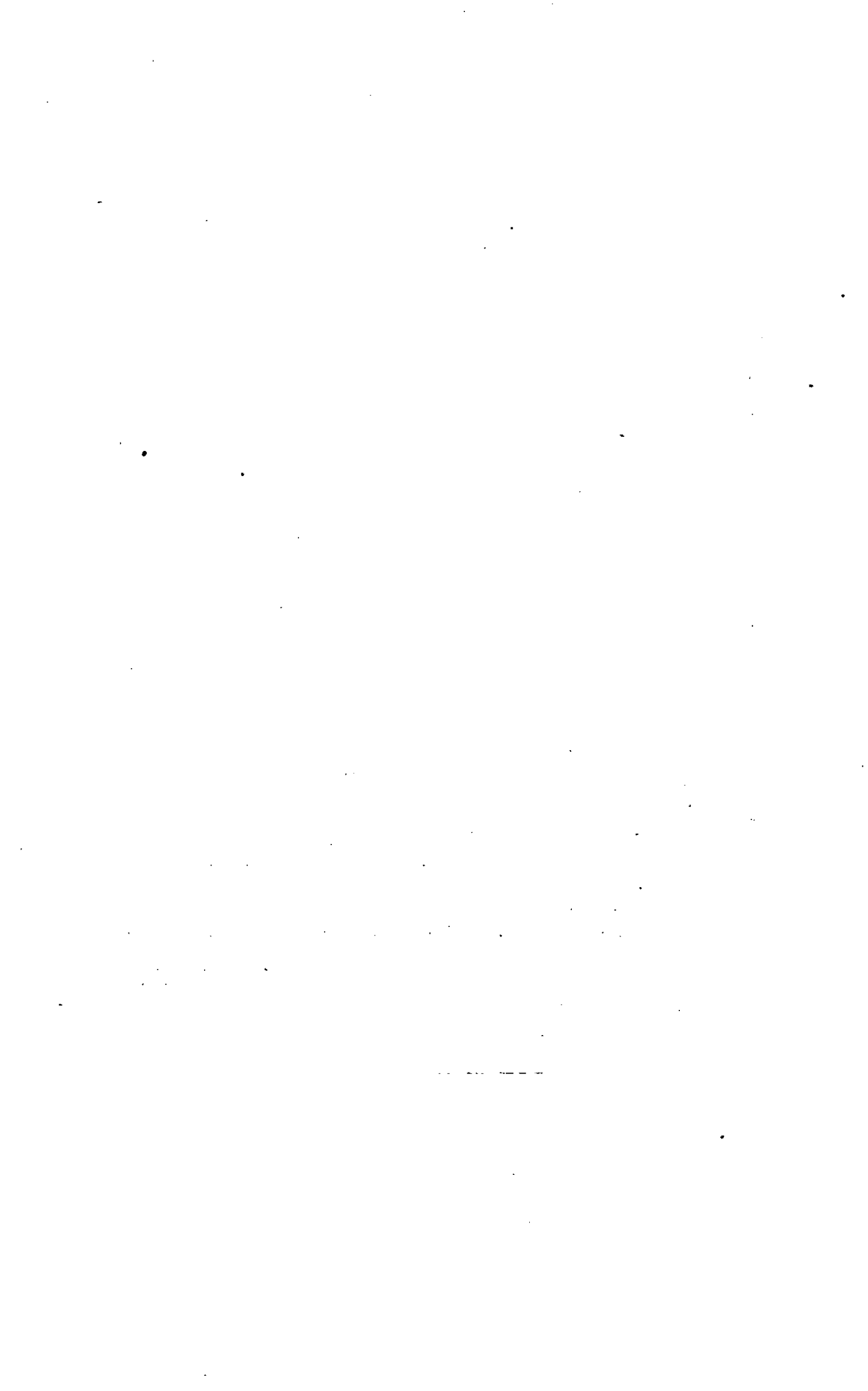
- (5.) Petersham Railway Station:—*Mr. Sydney Smith*, for *Mr. Targett*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) When will the promised additions to the Petersham Station be made?
 - (2.) Is he aware of the unsanitary condition of the Station at present?
- Mr. Dibbs* answered,—
- (1.) Tenders will be invited within three weeks from this date.
 - (2.) Yes; but this will be remedied when new Buildings are erected.
2. PURCHASE OF RAILWAY ROLLING STOCK:—*Mr. Sydney Smith* (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Return to Order "Springs for Railway Engines and Carriages," laid upon the Table on 5th July, 1881, and the Return to Order "Dump Cars," laid upon the Table on 21st May, 1884, be referred to the Select Committee now sitting on "Purchase of Railway Rolling Stock." Question put and passed.
3. RESUMPTION OF LAND BETWEEN GEORGE AND PITT STREETS (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Stuart* moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to authorize the Resumption of certain portions of Land situate between George and Pitt Streets, in the City of Sydney, for improving the Approaches to the General Post Office, and for other purposes in connection therewith. Question put and passed.
4. PUBLIC PARKS (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Stuart* moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for the better regulation and protection of Public Parks or places of Public Recreation, and of Lands dedicated, purchased, or resumed for Public Purposes, and for other purposes. Question put and passed.
5. PUBLIC WATERING-PLACES BILL, NO. 2 (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of *Mr. Abbott*, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Abbott then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to regulate Public Watering-places and to protect certain Reserves from trespass.*"
 Question put and passed.
 Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—
- MR. PRESIDENT,
 The Legislative Assembly having this day passed Bill, intituled "*An Act to regulate Public Watering-places and to protect certain Reserves from trespass,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 15th August, 1884.
6. RESUMPTION OF LAND BETWEEN GEORGE AND PITT STREETS:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by *Mr. Stuart*, and read by *Mr. Speaker*:—
- AUGUSTUS LOFTUS, *Message No. 80.*
Governor.
- In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to authorize the Resumption of certain portions of Land situate between George and Pitt Streets, in the City of Sydney, for improving the Approaches to the General Post Office, and for other purposes in connection therewith.
Government House,
Sydney, 13th August, 1884.
- Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.
7. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1.) Badham Annuity Bill;—<i>until Tuesday, 9th September.</i> (2.) Criminal Law further Amendment Bill; adjourned Debate, }
 on the motion of <i>Mr. A. G. Taylor</i>, "That this Bill be now read a second time";— (3.) Parliamentary Prorogation Curtailment Bill; second reading:— (4.) Religious Persuasions of Children attending Public Schools; }
 resumption of the adjourned Debate;— (5.) Legislative Assembly Quorum Bill; second reading;— (6.) Liabilities for Nuisances Limitation Bill; second reading:— (7.) Judgment Creditors Remedies Extension Bill; second reading;— (8.) Supreme Court Process Facilitation Bill; second reading;— (9.) Monk-Wearmouth Colliery Railway Bill; to be further con- }
 sidered in Committee;— | } <i>until Tuesday, 26th August.</i>

} <i>until Friday, 29th August.</i> |
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8. SUPREME COURT APPELLATE JURISDICTION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of *Mr. McLaughlin*, *Mr. Speaker* left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.
 On motion of *Mr. McLaughlin*, the report was adopted.
 Ordered, that the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—
- MR. PRESIDENT,
 The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to regulate Appeals to and the Constitution of the Supreme Court sitting in Banco.*"
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 15th August, 1884.

9. PROBATE AND LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION EVIDENCE BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. McLaughlin moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. McLaughlin, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. McLaughlin, the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday, 26th August.
10. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—
(1.) Cleaning Public Schools ;—
(2.) Divorce Amendment Bill ; second reading ;— } *until Tuesday, 26th August.*
(3.) Contempts Punishment Bill ; second reading ;— } *until Friday, 29th August.*
11. LAW OF SEDUCTION AMENDMENT BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Buchanan moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Cohen moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Friday, 29th August.
12. WILLIAM FREDERICK COLLIER'S CONDITIONAL PURCHASE :—Mr. Levien moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the Supreme Court Proceedings in connection with and upon the Conditional Purchase of William Frederick Collier taken at Cooper's Island.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Farnell, Mr. Abigail, Mr. A. G. Taylor, Mr. Day, Mr. Gill, Mr. Mackinnon, Mr. Teece, Mr. Chapman, and the Mover.
Question put and passed.
13. EVAN M'INTOSH'S CONDITIONAL PURCHASE :—Mr. Levien moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the Conditional Purchase situate at Currabubla, of one Evan M'Intosh, which was afterwards transferred to one Daniel Regan, taken at Tamworth Lands Office.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Farnell, Mr. Gill, Mr. Lyne, Mr. Mackinnon, Mr. Day, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Abigail, and the Mover.
Question put and passed.
14. IMPORTED STOCK ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Abbott, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.
On motion of Mr. Abbott, the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council :—
MR. PRESIDENT,
The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Imported Stock Act of 1871.'*"
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 15th August, 1884.
15. ADJOURNMENT :—
(1.) Mr. Stuart moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
(2.) Mr. Melville (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That this House at its rising this day do adjourn until Tuesday, 26th August.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly at seven minutes before Six o'clock, until *Tuesday, 26th August*, at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 148.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 26 AUGUST, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Railway from Morpeth to Grafton:—*Mr. Burns*, for Mr. Wisdom, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Have instructions been given to have a Trial Survey made from Morpeth to Grafton for the proposed Northern Coast Railway?

(2.) If so, has such Survey been commenced, and when is it likely to be completed?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) The Morpeth end of the Survey has not yet been commenced; but it is probable that the through Survey from Morpeth to Grafton will be completed by the end of the year.

- (2.) Mr. List's Certificate for Land at Lane Cove:—*Mr. Melville*, for Mr. Withers, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) How long is it since the Registrar General recalled Mr. Francis John List's certificate for land at Lane Cove?

(2.) How long has Mr. List's certificate been in the hands of the Registrar General for amendment?

(3.) Has it been detained long; and when will it be ready for delivery to Mr. List?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

(1.) On the 29th December, 1881.

(2.) Since the beginning of the present year.

(3.) The certificate referred to cannot be re-issued in the form required by Mr. List, unless and until the certificate of one Thomas Jelley shall have been surrendered for cancellation or amendment, as the two certificates were, in consequence of the erroneous information furnished by Mr. List's Surveyor, prepared in such forms as to render it very difficult, if not impossible, to determine the relative positions of the parcels of land therein respectively described. Mr. Jelley has been summoned to surrender his certificate for cancellation or amendment, but refuses to comply with such summons; and the matter is now in the hands of the Crown Solicitor.

- (3.) Workmen employed at Tramway Repairing Shops:—*Mr. Poole* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Will he say how many men of each class are employed on the day-shift at the Tramway Repairing Shops at Randwick and Pitt-street, exclusive of drivers and firemen?

(2.) The same with respect to the men employed on the night-shift at both places?

(3.) The amount of money required to pay the men above described fortnightly, taking the average for the past six months?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—I will lay the information upon the Table of the House, and move that it be printed.

- (4.) The Case of Emma Smyrke:—*Mr. Merriman*, for Mr. Levien, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Hospital Authorities refused admission to a woman named Emma Smyrke, and to grant the application made on the 2nd instant by Mr. Delohery, Clerk of Petty Sessions and Magistrate at the Central Police Court, for the woman's admission to the Hospital, notwithstanding that the application was supported by the medical certificate of Dr. Egan, stating that the woman was dying from chronic consumption?

(2.) Is it true that the matter was brought to the knowledge of the Board of Health, who, on the advice of their Medical Adviser, declined to move in the matter, and forwarded the papers relating to

to the case on to the Inspector of Charities; and is it true that the Board of Health took four days before deciding this matter?

(3.) What action did the Inspector of Public Charities take in the matter?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

(1.) I understand that the Hospital Authorities refused admission to the woman named in the Honorable Member's question, because the nature of her complaint was such as to preclude her admission under the regulations; but they had had a Medical Officer attending her for some time as an out-door patient.

(2.) It is not true. The Medical Officer, on the day upon which he received the information, brought the case under the notice of the Sydney Hospital Authorities, considering it was one which ought to be admitted; but subsequently, on their refusal to admit the patient, he sent the case on to the Inspector of Charities.

(3.) Within an hour after reference was made to him, the Inspector of Charities ordered that the woman should be admitted, but, unfortunately, the woman died in the meantime.

(5.) Telegraph Offices:—*Mr. Teece*, for Mr. De Salis, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What were the weekly average receipts, from the 1st of January to the 30th of June last, of the following Telegraph Offices:—Baradine, Broke, Brushgrove, Clifton, Blandford, Gininderra, Lower Gundaroo, Marengo, Molonglo, Michelago, Robertson, St. Albans, Major's Creek, Bowna?

(2.) How many of the said Stations have residences provided, and by whom are the residences provided, stating each Station separately?

(3.) Which of the said Stations have Post Offices attached, and what is the amount paid to each Officer as salary, all commissions included?

(4.) Have the Government any intention of closing any of the said Stations?

Mr. Stuart answered,—To enable me to obtain the information for which the Honorable Member asks, it would be necessary that a large portion of the staff of the Post Office should be employed in what appears to be a purpose of very little use, so far as one not conversant with the facts referred to can judge. If the Honorable Member withdraws the question, and should think it desirable to move for a Return, I shall make no objection.

(6.) R. P. Beales, School Teacher:—*Mr. Teece*, for Mr. De Salis, asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—

(1.) Is there a Teacher at present serving in the Department named Robert Paget Beales; if not, has there been at any time a person of that name?

(2.) If so, when was he in the Service, and what School or Schools had he under his charge?

(3.) If he is not in the Service, how long is it since he left; and in what manner did he leave—by resignation or dismissal—and for what cause?

Mr. Trickett answered,—

(1.) There is no Teacher of the name now in the Service.

(2.) A Mr. Robert Paget Beales acted as Teacher of the Jacqua Provisional School from October, 1875, to June, 1878.

(3.) He was dismissed on account of intemperance in June, 1878.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return respecting Workmen employed at the Tramway Repairing Shops at Randwick and Pitt-street.

(2.) Return respecting Railway Stations and Platforms on the Southern Line.

(3.) Return to an Order made on 13th August, 1884,—“Post Office Carvings.”

(4.) Minute of the Commissioner for Railways respecting Railway Accounts.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Stuart laid upon the Table,—

(1.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Hay.

(2.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Bega.

(3.) By-laws of the Borough of Ashfield, under the Municipalities Act and the Nuisances Prevention Act.

(4.) Report of the Master-in-Lunacy, for 1883.

(5.) Report on Canals and Irrigation in India.

(6.) Correspondence respecting the Case of Emma Smyrke, and other Cases.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Report on the National Park, for 1883.

Ordered to be printed.

(2.) Return to an Order made on 24th June, 1884,—“Hargraves Common.”

3. PUBLIC PARKS BILL:—Mr. Stuart presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill for the better regulation and protection of Public Parks or Places of Public Recreation and of Lands dedicated purchased or resumed for Public Purposes and for other Purposes*,”—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday next.

4. PATRICK HANNAN'S MINING CLAIM AT TEMORA:—Mr. Cameron presented a Petition from Mr. H. Margules, late Mining Registrar at Temora, praying that the adoption of the Report from the Select Committee on this subject be suspended, or altogether set aside.

And the same having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker,—Petition received.

5. PURCHASE OF RAILWAY ROLLING STOCK:—Mr. Sydney Smith (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Return to Order “*Railways, Springs for Engines and Carriages*,” laid upon the Table on the 25th November, 1879, be referred to the Select Committee now sitting on “*Purchase of Railway Rolling Stock*.”

Question put and passed.

6. PROBATE AND LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION EVIDENCE BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Merriman, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Merriman then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to facilitate Proof of Title by Devises and others to Real Estate.*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to facilitate Proof of Title by Devises and others to Real Estate,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 26th August, 1884.

7. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
 (1.) Orders Nos. 2 to 8 inclusive, Government Business;—*until to-morrow.*
 (2.) Mittagong Coal-mining Company's Railway Bill; second reading;—*until Friday, 12th September.*
 (3.) Dillon's Estate Bill; second reading;—*until Friday, 5th September.*
8. ASSENT TO BILLS:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Mr. Stuart, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

- (1.) Mining Act further Amendment Bill:—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor.

Message No. 81.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to extend the Provisions of the Mining Acts by giving power to grant Leases for Mining on certain Areas now exempt from such power to prescribe the conditions of such Leases to remove Doubts as to the power to make Reserves for Mining Purposes and for other Purposes,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,

Sydney, 19th August, 1884.

- (2.) Engineering Association Incorporation Bill:—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor.

Message No. 82.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to incorporate a Society called the Engineering Association of New South Wales,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,

Sydney, 19th August, 1884.

- (3.) Stirling's Trusts Bill:—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor.

Message No. 83.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Trustees of a Settlement made by Frederick Henry Stirling and Helen Cecilia Deas-Thomson to join with other persons in the Leasing and Sale of Lands subject of the said Settlement,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,

Sydney, 19th August, 1884.

- (4.) City Bank Act Extension Bill:—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor.

Message No. 84.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to continue for a further term of Twenty-one Years the Provisions of the 'City Bank Act' whereby the City Bank as thereby incorporated was empowered to make issue circulate and re-issue Bank Notes or Bills,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,

Sydney, 19th August, 1884.

9. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. A. G. Taylor moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

10. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 9) :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1884 and previous years,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 26th August, 1884.

JOHN HAY,
President.

11. RAILWAY FROM PEARCE'S CORNER TO NORTH SHORE :—Mr. Dibbs moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House approves of the Plan, Section, and Book of Reference of the proposed Railway from Pearce's Corner to North Shore, laid before the House on the 12th August, in accordance with the 9th section of the Government Railways Act 22 Victoria No. 19.
Question put and passed.
12. GENERAL POST OFFICE (APPROACHES IMPROVEMENT) BILL :—
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Stuart, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to authorize the Resumption of certain portions of Land situate between George and Pitt Streets, in the City of Sydney, for improving the Approaches to the General Post Office, and for other purposes in connection therewith.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with concurrence of the House*), that the report be now received.
The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows :—
Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to authorize the Resumption of certain portions of Land situate between George and Pitt Streets, in the City of Sydney, for improving the Approaches to the General Post Office, and for other purposes in connection therewith.
On motion of Mr. Stuart, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
(2.) Mr. Stuart presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to authorize the Resumption of certain portions of Land situate between George and Pitt Streets in the City of Sydney for improving the Approaches to the General Post Office and for other purposes in connection therewith,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday, 3rd September.
13. CASE OF MARK DUFFY :—Mr. Loughnan moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Report of the Select Committee on the "Case of Mark Duffy," brought up on 22nd July, be now adopted.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
14. CHARGES AGAINST THE OFFICERS OF THE "WOLVERENE" :—Mr. A. G. Taylor moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all charges made by Mr. F. H. Rowe against the Officers of the "Wolverene," and all correspondence and documents bearing upon the same subject.
Question put and passed.
15. CORRESPONDENCE RELATIVE TO THE STEAMSHIP "ZEALANDIA" :—Mr. A. G. Taylor moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all letters, documents, correspondence, &c., between Dr. Warren and the New South Wales Board of Health relative to the vessel "Zealandia."
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 16.

Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Poole,
Mr. Burdekin,	Mr. Proc'or,
Mr. Holtermann,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Teece,	Mr. A. G. Taylor,
Mr. Lloyd,	Mr. Day.
Mr. Alexander Ryrie,	
Mr. Cass,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Targett,	Mr. Humphery,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Stephen.

Noes, 3.

Mr. Stuart.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Dibbs.

And it appearing by the Tellers Lists that there was not a Quorum present, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House at six minutes after Ten o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 149.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 27 AUGUST, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Telegrams to the Suburbs:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is he aware that Telegrams sent to the Suburbs on the Railway Line are often detained for hours at the Station before being despatched to their destination, and that the explanation given for this alleged unnecessary delay is that several messages are allowed to accumulate at the Station before being despatched to their destination; if so, will he issue instructions that Telegraph Messengers shall carry a number on their collars, that they may be recognized and reported for racing through the Suburbs, and for idling and wasting their time in the unfrequented parts of the City and Suburbs?

Mr. Stuart answered,—The following report has been furnished by the Superintendent of Electric Telegraphs:—"I am not aware that any detention takes place in the delivery of messages from Offices on the Railway circuits, or that they are permitted to accumulate before being despatched, such practice being against the rules of the Department. Messengers employed in the Head Office always carry a number on their caps; but those engaged at the Branch or Suburban Offices have not been so supplied, it being considered sufficient to furnish a uniform. In all cases where Messengers have been brought under notice for racing or idling, they have been punished by fine, and in some cases dismissal."

- (2.) Water Supply for Silvertown:—Mr. Targett asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Has any provision been made for Water-boring at Silvertown?
 (2.) Does the Minister purpose giving instructions whereby an Artesian Supply may be sought for at Silvertown?

Mr. Cohen answered,—

- (1.) Trial shafts are being sunk at Silvertown, and boring apparatus has been sent to Wilcannia for the purpose of searching for Artesian Water along the road from Thackaringa to Wilcannia.
 (2.) Bores will be sunk at or near Silvertown.

- (3.) Small Debts Court, Greta:—Mr. Burns asked the Minister of Justice,—Is a Small Debts Court about to be established at Greta?

Mr. Cohen answered,—Yes; the Bench of Magistrates at Greta have lately been requested to take the requisite steps for the purpose of bringing the Small Debts Court into operation at that place.

- (4.) Friendly Societies Act:—Mr. Abigail asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) What progress has been made towards framing a new Friendly Societies Act?
 (2.) Will it be introduced this Session, according to promise given at the commencement?

Mr. Stuart answered,—I desire to state that the Parliamentary Draughtsman has been engaged in collecting and analysing Friendly Societies legislation in the Mother Country and the other Colonies, with a view to preparing a Bill on the subject. But I hardly think, seeing the length to which the Session has gone, that it can be introduced this Session.

- (5.) The Art Gallery:—Mr. Burdekin asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—Will he, without delay, lay upon the Table a copy of all correspondence in reference to the Art Gallery between Mr. Secretary Copeland and the Colonial Architect; also between Mr. Du Faur and the Colonial Architect, with estimates and sketch plans for proposed new Art Gallery in the Domain?

Mr. Trickett answered,—Most of these papers are in the Works Department. I have sent to that Department, requesting that they be hurried on, and when I get them, I will comply with the Honorable Member's request.

(6.)

(6.) **Funded Stock** :—Mr. A. Ryrie asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Has he any intention of issuing any fresh Interminable Funded Stock similar to that issued in 1871, which were offered at ninety-five and sold at par?

Mr. Stuart answered,—I am not aware that any Funded Stock was offered at ninety-five and sold at par. There must be some misapprehension on the part of the Honorable Member in regard to that matter. A number of Trust Funds were invested in the Terminable Stock in the first instance at par; but the matter being brought under the notice of the House, I think in 1875, when I was Treasurer, Parliament sanctioned the passing of a sum to the credit of that Fund to hold the Stock at the current market price of the day at which it was issued.

2. **GENERAL POST OFFICE (APPROACHES IMPROVEMENT) BILL** :—Mr. Burns presented a Petition from Thomas Holt, lately of Sydney, but now resident in England, Esquire, by his Attorney, F. Ellis Holt, praying that the General Post Office (Approaches Improvement) Bill may not pass into law as it now stands, and that Petitioner may be heard by Counsel against such of the clauses of the Bill as affect his rights and interests.

And the same having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker,—
Petition received.

3. **RAILWAY FROM NYNGAN TO WILCANNIA via COBAR** :—Mr. Russell Barton presented a Petition from Residents of Cobar and District, in favour of the construction of a Branch Line of Railway from Nyngan to Wilcannia via Cobar, and praying the House to give the matter favourable consideration.

And the same having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker,—
Petition received.

4. **PAPERS** :—

Mr. Trickett laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return to an Order made on 30th July, 1884,—“Sydney University Fees.”
Ordered to be printed.

(2.) Return to an Order made on 18th March, 1884,—“Teachers employed by the Department of Public Instruction.”

Mr. Stuart laid upon the Table,—

(1.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Ballina, under the Municipalities Act and the Nuisances Prevention Act.

(2.) Return to an Order made on 16th July, 1884,—“Sydney Corporation.”

(3.) General Abstract of Bank Liabilities and Assets for the Quarter ended 30th June, 1884.
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Cohen laid upon the Table,—Return to an Address adopted on 5th June, 1884,—“Convictions under the Criminal Law Consolidation Act.”

Ordered to be printed.

5. **IMPROVEMENT OF WAYS WITHIN MUNICIPALITIES (Formal Motion)** :—Mr. Stuart moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make better Provision for the Improvement of certain Ways within Municipalities, and for other Purposes.
Question put and passed.

6. **THE CASE OF W. W. AMOR, Esq., J.P. (Formal Motion)** :—Mr. Abigail moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers, letters, minutes, evidence, or other documents, bearing upon the case of W. W. Amor, Esq., J.P., a member of the Licensing Bench at Grenfell, who was charged with acting as a brewer's agent, and in other ways altogether inconsistent with such a position.
Question put and passed.

7. **TRADES HALL (Formal Motion)** :—Mr. Copeland moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday, 5th September, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for the present year a sum not exceeding £6,000, for the purpose of covering the cost, either by resumption or purchase, of some suitable block of land in the City of Sydney, to be vested in Trustees to be appointed by the Governor and Executive Council, for the purpose of erecting thereon a Trades Hall, the cost of such building to be defrayed by public subscription.
Question put and passed.

8. **POSTPONEMENTS** :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—

(1.) Carriages Regulation Bill; second reading;—

(2.) Compensation to Isidore James Knight Cohn;— } *until Friday, 12th September.*

(3.) Flogging Abolition Bill; second reading;—*until Friday, 19th September.*

(4.) Cleaning Public Schools;—*until Friday, 5th September.*

(5.) Criminal Law further Amendment Bill; adjourned Debate, on motion for second reading;—
until Friday, 12th September.

(6.) Parliamentary Prorogation Curtailment Bill; second reading;—*until this day three months.*

(7.) Religious Persuasions of Children attending Public Schools;—*until Friday, 19th September.*

(8.) Legislative Assembly Quorum Bill; second reading;—*until next Friday three months.*

(9.) Divorce Amendment Bill; second reading;—*until Friday, 26th September.*

9. **PRIVILEGE** :—Mr. A. G. Taylor moved, That it be referred to the Elections and Qualifications Committee to decide whether William Joseph Trickett, Esquire, a Member for Paddington, is not disqualified from sitting in the Legislative Assembly, on the ground that he holds an office of profit under the Crown, and has not been specially capacitated to sit by a *Gazette* Notice published by His Excellency the Governor.

Debate ensued.

Question

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 5.

Mr. Suttor,
Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Buchanan.

Tellers,

Mr. A. G. Taylor,
Mr. Teece.

Noes, 29.

Mr. Stuart,	Mr. Levin,
Mr. Gill,	Mr. Olliffe,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Ellis,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Russell Barton,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Coonan,
Mr. Stephen,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Luscombe,	Mr. Withers,
Mr. Holtermann,	Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Merriman,	Mr. Poole,
Mr. Day,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. See,	Mr. Targett.
Mr. W. R. Campbell,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Lloyd,	Mr. Tarrant,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Slattery.
Mr. Humphery,	
Mr. Alexander Ryrie,	

And so it passed in the negative.

10. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. A. G. Taylor moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

11. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Civil Service Bill postponed until to-morrow.

12. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 28 AUGUST, 1884, A.M.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

The House adjourned at twenty-two minutes before One o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 150.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 28 AUGUST, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Court-house, Greta:—Mr. Burns asked the Minister of Justice,—Has any, and if any what decision been arrived at by the Government in respect to the application for the erection of a Court-house at Greta?

Mr. Stuart answered,—In the absence of my Honorable Colleague, who is prevented from attending the House by severe indisposition, I desire to say that no decision has yet been arrived at; but the subject will receive early consideration.

- (2.) Railway from Cootamundra to Gundagai:—Mr. Poole asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he say if the progress made generally with the contract works on the Railway Extension from Cootamundra to Gundagai is sufficient to justify the expectation that the Line will be opened to Gundagai for public traffic on or before the expiration of the contract time?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—I have every reason to believe that the Line will be ready to open by the contract time, viz., 30th June, 1885.

- (3.) Communication between Members of Parliament and Heads of Departments:—*Mr. William Clarke*, for Mr. Dalton, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is he aware it is reported that the Under Secretaries and other Public Servants—Heads of Departments—have expressed a desire to be relieved from what they consider the interference of Members of Parliament, with a view to induce private applications to themselves?

(2.) If so, will he give instructions to have continued the usual courtesy and attention hitherto extended by Civil Servants to Members of this House?

Mr. Stuart answered,—I certainly am not aware of the report, and it would be utterly impossible for me to act upon any mere rumour. If the Honorable Member will give me information of any particular case, I will inquire into it; but I may say that I have understood that the Heads of Departments have always been courteous to all who may have business to transact with them.

- (4.) Consolidated Revenue Account:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Treasurer,—In reference to the so-called Surplus at the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of £1,834,000 at the end of 1883,—In what Bank or place of deposit is the above Surplus in cash to be found?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—I am not aware of any Surplus such as that mentioned by the Honorable Member, either as to amount or date.

- (5.) Railway and other Bridges:—*Mr. Burns*, for Mr. Abigail, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Who prepares the particulars for the Railway and other Bridges sent to England for years past?

(2.) To whom are they sent in England; and what amount is paid for draughting the plans?

(3.) Who is entrusted with the duty of obtaining tenders for such works in England; is it by open and public tendering; if not, how is it managed?

(4.) What amount of per centage is paid for this work, and to whom is it paid?

(5.) Is it proposed to stop this system, and adopt a plan of public tendering open to all?

Mr.

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

(1.) Designs for Railway Bridges, in the Office of the Engineer-in-Chief for Railways; those for Road Bridges, in the Office of the Commissioner and Engineer-in-Chief for Roads and Bridges under the respective direction of these Officers.

(2.) The Agent General. No payments are made in England for draughting plans for these Bridges.

(3.) The Agent General obtains tenders from known firms whose names are registered in his Office.

(4.) No per centage is paid in respect to tenders. There is a fee for superintendence and inspection of the works.

(5.) In the Colony tenders are open to all. In England to all on the Agent General's list, and any respectable firm can have their names noted on it.

(6.) Aprons for Tram-cars:—*Mr. Sutherland* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) To what Tram-car was the first apron (or swinging-board along the footstep) attached, and on what day did the Car with such apron first run in public?

(2.) Has any person, claiming under Letters of Registration, demanded or asked for a royalty from the Government, or from its contractors, for the use of such aprons; and if so, what is the date of such Letters of Registration?

(3.) Is it not a general rule that the Government pays royalties for the use of inventions, or otherwise rewards the inventor?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

(1.) Car No. 8; it ran in public with apron attached on 6th April, 1883.

(2.) Yes; the date of the Letters of Registration is 30th June, 1884.

(3.) The Government is not freed from the obligation of paying royalties for the use of inventions; but this particular invention was in use by the Department nearly three months before the claimant took out Letters of Registration for it. The Department is prepared to defend its right to use the apron without the payment of royalty to any person.

(7.) Water Supply for City of Bathurst:—*Mr. Burns*, for *Mr. Suttor*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) When will the Works for the supply of water to the City of Bathurst, now being carried out by the Government, be completed?

(2.) What portions of the Work are finished, what are now being proceeded with, and what portions have not yet been commenced?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

(1.) In about eight months.

(2.) The following portions of the work are finished:—Reservoir; filter-beds, and tank; machinery on ground ready for erection. The following are now being proceeded with:—Engine-house, and erection of machinery. The following has not yet been commenced:—Laying the main pipe from engine to reservoir.

(8.) Loan Fund:—*Mr. Buchanan* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Whether if the object of the Government in paying the interest on our debt due in London on the 1st July last out of money raised by loan was to save exchange on remittances,—Is it the intention of the Government to recoup the Loan Fund to the extent of the money so taken, or have they already done so; and if not, will he state the reason?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The Honorable Member evidently misunderstands the relative position of the Consolidated Revenue Fund and Loan Accounts. The latter is largely indebted to the former; and it is the Consolidated Revenue Account that requires to be recouped from the proceeds of Loans yet to be floated.

(9.) Flooding of Lincoln Crescent:—*Mr. Sydney Smith*, for *Mr. Burdekin*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Have any steps been taken to remedy the flooding of Lincoln Crescent, to which the Minister's attention was drawn by question asked by *Mr. Burdekin* on 18th June, 1884?

Mr. Stuart answered,—Yes; instructions have been given for the construction of an open channel on the inner side of the Domain wall to carry the water to Cowper Wharf.

(10.) Scab in Sheep:—*Mr. Burns*, for *Mr. Suttor*, asked the Secretary for Mines,—When will the report of the Commission appointed to inquire into the introduction of Scab into the Colony be laid upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Stuart answered,—As soon as it is furnished to the Minister.

(11.) Factory and Workshop Acts:—*Dr. Ross* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce any measure during the present Session dealing with the extension of the Factory and Workshop Acts to New South Wales?

Mr. Stuart answered,—The Government have no intention of introducing such a measure during the present Session.

2. GREAT SOUTHERN COAL-MINING COMPANY RAILWAY BILL:—*Mr. Hammond* presented a Petition from *Thomas Frederick Thompson*, *Frederick Clissold*, *William Lovel Davis*, and *John McLaughlin*, trading as "The Great Southern Coal-mining Company," praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable *Anthony Duke*, *Thomas Frederick Thompson*, *Frederick Clissold*, *William Lovel Davis*, *John Murray Wallace*, *Hugh Wallace*, *John McLaughlin*, and *Gustavus Alphonse Morcell*, of Sydney, in the Colony of New South Wales, Gentlemen, trading under the name style and firm of "The Great Southern Coal-mining Company" to construct a Railway from certain coal land situate at Sandy Creek, in the parish of Meryla, in the county of Camden, to the Great Southern Railway, and for other purposes.

And *Mr. Hammond* having produced the *Government Gazette* and the *Sydney Morning Herald* and *The Scrutineer and West Camden Advocate*, newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.

3. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 9):—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Stuart, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor.

Message No. 85.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of 1884 and previous years,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 28th August, 1884.

4. LITIGATION UNDER CROWN LANDS ACTS (*Formal Motion*):—Dr Ross moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House a tabulated Return, or synopsis, of all cases tried in the Supreme Court of actions or disputes arising under the provisions of the Crown Lands Acts of 1861, 1875, and 1880, together with the decision of the Judges in each case respectively, up to the present date.
(2.) Also a similar Return of the number of Appeal Cases to the Privy Council, together with the result of such appeal in each case.
Question put and passed.
5. SUPERANNUATED PUBLIC OFFICERS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Slattery moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—
(1.) The names of, and amounts paid to, Public Officers who retired under the Superannuation Act of 1864; also the date of appointments of each such Officer.
(2.) The amount paid to each such Officer under the Superannuation Repeal Act of 1873.
(3.) The difference between the amount actually received by each such Officer and that to which he would have been entitled if the Repeal Act had not been passed.
(4.) The amount of pensions the said Officers would be entitled to under the Imperial Acts of 1827 and 1835, and the amount which would be payable to each under Schedule B of the Constitution Act.
Question put and passed.
6. PAPER:—Mr. Stuart laid upon the Table,—Annual Returns under the 103rd section of the District Courts Act of 1858.
Ordered to be printed.
7. WILLIAM FREDERICK COLLIER'S CONDITIONAL PURCHASE:—Mr. Slattery presented a Petition from William Frederick Collier, of Sydney, saddler, praying for leave to attend and be heard by Counsel or Solicitor before the Select Committee now sitting on "*William Frederick Collier's Conditional Purchase,*" with liberty to adduce such evidence as may be deemed advisable concerning the subject matter of the said inquiry in the interests of Petitioner.
Petition received, and referred to the Select Committee on the subject.
8. PUBLIC PARKS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Stuart moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Notice being taken by Mr. A. G. Taylor that the Bill contained a provision in section 3 not authorized by the order of leave,—on motion of Mr. Stuart, the Order of the Day was discharged, and the Bill withdrawn.
9. CIVIL SERVICE BILL (No. 2):—The Order of the Day having been read,—and Mr. Stuart proceeding to move the second reading of this Bill,—
Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present.
Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being only eighteen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely,—Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Burdekin, Mr. Cameron, Mr. William Clarke, Mr. Copeland, Mr. Day, Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Farnell, Mr. W. J. Fergusson, Mr. Hammond, Mr. Holborow, Mr. Humphery, Mr. Levin, Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Merriman, Mr. Stuart, Mr. Trickett, and Mr. White,—

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House at eight minutes before Six o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 151.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 29 AUGUST, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

EXCLUSION OF STRANGERS:—Mr. Buchanan having called attention to the presence of Strangers, Mr. Speaker ordered Strangers to withdraw,—and Strangers having withdrawn,—

Mr. Melville moved, That, in the opinion of this House, the present being a case of urgent and pressing necessity, the Standing Order No. 92 be suspended "for this 'day' only."

Debate ensued.

Mr. A. G. Taylor moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the word "day," with a view to the insertion in its place of the word "month."

Question proposed, That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.

Debate continued.

Proposed amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question again stated.

Debate continued.

Mr. Young moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the words "for this day "only," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "until and including Tuesday "next."

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.

Debate continued.

Question,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—put and negatived.

Question,—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words omitted be there inserted,—put and passed.

Main Question put, That, in the opinion of this House, the present being a case of urgent and pressing necessity, the Standing Order No. 92 be suspended until and including Tuesday next.

The House divided.

Ayes, 26.

Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. See,
Mr. Trickett,	Mr. Butcher,
Mr. Purves,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. McCulloch,	Mr. Hugh Taylor,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Merriman,
Mr. Day,	Mr. White,
Mr. Cass,	Mr. Gill,
Mr. Poole,	Mr. Hammond,
Mr. Mitchell,	Mr. Wilson.
Mr. Withers,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Griffiths,	
Mr. Alexander Ryrie,	Mr. Lloyd,
Mr. George Campbell,	Mr. Melville.

Nocs, 17.

Mr. Burns,	Mr. Cameron.
Mr. R. B. Smith,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Wisdom,	
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Tarrant.
Mr. Burdokin,	
Mr. Stephen,	
Mr. W. J. Fergusson,	
Mr. Abigail,	
Mr. Sydney Smith,	
Mr. Proctor,	
Mr. Buchanan,	
Mr. A. G. Taylor,	
Mr. Tecce,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Mr. Stuart's Mineral Lease:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Lands,—On what date was a lease granted to Mr. Alexander Stuart for the lands selected by him in the county of Cumberland in December, 1874, and exceeding 20,000 acres?

Mr. Farnell answered,—No leases were issued. The land was selected in virtue of authorities under the Occupation Act of 1861, issued in the years 1872, 1873, and 1874. The area selected is 4,530 acres, not 20,000 acres.

(2.)

(2.) Small-pox :—Mr. Alexander Ryrie asked the Colonial Secretary,—Do the Government intend to take any steps with a view of suspending from practice the Medical Gentleman who had been attending the patients suffering at the "Orient Hotel," in this City, from small-pox for at least eight or ten days before making the facts known?

Mr. Stuart answered,—The Government have no power whatever to suspend any Medical Officer from practice.

(3.) The Quirindi Rape Case :—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is there any truth in the report that the two men Waring and Green, found guilty and sentenced to death for the crime of rape, have been released from prison by the Government?

Mr. Stuart answered,—Yes; they were released by the exercise of the Royal clemency.

(4.) John Tuohy's Conditional Purchase :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—Has any definite decision been arrived at in regard to the Conditional Purchase of 600 acres of land made by one John Tuohy on 8th September, 1881, county of Ashburnham; if so, will he state what that decision is, or if Mr. Tuohy is to be allowed to retain the land as selected?

Mr. Farnell answered,—A decision was arrived at and conveyed to the applicant in March, 1883, and he was at the same time informed how he should proceed to secure so much of the land applied for by him as might be available in accordance with the law. He has during the present year made further Conditional Purchases, which have been referred to the Surveyor for measurement or report.

3. GREAT SOUTHERN COAL-MINING COMPANY RAILWAY BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

(1.) Mr. Hammond moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable Anthony Duke, Thomas Frederick Thompson, Frederick Clissold, William Lovel Davis, John Murray Wallace, Hugh Wallace, John McLaughlin, and Gustavus Alphonse Morell, of Sydney, in the Colony of New South Wales, Gentlemen, trading under the name, style, and firm of the "Great Southern Coal-mining Company," to construct a Railway from certain coal land situate at Sandy Creek, in the parish of Meryla, in the county of Camden, to the Great Southern Railway, and for other purposes.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Hammond having *presented* this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of the sum of Twenty-five Pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable Anthony Duke Thomas Frederick Thompson Frederick Clissold William Lovel Davis John Murray Wallace Hugh Wallace John McLaughlin and Gustavus Alphonse Morell of Sydney in the Colony of New South Wales Gentlemen trading under the name style and firm of the 'Great Southern Coal-mining Company' to construct a Railway from certain coal land situate at Sandy Creek in the parish of Meryla in the county of Camden to the Great Southern Railway and for other purposes,*"—read a first time.

4. RAILWAY FROM MUDGEES TO COONAMBLE :—Mr. Cass presented a Petition from the Mayor and Aldermen of the Borough of Coonamble, and the Residents of the Town and District thereof, praying that the Railway Line from Mudgee to Coonamble may be adopted in preference to that from Dubbo.

And the same having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker,—
Petition received.

5. MUNICIPAL WAYS IMPROVEMENT BILL :—Mr. Stuart *presented* a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to make better provision for the Improvement of certain Ways within Municipalities and for other purposes,*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.

6. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. See (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That this House at its rising this day do adjourn until Seven o'clock on Tuesday next.

Question put and passed.

7. ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. R. B. Smith moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present.

Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being only nineteen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely,—Mr. Burdekin, Mr. Burns, Mr. Copeland, Mr. Dalton, Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Garrard, Mr. Gill, Mr. Griffiths, Mr. Melville, Mr. Poole, Mr. Roberts, Sir John Robertson, Mr. Slattery, Mr. R. B. Smith, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Stuart, Mr. Teece, and Mr. Withers,—

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House at ten minutes after Nine o'clock, until Tuesday next at *Seven* o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 152

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 2 SEPTEMBER, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Site for Railway Buildings at Millthorpe:—Mr. William Clarke asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has a site been determined upon for the new Station Buildings at Millthorpe; if so, when will tenders be called for their erection?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—Yes; tenders will be invited directly plans are ready.

- (2.) Railway Buildings at Spring Hill:—Mr. William Clarke asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will tenders be called for the new Station Buildings at Spring Hill; and is there any delay in doing so?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—Within three weeks from this date.

- (3.) Railway Platform, Orange:—Mr. William Clarke asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the Platform at the Orange Railway Station be widened, as promised?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—I cannot find from the records that any promise of the kind was made. The question of supplying more platform accommodation will be considered.

- (4.) Railway Refreshment Rooms between Werris Creek and Glen Innes:—Mr. W. J. Fergusson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What steps have been taken to have Refreshment Rooms between Werris Creek and Glen Innes?

(2.) When will the Refreshment Room be opened at Werris Creek; and has the contractor yet commenced the erection of the building?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

(1.) Inquiry has been made, and the necessity shown for a Refreshment Station at Armidale. There is a room in present building which can and will be made available for refreshment purposes temporarily; but more extensive accommodation than this will be provided.

(2.) Directly the building is completed; the contract time expires on the 25th of this month, and it is expected that it will be ready by that time.

- (5.) Scaffolding in front of Post Office:—Mr. William Clarke asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he give instructions for the immediate removal of the scaffolding in front of the Post Office in Pitt-street, if it is not now required for any purpose connected with that edifice?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—I have ascertained from the contractors that they still require the scaffolding in connection with the work of their contract, the time for completing which does not expire before February next.

- (6.) Road from Piper's Flat Coal Mines to Mitchell's Creek Silver Mines:—*Mr. Poole*, for Mr. Targett, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he give instructions to have a Road formed from Piper's Flat Coal Mines to the Mitchell's Creek Silver Mines?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The question is now under consideration, with a view to opening Road through Sharpe's pre-lease; but with the expenditure of £3,000 on Road Meadow Flat to Mitchell's Creek a much better communication can be established by metalled roads?

2. RESUMPTION OF LAND BETWEEN GEORGE AND PITT STREETS:—Mr. Burns (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—

(1.) Copies of all letters received by or issued from the Colonial Secretary's Department in reference to the purchase or resumption of the Lands specified in the Schedules to the Approaches to

to the General Post Office Improvement Bill, and also of all other documents and official minutes bearing upon the same subject, excepting those which have been already published by order of this House.

(2.) Also a copy of any plan or plans prepared to indicate the nature of the improvements contemplated by the Government in connection with "Post Office Place."

Question put and passed.

3. PAPERS :—

Mr. Stuart laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 3rd June, 1884,—“The Case of Thomas Scollins.”

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Religious and Public Purposes, in accordance with the 5th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.

(2.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from sale until surveyed for the Preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, in accordance with the 4th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.

(3.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 4th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.

(4.) Abstract of Alterations in Designs for Towns and Villages, under the 22nd section of the Act 43 Victoria No. 29.

(5.) Return to an Order made on 20th December, 1883,—“Moonbucca, Grogan, and Little Narraburra Runs.”

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Trickett laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 30th July, 1884,—“Public School Buildings, Wallalong.”

Ordered to be printed.

4. RAILWAY FROM JERILDERIE TO DENILQUIN :—Mr. Barbour presented a Petition from Members of the Executive Committee appointed by the “Deniliquin and Jerilderie Railway Extension League,”

urging the construction of a Line of Railway from Jerilderie to Deniliquin ; and praying the House to give the making of this Line favourable consideration.

Petition received.

5. DISCOVERY OF GOLD :—Mr. William Clarke presented a Petition from William Tom, the younger,

John Hardman Australia Lister, and James Tom, alleging that they are the discoverers of the first payable Gold Field in Australia, and claiming to be recognized as such ; and praying for the appointment of a Committee to inquire into the matter.

Petition received.

6. GENERAL POST OFFICE (APPROACHES IMPROVEMENT) BILL :—Mr. Hammond presented a Petition

from Clarissa Perkins and Henry Australia Perkins, as Executors and Legatees under the Will of the late Thomas Perkins, praying that this Bill may not pass into law as it now stands.

And the same having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker,—

Petition received.

7. ASSENT TO BILLS :—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by

Mr. Stuart, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

(1.) Supreme Court Appellate Jurisdiction Bill :—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,

Governor.

Message No. 86.

A Bill, intituled “*An Act to regulate Appeals to and the Constitution of the Supreme Court sitting in Banco*,”—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,

Sydney, 29th August, 1884.

(2.) Imported Stock Act Amendment Bill :—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,

Governor.

Message No. 87.

A Bill, intituled “*An Act to amend the ‘Imported Stock Act of 1871,’*”—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,

Sydney, 29th August, 1884.

(3.) Victorian Coal-mining Company’s Bill (No. 2) :—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,

Governor.

Message No. 88.

A Bill, intituled “*An Act to authorize the Construction and Maintenance of a Line of Railway from Land at Mount Kembla to the Sea Coast at Port Kembla near Red Point near Wollongong*,”—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,

Sydney, 29th August, 1884.

8. GREAT SOUTHERN COAL-MINING COMPANY RAILWAY BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Hammond moved, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) That the Great Southern Coal-mining Company Railway Bill be referred to a Select Committee for inquiry and report, with power to send for persons and papers.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Fletcher, Mr. Abigail, Mr. Teece, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Garrard, Mr. Murray, Mr. Sydney Smith, and the Mover.
- Question put and passed.
9. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
- (1.) Government Orders Nos. 1 to 7 inclusive;—*until to-morrow*.
 - (2.) Monk-Wearmouth Colliery Railway Bill; to be further considered in Committee;—*until Friday, 19th September*.
10. EXCLUSION OF STRANGERS:—Mr. Stuart moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the following Resolutions:—
- (1.) That Standing Order No. 92, viz.,—"On the request of any Member, or in his own discretion, the Speaker shall and may at any time order Strangers to withdraw, and such Strangers shall immediately withdraw accordingly,"—be, and the same is hereby rescinded.
 - (2.) That it shall be a Sessional Order for the remainder of the present Session,—That when the Speaker, or the Chairman of Committees, as the case may be, has been notified by any Honorable Member that Strangers are present, then, unless four other Honorable Members rise in their places, in token of their support to the objection, no order shall be made for Strangers to withdraw: Provided that the Speaker, or the Chairman of Committees, may, whenever he thinks fit, order the withdrawal of Strangers from any part of the House.
- Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 38.

Mr. Stuart,	Mr. Fletcher,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. W. J. Fergusson,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Purves,
Mr. Trickett,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. White,	Mr. Day,
Mr. Farnell,	Sir John Robertson,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Griffiths,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Combes,
Mr. Vaughn,	Mr. A. G. Taylor,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Levin,	Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Murray,	Mr. Poole,
Mr. Buchanan,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Targett,	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Humphery,	Mr. Dalton.
Mr. Moses,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Wilkinson,	
Mr. Cramsie,	Mr. Hammond,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Brunker.

Noes, 5.

Mr. Cameron,
Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. McCulloch.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Olliffe,
Mr. Proctor.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Stuart, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported from the Committee a Resolution, which was read, as follows:—

Resolved,—

(1.) That Standing Order No. 92, viz.,—"On the request of any Member, or in his own discretion, the Speaker shall and may at any time order Strangers to withdraw, and such Strangers shall immediately withdraw accordingly,"—be, and the same is hereby rescinded.

(2.) That it shall be a Sessional Order for the remainder of the present Session,—That when the Speaker, or the Chairman of Committees, as the case may be, has been notified by any Honorable Member that Strangers are present, then, unless four other Honorable Members rise in their places, in token of their support to the objection, no order shall be made for Strangers to withdraw: Provided that the Speaker, or the Chairman of Committees, may, whenever he thinks fit, order the withdrawal of Strangers from any part of the House.

On motion of Mr. Stuart, the Resolution was read a second time.

Mr. Stuart then moved, That the Resolution be agreed to.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 20.

Mr. Stuart,	Mr. Griffiths,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Dalton,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. White,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Purves,
Mr. Day,	Mr. Trickett,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. William Clarke.
Mr. Levin,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Burns,	
Mr. Wilkinson,	Mr. Poole,
Mr. Olliffe,	Mr. Cramsie.

Noes, 8.

Sir John Robertson,
Mr. Combes,
Sir Henry Parkes,
Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Cameron,
Mr. A. G. Taylor.

Tellers,

Mr. Brunker,
Mr. Burdekin.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The House adjourned at ten minutes before Twelve o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 153.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 3 SEPTEMBER, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

QUESTION.—CLASS-ROOM AT PUBLIC SCHOOL, TARALGA:—Mr. Holborow asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—

(1.) Was the Rev. William M. Martyn denied the use of the class-room in the Public School at Taralga?

(2.) Has not the said room been used as a class-room from the time the present School was built, a period of upwards of thirteen years?

(3.) Is it the intention of the Department to provide a class-room; if so, when?

(4.) When the present School was built, was not the room adjoining marked on the plan as a class-room?

(5.) Will the Minister lay upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence between the Department and the Rev. William M. Martyn, the Inspector, the Teacher of the Public School, Taralga, and Mr. J. Whiting, J.P., of Taralga?

Mr. Trickett answered,—The information which the Honorable Member desires will be contained in the correspondence in the Department to which he refers in Question 5. I have directed that all the correspondence should be copied, and it will be laid upon the Table in a day or so.

2. POST AND TELEGRAPH OFFICE, CARGO (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. William Clarke moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence, reports, petitions, and other papers in connection with the proposed erection of a Post and Telegraph Office at Cargo.
Question put and passed.
3. SERISIER'S ESTATE BILL:—Mr. Burdekin presented a Petition from René Bertaux, Margaret Bertaux, Narcisse Muller, and Jean De Bouillon Emile Serisier, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the Sale, Mortgage, and Leasing of certain Lands and Hereditaments devised by the Will of Jean Emile Serisier, deceased, and for other purposes.
And Mr. Burdekin having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* and *Dubbo Dispatch*, newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.
4. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. A. G. Taylor moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in order to fitly celebrate the opening of the Extension of the Railway to Mudgee, this House at its rising on Friday next do adjourn until Tuesday, the 16th September.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
5. GENERAL POST OFFICE (APPROACHES IMPROVEMENT) BILL (No. 2):—Mr. Stuart moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the desirableness of bringing in a Bill to authorize the Resumption of certain portions of Land situate between George and Pitt Streets, in the City of Sydney, for improving the Approaches to the General Post Office, for the disposal of the residuc of such Land after such improvement, and for other purposes in connection therewith.
Question put and passed.

6. PUBLIC PARKS BILL (No. 2):—

(1.) Mr. Stuart moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill for the better Regulation and Protection of Public Parks or Places of Public Recreation, and of Lands dedicated, purchased, or resumed for Public Purposes, for bringing certain Lands within the operation of this Act, and for other purposes.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Stuart presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill for the better Regulation and Protection of Public Parks or Places of Public Recreation and of Lands dedicated purchased or resumed for Public Purposes for bringing certain Lands within the operation of this Act and for other purposes,*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

7. GENERAL POST OFFICE (APPROACHES IMPROVEMENT) BILL (No. 2):—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Stuart, and read by Mr. Speaker

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,

Message No. 89.

Governor.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to authorize the Resumption of certain portions of Land situate between George and Pitt Streets, in the City of Sydney, for improving the Approaches to the General Post Office, for the disposal of the residue of such Land after such improvement, and for other purposes in connection therewith.

Government House,

Sydney, 2nd September, 1884.

Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

8. GENERAL POST OFFICE (APPROACHES IMPROVEMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read,—Mr. A. G. Taylor objected to the Bill being proceeded with, on the ground that it contained a provision not authorized by the order of leave.

And Mr. Speaker sustaining the objection made by Mr. Taylor,—

On motion of Mr. Stuart, the Order of the Day was discharged, and the Bill withdrawn.

9. CIVIL SERVICE BILL (No. 2):—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Stuart moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Burns moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Wednesday, 17th September.

The House adjourned at five minutes after Seven o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,

Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 154.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 4 SEPTEMBER, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Combined Tramway Motor and Car:—Mr. Olliffe asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 (1.) Will he inform this House if the Combined Motor and Car has been a success?
 (2.) What has been the cost of each, including repairs, improvements, &c., to 1st August, 1884?
 (3.) How many and how often have each broken down in traffic?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

- (1.) This description of rolling stock has proved to be successful.
 (2 and 3.) I will lay this information upon the Table of the House in the shape of a Return in the course of a few days.
 (2.) Public Parks Bill:—Mr. Abigail asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to make provision in the proposed Bill for the better Regulation and Protection of Public Parks or Places of Public Recreation and of Lands dedicated for Public Purposes, to appoint Trustees for the Outer Domain, and give them power to prevent Citizens from holding Public Meetings, as at present?

Mr. Stuart answered,—There is no power proposed to be conferred on the Government by the Bill other than that which they already have in the case of the Domain. Wherever Crown Land has been dedicated as a Public Park the Government have power to appoint Trustees under the Crown Lands Act. The Bill is intended to meet cases in which land has been resumed for Public Parks under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act. That Act vests land so resumed in the Minister for Public Works, whose Department is not that which, I think, should have to deal with Public Parks. The Act does not give power to appoint Trustees, but only caretakers and bailiffs, and hence the necessity for the Bill. The Government have not thought fit to appoint Trustees for the Domain; but their power of appointment is, as I have said, complete already.

2. PAPERS :—

Mr. Stuart laid upon the Table,—Statistical Register of the Colony of New South Wales for 1883,—Parts 1, 2, 3, 4.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Trickett laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 30th July, 1884,—“Public School Buildings at Morpeth.”

3. SERISIER'S ESTATE BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

- (1.) Mr. Burdekin moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the Sale, Mortgage, and Leasing of certain Lands and Hereditaments devised by the Will of Jean Emile Serisier, deceased, and for other purposes.

Question put and passed.

- (2.) Mr. Burdekin having *presented* this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of the sum of Twenty-five Pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled “*A Bill to authorize the Sale Mortgage and Leasing of certain Lands and Hereditaments devised by the Will of Jean Emile Serisier deceased and for other purposes,*”—read a first time.

4. RAILWAY TICKETS ISSUED TO SINGLETON (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Abigail, for Mr. Gould, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return, in tabulated form, showing,—

- (1.) The number of first and second class tickets respectively issued at each Station on the Great Northern and North-western Railways to Singleton on each of the following days:—Tuesday, 26th August, 1884; Wednesday, 27th August, 1884; Thursday, 28th August, 1884.

- (2.) The amount of revenue derived therefrom, and the additional expenditure incurred in connection therewith.

Question put and passed.

5.

5. **TEACHERS EMPLOYED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION (*Formal Motion*)** :—Mr. Abigail moved, pursuant to Notice, That the papers laid upon the Table on 27th August by the Minister for Public Instruction relating to the appointments and classification of Teachers in the Public Schools be printed.
Question put and passed.

6. **SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH (MUDGE) LEASING BILL** :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having appointed a Select Committee on "Saint John's Church (Mudge) Leasing Bill," and that Committee being desirous to examine Robert Hoddle Driberg White, Esquire, Member of the Legislative Assembly, in reference thereto, requests that the Legislative Assembly will give leave to its said Member to attend and be examined by the said Committee on such day and days as shall be arranged between him and the said Committee.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 4th September, 1884.*

JOHN HAY,
President.

Mr. Stuart moved, That Robert Hoddle Driberg White, Esquire, have leave to attend and give evidence before the Select Committee of the Legislative Council on the "Saint John's Church (Mudge) Leasing Bill," if he think fit.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

In answer to the Message from the Legislative Council, dated 4th September, 1884, requesting leave for Robert Hoddle Driberg White, Esquire, a Member of the Legislative Assembly, to attend and be examined before a Select Committee of the Legislative Council on the "Saint John's Church (Mudge) Leasing Bill,"—the Assembly acquaints the Council that leave has been granted to its said Member to attend and be examined by the said Committee, if he think fit.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 4th September, 1884.*

7. **GENERAL POST OFFICE (APPROACHES IMPROVEMENT) BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Stuart, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the desirableness of bringing in a Bill to authorize the Resumption of certain portions of Land situate between George and Pitt Streets, in the City of Sydney, for improving the Approaches to the General Post Office, for the disposal of the residue of such Land after such improvement, and for other purposes in connection therewith.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, that the reception of the Resolution stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

8. **PUBLIC PARKS BILL (No. 2)** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Stuart moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Stuart, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday, 16th September.

9. **MUNICIPAL WAYS IMPROVEMENT BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Stuart moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Stuart, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.

On motion of Mr. Stuart (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

The House adjourned at ten minutes after Nine o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 155.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 5 SEPTEMBER, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

PRICKLY PEAR DESTRUCTION BILL (No. 2):—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Abbott, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor.

Message No. 90.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to provide for the Eradication of the Prickly Pear.

Government House,
Sydney, 5th September, 1884.

Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Miners Rights, Silverton:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for *Mr. W. J. Fergusson*, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) If it is true the Warden at Silverton lately reported he had no miners rights forms to issue?
 (2.) Is it true the Warden wrote the miners rights on paper with the proper numbers, and that *Mr. Warden Gower* held, in cases lately heard by him at Silverton, that the written miners rights were waste paper; if not, can he state in what case he held the miners titles were waste paper?
 (3.) What date were the miners rights applied for, and on what date were they received by the Warden at Silverton?

Mr. Abbott answered,—

- (1.) The Warden reported that he had no business licenses, and a supply was forthwith sent.
 (2.) Manuscript documents have been issued in lieu of the ordinary or formal business license. In the case *McLeod v. Richardson*, *Mr. Warden Gower* decided that the document tendered as a business license was waste paper, because it had been issued and signed by a person who was not authorized to issue such documents.
 (3.) Miners rights asked for on the 17th March were sent on the 19th, and those asked for on the 28th July were sent on the 30th. The information as to date when received by the Warden has not yet been furnished.

(2.) Stock Depastured, and Rent of Runs:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for *Dr. Ross*, asked the Secretary for Mines,—The number of sheep and cattle depastured in each of the three Divisions of the Colony, viz., Eastern, Central, and Western; and the amount of rent paid annually in each Division respectively.

Mr. Abbott answered,—

Divisions.	No. of Sheep.	No. of Cattle.	Amount of Rent paid Annually— Pastoral Leases.			Amount of Rent paid Annually— Auction Leases.			Amount of Rent paid Annually— Pre-leases.		
			£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Eastern	15,085,880	1,202,100	33,091	0	0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Central	11,589,017	308,911	120,174	10	0	8,843	4	10	} 46,590	0	9
Western	11,240,613	129,742	107,837	0	0	25	0	0				5,496	16	11

(3.)

- (3.) Police for Cargo :—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Dr. Ross, asked the Minister of Justice,—Is it the intention of the Government to see that a Police Officer is stationed in the town of Cargo; and if so, when?

Mr. Stuart answered,—The Government will inquire whether it is desirable or necessary that a Police Officer should be stationed at this place.

- (4.) Travelling Stock Reserve between Eugowra and Canowindra :—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Dr. Ross, asked the Secretary for Mines,—Has any report been received in reference to Travelling Stock Reserve between Eugowra and Canowindra; if so, when will that Reserve or portion of the same be revoked, so as to enable the selectors in that locality to increase their area?

Mr. Abbott answered,—The report has been received by the Lands Department, but nothing further has yet been done in the matter.

- (5.) St. James's Public School :—*Mr. Abigail* asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—

(1.) What is the total number of scholars, stating males and females separately, attending St. James's Public School?

(2.) What is the religious classification of the same respectively?

(3.) The number of Male and Female Teachers?

(4.) Are those Teachers, or any of them, recent appointments, and do they hold their position by classification obtained by examination, or by any other means; if so, will the Minister state how?

(5.) What Clergymen visit the School, and do they all attend to give religious instruction?

Mr. Trickett answered,—

(1 and 2.)	C.E.	R.C.	Pres.	Wcs.	Others.	Total.
Boys-Department	63	7	8	3	4	85
Girls Department	58	11	5	1	8	83
Infants Department	93	10	7	3	10	123
Total.....	214	28	20	7	22	291

(3.) Male Teacher, 1; Female Teachers, 2; Male Pupil Teachers, 2; Female Pupil Teachers, 3.

(4.) *Mr. M. Marrack* was appointed on 3rd July, 1884; he holds a classification of II. A by examination. *Miss B. Galbraith* was appointed on 28th September, 1883; she holds a classification of III. A by examination, and has passed in all subjects prescribed for First Class, with the exception of French, Music, and Drawing. *Mrs. A. C. Crowley* was appointed on 28th September, 1883, to teach on the Kindergarten System.

(5.) *The Rev. W. Hough* attends the School to give religious instruction.

- (6.) Immigration :—*Mr. Abigail* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What are the present arrangements with the Agent General for dispatching Immigrant Ships from London?

(2.) Do the Government propose suspending the dispatch of such vessels after the last Vote for that purpose is expended, unless another sum is voted by this House before the end of the year?

Mr. Stuart answered,—The arrangements with the Agent General for the dispatch of Immigrant Ships are, not to send them too frequently, but, at the same time, to give a reasonable dispatch to those persons who hold contract tickets—nominations from this country and others, such as domestic servants. With regard to the second question, it is impossible for me to say what the Government will do if it should, unfortunately, be the determination of the House that no further sum be voted.

3. PAPER :—*Mr. Abbott* laid upon the Table,—Report of the Royal Commission appointed to inquire into the Quarantine Regulations for Stock, and also into the circumstances connected with the recent outbreak of Scab in Sheep at Errowangbang Station, near Carcoar; together with Minutes of Evidence and Appendices.
Ordered to be printed.

4. IMMIGRATION :—*Mr. Fletcher* presented a Petition from Inhabitants of the town and district of Greta, praying that the necessary steps may be taken for the immediate discontinuance of the present system of Immigration.
Petition received.

5. NEWCASTLE STREETS BILL :—*Mr. Fletcher* presented a Petition from the Mayor and Aldermen of the Borough of Newcastle, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Council of the Borough of Newcastle to alter the Levels, Width, and direction of Streets at and near their meeting or intersection with other Streets.

And *Mr. Fletcher* having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* and *Newcastle Morning Herald and Miner's Advocate* newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.

6. RAILWAY LOAN VOTES (*Formal Motion*) :—*Mr. Poole* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return, in detail, showing how much of the £838,238 10s. 9d, comprised in the Return laid upon the Table of this House on the 16th July, 1884, consisted of balances due to contractors and for services contracted for prior to the opening of the Railways mentioned in that Return.
Question put and passed.

7. SERISIER'S ESTATE BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—*Mr. Burdekin* moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That Serisier's Estate Bill be referred to a Select Committee for inquiry and report, with power to send for persons and papers.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Sir Patrick Jennings, *Mr. Burns*, *Mr. Day*, *Mr. McQuade*, *Mr. Moses*, *Mr. Chapman*, *Mr. Poole*, *Dr. Ross*, *Mr. Cass*, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

8. **POSTPONEMENTS** :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—
 (1.) Contempts Punishment Bill ; second reading ;—
 (2.) Law of Seduction Amendment Bill ; resumption of the
 adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Buchanan, "That this
 Bill be now read a second time" ;— } *until Tuesday, 16th September.*
9. **DILLON'S ESTATE BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Burns moved, That this
 Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put.
 The House divided.

Ayes, 22.

Mr. Stuart,	Mr. Abigail,
Mr. Burdekin,	Mr. Wilson,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. McCulloch,
Sir John Robertson,	Mr. Gibbes,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Day,	Mr. A. G. Taylor,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Fletcher.
Mr. Stephen,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Hammond,
Mr. Withers,	Mr. Griffiths.
Mr. Sutherland,	

Noes, 18.

Mr. Trickett,	Mr. Fremlin,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Olliffe,
Mr. Gill,	Mr. Proctor.
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. William Clarke,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Merriman.
Mr. McLaughlin,	
Mr. McQuade,	
Mr. Tarrant,	
Mr. White,	
Mr. Humphery,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Burns, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Friday, 26th September.

10. **TRADES HALL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Copeland, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for the present year a sum not exceeding £6,000, for the purpose of covering the cost, either by resumption or purchase, of some suitable block of Land in the City of Sydney, to be vested in Trustees to be appointed by the Governor and Executive Council, for the purpose of erecting thereon a Trades Hall, the cost of such building to be defrayed by public subscription.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), that the report be *now* received.

The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows :—

Resolved,—That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for the present year a sum not exceeding £6,000, for the purpose of covering the cost, either by resumption or purchase, of some suitable block of Land in the City of Sydney, to be vested in Trustees to be appointed by the Governor and Executive Council, for the purpose of erecting thereon a Trades Hall, the cost of such building to be defrayed by public subscription.

On motion of Mr. Copeland, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

11. **CLEANING PUBLIC SCHOOLS** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Burdekin moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Additional Estimates for 1884 a sum not exceeding £1,500 to pay Teachers of Public Schools the full amount authorized for cleaning Schools, from the date of the minute issued by the Instruction Department, on 13th August, 1883, to the receipt by the Teachers of the minute, dated 1st May, 1884, ordering a reduction in the amount.

Debate ensued.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

On motion of Mr. Burdekin, the Order of the Day was discharged.

12. **PAPER** :—Mr. Stuart laid upon the Table,—Return to an Address adopted on 6th August, 1884, "Officers of the Supreme Court."
 Ordered to be printed.

13. **POSTPONEMENTS** :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—
 (1.) Judgment Creditors Remedies Extension Bill ; second reading ;—*until Friday next.*
 (2.) Supreme Court Process Facilitation Bill ; second reading ;—*until Friday, 19th September.*

14. **LIABILITIES FOR NUISANCES LIMITATION BILL** :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill read,—and, on motion of Mr. Garrard, discharged.
 Ordered, that the Bill be withdrawn.

15. **COMPANIES (EXTRA-COLONIAL REGISTERS) BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Stephen moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Stephen, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Stephen, the report was adopted.

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday, 16th September.

16. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Dibbs moved, That this House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
17. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—
 (1.) Bridge, Nambuccra River; consideration in Committee of the
 Whole of an Address to the Governor;—
 (2.) Licensing Acts Amendment Bill; adjourned Debate, on the motion
 of Mr. Olliffe, "That this Bill be now read a second time";—
 (3.) Illegal Lotteries Bill; second reading;—*until Friday, 26th September.*
18. LAND LAWS INQUIRY COMMISSION, 1882 :—Mr. Day moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of the Evidence taken before the Land Laws Inquiry Commission, held in 1882, for which £1,907 10s. 2d. was voted in the Supplementary Estimates on Wednesday, 27th August, 1884, together with a detailed account, showing to whom this money was paid, and for what purpose, and by whose authority.
 Debate ensued.
 Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present.
 Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being only nineteen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely,—Mr. Barbour, Mr. Burdekin, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Copeland, Mr. Day, Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Garrard, Mr. Gibbes, Mr. Griffiths, Mr. Luscombe, Mr. Melville, Mr. Merriman, Mr. Poole, Sir John Robertson, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Sutherland, and Mr. A. G. Taylor,—
- Mr. Speaker adjourned the House at three minutes after Ten o'clock, until *Tuesday, 16th September*, at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 156.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 16 SEPTEMBER, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) The Case of a Frenchman tried at the Water Police Court :—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. Abigail, asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is it true that a Frenchman was recently tried at the Water Police Court for indecent conduct, to wit, running up and down the street in a complete nude state in the presence of ladies ?

(2.) If so, who tried the case, and what were the particular features of it which led to a fine of £5 being inflicted for such an offence ?

(3.) Did the French Consul, or any gentleman from his office, sit on the Bench with the Magistrates while the case was dealt with ?

Mr. Cohen answered,—

(1.) No ; a Frenchman was tried for indecent conduct, but not as described in the question, as the depositions show.

(2.) *Mr. Yates*, Deputy Stipendiary Magistrate, who, having regard to the general features of the case, did not consider the evidence warranted the infliction of a more severe punishment.

(3.) Yes, the French Consul occupied a seat on the Bench, and, I am informed, gave his assurance to the Magistrate that however good the character of the man had previously been, and whatever punishment might be inflicted by the Court, the prisoner, who was a French seaman, would be very severely dealt with by the Naval Authorities.

- (2.) Newcastle Mail Train :—*Mr. W. J. Fergusson* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he say why the Mail Train leaving Newcastle on Sunday morning only runs as far as Tamworth ; and will he reconsider the propriety of running the Train through to Glen Innes on Sundays ?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The Train would be run at a considerable loss beyond Tamworth ; but arrangements have been made for carrying passengers and mails beyond Tamworth by goods trains, which arrive an hour or two later than the Mail Train would arrive.

- (3.) Waterloo Toll-bar :—*Mr. White* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Do the Government intend to abolish the Toll-bar at Waterloo ; and if so, when ?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—This Bar is not under the control of the Government. The Local Government Bill will contain a provision for the absorption of all these subdivisions of control into the general local government of each district.

- (4.) *Webber v. Traill* :—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. Abigail, asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Will he state what is the cause of delay, if any, in laying the papers in the Case of *Webber v. Traill* upon the Table, as ordered by Resolution nearly three months ago ?

(2.) When will they be produced ?

Mr. Cohen answered,—I will presently lay these papers upon the Table of the House.

- (5.) *Mr. Stocks, J.P.* :—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. Abigail, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has *Mr. J. Stocks, J.P.*, of Lismore, complied with the second letter of the Government requesting him to resign his Commission ?

(2.) If not, will the Government take immediate steps to give effect to their decision by removing this gentleman from the Commission of the Peace ?

(3.) When will the papers referring to this case be produced, in accordance with a Resolution passed by this House some months ago ?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

(1.) *Mr. Stocks* has not resigned his Commission ; but the request for him to do so was not contained in a second letter of the Government.

(2.)

- (2.) The Government have taken steps to remove this gentleman from the Commission of the Peace.
- (3.) Now that the subject has been dealt with, there will be no objection by the Government to the papers being laid upon the Table.
- (6.) Royal Commission on Conservation of Water:—*Mr. Garrard*, for *Mr. Day*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—What amount of money has been placed at the disposal of the Royal Commission on Water Supply; and what amount of money is each Member of such Commission to receive for each Meeting; and are the Members of Parliament who are sitting on the Commission paid for their attendance; if so, what amount?
- Mr. Stuart* answered,—Up to the present time the sum of £500 has been placed at the disposal of this Commission. The Commissioners receive a fee of £2 2s. for each attendance, but those Commissioners who are also Members of Parliament do not receive any remuneration.
- (7.) Railway Iron:—*Mr. Luscombe* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) What price per ton has been paid by the Government during each of the years 1874, 1875, 1876, 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, and 1884, for—
- Steel rails and iron rails delivered at our Railway Works;
 - Steel tires and iron tires;
 - Iron and steel bolts, bars, angles, rolled girders, wire, and tees (T's);
 - Iron and steel-point tongues;
 - Railway chairs and spikes?
- (2.) Were any of the above Colonial made; and if so, at what price per ton were they supplied and delivered?
- (3.) In the case of any of the above that were imported, what was the price per ton in England, and what was the cost of freight, commission, inspection, and cost of exchange in transmitting money for the same, cost of haulage from the place of delivery from the ship to the Railway Works, and the amount of any other incidental expenses incurred in respect to that which may fairly be charged to the articles imported as expenses incurred?
- (4.) What number of tons of iron rails or steel rails, chairs, tires, bolts, angles, &c., &c., have been condemned by our Government Officers after the materials have been delivered in this Colony during the periods abovementioned, from 1874 to 1884, and if any amount of money has been recovered from the manufacturers of the condemned goods?
- Mr. Dibbs* answered,—This information will have to be laid upon the Table of the House in the shape of a Return. It is ready, with the exception of reply to question No. 4. The Engineer-in-Chief can best answer that question.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Cohen laid upon the Table,—

- Return to an Address adopted on 5th August, 1884,—“Correspondence between Messrs. Brotnall Brothers and the Department of Justice.”
- Supplementary Return to an Address adopted on 6th August, 1884,—“The Case of Edward Andersen.”
- Return to an Address adopted on 16th May, 1884,—“*Webber v. Traill*.”
- Return to an Order made on 18th June, 1884,—“Renewal of Publicans Licenses.”
- Prisons.—Report for 1883.
- Return to an Order made on 18th June, 1884,—“Informations for Breaches of the Licensing Act in Newcastle.”

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Stuart laid upon the Table,—

- Amended By-law of the Borough of Mudgee.
- Amended Schedule to By-laws of the Borough of Wagga Wagga.
- Further Return to an Address adopted on 6th July, 1877,—“Immigration.”—Ship “*Australasian*.”
- Further Return to an Order made on 23rd October, 1883,—“Immigration.”

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table,—

- Return respecting combined Tramway Motor and Car.
- Return to an Order made on 1st May, 1884,—“*Campbelltown and Camden Tramway*.”
- Return to an Order made on 10th July, 1884,—“*Railway from Grafton to New England*.”

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table,—

- Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Religious and Public Purposes, in accordance with the 5th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.
- Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from sale until surveyed for the Preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, in accordance with the 4th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.
- Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 4th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.

Ordered to be printed.

3. BRYEN'S ESTATE LEASING BILL:—*Mr. Proctor* presented a Petition from *Stephen Josiah Bryen*, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable *Stephen Josiah Bryen*, or his representatives, to grant Leases for any term not exceeding fifty years from the passing of this Act of certain portions of the Real Estate devised by the Will of *John Bryen*, formerly of *Abercrombie-street*, in the City of *Sydney*, and Colony of *New South Wales*, and for other purposes in the said Act to be mentioned. And *Mr. Proctor* having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Daily Telegraph* and *Nepean Times*, newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—

Petition received.

4. **NEWCASTLE STREETS BILL** (*Formal Motion*):—
 (1.) Mr. Fletcher moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Council of the Borough of Newcastle to alter the levels, width, and direction of Streets at and near their meeting or intersection with other Streets.
 Question put and passed.
 (2.) Mr. Fletcher having *presented* this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of the sum of Twenty-five Pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled “*A Bill to enable the Council of the Borough of Newcastle to alter the levels width and direction of Streets at and near their meeting or intersection with other Streets,*”—read a first time.
5. **MINING UNDER STREETS** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Melville moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to restrain persons from taking Coal or other Minerals from under any Streets in any Towns, and for other purposes.
 Question put and passed.
6. **COMPANIES (EXTRA-COLONIAL REGISTERS) BILL** (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Stephen, read a third time, and *passed*.
 Mr. Stephen then moved, That the Title of the Bill be “*An Act to authorize Companies registered under the ‘Companies Act’ to keep Extra-Colonial Registers.*”
 Question put and passed.
 Ordered, that the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—
 MR. PRESIDENT,
 The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled “*An Act to authorize Companies registered under the ‘Companies Act’ to keep Extra-Colonial Registers,*”—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
 Sydney, 16th September, 1884.*
7. **POSTPONEMENT**:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Mittagong Coal-mining Company’s Railway Bill postponed until Friday, 26th September.
8. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. A. G. Taylor moved, That this House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and negatived.
9. **MUNICIPAL WAYS IMPROVEMENT BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Dibbs moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
 Question put and passed.
 Bill read a third time,—and, on motion of Mr. Dibbs, *passed*.
 Mr. Dibbs then moved, That the Title of the Bill be “*An Act to make better provision for the Improvement of certain Ways within Municipalities and for other purposes.*”
 Question put and passed.
 Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—
 MR. PRESIDENT,
 The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled “*An Act to make better provision for the Improvement of certain Ways within Municipalities and for other purposes,*”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
 Sydney, 16th September, 1884.*
10. **ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES FOR 1884, AND FURTHER SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR 1883**:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Dibbs, and read by Mr. Speaker:—
 AUGUSTUS LOFTUS, *Message No. 91.*
Governor.
 In accordance with the provisions of the 54th clause of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the accompanying Additional Estimates of the Expenditure of this Government for the year 1884, with further Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for 1883 and previous years.
*Government House,
 Sydney, 16th September 1884.*
 Ordered to be printed, together with the accompanying Estimates, and referred to the Committee of Supply.
11. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The remaining Orders of the Day of Government Business postponed until to-morrow.
12. **NATIONAL ART GALLERY AND PUBLIC LIBRARY**:—Mr. Copeland proceeding to make the Motion standing in his name in reference to this subject,—
 Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present.
 Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being only eighteen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely,—Mr. Burdekin, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Copeland, Mr. Fletcher, Mr. Garrard, Mr. Garvan, Mr. Hammond, Mr. Heydon, Mr. Luscombe, Mr. McCulloch, Mr. O’Mara, Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. Stephen, Mr. Stuart, Mr. Tarrant, Mr. Hugh Taylor, and Mr. Trickett,—
 Mr. Speaker adjourned the House at half-past Six o’clock, until To-morrow at Four o’clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 157.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 17 SEPTEMBER, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Family of the late Railway Guard Jones:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he cause a sum of money to be placed upon the Additional Estimates to assist the widow and six children (who are left destitute) of the Guard on the Western Railway Line named Jones who was killed at Penrith on Wednesday last, and who had been employed by the Government for the last twelve years, and always held a very high character for honesty and industry?

Mr. Stuart answered,—This case has not yet come before the Government; and I repeat the information I gave the Honorable Member last night,—That the matter will be taken into consideration. As far as I am aware the statement contained in the Honorable Member's question is not correct. The unfortunate man was not in the discharge of his duty at the time; and taking a cursory view of the case, it appears to me that the accident which befel the unfortunate man was to some extent his own fault.

- (2.) Mr. Brougham, Police Magistrate, Bingera:—Mr. W. R. Campbell asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Have Mr. O'Connor and Mr. Leven, Members of this House, offered the Government any proof of the grave charges they brought against the Police Magistrate of Bingera?

(2.) Has the Government instituted an inquiry whereby Mr. Brougham may have an opportunity of exonerating himself?

Mr. Cohen answered,—No such offer has been made by the Honorable Members in question; but it has been decided that Walter Edmunds, Esquire, Barrister-at-Law, should proceed to Bingera to investigate and report upon certain charges preferred against Mr. Brougham, Police Magistrate, in reference to the case of Mr. Alexander Porter.

- (3.) Civil Service Superannuation Fund:—Mr. Burns asked the Colonial Secretary,—The total amount contributed from the Consolidated Revenue to the Civil Service Superannuation Fund authorized to be created under the Act 27 Victoria No. 11?

Mr. Stuart answered,—£33,300.

- (4.) Badges for Detectives:—Mr. White asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will the Government provide badges to be worn by Detectives and other Government Officers having executive functions to perform which bring them in direct contact with the public, so that such could be exhibited if their authority be challenged?

Mr. Stuart answered,—Detectives and other Officers of the Government having executive functions to perform, bringing them in direct contact with the public, are already furnished with badges which they are requested to exhibit when their authority is challenged.

- (5.) Scab in Sheep:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) What sums of money have been paid to the Members of the Commission that recently concluded their labours on the Scabby Sheep Inquiry?

(2.) Who were the individual recipients of this amount, and what sums did each receive?

Mr. Abbott answered,—No sum has been paid; but I may state that the sum of £200 was advanced to the Commission, £130 of which was expended in witnesses expenses. Mr. Christian made a claim for £157 10s. and Mr. M'Caughey for £147, but it is thought that neither of these gentlemen intend to press their claims.

- (6.) Steam Engines for Fire Brigades:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has Superintendent Bear, of the Fire Brigades Company, sent an order to London (or is he about to send one) for four steam engines and one manual engine for the use of the Brigades; if so, were tenders invited in this Colony for these engines; and will he give orders for the construction of these engines in this Colony?

Mr.

Mr. Stuart answered,—To the first part of the question the answer is, yes; to the second, tenders were not invited because it was desired to obtain engines of the most recent and approved construction, which are not made in the Colony, and for which, therefore, it was not possible to give orders here. When further engines are required, I shall be happy if they can be made here; but at the present time there are only two firms in England which are considered to be capable of making this particular kind of engine.

- (7.) Alienation of Land between Whaling Road and Neutral Bay:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—Does the Government intend to alienate a piece of land bounded on the south by Whaling Road and on the east by Neutral Bay; if so, to whom; and has the price been agreed upon, and what is it?

Mr. Farnell answered,—Yes, to Mr. P. Hayes. The price has not yet been determined as by law required.

- (8.) Railway Refreshment Rooms at Mount Victoria:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—In view of the opening of the Mudgee Railway, and consequent increase of passenger traffic,—Will he make a regulation compelling the Lessee of the Railway Refreshment Rooms at Mount Victoria to sell unadulterated tea and coffee?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—By the terms of the lease the Lessee is to serve provisions, &c., of the best quality only. No complaints have been made of the inferiority of the tea and coffee sold.

- (9.) William Rogers's Conditional Purchase at Cudgegong:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is he aware that a selector at Cudgegong, named William Rogers, is shut off from ingress to and egress from the main road through the road leading from his selection being illegally fenced off; if so, will he make inquiries, and order the road to be opened?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—Mr. William Rogers complained that a Mr. James Jennings had obstructed a road he, Mr. Rogers, desired to travel. The description of the road was too vague to allow of identification; but Mr. James Jennings (the alleged obstructor) was informed that to place obstructions on the public roads rendered the offender liable to indictment as for causing a nuisance; to which Mr. Jennings replied that the road desired by Mr. Rogers is a private and not a public road, and that the public road, distant about half-a-mile and parallel with the private road Mr. Rogers wishes to travel, is open and unobstructed.

- (10.) Alphonse Bechet:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What portion of Alphonse Bechet's sentence of seven years for fire-raising has expired?

(2.) Has not Mr. Edmund Barton, before he became Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, expressed his opinion, as a citizen, that the evidence on Bechet's trial would have amply justified an acquittal?

(3.) Have not several Members of the Government individually expressed their opinion that the evidence raised such a doubt as entitled Bechet to acquittal?

(4.) Has not Bechet's release been petitioned for by thousands of citizens, representing some of the most influential and intelligent residents of the Metropolis?

(5.) Does the Government intend to release Bechet; if so, when?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

(1.) Three years and four months.

(2.) I have no official knowledge of anything of the kind.

(3.) Not that I am aware of.

(4.) Yes, between two and three thousand.

(5.) The Government have no present intention to advise his release.

- (11.) Residence for Railway Station Master at Trangie:—Mr. Hugh Taylor, for Mr. Proctor, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Station Master and his wife at Trangie have been living in a tent ever since the opening of the Railway to that place?

(2.) Do the Government intend to erect a suitable dwelling-house there; and if so, when?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—There being no residence for a Station Master at Trangie, the officer in charge is paid a money allowance in lieu. It is true that, being unable to obtain an ordinary residence, he has been living in a tent. It is proposed to erect a suitable dwelling-house at once.

2. VOTE OF CREDIT:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Dibbs, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor.

Message No. 92.

In accordance with the provisions of the 54th clause of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony during the month of September, 1884; together with provision for other Services of an urgent nature.

Government House,

Sydney, 17th September, 1884.

Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of Supply.

3. RAILWAY TO SILVERTON:—Mr. Lackey, for Mr. Wilkinson, presented a Petition from Residents of the town and neighbourhood of Menindie, in favour of the construction of a Railway to Silverton via Menindie; and praying the House to take the matter into consideration.
Petition received.
4. PAPER:—Mr. Trickett laid upon the Table,—Correspondence respecting the use of a room in the Teacher's Residence at the Public School, Taralga, as a Class-room.
5. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Dibbs moved, pursuant to Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing of a Bill, intituled "A Bill to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South

South Wales towards the Services of the year 1884 and previous years" through all its stages in one day; and would also preclude the Resolutions of the Committees of Supply and of Ways and Means respectively, whereon the Bill is proposed to be founded, being received on the same day on which they are come to by the said Committees respectively.

Question put and passed.

6. **LANDS RESUMED BY THE GOVERNMENT IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Burns moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—
- (1.) The area of the Lands resumed or purchased for Public Purposes in the County of Cumberland since the inauguration of Responsible Government in this Colony.
 - (2.) The objects for which such Lands were purchased or resumed.
 - (3.) The uses to which they are now applied.
 - (4.) The prices paid or compensation given in each case of purchase or resumption.
 - (5.) Whether in any case of purchase or resumption for Public Purposes the Government has resumed additional or contiguous land with a view to re-sale for the purpose of recouping the cost of Land resumed for *bona fide* Public Purposes.
- Question put and passed.
7. **BRYEN'S ESTATE LEASING BILL** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Hugh Taylor, for Mr. Proctor, moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable Stephen Josiah Bryen, or his Representatives, to grant Leases for any term not exceeding fifty years from the passing of this Act of certain portions of the Real Estate devised by the Will of John Bryen, formerly of Abercrombie-street, in the City of Sydney, and Colony of New South Wales, and for other purposes in the said Act to be mentioned.
- Question put and passed.
8. **NEWCASTLE STREETS BILL** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Fletcher moved, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) That the Newcastle Streets Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, with power to send for persons and papers.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Ellis, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Teece, Mr. Melville, Mr. Luscombe, Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. Targett, and the Mover.
- Question put and passed.
9. **LEAVE OF ABSENCE** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Burns, for Mr. Humphery, moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave of absence for two months be granted to Samuel William Gray, Esquire, Member for The Richmond, on account of ill-health.
- Question put and passed.
10. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. Sydney Smith moved, That this House do now adjourn.
- Debate ensued.
- Question put and negatived.
11. **BRYEN'S ESTATE LEASING BILL**:—Mr. Proctor having presented this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of the sum of Twenty-five Pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable Stephen Josiah Bryen or his Representatives to grant Leases for any term not exceeding fifty years from the passing of this Act of certain portions of the Real Estate devised by the Will of John Bryen formerly of Abercrombie-street in the City of Sydney and Colony of New South Wales and for other purposes in the said Act to be mentioned,*"—read a first time.
12. **POSTPONEMENT**:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Carriages Regulation Bill postponed until Friday, 10th October.
13. **SUPPLY**:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply having been read,—Mr. Dibbs moved, "That" Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.
- Mr. Buchanan moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "That," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words,—
- "(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, and in view of the present deficit of one million sterling, "a duty of five per cent. *ad valorem* should be imposed upon all goods imported into this country.
 - "(2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor."
- Question proposed, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
- Debate ensued.
- Question put, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
- The House divided.

Ayes, 38.

Mr. Stuart,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Dibbs,	Sir Henry Parkes,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Cass,
Mr. Trickett,	Dr. Ross,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Dalton,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. D. A. Ferguson,
Sir John Robertson,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Proctor,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Holtermann,	Mr. Fletcher,
Mr. Burdekin,	Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Young,	Mr. See,
Mr. Stokes,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Poole,	Mr. Olliffe,
Mr. Mitchell,	Mr. McQuade,
Mr. Alexander Ryrie,	Mr. Gibbes.
Mr. Chapman,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Lloyd,	
Mr. W. J. Fergusson,	Mr. Moses,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. William Clarke.

Noes, 2.

Tellers,
Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Luscombe.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original

Original Question,—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair,—put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again at a later hour of the day.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, that the report be now received.

The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows :—

(11.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £540,000, being £480,000 to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of September or following month of the year 1884, at the rates which have been sanctioned for 1883, subject to the rate of any reduction that may hereafter be made in the expenditure of the year 1884; £100,000 to meet wages to become due to Railway Employés during the month of October, 1884, and to cover the expenditure in September, 1884, in excess of the monthly allowance at the rate of last year's appropriation, and for Railway Services generally; and £10,000 to meet wages to become due to Employés in the Department of Harbours and Rivers during the month of October, 1884, and to cover the expenditure in September, 1884, in excess of the monthly allowance at the rate of last year's appropriation, and for other Services of an urgent nature.

On motion of Mr. Dibbs, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

14. **WAYS AND MEANS**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again at a later hour of the day.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, that the report be now received.

The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows :—

(14.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Services of the year 1884, the sum of £540,000 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.

On motion of Mr. Dibbs, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

15. **CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 10)** :—

(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Dibbs, that a Bill be brought in, founded on Resolution of Ways and Means (No. 14), to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1884.

(2.) Mr. Dibbs then *presented* a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1884*,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and now read a second time.

(3.) Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Dibbs, the report was adopted.

Ordered, that the Bill be now read a third time.

(4.) Bill read a third time,—and, on motion of Mr. Dibbs, *passed*.

Mr. Dibbs then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1884*."

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1884*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 17th September, 1884.

16. **SUPPLY (Financial Statement)** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

17. **SERISLER'S ESTATE BILL** :—Mr. Burdekin, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 5th September, 1884; together with Appendix, and a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Burdekin then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday, 26th September.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned at twenty-two minutes after Twelve o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 158.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 18 SEPTEMBER, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Court-house at Greta:—Mr. Burns asked the Minister of Justice,—Whether provision will be made in the next Estimates for the erection of a Court-house at Greta?

Mr. Cohen answered,—The subject shall receive due consideration when dealing with the next Estimates. The matter is now under inquiry.

- (2.) Road through Burke's Grant, Mulbring District:—Mr. Burns asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When a credit will be opened in the name of the Maitland District Council for the improvement of the Road through Burke's Grant, in the Mulbring District?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—No money has been granted this year for the Road in question, but an amount has been noted for consideration when funds are available.

- (3.) Government Banking Account:—Mr. Chapman asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What is the amount of moneys standing to the credit of the Government in the different Banks of the City at the present time; also the rate of interest per annum allowed by each Bank?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The following amounts, assuming that the Honorable Member alludes to the "Special Deposits" in the various Banks:—

Bank New South Wales	£500,000	0	0	3 per cent.
City Bank	60,260	0	0	}	...	4 per cent.
Oriental Bank	...	...	...	60,260	0	0
Australian Joint Stock Bank	...	...	...	48,214	8	0
English, Scottish, and Australian Chartered Bank	...	...	...	42,180	16	0
London Chartered Bank	...	...	...	42,180	16	0
Mercantile Bank	...	...	...	42,180	16	0
Union Bank	...	...	...	42,180	16	0
Total	£837,457	12	0			

- (4.) Lincoln and Sir John Young Crescents:—Mr. Merriman, for Mr. Copland, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is he aware that the residents in Lincoln and Sir John Young Crescents suffer great inconvenience through the overflow of drainage from the lower part of the Domain during heavy rains; if so, will he have a report made by a competent Officer, with a view of carrying out a better system of drainage?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—Instructions have been given for the construction of an open channel on the inner side of the Domain wall to carry the water to Cowper Wharf.

2. CIVIL SERVICE BILL:—Mr. Burns presented a Petition from Members of the Civil Service, praying the House to resume and conclude during the present Session the consideration of the Civil Service Bill.

And the same having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker,—Petition received.

3. PAPERS:—

Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 31st July, 1884,—“The Civil Service.” Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Stuart laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Ryde.

(2.)

(2.) Return showing the number of Electors in each Electorate in New South Wales upon the Roll thereof in force from 1st June to 1st June, both days inclusive, in the years 1882-83, 1883-84, and 1884-85 respectively ; also the names of the Electorates which under the expansive clauses of the Electoral Act of 1880 have been proclaimed capable of returning an additional Member to the Legislative Assembly.

Ordered to be printed.

(3.) Return to an Order made on 11th July, 1884,—“ Inspector Quinan, Fisheries Department.”

Mr. Trickett laid upon the Table,—

(1.) By-laws for regulating the Broughton Vale Free Public Library.

(2.) Notifications of Land resumed for Public School Purposes at Barwang and Muloga.

Ordered to be printed.

4. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Fremlin moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

5. BRYEN'S ESTATE LEASING BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Hugh Taylor, for Mr. Proctor, moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That Bryen's Estate Leasing Bill be referred to a Select Committee for inquiry and report, with power to send for persons and papers.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Barbour, Mr. Burdekin, Mr. Gibbes, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Day, Mr. Gill, Mr. Withers, Mr. Poole, Mr. Tece, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

6. GENERAL POST OFFICE (APPROACHES IMPROVEMENT) BILL (No. 2) :—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Dibbs the following Resolution from a Committee of the Whole House was received, and read a first time :—

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to authorize the Resumption of certain portions of Land situate between George and Pitt Streets, in the City of Sydney, for improving the Approaches to the General Post Office, for the disposal of the residue of such Land after such improvement, and for other purposes in connection therewith.

On motion of Mr. Dibbs, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

(2.) Mr. Stuart then presented a Bill, intituled “ *A Bill to authorize the Resumption of certain portions of Land situate between George and Pitt Streets in the City of Sydney for improving the Approaches to the General Post Office for the disposal of the residue of such Land after such improvement and for other purposes in connection therewith*,”—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.

7. CIVIL SERVICE BILL (No. 2) :—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Stuart, “ That this Bill be now read a second time,”—

And the Question being again proposed, the House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Mr. Garrard moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.

8. POSTPONEMENTS :—The Orders of the Day of Government Business Nos. 3 to 9 inclusive postponed until Tuesday next.

9. NATIONAL ART GALLERY AND PUBLIC LIBRARY :—Mr. Copeland moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, immediate provision should be made for the protection and exhibition of the National Collection of Works of “ Art,” and that the block of Government land near the top of King-street, now occupied by the old Immigration Barracks and the Colonial Architect's Offices, should be adopted as the site of the National Art Gallery and Public Library.

(2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Trickett moved, That the Question be amended by the omission from the first Resolution of all the words after the word “ Art,” with a view to the insertion in their place of the words “ and “ that in order to meet the urgency of the case, a building suitable for present requirements and “ capable of future enlargement and adornment, if thought advisable, should be erected at once on “ the site proposed by the Trustees of the Art Gallery on the south-east portion of the Domain.”

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.

Debate continued.

Question put, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.

The House divided.

Ayes, 15.

Mr. Cameron,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Wisdom,	
Mr. Gibbes,	Mr. Lloyd,
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Poole.
Mr. Tece,	
Mr. Mitchell,	
Mr. Chapman,	
Mr. Sutherland,	
Mr. Garrard,	
Mr. Hammond,	
Mr. Copeland,	
Mr. Burdekin,	
Mr. Targett.	

Noes, 25.

Mr. Stuart,	Mr. Hutchinson,
Sir John Robertson,	Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Trickett,	Mr. Stephen,
Mr. Combes,	Mr. D. A. Ferguson,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Luscombe,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. O'Hiffe,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Purves,	Mr. George Campbell,
Sir Patrick Jennings,	Mr. McCourt.
Mr. Alexander Ryrie,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Wilson,	
Mr. David Ryrie,	Mr. O'Mara,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. Butcher.
Mr. W. R. Campbell,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Question

Question put, That the words proposed to be inserted be there inserted.

The House divided.

Ayes, 24.

Mr. Stuart,	Mr. George Campbell,
Mr. Trickett,	Mr. D. A. Ferguson,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Alexander Ryrie,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. W. R. Campbell,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Murray,
Sir Patrick Jennings,	Mr. McCourt.
Mr. Luscombe,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Purves,	Mr. O'Mara,
Mr. David Ryrie,	Mr. Butcher.
Mr. Combes,	
Mr. Wilson,	
Mr. Melville,	
Mr. McCulloch,	
Mr. Olliffe,	
Mr. Stephen,	
Mr. Hutchinson,	

Noes, 14.

Mr. Wisdom,
Sir John Robertson,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Abigail,
Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Hammond,
Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Targett,
Mr. Teece,
Mr. Gibbes,
Mr. Sutherland.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Burdekin,
Mr. Poole.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Main Question put,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, immediate provision should be made for the protection and exhibition of the National Collection of Works of Art, and that in order to meet the urgency of the case a building suitable for present requirements, and capable of future enlargement and adornment, if thought advisable, should be erected at once on the site proposed by the Trustees of the Art Gallery on the south-east portion of the Domain.

(2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

The House divided.

Ayes, 24.

Mr. Stuart,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Trickett,	Mr. Wilson,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Combes,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Alexander Ryrie,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Purves.
Mr. O'Mara,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Sir Patrick Jennings,	Mr. Olliffe,
Mr. Butcher,	Mr. W. R. Campbell.
Mr. Luscombe,	
Mr. David Ryrie,	
Mr. Murray,	
Mr. McCourt,	
Mr. D. A. Ferguson,	
Mr. George Campbell,	
Mr. Hutchinson,	
Mr. Stephen,	
Mr. McCulloch,	

Noes, 15.

Mr. Wisdom,
Sir John Robertson,
Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Burdekin,
Mr. Poole,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Targett,
Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Gibbes,
Mr. McLaughlin,
Mr. Teece.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hammond,
Mr. Mitchell.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The House adjourned at sixteen minutes after Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 159.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 19 SEPTEMBER, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Railway Accommodation:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Dr. Ross, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government to make better provision for the comfort of second-class passengers travelling by the Western Mail Train, in the shape of more suitable and comfortable carriages adapted for long journeys; and if so, when?

Mr. Trickett answered,—The present second-class carriages are suitable, and within recent years they have been made more comfortable by the addition of cushion seats. Some of the second-class carriages now being built have cushioned backs also, and these will be used for the long journeys.

- (2.) The British Association:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Dr. Ross, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to co-operate with the Government of Victoria in inviting the British Association to visit Australia?

Mr. Stuart answered,—I have no official information that the Government of Victoria have invited the British Association to visit Australia.

- (3.) Sub-way under Railway at Alt-street, Ashfield:—*Mr. Hammond* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When is it the intention of the Government to proceed with the construction of a Sub-way under the Railway Line at Alt-street, Ashfield?

Mr. Trickett answered,—The plans are ready, and tenders will be invited at an early date.

2. PAPER:—*Mr. Cohen* laid upon the Table,—Return respecting the Business of the Supreme Court and Circuit Courts.

Ordered to be printed.

3. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—

(1.) Licensing Acts Amendment Bill; adjourned Debate, on the motion of *Mr. Olliffe*, "That this Bill be now read a second time";—*until Tuesday next*.

(2.) Compensation to Isidore James Knight Cohn; consideration in Committee of an Address to the Governor;—*until Tuesday next*.

(3.) Criminal Law further Amendment Bill; adjourned Debate, on the motion of *Mr. A. G. Taylor*, "That this Bill be now read a second time";—*until Friday, 17th October*.

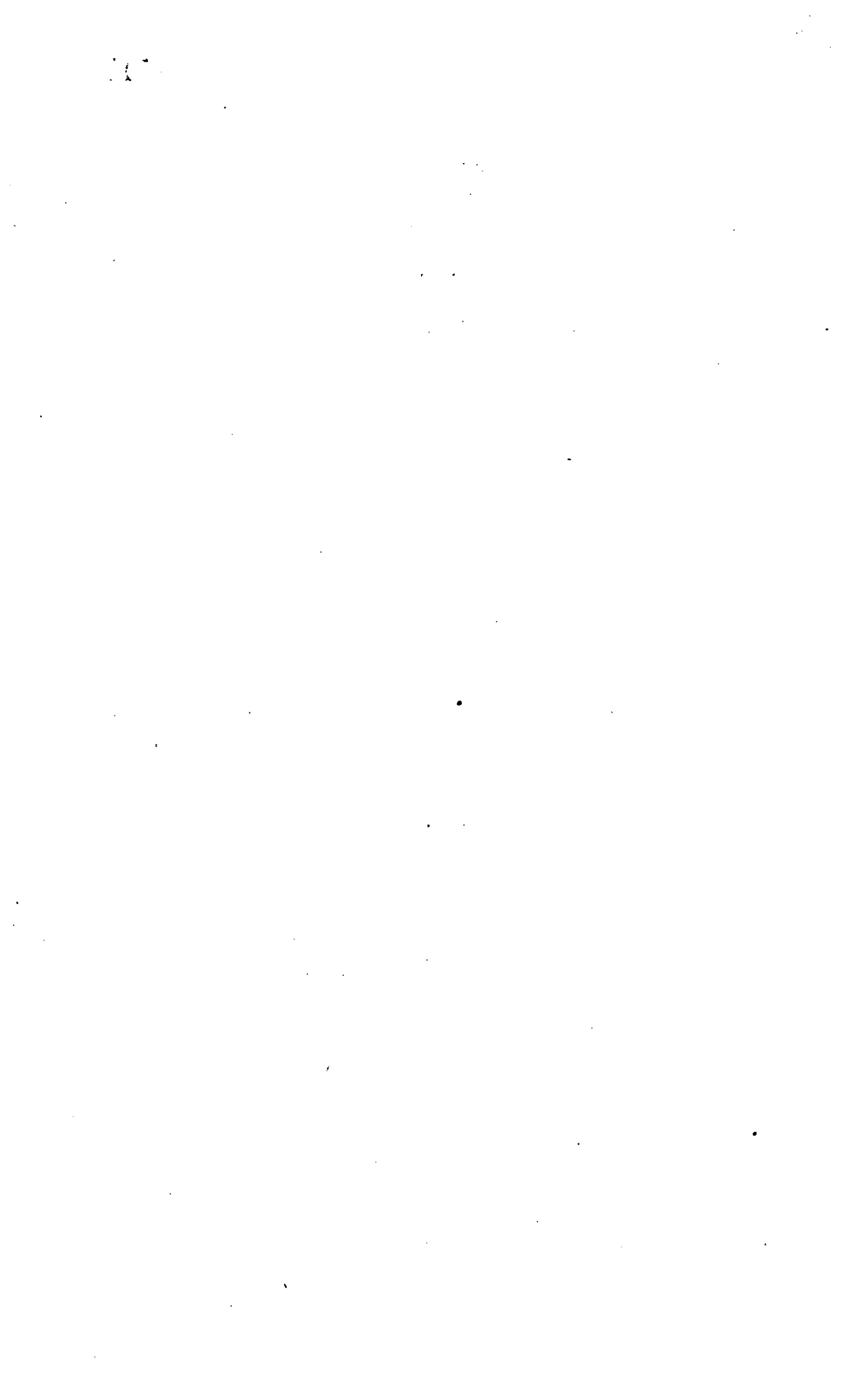
4. FLOGGING ABOLITION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—and *Mr. A. G. Taylor* proceeding to move the second reading of this Bill,—

Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present.

Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being only seventeen Members present, exclusive of *Mr. Speaker*, namely,—*Mr. Abbott*, *Mr. Buchanan*, *Mr. William Clarke*, *Mr. Cohen*, *Mr. Copeland*, *Mr. Hammond*, *Mr. Lloyd*, *Mr. Moses*, *Mr. O'Mara*, *Sir Henry Parkes*, *Mr. Sydney Smith*, *Mr. Stokes*, *Mr. Stuart*, *Mr. Targett*, *Mr. A. G. Taylor*, *Mr. Hugh Taylor*, and *Mr. Trickett*,—

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House at Five o'clock, until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 160.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 23 SEPTEMBER, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Railway Traffic at Glen Innes and Gyrah Stations:—Mr. Proctor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What quantity of goods has been received at the Glen Innes Railway Station from all Stations since the opening of the Railway to 13th instant, exclusive of material for Railway construction?
- (2.) What quantity has been received at the Mother-of-Ducks or Gyrah Station during the same period?
- (3.) The quantity of goods dispatched, and particularly the quantity of tin ore, from each of the above Stations?
- (4.) The total revenue received at both above Stations, exclusive of Government goods or material for Railway construction?
- (5.) Is it not a fact that the Gyrah goods-shed is altogether too small for the traffic, and that goods are left exposed in the trucks for a considerable time?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

- (1.) 1,309 tons.
- (2.) 405 tons 7 cwt. 17lbs.
- (3.) Glen Innes:—Goods, 135 tons; tin ore, 105 tons; tin ingots, 106 tons; total, 346 tons. Gyrah:—Goods, 27 tons; tin ore, 137 tons; total, 164 tons.
- (4.) Glen Innes, £3,737; Gyrah, £1,438.
- (5.) No.

- (2.) Alfred and Benjamin Doggett:—*Mr. Merriman*, for Mr. Butcher, asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that Police Inspector Fenton, of Goulburn, corresponded with two persons named Alfred John and Benjamin Doggett, of Melbourne, and obtained their services as informers against certain publicans in the Goulburn district; if so, will he cause to be laid upon the Table copies of such correspondence?
- (2.) Is it a fact that on 21st August certain informations were sworn by the men Doggett against publicans of Goulburn, and afterwards withdrawn by Inspector Fenton?
- (3.) Is he aware that Alfred John and Benjamin Doggett are now in custody on a charge of perjury?

Mr. Cohen answered,—The requisite information in reply to these questions is being prepared in the shape of a Return, which I will lay upon the Table of the House in the course of a few days.

- (3.) Sewer between Comber-street and Liverpool-street:—Mr. Butcher asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government to cover in the old Sewer between Comber-street, Paddington, and Liverpool-street?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The matter is under consideration. It is a duty involving the co-operation of the Municipal Councils of Sydney and Paddington.

- (4.) Special Carriage on Mudgee Railway Train:—*Mr. Tecce*, for Mr. A. G. Taylor, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Was a special carriage attached to the train that left Mudgee on Sunday night; if so, on whose application?
- (2.) Who were the occupants of the special carriage, and what was the price paid for its use?
- (3.) How many persons was the special carriage capable of conveying?
- (4.) Is it a fact that while there was plenty of room in the special carriage, the passengers in the other carriages were inconveniently crowded and unhealthily mewed up?

(5.)

(5.) Will he give instructions forbidding the free use of special carriages to any person other than the Governor of the Colony, the Chief Justice, and the Speaker of both Houses, and the Ministers of the day?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

- (1.) Yes; *Mr. R. H. D. White*, M.P. The carriage was reserved by Station Master.
- (2.) *Mr. R. H. D. White* and a party of ladies and gentlemen who had been invited to visit Mudgee in connection with the Railway opening. Nothing was paid.
- (3.) About eighteen.
- (4.) The Station Officials report that the special carriage was well filled, and that there was ample accommodation in the other carriages for all passengers.
- (5.) There would seem to be no necessity for any special directions.

(5.) Road through the Vale of Clwydd and Lithgow:—*Mr. Targett* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he take steps to resume the land required for Road between the Vale of Clwydd and Lithgow, for which the sum of £1,500 was voted last year?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The District Surveyor was instructed on the 11th January to take steps to resume the land. As the necessary formalities take time, it is not possible to fix date of completion of same and legal opening of Road.

(6.) Bridge to North Shore:—*Mr. Poole*, for *Mr. Chapman*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Whether any instructions have been issued for a survey of a Bridge to North Shore; if so, when; and what progress has been made with such survey?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—Instructions have been given, and a Surveyor is now preparing for the work.

(7.) Land Inquiry Commission:—*Mr. A. G. Taylor* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Did the Farnell-Fitzpatrick Administration appoint a Land Inquiry Commission, consisting of Messrs. Rankin, Thompson, and *Mr. R. P. Abbott*?
- (2.) What was the date of their appointment, and how long did they continue their labours?
- (3.) Is it a fact that whilst the Parkes-Robertson Administration was in power that Government refused to pay the Commissioners the sum of money claimed by them for their services?
- (4.) Is it also a fact that this Government, on coming into power, paid them their claim, dividing about £2,000 among the three?
- (5.) On what date were they paid, how much did each receive, what Administration was in power when they were paid, and how long from the date of their ending their labours till they received payment?
- (6.) Did they furnish any report, and has any public use been made of it?
- (7.) Is it true that the present Government paid them first, and then placed the item on the Estimates afterwards?
- (8.) If so, how long before Parliament sanctioned the Vote were they paid?
- (9.) Is it usual to pay disputed accounts that have been years in abeyance before submitting the items to Parliament?
- (10.) Is the *Mr. Rankin* here mentioned the same *Mr. Rankin* that recently received £500 for conducting another land inquiry?
- (11.) Is the *Mr. R. P. Abbott* referred to now a Member of the Legislative Council?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) They were appointed on the 12th October, 1878, and the Report of the Commission was dated 13th February, 1879.
- (3.) No.
- (4.) No.
- (5.) *Mr. Rankin* was paid £100 16s. on 27th February, 1879, and £15 15s. on 20th March, 1879. *Mr. Abbott* was paid £59 17s. on 27th February, 1879, and £40 19s. on 3rd March, 1879. The Parkes-Robertson Administration was then in office. The latest payment was made five weeks after the date of the Report.
- (6.) The Report was laid before Parliament on 11th March, 1879.
- (7.) No.
- (8.) Answered by No. 7.
- (9.) No.
- (10.) *Mr. Rankin* is the same *Mr. Rankin* who made a report in conjunction with *Mr. Morris*.
- (11.) Yes.

(8.) The Public Accounts:—*Mr. Buchanan* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it true that when the Treasurer made his first Financial Statement he announced an anticipated deficit of £1,000,000 sterling?
- (2.) Is it true that in order to meet this anticipated deficit the Treasurer proposed a Property Tax and the doubling of the duty on Tea, &c.?
- (3.) Is it true that those proposals of the Treasurer were withdrawn to avoid their rejection by the House?
- (4.) If all this is true, how is it that the supposed million of a deficit has suddenly changed into a supposed surplus, as stated by the Treasurer on Wednesday night?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—I presume that it is unnecessary to point out to the Honorable Member that the forms and matter of his questions are open to objection on Parliamentary grounds, and it would be impossible to qualify him, by any answer which I could give, to comprehend the subject to which he has alluded.

(9.) Glen Innes Gaol:—*Mr. W. J. Fergusson* asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) When will tenders be called for the erection of the Glen Innes Gaol?
- (2.) Are all the plans completed?
- (3.) Have the levels of the ground been taken; if so, will he state the cause of the great delay in calling for tenders?

Mr.

Mr. Cohen answered,—

(1.) Unanticipated delays have taken place in procuring the necessary information to complete the plans; but I hope that tenders will be invited very shortly.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) Yes; the delay has been caused waiting particulars of site.

- (10.) Road from Emmaville to Deepwater :—Mr. W. J. Fergusson asked the Secretary for Mines,—When will the Road from Emmaville to Deepwater be surveyed and proclaimed?

Mr. Abbott answered,—Part of the Road, namely, that between Tent Hill and Deepwater, was preliminarily notified in *Government Gazette* on 20th June, 1884; and the part between Emmaville and Tent Hill on the 4th July, 1884.

- (11.) Road from Vegetable Creek to the Severn River :—Mr. W. J. Fergusson asked the Secretary for Mines,—When will the Road from Vegetable Creek to the Severn River, Strathbogie Run, be surveyed and proclaimed; when was this survey applied for; the cause of the delay in surveying?

Mr. Abbott answered,—One part of this Road, viz., between portion No. 43, Parish of Strathbogie North, and portion No. 518, Parish of Scone, was preliminarily notified on the 10th of June last; the other part was not surveyed until the best position for crossing the Severn River had been determined on by consultation with the local Works Office. Plan has now been received and is under examination, with a view to proclamation in *Government Gazette*. Application for this Road was made in June, 1883.

- (12.) Road from Tent Hill to the Tableland :—Mr. W. J. Fergusson asked the Secretary for Mines,—When will the Road from Tent Hill to the Tableland be surveyed?

Mr. Abbott answered,—So far as this Department is aware, there is no intention of establishing a Road between Tent Hill and the Tableland, but a Road from Deepwater to the Tableland has been surveyed, and will shortly be proclaimed.

- (13.) Railway Station Buildings at Beardy :—Mr. W. J. Fergusson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will tenders be called for the Station Buildings at Beardy, Great Northern Railway?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The Petitioners have made some mistake about the site; they ask for it at 313 miles 50 chains, and it is quite certain that a Station at that place could be of no accommodation to them, as they are at least 5 miles away. Further inquiry is being made.

- (14.) Irregular Applications for Land by the late Hon. G. Lord, Sir Saul Samuel, and the Hon. John Frazer :—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Did the late Honorable G. Lord make an irregular application in 1875 for 2,440 acres?

(2.) Did Sir Saul Samuel and the Honorable John Frazer also make an irregular application for an acreage exceeding 640 acres?

(3.) Were both applications voided, and was the money retained in the first case and refunded in the second; if so, why was the distinction made?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) The cases were not similar; but in that of Mr. Lord, in which the application was declared void on receipt on account of a technical irregularity, the objection was waived at the instance of the applicant, who returned the order that had been sent to him for refund of his deposit, and claimed to be entitled to hold the land.

- (15.) Alphonse Bechet :—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Will he enumerate the list of Members of Parliament who signed the Petition in favour of Alphonse Bechet's release?

(2.) Has not the Colonial Secretary himself stated that had he been on the Jury he would have acquitted Bechet; and has he not expressed his conviction that the evidence was not strong enough to convict Bechet?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

(1.) List of Members signing Petition for Bechet's liberation :—R. H. Levien, M.P.; R. M. Vaughn, M.P.; Henry Copeland, M.P.; John Sutherland, M.P.; Daniel O'Connor, M.P.; R. R. Machattie, M.P.; C. J. Roberts, M.P.; A. G. Taylor, M.P.; R. B. Smith, M.P.; Gerald Spring, M.P.; Joseph Mitchell, M.P.; Andrew Lynch, M.P.; H. H. Brown, M.P.; James Fletcher, M.P.; George E. Cass, M.P.; John Cramsie, M.P.; Thomas Dalton, M.P.; George C. Loughnan, M.P.; Henry Moses, M.P.; A. Stokes, M.P.; Ninian Melville, M.P.; J. M. Purves, M.P.; Saml. W. Gray, M.P.; William John Lyne, M.P.; R. H. D. White, M.P.; B. O. Holtermann, M.P.; George Day, M.P.; R. Butcher, M.P.; W. S. Targett, M.P.; Robt. Barbour, M.P.; G. Withers, M.P.; S. Smith, M.P.; Thos. Garrett, M.P.; John McLaughlin, M.P.; George Fane De Salis, M.P.; Andrew Ross, M.D., M.P.; David A. Ferguson, M.P.; Sir P. A. Jennings, M.P.; J. N. Brunker, M.P.; Mark Hammond, M.P.; Thos. C. O'Mara, M.P.; Harman J. Tarrant, M.P.; Hugh Taylor, M.P.

(2.) The Colonial Secretary never said that had he been on the Jury he would have acquitted Bechet, and certainly he never expressed his conviction that the evidence was not strong enough to convict him.

- (16.) Morlarbein School :—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—

(1.) How long has the Morlarbein Provisional (or Public) School been without a Teacher?

(2.) When will a Teacher be sent there?

(3.) How far is the School from the nearest residence available for the Teacher?

Mr. Trickett answered,—

(1.) One week.

(2.) The Teacher recently appointed commenced duty on the 15th instant.

(3.) About 1 mile.

(17.)

(17.) Messrs. Salomons and M. H. and C. B. Stephen :—Mr. A. G. Faylor asked the Minister of Justice,—How is it that in all cases in which the Crown are concerned Messrs. Salomons and M. H. Stephen and C. B. Stephen are always engaged ; do these gentlemen receive fees whether they attend to the cases or not ?

Mr. Cohen answered,—Messrs. Salomons and M. H. Stephen and C. B. Stephen hold general retainers for the Crown. In civil cases briefs are delivered to them, and they are expected to attend Court in the usual way. As the fee is assumed to be delivered with the brief, payment cannot be refused if Counsel being engaged in another Court fail to attend.

2. CIVIL SERVICE BILL :—Mr. Burns presented a Petition from Members of the Civil Service, praying the House to resume and conclude during the present Session the consideration of the Civil Service Bill.
Petition received.
3. PURCHASE OF RAILWAY ROLLING STOCK :—Mr. Melville presented a Petition from Carson Woods, Esquire, praying for leave to appear by Counsel or Attorney before the Select Committee now sitting on "Purchase of Railway Rolling Stock," and to give evidence before the Committee. And the same having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker,—
Petition received, and referred to the said Committee.

4. FURTHER ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES FOR 1884 :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Dibbs, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor.

Message No. 93.

In accordance with the provisions of the 54th clause of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the accompanying Further Additional Estimates of the Expenditure of this Government for the year 1884.

*Government House,
Sydney, 23rd September, 1884.*

Ordered to be printed, together with the accompanying Estimates, and referred to the Committee of Supply.

5. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 10) :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1884,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 23rd September, 1884.*

JOHN HAY,
President.

6. CIVIL SERVICE BILL (No. 2) :—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Stuart, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—
And the Question being again proposed, the House resumed the said adjourned Debate.
Question,—That this Bill be now read a second time,—put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
Mr. Stuart moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill in detail.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Thursday next.
7. SUPPLY :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.
8. WAYS AND MEANS :—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means postponed until to-morrow.
9. PUBLIC PARKS BILL (No. 2) :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.
On motion of Mr. Stuart (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.
10. POSTPONEMENTS :—The Orders of the Day of Government Business, Nos. 5, 6, 7, 8, postponed until to-morrow.
11. ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—Mr. R. B. Smith moved, pursuant to *amended* Notice, That the Order of the Day for the third reading of the Electoral Act Amendment Bill, which lapsed for want of a quorum on the 29th August, be restored to the Paper, and stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
Debate ensued.

Notice

Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present.

Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being only nineteen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely,—Mr. Brunner, Mr. Burdekin, Mr. Burns, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Copeland, Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Fremlin, Mr. Garrard, Mr. Hammond, Mr. Merriman, Mr. O'Mara, Sir John Robertson, Mr. B. B. Smith, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. A. G. Taylor, Mr. Teece, Mr. White, and Mr. Withers,—

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House at twenty-five minutes after Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 161.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 24 SEPTEMBER, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Polling-place at Sally's Flat:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) On whose recommendation was the Polling-place at Sally's Flat cancelled?
 - (2.) Who applied to have a Polling-place re-gazetted there?
 - (3.) Is the Minister aware that he is disfranchising a number of Electors by cancelling the Polling-place?
 - (4.) How many Electors recorded their votes at Sally's Flat last Election?
 - (5.) Will the Minister re-establish a Polling-place there?
- Mr. Stuart answered,—
- (1.) The Returning Officer of the Electorate.
 - (2.) Mr. A. G. Taylor, M.P.
 - (3.) The cancellation of Sally's Flat was authorized on account of the paucity of Electors.
 - (4.) Twenty last Election, and sixteen previous Election.
 - (5.) The re-appointment of Sally's Flat was not recommended by Returning Officer in his last Annual Report regarding Polling-places.
- (2.) Dump Cars:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Have 200 Dump-cars, at a cost of £38,000, been ordered from Carson Woods & Co.?
 - (2.) Was Mr. John C. Dibbs agent for that firm's Dump-cars; or did he write a letter advocating the purchase of these Cars?
 - (3.) Will he say why were no tenders for the work invited in this Colony?
- Mr. Dibbs answered,—The information asked has already been laid upon the Table in papers ordered to be printed.
- (3.) Salaries of Country Postmasters:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) What salary is paid the Postmaster at Eurunduree?
 - (2.) Will he take steps to increase the salaries of those Provincial Postmasters who have arduous and constant labours to perform?
- Mr. Stuart answered,—
- (1.) £14 per annum, which is nearly equal to the entire revenue of the Eurunderee Post Office.
 - (2.) The salaries of non-official Postmasters are regulated by a fixed scale based upon the business done at their offices, and the adoption of a more liberal scale than the present one would necessitate a very large augmentation of the vote for Country Postmasters salaries.
- (4.) Coal Cliff Coal Company:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Does the Coal Cliff Coal Company land their coal on the Glebe Island Bridge; and if so, on whose authority?
 - (2.) Does the Company monopolise a portion of the Circular Wharf at Woolloomooloo; if so, on what authority?
 - (3.) Who are the proprietors of this Company?

Mr.

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

(1.) As far as I can ascertain the only coal landed at Glebe Island Bridge is that intended for consumption at the Abattoir, supplied by the contractor, Mr. Black.

(3.) Not that I am aware of.

(2.) I am not aware.

(5.) Small-pox :—Mr. Burns asked the Colonial Secretary,—If the patient Hammond, who died of small-pox at the Quarantine Hospital on Monday last, had ever been vaccinated ; and if so, how long before his death ?

Mr. Stuart answered,—Yes, in infancy.

(6.) Small-pox :—Mr. Young asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Had Hammond, who died recently in Quarantine, been vaccinated ; and if so, when ?

(2.) Which of the other small-pox patients have been vaccinated, and the date of their vaccination ?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

(1.) Yes, in infancy.

(2.) Twelve other persons have recently suffered from small-pox. Of these five were unvaccinated, and seven had been vaccinated in infancy ; the ages of the vaccinated persons being 25, 31, 34, 35, 38, 39, that of the seventh being unknown.

(7.) Wentworth Park :—Mr. Abigail asked the Colonial Secretary,—When will the tenders for the Roads round Wentworth Park, to carry off the storm waters that come down from Darlington, Newtown, and a portion of Redfern, and flood out the residents around the Park, be called for, in accordance with promises previously given ?

Mr. Stuart answered,—Plans and specifications are being prepared for Roadway. The Department of Public Works is in communication with the City Engineer as to the drainage question.

(8.) Hospital Accommodation :—Mr. Abigail asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) When will the question of Hospital Accommodation be brought forward ?

(2.) Is the present Session to close without some definite action being taken in the matter ?

Mr. Stuart answered,—I am perfectly prepared to submit the question to the House, if Honorable Members are willing to enter upon the consideration of the matter.

(9.) Land Boilers Inspection Bill :—Mr. Abigail asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Has his attention been called to the cases of deaths occurring through the bursting of boilers lately ; and does he propose proceeding with the Boilers Inspection Bill now before Parliament ?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—My attention has been called to the subject ; and it is my intention to proceed with the Bill, if the House will do me the favour to continue to sit.

2. PUBLIC PARKS BILL, No. 2 (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Stuart, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Stuart then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act for the better Regulation and Protection of Public Parks or Places of Public Recreation and of Lands dedicated purchased or resumed for Public Purposes for bringing certain Lands within the operation of this Act and for other purposes.*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act for the better Regulation and Protection of Public Parks or Places of Public Recreation and of Lands dedicated purchased or resumed for Public Purposes for bringing certain Lands within the operation of this Act and for other purposes,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 24th September, 1884.

3. POINT PIPER ROAD, PADDINGTON (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Butcher moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all plans, surveys, notifications, papers, letters, or documents in any way connected with the Point Piper Road, Paddington.
Question put and passed.

4. COMPANIES (EXTRA-COLONIAL REGISTERS) BILL :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Stuart, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor.

Message No. 94.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorize Companies registered under the Companies Act to keep Extra-Colonial Registers,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,

Sydney, 24th September, 1884.

5. PAPERS :—Mr. Stuart laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return to an Order made on 2nd September, 1884,—“Resumption of Land between George and Pitt-streets.”

(2.) Annual Report on Public Charities and Schools of Art, for 1883.

(3.) Further Correspondence respecting the proposed Annexation of New Guinea and New Hebrides.

Ordered to be printed.

(4.) Return to an Order made on 30th July, 1884,—“Telegraph or Telephone Office at Largs.”

6. **LOAN ESTIMATE FOR 1884** :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Dibbs, and read by Mr Speaker :—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor.

Message No. 95.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th clause of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the accompanying Loan Estimate for the year 1884.

Government House,
Sydney, 24th September, 1884.

Ordered to be printed, together with the accompanying Estimate, and referred to the Committee of Supply.

7. **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS** :—Mr. Abbott moved, pursuant to Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing of a Bill to enable the Governor to declare Leases and applications for Leases under the Mining Act of 1874 and the Regulations thereunder valid through all its stages in one day.
Question put and passed.
8. **MINING LEASE VALIDATING BILL** :—
- (1.) Mr. Abbott moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Governor to declare Leases and applications for Leases under the Mining Act of 1874 and the Regulations thereunder valid.
Question put and passed.
- (2.) Mr. Abbott presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable the Governor to declare Leases and applications for Leases under the 'Mining Act of 1874' and the Regulations thereunder valid,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Abbott moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Abbott, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.
On motion of Mr. Abbott, the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time at a later hour of the day.
9. **COMMONAGE BILL** :—Mr. Abbott moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Law relating to Temporary and Permanent Commons.
Question put and passed.
10. **DECEASED PERSONS ESTATES BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Cohen moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Burns moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Question put, That this Debate be now adjourned.
The House divided.

Ayes, 7.

Mr. A. G. Taylor,
Mr. Burns,
Mr. Burdekin,
Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Garrett.

Tellers,

Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Dalton.

Noes, 51.

Mr. Stuart,	Mr. Abigail,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Trickett,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. White,	Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. W. J. Fergusson,
Mr. Abbott,	Sir Henry Parkes,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Bruncker,
Mr. Heydon,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. McLaughlin,	Sir Patrick Jennings,
Mr. Lloyd,	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Alexander Ryrie,
Mr. Levin,	Mr. David Ryrie,
Mr. Murray,	Mr. Cramsie,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Moses,	Mr. William Clarke,
Mr. Russell Barton,	Mr. W. R. Campbell,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Coonan,
Mr. Humphery,	Mr. Purves,
Mr. Wilkinson,	Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Merriman,	Mr. Cass,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Holborow.
Mr. See,	
Mr. Ellis,	Tellers,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Loughnan,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Gould.
Mr. Teece,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Question again proposed, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate continued.

Question put.

The

The House divided.

Ayes, 36.

Mr. Stuart,	Mr. Hutchinson,
Mr. Trickett,	Mr. Hugh Taylor,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. David Ryrie,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Alexander Ryrie,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Cass,
Mr. Merriman,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Young,	Mr. White,
Mr. See,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. O'Mara,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. W. R. Campbell,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Coonan,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Loughnan,
Mr. Lynch,	Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. McCulloch,	Mr. W. J. Fergusson.
Mr. Moses,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Russell Barton,	Mr. T. R. Smith,
Mr. Humphery,	Mr. Garvan.
Mr. Lloyd,	

Noes, 6.

Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Dalton,
Mr. Burdekin.
Tellers,
Mr. A. G. Taylor,
Mr. Proctor.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

Mr. Cohen moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

11. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday next.

12. BRYEN'S ESTATE LEASING BILL:—*Mr. Burns*, for Mr. Proctor, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 18th September, 1884; together with a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Burns then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday, 3rd October.

Question put and passed.

13. CROWN LANDS BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to regulate the Alienation Occupation and Management of Crown Lands and for other purposes*,"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 24th September, 1884.

JOHN HAY,
President.

CROWN LANDS BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 24th September, 1884.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 1, clause 1, line 7. *Omit "October" insert "January"*
 Page 1, clause 1, line 8. *Omit "four" insert "five"*
 Page 1, line 13. *Omit "the Land Court" insert "Hearing of Appeals"*
 Page 2, clause 2, lines 41 and 42. *Omit "save in so far as the same is inconsistent with the provisions of this Act"*
 Page 3, clause 3, lines 15 and 16. *Omit "at the commencement of this Act shall"*
 Page 3, clause 3, line 17. *After "eighty-four" insert "shall thereafter"*
 Page 3, clause 3, line 19. *After "the" insert "Pastoral"*
 Page 3, line 24. *After "Act" insert "but without competition"*
 Page 3, clause 4. *After interpretation of "Crown Lands" insert "'City Town or Village' a city town or village shall be such as shall have been declared to be so by proclamation of the Governor in the Gazette"*
 Page 4, clause 4, line 6. *After "within the" insert "continuous"*
 Page 4, line 13. *After "west" insert "as defined by proclamation in the Gazette"*
 Page 4, line 13. *After "distant" insert "not more than"*
 Page 4, line 14. *After "city" omit remainder of interpretation of "Population Boundaries" insert "town or village"*
 Page 4, clause 4, lines 26 to 29. *Omit "'Public purpose' means and includes in addition to any purpose specified in any section of this Act any purpose declared by the Governor by notification in the Gazette to be a public purpose within the meaning of such section"*
 Page 6, clause 12, line 2. *After "shall" insert "if present"*
 Page 6. At end of clause *add "and in the absence of the other members may act alone"*

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- Page 6, clause 13, line 10. *Omit " Land Court" insert " Minister"*
- Page 6, clause 13, line 12. *Omit " Land Court" insert " Minister"*
- Page 6, clause 13, line 23. *After " certificate" insert " of completion of the conditions of residence and improvements"*
- Page 6, clause 14, line 54. *Omit " Land Court" insert " Minister"*
- Page 6, clause 14, lines 57 and 58. *Omit " Land Court" insert " Minister"*
- Page 7, clause 14, lines 16 and 17. *Omit " but if such decision shall be adverse to the complainant" insert " and"*
- Page 7, clause 14, line 22. *Omit " Land Court constituted as hereinafter provided" insert " Minister"*
- Page 7, clause 14, line 24. *Omit " Court" insert " Minister"*
- Page 7, clause 14, lines 30 and 31. *Omit " Land Court whereupon such Court" insert " Minister who"*
- Page 7, clause 14, line 32. *Omit " such Court" insert " him"*
- Page 7, clause 14, line 38. *Omit " death"*
- Page 7, clause 14, line 38. *After " removal" insert " from office"*
- Page 7, clause 14, line 39. *After " from" insert " three consecutive"*
- Page 7, clause 14, lines 39 and 40. *Omit " for a period of three months"*
- Page 7, clause 14, line 40. *After " Board" insert " without leave of the Minister"*
- Page 8, clause 17, lines 9 and 10. *Omit " Land Court" insert " Minister"*
- Page 8, clause 18. *Omit clause 18.*
- Page 8, clause 19, line 18. *Omit " Land Court" insert " Minister"*
- Page 8, clause 19, line 20. *Omit " the said Court" insert " he"*
- Page 8, clause 19, line 21. *After " determined" insert " as"*
- Page 8, clause 19, line 23. *Omit " before such Court"*
- Page 8, clause 19, line 24. *After " given" insert " as"*
- Page 8, clause 19, line 26. *Omit " Land Court" insert " Minister"*
- Page 8, clause 20, line 29. *Omit " Land Court" insert " Minister"*
- Page 8, clause 20. *At end of clause add " and the Board may after hearing such evidence reverse alter or amend its previous decision in any way it may consider necessary"*
- Page 8, clause 21, line 34. *Omit " or the Land Court"*
- Page 8, clause 21, line 34. *After " Board" omit remainder of clause insert " for investigation and upon receipt of their Report the decision of the Minister shall be final"*
- Page 8, clause 22, line 45. *After " from" insert " conditional"*
- Page 8, clause 22, line 45. *After " Part" insert new sub-section :—" (x.) Lands on the sea-shore within one hundred feet of high-water-mark"*
- Page 8, clause 22, line 46. *After " lease" insert " except where a preferent right of purchase is specially provided by this Act"*
- Page 8, clause 22. *At end of sub-section (r.) add " if such right of lease conferred by a conditional purchase made under the repealed Acts be exercised within ninety days after the commencement of this Act or within a like period after the confirmation of application for any conditional purchase under this Act"*
- Page 9, clause 22, line 11. *Add "s" to " building"*
- Page 9, clause 22. *At end of sub-section IX add " and the conformation of the boundaries of the land so exempt shall be as prescribed Provided further that no such improvements shall be made after this Act comes into operation without the permission of the Local Land Board approved by the Minister"*
- Page 9, clause 23, line 30. *After " Act" insert " and where in any Act relating to the Volunteer Force reference is made to the thirteenth section of the ' Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861' such reference shall in respect to all claims to free grants of land unsatisfied at the commencement of this Act be deemed and taken to refer to Crown Lands open to conditional sale under this Act"*
- Page 9, clause 23, line 31. *Omit " unless" insert " except"*
- Page 9, clause 23, line 33. *Omit " had" insert " shall have"*
- Page 9, clause 23, lines 34 and 35. *Omit " that he held his preceding conditional purchase solely in his own interest, and had fulfilled thereon," insert " of fulfilment of"*
- Page 9, clause 23, line 35. *After " the" insert " required"*
- Page 9, clause 23, line 36. *Omit " of this Act in a bona fide manner," insert " (except payment of balance of purchase money) and until after the expiration of five years from the termination of the period of residence"*
- Page 9, clause 23, line 39. *After " same" omit remainder of clause.*
- Page 9, clause 24, line 50. *Omit " provisions" insert " limitation as to age"*
- Page 10, clause 27, line 17. *Omit " a" insert " an original"*
- Page 10, clause 27, lines 17 and 18. *Omit " whether original or additional"*
- Page 10, clause 27, line 18. *After " person" insert " and every application for an additional conditional purchase may be tendered by the applicant in person or by any duly authorized agent"*
- Page 10, clause 27, line 19. *Omit " his" insert " the"*
- Page 10, clause 27, lines 19 and 20. *Omit " the applicant shall lodge" insert " there shall be lodged"*
- Page 10, clause 27, lines 21 and 22. *Omit " and shall in the presence of the Land Agent make" insert " together with"*
- Page 10, clause 27, line 22. *After " declaration" insert " made by the applicant"*
- Page 10, clause 30, line 49. *After " direct" insert " the District Surveyor to cause"*
- Page 10, clause 30, line 50. *Omit " by the District Surveyor"*
- Page 10, clause 30, line 54. *Omit " Land Court" insert " Minister"*
- Page 11, clause 32, line 22. *Omit " Land Court" insert " Minister"*
- Page 11, clause 32, line 26. *Omit " Land Court" insert " Minister"*

- Page 11, clause 34, line 37. *After* "substantial" *insert* "cattle and sheep proof"
- Page 12, clause 39, line 47. *Omit* "Land Court" *insert* "Minister"
- Page 12, clause 40, line 53. *Omit* "Land Court" *insert* "Minister"
- Page 12, clause 40, line 57. *Omit* "Court" *insert* "Minister"
- Page 13, clause 42, line 11. *Omit* "(ix.)" *insert* "(x.)"
- Page 13, clause 42, line 11. *Omit* "four" *insert* "one"
- Page 13, clause 44, line 55. *Omit* "conditional"
- Page 14, clause 45, line 10. *Omit* "with rebate"
- Page 14, clause 46, line 20. *After* "authorized" *insert* "in the prescribed manner"
- Page 14, clause 46, line 21. *Omit* "in the prescribed manner"
- Page 14, clause 46, line 28. *After* "sale" *insert* "until such reservation be revoked by the Governor"
- Page 14, clause 46, line 29. *Omit* "for Mines"
- Page 15, clause 48, line 11. *After* "purchase" *insert* "which together with the original purchase shall not exceed three hundred and twenty acres"
- Page 15, clause 48, lines 14 and 15. *Omit* "been or is the holder of" *insert* "made"
- Page 15, clause 48, line 24. *After* "substantial" *insert* "cattle and sheep proof"
- Page 15, clause 49, line 43. *After* "purchase" *insert* "or additional conditional purchase"
- Page 15, clause 49, line 44. *After* "Act" *insert* "other than for such purchase without residence"
- Page 16, clause 49, line 2. *Omit* "lease" *insert* "leasehold"
- Page 16, clause 49, lines 3 to 5. *Omit* "same manner as is hereinbefore provided for the survey of the land by virtue of which such lease is applied for" *insert* "prescribed manner"
- Page 16, clause 50, line 9. *Omit* "Land Court" *insert* "Minister"
- Page 16, clause 53, lines 39 and 40. *Omit* "at the commencement of this Act" *insert* "on the thirty-first day of December one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four"
- Page 16, clause 53, line 41. *Omit* "and situated in the Eastern or Central Division"
- Page 16, clause 53, line 47. *Omit* "Land Court" *insert* "Minister"
- Page 16, clause 53, lines 50 and 51. *Omit* "in the Eastern and Central Divisions"
- Page 16, clause 53, line 52. *Before* "and" *insert* "and the aggregate area of such conditional leases which shall not be granted in more than two areas may be but shall not exceed three times the area of the conditional purchases by virtue of which they are granted"
- Page 16, clause 53, line 54. *Omit* "Land Court" *insert* "Minister"
- Page 16, clause 53, line 56. *Omit* "originally"
- Page 17, clause 53, line 7. *Omit* "a" *insert* "the"
- Page 17, clause 53, line 8. *Omit* "Land Court" *insert* "Minister Provided further that where any land by virtue of which the rights conferred by this section may be exercised is under mortgage the conditional lease may be applied for by the mortgagee or mortgagor subject to the limitation as to area herein expressed"
- Page 17, clause 55, line 25. *After* "of" *insert* "a"
- Page 18, clause 60. *Omit* sub-section (III.) *insert* new sub-section (III.), "The intervention of any road not being a frontage or intended frontage road between an original conditional purchase and any additional conditional purchase or conditional lease applied for under this part shall not be an objection to the measurement of the land so applied for and in every such case the additional purchase or purchases or conditional lease shall be measured as herein provided But if such road be a frontage or intended frontage road no additional conditional purchase or conditional lease shall be allowed for land not on the same side as the purchase or purchases by virtue of which such additional conditional purchase or conditional lease is applied for unless all the available land on that side has been exhausted then such additional conditional purchase or purchases or conditional lease may be measured on the opposite side of such road or intended road and with frontage thereto."
- Page 18, clause 61, line 34. *After* "Minister" *insert* "Crown Lands may be measured across any frontage road or intended or designed frontage road and"
- Page 19, clause 63, line 8. *Omit* "Governor" *insert* "Minister"
- Page 19, clause 64, line 13. *Omit* "on the sea-coast or"
- Page 19, clause 64, line 14. *Omit* "to" *insert* "of"
- Page 19, clause 64, line 18. *Omit* "Land Court" *insert* "Minister"
- Page 19, clause 64, line 26. *After* "Gazette" *insert* "and some local newspaper if any"
- Page 19, clause 64, line 26. *After* "issuing" *insert* "of"
- Page 19, clause 65, line 30. *Omit* "the sea or to"
- Page 19, clause 65, line 33. *Omit* "Land Court" *insert* "Minister"
- Page 19, clause 65, line 41. *After* "Gazette" *insert* "and some local newspaper if any"
- Page 19, clause 66, line 47. *Omit* "Land Court" *insert* "Minister"
- Page 19, clause 67, line 54. *Before* "situated" *insert* "are"
- Page 19, clause 67, line 58. *Omit* "Land Court" *insert* "Minister"
- Page 20, clause 67, lines 1 and 2. *Omit* "at auction or without competition and"
- Page 20, clause 67, lines 2 and 3. *Omit* "Land Court or" *insert* "Minister after report by the"
- Page 20, clause 68, line 9. *Omit* "or" *insert* "which is"
- Page 20, clause 68, line 16. *Omit* "first"
- Page 20, clause 68, line 17. *Omit* "the site of"
- Page 20, clause 68, line 17. *After* "and" *insert* "the land"
- Page 20, clause 68, lines 19 and 20. *Omit* "Provided that" *insert* "And"
- Page 20, clause 68, line 20. *Omit* "site" *insert* "land"
- Page 20, clause 68. At end of clause *add* "If any road which is found to be unnecessary pass through any conditional purchase it may be closed in like manner and the area of such closed road may be added to the conditional purchase subject however to the like conditions of payment of deposit and instalments as are applicable to conditionally purchased land and also to the payment by the conditional purchaser of all costs and charges in connection with the resumption and annexure of such land" Page

- Page 20, clause 71, line 47. *After* "division" *insert* " or being otherwise dealt with"
- Page 21, clause 72, line 5. *Omit* " or pre-emptive"
- Page 21, clause 72. At end of clause *add* "and the runholder shall divide by a line or lines the entire area of all Crown Lands situated within such pastoral holding into two parts as nearly equal in area as practicable and after receipt of the plan mentioned the Governor may by notice in the *Gazette* reserve temporarily from conditional sale any land within such pastoral holding divided as aforesaid pending a determination of which part shall be converted into a resumed area"
- Page 21, clause 73, line 13. *After* "line" *insert* " or lines"
- Page 21, clause 74. At end of clause *add* "unless he shall satisfy the Minister that such failure was not due to any wilful negligence on his part"
- Page 21, clause 75, line 25. *Omit* " Upon acceptance" *insert* " After receipt"
- Page 21, clause 75, line 27. *After* "land" *insert* " not already shown thereon"
- Page 21, clause 75, lines 27 to 33. *Omit* " a tracing of such plan shall be sent by the Minister to the runholder and within sixty days thereafter the runholder shall return the tracing to the Minister marked by a line dividing the entire area of the Crown Lands situated within such pastoral holding into two parts as nearly equal in area as practicable one of which shall become a leasehold area and the other a resumed area. Provided that" *insert* " shall thereafter notify to the runholder which part is to be the resumed area and which the pastoral lease but"
- Page 21, clause 75, line 35. *Omit* " that"
- Page 21, clause 75, line 37. *Omit* "and deal therewith" *insert* " or lines and deal with such holding"
- Page 21, clause 76, line 40. *Omit* " dividing line" *insert* " division"
- Page 21, clause 76, line 40. *Omit* " straight"
- Page 21, clause 76, line 40. *After* " or" *insert* " lines or"
- Page 22, clause 76, line 8. *Omit* " a division"
- Page 22, clause 76, line 9. *After* " eighty-four" *insert* " a division"
- Page 22, clause 76, lines 13 and 14. *Omit* " or whose conditional purchase has been cancelled"
- Page 22, clause 76, line 15. *Omit* " or cancelled"
- Page 22, clause 76, line 16. *Omit* " Land Court" *insert* " Minister"
- Page 22, clause 77, lines 20 to 22. *Omit* "The Minister shall determine which half of the divided run shall be the resumed area and which shall be the leasehold area. And when the division shall have been so determined" *insert* " when the division of the run shall have been determined by the Minister as hereinbefore provided"
- Page 22, clause 79, line 41. *Omit* " a date to be fixed by the Minister" *insert* " the date of determination of the existing lease or if more than one lease be held by the same runholder then at a date"
- Page 22, clause 79, lines 42 to 45. *Omit* " existing lease or leases the runholder may be entitled to but the rent shall be calculated from the date of the notification of the division of such run" *insert* " such leases"
- Page 22, clause 79, line 46. *After* " cases" *insert* " commence from the date of the notification of the division of the pastoral holding and"
- Page 22, clause 79, line 46. *Omit* " Land Court" *insert* " Minister"
- Page 23, clause 79, lines 5 and 6. *Omit* " Land Court" *insert* " Minister"
- Page 23, clause 79, line 31. *Omit* " Land Court" *insert* " Minister"
- Page 23, clause 79, lines 41 and 42. *Omit* " Land Court" *insert* " Minister"
- Page 24, clause 82, line 12. *Omit* " Land Court" *insert* " Minister"
- Page 24, clause 82, line 16. *Omit* " Land Court" *insert* " Minister"
- Page 24, clause 82, line 18. *Omit* " Land Court" *insert* " Minister"
- Page 24, clause 82, line 40. *After* " the" *insert* " Minister may determine after appraisalment by the"
- Page 24, clause 82, line 41. *Omit* " may determine as the value thereof"
- Page 24, clause 83, line 56. *Omit* " Land Court" *insert* " Minister"
- Page 25, clause 83, line 3. *Omit* " at the same time" *insert* " on the same day"
- Page 25, clause 83, line 15. *After* " of" *insert* " the issue of"
- Page 25, clause 83, line 17. *After* " a" *insert* " cattle and sheep proof"
- Page 25, clause 83, lines 19 and 20. *Omit* " Land Court grant" *insert* " Minister recommend the issue of"
- Page 25, clause 83, line 24. *After* " or" *insert* " of"
- Page 25, clause 85, line 46. *Omit* " Land Court" *insert* " Minister"
- Page 26, clause 86, lines 17 and 18. *Omit* " within sixty days thereafter together with a fine of ten per centum on the overdue rent"
- Page 26, clause 86, line 23. *After* " application" *insert* " to the Land Agent of the District"
- Page 26, clause 86, line 24. *Omit* " to the Land Agent of the District" *insert* " or may be again submitted to auction"
- Page 26, clause 86, line 28. *After* " District" *insert* " or let by tender"
- Page 26, clause 86, line 29. *After* " leases" *insert* " or letting by tender"
- Page 26, clause 87, line 40. *Omit* " Land Court" *insert* " Minister"
- Page 26, clause 88, line 51. *Omit* " Land Court" *insert* " Minister"
- Page 26, clause 88, line 54. *Omit* " Land Court" *insert* " Minister"
- Page 27, clause 88, line 3. *Omit* " Land Court" *insert* " Minister"
- Page 28, clause 93, line 10. *Omit* " he may think fit" *insert* " may be prescribed"
- Page 28, clause 93, line 11. *After* " leases" *insert* " for a term not exceeding fifteen years"
- Page 28, clause 94, line 23. *After* " and" *insert* " in regard to any land not comprised within a timber or forest reserve"
- Page 28, clause 94, line 27. *Omit* " causes" *insert* " shall cause"
- Page 28, clause 94, line 27. *Omit* " s" from " permits"

- Page 28, clause 94, line 27. *Omit "s" from "suffers"*
- Page 28, clause 95, lines 35 and 36. *Omit "to ringbark such trees"*
- Page 28, clause 95, line 37. *After "ringbarked" insert "or stripped"*
- Page 29, clause 99, line 13. *After "take" insert "from land under lease or license to them not
" comprised within a timber or forest reserve"*
- Page 29, clause 99, line 21. *Omit "section" insert "sub-section"*
- Page 29, clause 101, lines 35 and 36. *Omit " or an occupation license"*
- Page 29, clause 101, line 39. *After "lease" insert "such rent"*
- Page 29, clause 101, line 43. *Omit "Land Court" insert "Minister"*
- Page 29, clause 101, line 46. *Omit "Land Court" insert "Minister"*
- Page 29, clause 101, line 46. *Omit "the said Court" insert "he"*
- Page 29, clause 101, line 58. *Omit "Land Court" insert "Minister"*
- Page 30, clause 101. At end of clause *add "The several provisions of this section shall equally
" apply to all occupation licenses and their holders and to the license fees paid or made
" payable in respect thereof"*
- Page 30, clause 102, line 17. *After "commonage" insert " or for population areas"*
- Page 30, clause 102, line 17. *After "accordingly" insert "until revoked or altered in like manner"*
- Page 30, clause 103. At end of clause *add " Provided that improvements effected subsequently to
" the first day of July one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six on any land reserved
" from sale shall on the revocation of such reservation or withdrawal of the land from
" lease become the property of the Crown and may be dealt with in accordance with the
" provisions of this Act Provided further that the Governor may by notice in the
" Gazette declare that any land exempt from conditional purchase under the repealed
" Acts on account of the population of any city town or village shall not be so exempt
" or he may in like manner increase reduce or modify the boundaries of the area so
" exempt"*
- Page 30, clause 104, line 30. *Omit "(i)"*
- Page 30, clause 104, line 41. *Omit "(ii)" insert "105"*
- Page 31, clause 104, line 4. *Omit "sub-section" insert "section"*
- Page 31, clause 105, line 39. *Omit "to"*
- Page 32, clause 108. At end of clause *add "and the Governor may withdraw from lease or license
" any land required as sites for towns and villages or for any public purpose"*
- Page 32, clause 109, lines 22 and 23. *After "leasehold" insert "or any land held under occupation
" license"*
- Page 32, clause 109, line 33. *After "rent" insert " or license fee"*
- Page 32, clause 109, line 34. *Omit "Land Court" insert "Minister"*
- Page 32, clause 110, line 38. *Omit "under the hand of the Minister"*
- Page 32, clause 111, line 50. *After "lessee" insert " or licensee"*
- Page 34, clause 115, line 1. *After "money" insert "except Royalty"*
- Page 34, clause 117, line 27. *After "purchases" insert "together with any additional conditional
" purchases made in virtue thereof"*
- Page 34, clause 117, lines 28 to 31. *After "manner" omit all the words down to "condition"
inclusive insert "after completion of residence if any required Provided that original
" conditional purchases and additional conditional purchases made in virtue thereof shall
" not be transferred separately until all the conditions applicable to the whole area except
" that of payment"*
- Page 34, clause 118, line 34. *Omit "or"*
- Page 34, clause 118, line 34. *After "Homestead" insert " or Conditional"*
- Page 34, clause 118. At end of clause *add "and a conditional lease shall not be transferred except
" with the land in virtue of which it was granted"*
- Page 35, clause 125, line 52. *Omit "become" insert "be declared"*
- Page 36, clause 125, line 3. *Omit "such"*
- Page 36, clause 126, line 20. *Omit "or" insert "of"*
- Page 37, clause 130. *Omit clause 130 insert the following new clause:—*
130. "No person occupying land under a conditional purchase or conditional or homestead
lease shall be entitled to bring any action for trespass (other than a wilful trespass) on such land
or to impound any animal in respect thereof until he shall have fenced such land pursuant to the
provisions of this Act."
- Page 37, clause 132, line 35. *After "work" insert "lawfully"*
- Page 37, clause 132, line 36. *Before "construction" insert "lawful"*
- Page 37, clause 132, line 43. *Omit "as aforesaid" insert "those before-mentioned"*
- Page 38, clause 133. At end of clause *add " Provided that it shall not be lawful for the holder
" of any leasehold under this Act to obstruct any Government Surveyor or other
" authorized person from entering upon such leasehold whenever such Surveyor or other
" authorized person may require to do so."*
- Page 38, clause 135, line 13. *After "evidence" insert "wilfully"*
- Page 38, clause 135, line 16. *Omit "Land Court" insert "Minister"*
- Page 38, clause 135. At end of clause *add "Provided that no forfeiture shall be held to affect
" any transferee unless declared within six months after the issue of the certificate
" heretofore provided by the Local Board Provided also that the Governor may by
" notice in the Gazette reserve such forfeited land from sale or lease or may annex it to
" the holding (if any) within the boundaries of which it may be situated at the time of
" forfeiture and in such case rent therefor shall be payable thereafter at the same rate as
" is charged for the holding to which it is annexed."*
- Page 38, clause 138, line 59. *Omit "Land Court" insert "Minister"*

Page 39, clause 138. At end of clause *add* "and no pre-emptive lease which may have been granted under the repealed Acts and which may be converted into a conditional lease under this Act shall be void or invalid by reason only that it was situated wholly or in part within the area of any previously forfeited pre-emptive lease Provided that no validation as herein mentioned shall take effect in any case where the illegality was wilfully committed or if a conflicting interest has arisen or if the case has been finally disposed of in a lawful manner"

Page 39, clause 139. *After* clause 139 *insert* the following new clause:—

140. "Whenever any question of law shall have arisen before a Land Board in a case transmitted on appeal to the Minister or shall be before the Minister on any such appeal it shall be lawful for him to state and submit a case for decision by the Supreme Court thereon which decision shall be conclusive Every such case shall purport to be stated under this section and shall state the names of the persons who are parties to the appeal and be transmitted by the Minister under his hand to the Prothonotary of the Court to be dealt with as to the setting down of the case for argument and the hearing of the same and its return with the decision of the Court thereon as the Judges or any two of them shall direct The Court for the purposes of this section may consist of two Judges only."

Minister may refer questions of law to Supreme Court

Page 39, clause 140, line 37. *After* "costs" *insert* "and determine the kinds of fencing to be erected"

Page 39, clause 140, line 40. *Omit* "Land Court" *insert* "Minister"

Page 40, clause 142, line 1. *Before* "Gazette" *insert* "the"

Page 40, clause 142, line 1. *After* "forfeiture" *omit* remainder of clause.

Page 40, clause 144. At end of clause *add* "and if either House shall within one month then following declare by Resolution its disapproval of any such Regulation or any part thereof the same shall to the extent disapproved of cease to be in force."

Examined,—

ARCHD. H. JACOB,
Deputy Chairman of Committees.

Mr. Farnell moved, That the Legislative Council's amendments be taken into consideration on Tuesday next.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

14. MINING LEASE VALIDATING BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Abbott moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a third time,—and, on motion of Mr. Abbott, *passed*.

Mr. Abbott then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to enable the Governor to declare Leases and applications for Leases under the 'Mining Act of 1874' and the Regulations thereunder valid.*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Governor to declare Leases and applications for Leases under the 'Mining Act of 1874' and the Regulations thereunder valid,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 24th September, 1884.*

15. COMMONAGE BILL:—Mr. Abbott *presented* a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Law relating to Permanent and Temporary Commons,*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

The House adjourned at eight minutes before Twelve o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 162.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 25 SEPTEMBER, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk informed the House that Mr. Speaker was unavoidably absent.

Whereupon the Chairman of Committees took the Chair, as Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the second Standing Order of this House.

2. QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Mr. Thomas Johnston, J.P. :—Mr. Stokes asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Was one Thomas Johnston, a Justice of the Peace at Condobolin, convicted on the 22nd July last for an unprovoked assault upon one Nicholas Carney, and fined sixty shillings and costs; in default of immediate payment, one month in Forbes Gaol?

(2.) If the above question be answered in the affirmative, does the Colonial Secretary intend to take steps to have his name removed from the Commission of the Peace?

Mr. Stuart answered,—I understand that Mr. Thomas Johnston, who is a Justice of the Peace, was convicted on the 22nd of July last for an assault, and fined 60s. and costs. I have called for a report and the depositions, and when they are received, the matter will be taken into consideration.

(2.) Dedication of Land at Lawson :—Mr. Sydney Smith, for Mr. T. R. Smith, asked the Secretary for Lands,—When will the land which was shown on the sale plan exhibited at a Crown Lands sale at Lawson on 3rd May last as approved to be dedicated for recreation be so dedicated?

Mr. Farnell answered,—Portion of the land, the dedication of which was under consideration, will be dedicated.

(3.) Public School, Narrabri :—Mr. Dangar asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—When is it likely tenders will be called for the new Public School at Narrabri.

Mr. Trickett answered,—I hope tenders will be called for in about a week.

(4.) Narrabri Court-house :—Mr. Dangar asked the Minister of Justice,—With reference to the promise made,—When is it likely tenders will be invited for the necessary additions and alterations to Narrabri Court-house, so as to render it suitable for District Court and other purposes?

Mr. Cohen answered,—The amount required for the additions referred to is on the Loan Estimates for this year; when available, plans will be commenced and completed as soon as possible.

(5.) Mining Registrars at Silverton :—Mr. Abigail asked the Minister for Mines,—

(1.) Is it true that Mr. Harrie Wood, Under Secretary for Mines, has gone to Silverton to act as Warden?

(2.) What are the particular reasons for sending from Sydney a gentleman so high in the Department; is it to inquire into the alleged cases of jumping by R. R. Machattie, Esq., M.P., and others?

(3.) Can he state the probable number of people at Silverton, and also how many Wardens and Mining Registrars are there, and how many are holding ground under Miners Rights, also under leases?

(4.) Is it true that during the extensive rush at Temora, when over two thousand people were there, that one Mining Registrar did all the work, while at Silverton at the present time there are no more people, and will more Officials be required at Silverton than at Temora?

Mr.

Mr. Trickett answered,—

(1 and 2.) Mr. Harrie Wood has gone to Silvertown, but not specially to act as a Warden. In nearly all Mining Districts there are Mining Registrars, and in many instances such Officers are members of the Police Force. This was the case at Silvertown at the time of the rush for Leases, Miners Rights, Business and Mineral Licences, and the Officer acting as Registrar was by his Police duties frequently taken from the performance of those of Registrar. This absence from the duties of Registrar during a rush, and before the Department of Mines could make any arrangements, has, it is feared, led to complications which may be set straight by an experienced Officer at once inquiring into and promptly dealing with them, and no better person than Mr. Wood could be found for the purpose. It may be stated that residents at Silvertown asked that steps should be at once taken to deal, by means of some experienced person, with all jumping cases, so as to prevent trouble, and possibly a riot.

(3.) There are supposed to be about 3,000 people at Silvertown. There is one Warden there, and one Mining Registrar. About 2,000 Rights and Licences have been issued, and applications for more than 600 Leases have been made.

(4.) One Mining Registrar was appointed for Temora, according to the practice of the Department, and it is thought that one will be sufficient for Silvertown.

- (6.) The Case of John Cook:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Minister of Justice,—Has a prisoner named John Cook complained that whilst under committal in Dubbo Gaol he was placed in irons and kept on half rations without any charge of breach of prison regulations being preferred against him; if so, why was this done; and what steps have been taken in the matter by the Department?

Mr. Cohen answered,—I am informed by the Comptroller General of Prisons that the Acting Gaoler at Dubbo received information to the effect that the prisoner Cook (who had several times been previously convicted) with others, intended to rush the Warden at the gate, and thus try to effect their escape. Cook was leg-ironed in consequence, and was placed on half rations for forty-eight hours for insubordination, the action of the Acting Gaoler having been within his prescribed authority.

- (7.) The Case of James Hall:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Was a young man named James Hall convicted at Maitland of horse-stealing, and sentenced to two years hard labour?

(2.) Had the Jury twice previously disagreed on his case?

(3.) Is it usual to re-try a prisoner in whose case the Jury have twice previously disagreed?

(4.) Was prisoner's defence that he bought the horse, and did he produce a receipt to that effect?

(5.) Did the Judge, after conviction, commit for trial one James Laing, who swore that he witnessed the sale and receipt?

(6.) Has Laing since been honorably acquitted?

(7.) Will the Minister make inquiries, with a view to a remission or reduction of Hall's sentence?

Mr. Cohen answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) In his opening address in Laing's case the Crown Prosecutor stated so; there is no gaol record of the fact.

(3.) So far as I am informed, there is no fixed rule in such cases; but it is in the discretion of the Crown to re-try a prisoner in whose case the Jury have twice previously disagreed, if it is considered that, having regard to the circumstances of the case, justice requires that course to be adopted.

(4.) Yes.

(5.) Yes.

(6.) Laing was acquitted.

(7.) If representations are made justifying such a course, I will be happy to make inquiries with that view.

- (8.) Tingha Court-house:—*Mr. Melville*, for Mr. Murray, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What is being done with regard to the erection of Tingha Court-house, now about two years tendered for?

(2.) Will the Government pay the contractor his claim for compensation, or cancel the contract at once?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—This work has been delayed in consequence of the change of site, and is waiting decision respecting claim by contractor for compensation.

Mr. Speaker entered the House, and took the Chair.

3. RAILWAYS.—CITY EXTENSION:—*Mr. Dibbs* laid upon the Table (as an Exhibit only) a Plan showing the Route of the proposed Railway into the City.

4. PAPERS:—

Mr. Trickett laid upon the Table,—Regulations relating to Gold-mining Leases.
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Stuart laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return to an Order made on 26th August, 1884,—“Charges against the Officers of the “Wolverene.”

(2.) Amended Regulations under the Volunteer Force Regulation Act of 1867.
Ordered to be printed.

5. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Abigail moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
6. CIVIL SERVICE BILL (No. 2) :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 26 SEPTEMBER, 1884, A.M.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday next.

7. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Stuart moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned at twenty minutes before One o'clock a.m., until This Day at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 163.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 26 SEPTEMBER, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Tramway Motor-cars:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for *Mr. A. G. Taylor*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Have twenty Combined Cars and Motors (popularly termed "Jumbos") been ordered from America?
- (2.) What is the price paid for each?
- (3.) Were tenders for their construction invited in this Colony?
- (4.) What is the average mileage performed during the last month by such of these Motor-cars as have been in use?
- (5.) How many of these Motor-cars have been taken delivery of by the Government?
- (6.) What is the total cost of repairs performed on these Cars and Motors since their arrival?
- (7.) Is it true that one broke down on Thursday night last, and one on the night before, and had to be taken home for repairs?

Mr. Trickett answered,—

- (1.) Six Motors have been obtained up to the present. No further order has yet been given.
- (2.) £1,150 for each of the six. A lower price has been named for a larger order.
- (3.) Not for the sample order; but it is proposed to give the local manufacturers an opportunity of tendering for some of them.
- (4.) 945 miles each.
- (5.) Six.
- (6.) This information will be found in a Return laid upon the Table of the House in reply to a question asked by *Mr. Olliffe*.
- (7.) Yes, but as they were at work again on the day succeeding, the breakdown must have been of a trifling nature.

(2.) Railway Refreshment Rooms at Armidale and Werris Creek:—*Mr. W. J. Fergusson* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the Refreshment Rooms at Armidale and Werris Creek be open and available to the travelling public?

Mr. Trickett answered,—The Rooms at Werris Creek will be ready in a few weeks. Plans are being prepared for Armidale Refreshment Rooms; but in the meantime temporary provision will be made for supplying refreshments to travellers.

(3.) Public Tanks and Dams:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for *Mr. Dangar*, asked the Secretary for Mines,—Is there any probability of the Tank Return (or any portion thereof), ordered by this House, being laid upon the Table before the close of the Session?

Mr. Abbott answered,—Notwithstanding the efforts that have been made to complete the Return, I regret that I will not be able to lay it upon the Table of the House during the present Session.

(4.)

(4.) Mining on Reserve for Botanical Gardens, Newcastle:—Mr. Ellis asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Was 98 acres 1 rood of land dedicated by the Government to the Newcastle Borough Council as a Reserve for Botanical Gardens on the 19th of May, 1868?

(2.) If so, were the members of that Council appointed Trustees of that land for such public purpose on the 19th September, 1873?

(3.) Has the Minister recently granted to Mr. Alexander Brown a permit to mine for coal on the said Reserve?

(4.) Has Mr. Brown any right to occupy or use any portion of the surface of that land for the purpose of sinking a shaft, or for any other mining purpose?

(5.) Has Mr. Brown any right to deal with the surface of that land in any way whatever?

(6.) What is the nearest depth from the surface that Mr. Brown is allowed to mine for coal under this permit without special permission from the Minister?

(7.) Has any special permission been given to Mr. Brown to mine at a less depth?

(8.) If no permission has been given, will the Minister, under the circumstances, refuse to give such permission should it be applied for?

Mr. Abbott answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) Yes. Authority No. 130, issued 12th August last, to mine under the Reserve.

(4.) No. The following is one condition of the authority:—"That no excavation shall be made or carried under any public Railway line or any building or erection, or within thirty feet thereof, or of any site upon which any building is about to be erected; and that the said Lessee shall in no way interfere with the surface of such Reserve, or construct any underground works nearer to the surface than 1,000 feet without proper supports, or without the express sanction in writing of the Secretary for Mines aforesaid, who may, and if necessary shall, before giving such sanction require the said Lessee to deposit in the hands of the Colonial Treasurer a sum of money sufficient to cover the cost of repairing any damage that may be done to any such building or erection by reason of such excavation, and may impose such conditions as he shall deem advisable."

(5.) No.

(6.) 1,000 feet, unless with express sanction of the Minister.

(7.) No.

(8.) Yes, unless very good reasons can be shown in favour of such an application. Mr. Brown has been informed that if he interferes with the surface the authority will be cancelled.

(5.) Land required for Railway Purposes between Orange and Molong:—Mr. Hugh Taylor, for Dr. Ross, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he have any objection to lay a Return upon the Table of this House of the appraised value of land required for Railway purposes from Orange to Molong, specifying the area and amount in each case?

Mr. Trickett answered,—When the appraisements have been completed, there will be no objection to lay the information upon the Table of the House.

(6.) Railway Station, Orange:—Mr. Hugh Taylor, for Dr. Ross, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government to erect a new Railway Station at Orange—a building more in accordance with the requirements of that important town; if so, when?

Mr. Trickett answered,—Representations as to this question have been made by the Members for the district to the Government, and the question will receive due consideration.

(7.) Railway Survey at Oberon:—Mr. Targett asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When the promised Trial Survey for Railway purposes will be made to Oberon from the Western Railway?

Mr. Trickett answered,—This Survey will receive early attention.

(8.) Water Supply for Lithgow:—Mr. Targett asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will he consider the question of a Water Supply for Lithgow?

Mr. Trickett answered,—The whole question of Country Water Supplies will be considered as soon as Parliament has dealt with the Loan Estimates now before the House.

2. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Party Processions Act Amendment Bill postponed until Friday, 3rd October.

3. DIVORCE AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Buchanan moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 6.

Mr. Trickett,
Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Luscombe,
Mr. Buchanan.

Tellers,

Mr. Targett,
Mr. Melville.

Noes, 26.

Mr. Burdekin,	Mr. Merriman,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. William Clarke,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Tarrant,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Brunner,	Mr. See,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Abigail,
Mr. Moses,	Mr. Hugh Taylor,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Lloyd,	Mr. O'Mara,
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Humphery.
Mr. Stokes,	Tellers,
Mr. Garrard,	
Mr. Spring,	Mr. Murray,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Lyne.

And so it passed in the negative.

Mr.

Mr. Abbott moved, That the Order of the Day be discharged.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 26.		Noes, 6.
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Murray,	Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Lynch,	Mr. Moscs,	Mr. Luscombe,
Mr. Bruncker,	Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Melville.
Mr. Barbour,	Mr O'Mara,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Targett,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Tecce,	Mr. A. G. Taylor.
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Merriman,	
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Tarrant,	
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. William Clarke.	
Mr. Lloyd,	<i>Tellers,</i>	
Mr. Spring,	Mr. Sec,	
Mr. Humphery,	Mr. Burdekin.	
Mr. Stokes,		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Abbott then moved, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Question put.

The House divided.

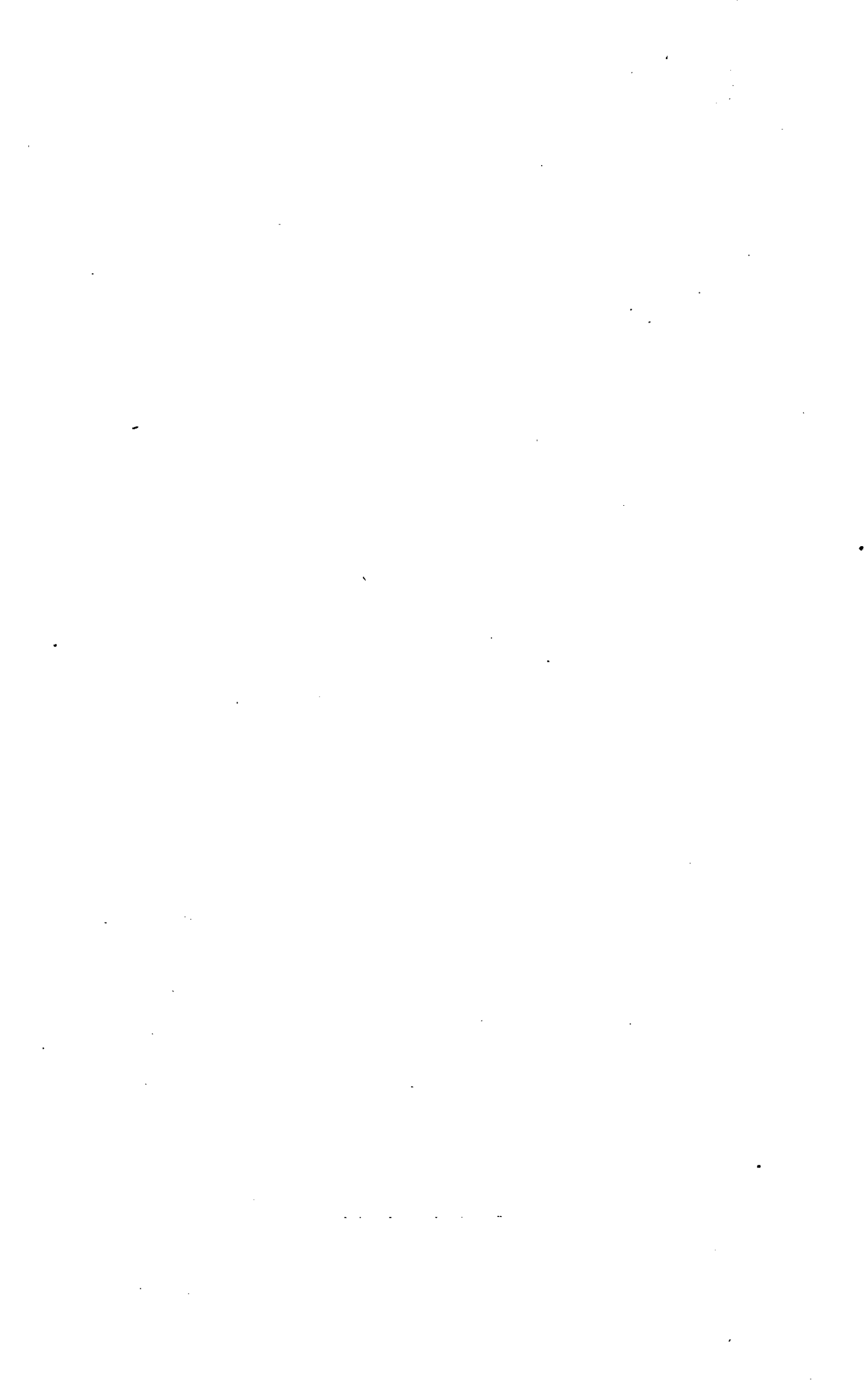
Ayes, 26.		Noes, 5.
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Humphery,	Mr. A. G. Taylor,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Stokes,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Lynch,	Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Buchanan.
Mr. Bruncker,	Mr. Murray,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Burdekin,	Mr. Moscs,	Mr. Luscombe,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Melville.
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Tecce,	
Mr. Chapman,	Mr. Merriman,	
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Tarrant,	
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. William Clarke.	
Mr. Garrett,	<i>Tellers,</i>	
Mr. Lloyd,	Mr. O'Mara,	
Mr. Spring,	Mr. Sec.	
Sir Henry Parkes,		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

- POSTPONEMENTS:—The Orders of the Day of General Business Nos. 2, 3, and 4 postponed, to follow after Order No. 5.
- SERISIEN'S ESTATE BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Burdekin moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Burdekin, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.
On motion of Mr. Burdekin (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
- DILLON'S ESTATE BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.
On motion of Mr. Burns (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
- POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Illegal Lotteries Bill postponed until Friday next.
- MITTAGONG COAL-MINING COMPANY'S RAILWAY BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Burns moved, That this Bill be now read a second.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Burns, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Friday, 10th October.

The House adjourned at twenty-eight minutes before Seven o'clock, until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 164.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 30 SEPTEMBER, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by the Members named, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

By Mr. Stuart.

(1.) Consolidated Revenue Fund Bill (No. 10.)

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor.

Message No. 96.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Year 1884*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 29th September, 1884.

By Mr. Dibbs.

(2.) Gunpowder and Explosives Rates Bill:—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor.

Message No. 97.

In accordance with the 54th clause of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of amending the "Gunpowder and Explosives Consolidation Act of 1876."

Government House,
Sydney, 30th September, 1884.

Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) School of Arts, Walgett:—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands,—The site for Walgett School of Arts having now been surveyed by Licensed-Surveyor Anderson, when is it likely the dedication will be made?

Mr. Farnell answered,—As soon as the plan of the survey is received from the Surveyor. His attention has been invited to the matter.

(2.) Silver Coinage:—Mr. Dalton asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Do Acts 7 George IV. No. 3, 19 Victoria No. 3, and 28 Victoria No. 3, give authority to the Branch of the Royal Mint in Sydney to issue silver coinage?

(2.) Is he aware that large quantities of pure silver are being produced in this Colony?

(3.) If so, will he take steps to have silver coin issued from the Branch of the Royal Mint in Sydney?

Mr.

Mr. Stuart answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Deputy Master of the Mint:—

(1.) Authority is given by Her Majesty's Order in Council of 19th August, 1853.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) New silver coin is kept in store at the Mint, and is issued to the public under Regulations approved by the Governor, dated 17th June, 1879: British silver and bronze coin is manufactured at the Royal Mint, London, and sent out to the Sydney and Melbourne Branches free of all cost to the Colonial Governments. The Imperial Treasury also bears the loss on the worn coin. The requirements of this country for silver coin are at present met by the issue of about £20,000 a year in new coin, so that it is very doubtful if any advantage would be gained by any alteration in the existing arrangements.

(3.) Wells at Baloola and Normiston:—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Has the Government contracted for the further sinking of the Wells at Baloola and Normiston, on the Gunnedah to Coonabarabran Road; if so, at what rate?

(2.) Was the work let by tender?

(3.) Are those Wells on the sites selected by the gentlemen appointed for that purpose?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

(1.) Yes; at £5 10s. per foot, through basalt; but the contractor is refusing to proceed.

(2.) Yes, in the first instance; but the original contractor failing to deal with the rock, the work was taken out of his hands and the few remaining feet let to a proved man, who now declines to proceed.

(3.) Yes.

(4.) Removal of Railway Water Tanks from Picton to Redbank:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Railway Water Tanks have been removed from Picton to Redbank Siding for the convenience and use of Mr. Barbour, M.P.?

(2.) Does Mr. Barbour owe a long account to the Government for water, and has he the privilege of running monthly accounts for supply of water?

(3.) Is the Railway traffic impeded by having the Tanks stationed at Redbank?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

(1.) Mr. Barbour applied to be supplied with water at Redbank; and as the people of Picton were making little or no use of the Tanks, which at the time of the drought had been used for their supply, they were utilized for Mr. Barbour's supply, upon terms more beneficial to the Department.

(2.) Mr. Barbour owes an account for water. He has not the right to a monthly account.

(3.) The Railway traffic is in no way impeded.

(5.) Paving Crown-street:—Mr. Withers asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Whether any, and if any what, reply has been sent to the communication from the City Council respecting the Wood-paving of Crown-street, Surrey Hills?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—No reply has been sent, as a decision has not yet been arrived at.

(6.) Fire Brigades:—Mr. Burdekin asked the Colonial Secretary,—Whether the Superintendent of the Fire Brigades has made any arrangements for the preservation of life at fires by the establishment of any Brigade or Corps, or otherwise, for this special purpose?

Mr. Stuart answered,—No arrangements have yet been made. The matter is now under the consideration of the Superintendent.

3. PAPERS:—

Mr. Cohen laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Letters of Registration of Inventions for 1882.

(2.) General Indexes to the Letters of Registration of Inventions for 1881.

(3.) Correspondence respecting the alleged employment by the Police of Alfred John and Benjamin Doggett.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 3rd July, 1884,—“Conditional Purchases made by Paupers from Asylums.”

Ordered to be printed.

4. CHARLOTTE BRENNING:—Mr. Withers presented a Petition from Charlotte Brenning, lately a Teacher under the Department of Public Instruction, complaining that the Department, having dispensed with her services, declines to give her further employment; and praying the House to cause inquiries to be made into her case, with a view to relief.
Petition received.

5. SERISIER'S ESTATE BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Burns, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Burns then moved, That the Title of the Bill be “*An Act to authorize the Mortgage and Leasing of certain Lands and Hereditaments devised by the Will of Jean Emile Serisier deceased and for other purposes.*”

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled “*An Act to authorize the Mortgage and Leasing of certain Lands and Hereditaments devised by the Will of Jean Emile Serisier deceased and for other purposes,*”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee thereon.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 30th September, 1884.

6. DILLON'S ESTATE BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Burns, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Burns then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to authorize the Sale of certain Land devised by Joseph Napoleon Dillon and to provide for the investment and appropriation of the proceeds.*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to authorize the Sale of certain Land devised by Joseph Napoleon Dillon and to provide for the investment and appropriation of the proceeds,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Assembly requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 30th September, 1884.*

DILLON'S ESTATE BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 30th September, 1884.

STEPHEN W. JONES,
Clerk of Legislative Assembly.

Page 2, clause 2, line 37. *After "Act" insert "with the consent of the Master in Equity"*

Page 2, clause 2, line 39. *Omit "or private contract"*

Page 3, clause 4. *Omit clause 4, insert new clause,—*

"4. It shall be lawful for the Trustees or Trustee of this Act for the time being on the receipt of the proceeds of the sale of any property sold under the provisions of this Act to deduct the costs and expenses of and incidental to such sale and also so much of the costs and expenses of all parties of and incidental to the passing of this Act as shall be fairly chargeable to the several parties interested in the property out of the sale of which such proceeds shall have arisen having regard to the amount of the interest of each of such several parties therein And the said Trustees or Trustee aforesaid shall after deducting such costs and expenses of sale and costs of passing this Act as aforesaid pay the balance of the said proceeds together with the rents if any received in respect of the same premises into the Supreme Court of New South Wales in its Equitable Jurisdiction in the matter of the said Will and to an account to be entitled in the trusts of the said Will as affecting the property out of the sale of which the said proceeds have arisen."

Proceeds how dealt with.

Page 3, clause 5. *Omit clause 5, insert new clause,—*

"5. The certificate of the Master in Equity of the fact of the money being so paid shall be a sufficient discharge for the money so paid and the Court shall have the same power to apply and deal with such moneys in every respect as if the same had been paid into Court under the Act passed in the twenty-first year of Her present Majesty's reign intituled '*An Act for the better securing Trust Funds and for relief of Trustees.*'"

Proceeds to be dealt with as under 21 Victoria No. 7

Page 3, clause 6. *Omit clause 6, insert new clause,—*

"6. It shall be lawful for the Supreme Court in Equity from time to time to allow to the said Trustees or Trustee for the time being of this Act such commission or percentage as shall be just and reasonable for their or his pains or trouble in effectuating such sale or sales or otherwise in exercising the powers and performing the duties hereby conferred and imposed."

Remuneration.

Examined,—

ANGUS CAMERON,
Chairman of Committees.

7. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day in reference to a Bridge over the Nambuccra River postponed until Friday next.

8. CROWN LANDS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill,—

Mr. Speaker called the attention of the House to certain amendments made by the Legislative Council. He would confine his remarks to those amendments which appeared to be substantial infringements of the privileges of this House, conceiving that whether the House resolved to assert or to waive its privileges, amendments only in a minor degree affecting them might be overlooked in view of the alterations in the Bill to which he would advert. He did not hold the Crown Lands Bill to be a "Money Bill" in the strict sense of that term. Its primary object was to regulate the alienation, occupation, and management of Crown Lands. Its operation would involve the collection of large revenues, and with the collection, as well as the disposal of these revenues, it was the exclusive province of this House to deal. The amendments to which he invited attention were those which appeared to alter the Bill substantially in those portions in which, either directly or by necessary inference, was concerned the collection of revenue or income under the operations of the Bill. These amendments were in the following portions of the Bill:—

Page 1, clause 1, lines 7 and 8.

Page 3, section 3, line 24.

Page 8, clause 22, line 45.

Page 8, clause 22, line 45 (new sub-section.)

Page 15, clause 48, line 11.

Page 16, clause 53, lines 39 and 40.

Page 16, clause 53, line 41.

Page 20, clause 68. Amendment by addition to the clause.
 Page 24, clause 82, line 40.
 Page 26, clause 86, lines 17 and 18.
 Page 26, clause 86, line 28.
 Page 28, clause 93, line 11.
 Page 30, clause 103. Second proviso added to the clause.
 Page 38, clause 135. Second proviso added to the clause.

It was for the House to decide whether it would insist upon or waive its privileges. If it decided upon the first of these courses, it was open to it either to lay the Bill aside or, in Committee, to disagree from any such amendments as appeared to be encroachments upon its exclusive rights. Either of these courses was constitutional. Although the instances of disagreement in Committee perhaps outnumbered those of laying aside the amended Bill, yet in more recent times the practice of laying the Bill aside had been growing in frequency.

Mr. Farnell moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Council's amendments.

Sir John Robertson moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Thursday next.

9. CIVIL SERVICE BILL (No. 2).—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

The House adjourned at sixteen minutes after Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 165.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 1 OCTOBER, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Allandale Railway Station:—Mr. Burns asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When the improvements proposed to be made at Allandale Station will be effected?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—They will be commenced at once.

- (2.) Braidwood Electoral Roll:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—What was the number of Electors on the Electoral Roll for the District of Braidwood for the year 1875, and the like information for the years 1882 to 1883 and 1883 to 1884?

Mr. Stuart answered,—The numbers are as follows:—For the year 1874–5, 2,149; for the year 1875–6, 1,978; for the year 1882–3, 1,601; for the year 1883–4, 1,609. The boundaries of the Braidwood Electorate were, however, altered by the Electoral Act of 1880.

- (3.) Female Domestic Servants:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) The number of Female Immigrants who have arrived during the present year?
 (2.) The number who were available for hire to the general public?
 (3.) Have any arrangements been made for supplying the Colony with Female Domestic Servants under the Immigration regulations; if not, will instructions be forwarded to the Agent General to supply in a measure this great want?

Mr. Stuart answered,—

- (1.) 1,108 single women.
 (2.) 354 were hired from the Depôt; the remainder were called for by their parents, or by depositors who had sent for them.
 (3.) The Agent General has been instructed to send as many female domestic servants in each ship as he can under the regulations. About 200 have been sent in each of the last two ships which arrived, and in that now on the way.

- (4.) Mandadgery Creek:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is he aware that the settlers on the Mandadgery Creek, in the district of Molong, are unable to get their produce conveyed to market for want of a bridge over that Creek?
 (2.) Will he see that the necessary steps are taken for the immediate erection of a suitable bridge in that locality, so as to rectify the inconvenience complained of by the inhabitants?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

- (1.) No.
 (2.) If this refers to a bridge asked for at Murga, on 2nd September, 1881, Road Superintendent reported: "That there were only ten or twelve people who would use it. That bridge would cost £1,000, and to make it accessible would require an expenditure of £1,200, and that until opening of Railway the bridge will not be required." A further report will be obtained.

- (5.) Certificate of Conformity to Mr. Baker:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Will he say if there is any delay in issuing the Certificate of Conformity applied for by one Mr. Baker, parish of Garra, district of Molong, the want of which subjects Mr. Baker to great loss and inconvenience?
 (2.) Will he state when the Certificate will be issued?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

- (1.) There is no delay beyond such as the investigation of the case has demanded.
 (2.) Instructions have now been given for the immediate issue of the Certificate.

(6.)

(6.) Federal Council Bill:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. Heydon, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has any acknowledgment been received from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies of the Resolutions passed unanimously by this House on the 25th March last, viz. :—

“ (1.) That, as the proceedings of the Delegates at the late Intercolonial Conference, including the Federal Council Bill prepared and sent by them to the Secretary of State for the Colonies for enactment in the British Parliament, have not yet been submitted to this House for its consideration, and it is stated in the London telegrams that the British Cabinet is about dealing with the said Bill,—this House resolves that, in its opinion, it is desirable before the said Federal Council Bill, or any Bill based upon it, be passed into law by the British Parliament, that such Bill should be submitted to the Parliament of this Colony.
 “ (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor, with the request that he will transmit the same to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies.”

(2.) Has not sufficient time elapsed to admit of a reply having been sent and received in due course?

(3.) Has the Honorable the Colonial Secretary any objection to telegraph to the Agent General to know if the Resolutions aforesaid will be acknowledged without further delay?

(4.) Having regard to the fact that, although the above Resolutions must some months since have brought before the British Cabinet the unanimous wish of this House as above set forth, the British Ministry has since then proposed to introduce, and only by the attitude of the Opposition in the House of Commons been prevented from introducing the Enabling Bill so protested against by this House,—Is it the intention of the Colonial Secretary to take effective steps to press the said unanimous Resolutions of this House upon the attention of the British Government, and to ask for due and courteous recognition of and regard for the Resolutions of this House in a matter so closely affecting the prosperity and future welfare of this Colony?

Mr. Stuart answered,—I am not aware whether any acknowledgment has been received or not, nor do I know whether sufficient time has elapsed or not. It depends on the celerity of movement in the various offices in England, over which I have no possible control. With regard to No. 3, it would be useless for me to telegraph to the Agent General; the Resolutions would not pass through the Agent General. And with regard to No. 4, I cannot take any steps other than those I have already announced.

(7.) Public School, Wollongong:—*Mr. Targett*, for Mr. Spring, asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—

(1.) Is the George Billings, lately insolvent, the contractor for the Public School at Wollongong?

(2.) Has that building been finished?

(3.) Was the contractor paid in full during the contract for the amount of work done, or only 80 per cent., according to the usual custom in Government contracts?

(4.) If paid in full, by whose authority were such payments made?

Mr. Trickett answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) No; the work was taken out of Billings's hands, and is being finished by another contractor.

(3.) No; about 90 per cent. was paid for the amount of work done during the contract.

(4.) The work was not paid for in full.

2. MUNICIPAL WAYS IMPROVEMENT BILL:—*Mr. Cameron* presented a Petition from the Leichhardt Ratepayers Association, praying the House not to pass this Bill.
 Petition received.

3. PAPERS:—*Mr. Trickett* laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Annual Report of the Sydney Grammar School, being for 1883.

(2.) Notifications of Land resumed for Public School Purposes at Comobella, Fitzgerald's Valley, Harley Hill, Horseshoe Bend (West Maitland), Seaham, and Singleton.
 Ordered to be printed.

4. GUNPOWDER AND EXPLOSIVES RATES BILL (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Dibbs* moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Gunpowder and Explosives Consolidation Act of 1876.

Question put and passed.

5. RAILWAY FROM ORANGE TO FORBES *via* MOLONG, AND FROM BORENORE TO FORBES *via* CUDAL (*Formal Motion*):—*Dr. Ross* moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all letters, telegrams, petitions, correspondence, minutes, reports, maps, plans, and other papers or documents having reference to the extension and construction of the Railway from Orange to Forbes *via* Molong, and from Borenore to Forbes *via* Cudal.

(2.) Also copies of all instructions given by the Government or the Minister for Public Works to the Engineer-in-Chief for Railways, to the Surveyors, or to any other person or persons respecting the survey and construction of the above respective lines of Railway.

Question put and passed.

6. THE QUIRINDI RAPE CASE:—*Mr. Cohen* moved, pursuant to (*amended*) Notice, That the Order of the House of 31st July for the printing of the papers in the Quirindi Rape Case be rescinded.
 Question put and passed.

7. CIVIL SERVICE BILL (No. 2):—The Order of the Day having been read,—*Mr. Speaker* left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.

On motion of *Mr. Stuart* (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

8. PUBLIC WATERING-PLACES BILL (No. 2) :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to regulate Public Watering-places and to protect certain Reserves from trespass*,"—with the amendment indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendment the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 1st October, 1884.*

JOHN HAY,
President.

PUBLIC WATERING-PLACES BILL.

Schedule of the Amendment referred to in Message of 1st October, 1884.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 2, clause 6, line 26. *Omit "ten" insert "five"*

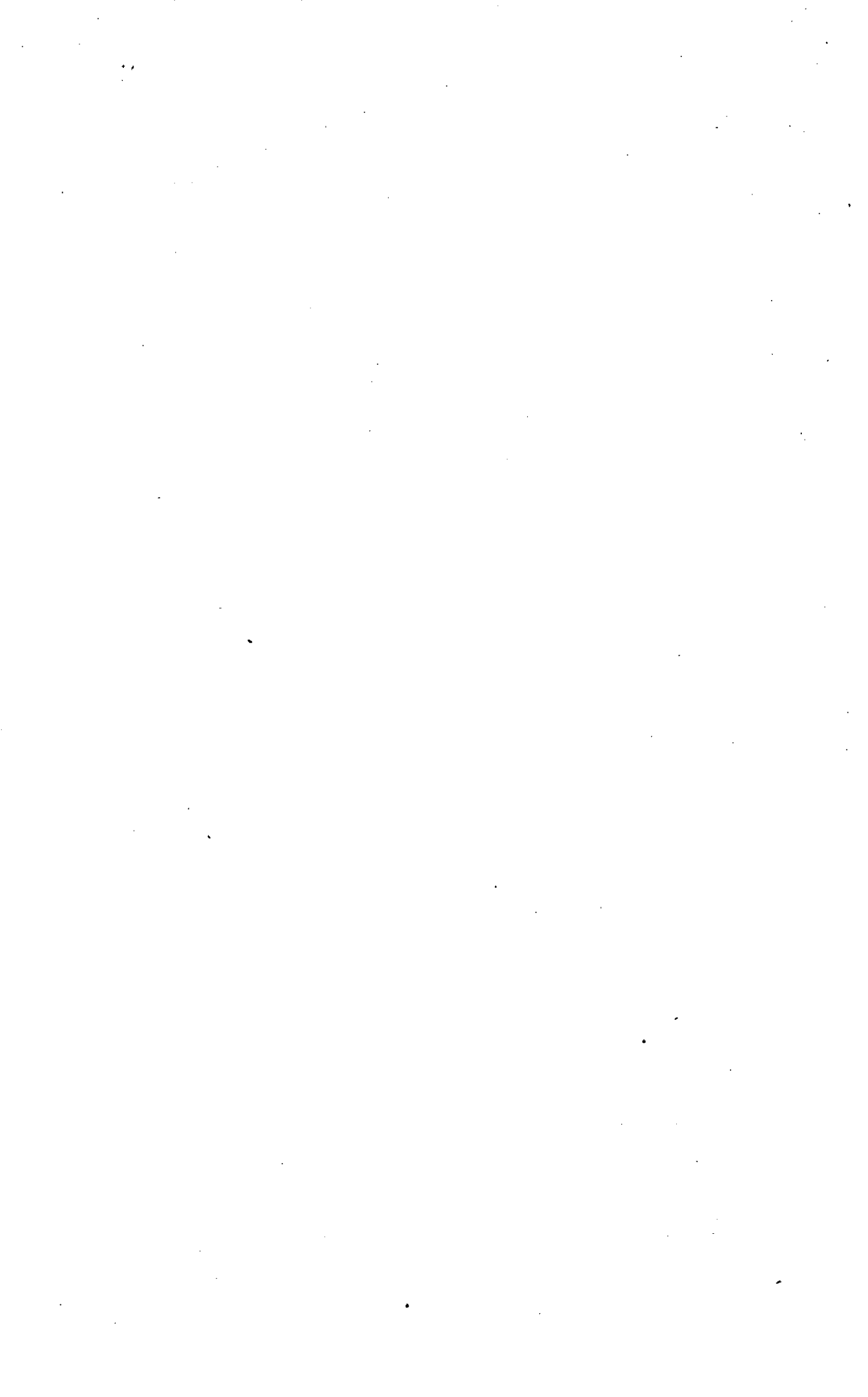
Examined,—

W. R. PIDDINGTON,
Deputy Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the Council's amendment be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The House adjourned at twenty-four minutes before Twelve o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 166.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 2 OCTOBER, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Grafton and Inverell Road.—Clarence River Heads:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for *Mr. Teece*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What is the total amount of money appropriated from Loans, Consolidated Revenue, or other sources, for the repair and construction of the Road from Grafton via Glen Innes to Inverell since the commencement of the work in 1866 up to the present time?

(2.) The like information as to all improvements at the Clarence River Heads since the commencement of the work in 1862?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

(1.) £170,675.

(2.) The sum of £222,085 18s. 10d. has been appropriated for these works, £10,000 having been voted in 1861.

- (2.) Gyrah and Inverell Road:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for *Mr. Proctor*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What amount of money has been expended on the Road Gyrah to Inverell, by Tingha and Wandsworth, during the last twelve months?

(2.) Has the attention of the Minister been called to the impassable state of this Road, and, in view of the greatly increased traffic, is it the intention of the Government to place the Road in passable repair?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

(1.) £893 13s. 8d.

(2.) Yes; the Road will be made fit for local traffic. In view of the proposed Railway Line from Glen Innes to Inverell, a large expenditure should not be made.

- (3.) Railway Passenger Traffic:—*Dr. Ross* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) The number of second-class passengers who have travelled on the Railways throughout the Colony during the last twelve months, and the amount of revenue derived from the same?

(2.) The number of first-class passengers who have travelled during the same period, and the amount derived from the same?

(3.) The amount of revenue derived from second-class passengers as compared with first-class?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

(1.) For the year ending 31st December, 1883, the number of second-class passengers, 6,873,868; the revenue therefrom amounted to £314,570.

(2.) First-class passengers, 3,398,169; the revenue therefrom was £251,159.

(3.) The proportion to every £100 received was £44 from first-class, and £56 for second-class.

(4.)

(4.) Glebe Island Abattoirs:—Mr. Griffiths asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Does he propose to carry out his declared intention of closing the Glebe Island Abattoirs on 31st December, 1884; if not, what are his intentions respecting the leasing of Slaughter Houses at Glebe Island for the year 1885?

(2.) When will the proposed Meat Market at Darling Harbour be opened for use, and pending completion of same, what means does he propose to provide for the disposal of supply of fresh meat required by the citizens of Sydney and suburbs?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

(1.) Yes, if the Meat Market is finished before that date; if not, the leasing of Slaughter Houses will be continued until the Meat Market be open.

(2.) The Market is expected to be completed by 31st December next. The latter part of the question it is not for me to answer.

(5.) Land Titles Office:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Whether he has received any complaints of the delay in all business connected with the Land Titles Office, especially with the long delay which intervenes between the lodging of the applications to bring land under the Real Property Act and any communication with the applicants; also the issue of new certificates?

(2.) Is it the intention of the Government to carry out the recommendation of the Royal Commission so far as regards the dismissal of certain Officers; are the Officers recommended for dismissal still in the Real Property Office?

Mr. Stuart answered,—A representation on the subject was made by the Registrar General in April last, on an appeal for assistance to enable the principal Draughtsman from the Land Titles Office to deal more promptly with applications. Provision has been made on the Additional Estimates for two more Draughtsmen, and the appointments are now about to be made. One of the Officers referred to in the Honorable Member's question resigned two years ago, the other remains in the Department.

(6.) Temporary Draughtsmen, Survey Department:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a number of Temporary Draughtsmen in the Survey Department have had their pay detained for some time past; if so, will he say on what grounds?

(2.) Is it true that as much as £50 is due to one Draughtsman, and £80 to another; and if not, what is the largest amount of arrears of pay due to any of them at the present date?

Mr. Farnell answered,—I am not aware, but will inquire.

(7.) Deputy Harbour Master's Residence, Newcastle:—Mr. Ellis asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Does he intend to have the repairs to the Deputy Harbour Master's residence at Newcastle, recommended by the Marine Board about two years since, carried out?

(2.) Will he give instructions to have the work executed without further delay?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—Fresh plans are being prepared, and when completed the work will be immediately commenced.

(8.) Public School, Hamilton:—Mr. Ellis asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—

(1.) Is he aware that about one-half of the pupils attending the Public School at Hamilton, near Newcastle, are being educated in an old dilapidated building about a quarter of a mile distant from the School?

(2.) Has any dispute arisen with the vendors respecting the land purchased by the Government adjoining the School site on which it is intended to build additional school accommodation; if so, will he at once resume the land, and cause the buildings for the necessary increased accommodation to be built with as little delay as possible?

Mr. Trickett answered,—

(1.) In July last the Local Inspector reported that: "The hall of the Hamilton School of Arts has sufficient room for the number of pupils enrolled, that it is in very fair repair, tolerably ventilated, clean, and fairly supplied with apparatus and material." Only the boys department, about one-third of the whole number enrolled, is conducted in this building. It may be a quarter of a mile from the vested buildings, but that in no way interferes with its efficient management.

(2.) The vendors have refused to sign the conveyance of the land in question, on the grounds of an objection which they take to the description contained in the deed, and the matter is in the hands of the Crown Solicitor, with instructions to enforce the conveyance.

(9.) Mining on Botanical Gardens Reserve, Newcastle:—Mr. Ellis asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Is he aware that Mr. Alexander Brown has sunk a shaft on the Botanical Gardens Reserve at Newcastle to a considerable depth, and that it is now in an unprotected state and dangerous to the public?

(2.) If so, will he without delay take steps to compel Mr. Brown to fill up this shaft immediately?

(3.) If Mr. Brown has violated the conditions on which the permit to mine was given, will he, as promised on Friday last in his answer to me, cancel the permit?

Mr. Abbott answered,—

(1.) I have just been made aware that Mr. Brown has sunk a shaft upon the Reserve referred to.

(2.) Yes, Mr. Brown has been written to to that effect. I believe he has filled it up.

(3.) Mr. Brown has already been informed that if he does not desist, steps will be at once taken to cancel the permit.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Cohen laid upon the Table,—Return to an Address adopted on 19th June, 1884,—“Lismore Bench of Magistrates.”

Mr.

Mr. Abbott laid upon the Table,—Report on the Silver-bearing Lodes of the Barrier Ranges in the Albert District.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Public Purposes, in accordance with the 5th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.

(2.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from sale until surveyed for the Preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, in accordance with the 4th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.

(3.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 4th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.

(4.) Abstract of Alterations in Designs of Towns and Villages, under the 22nd section of the Act 43 Victoria No. 29.

Ordered to be printed.

3. GENERAL POST OFFICE (APPROACHES IMPROVEMENT) BILL:—Mr. Barbour presented a Petition from W. H. Paling, by his Attorney, J. P. Starling, urging several reasons against the resumption of his property, as proposed in this Bill; and praying the House not to pass the Bill as it now stands.
Petition received.
4. CROWN LANDS BILL:—Mr. A. G. Taylor presented a Petition from Farmers and others of the District of Wellington, praying the House to expunge from the Crown Lands Bill the fencing clause, and to use its best endeavours to prevent the Bill from becoming law.
And the same having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker,—
Petition received.
5. CIVIL SERVICE BILL, No. 2 (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Stuart, read a third time, and passed.
Mr. Stuart then moved, That the Title of the Bill be “*An Act for the regulation of the Civil Service for providing Superannuation and Retiring Allowances to the Members thereof and for other purposes.*”
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—
MR. PRESIDENT,
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled “*An Act for the regulation of the Civil Service for providing Superannuation and Retiring Allowances to the Members thereof and for other purposes,*”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 2nd October, 1884.*
6. CATHERINE BUTTERLY:—Mr. Melville presented a Petition from Catherine Butterly, widow, representing that her Son, who was her only support, was killed while in the performance of his duty as an employé on the Government Railways, and that by his death she is left almost destitute; and praying the House to take her case into favourable consideration, with a view to relief.
Petition received.
7. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
(1.) Monk-Wearmouth Colliery Railway Bill; to be further considered in Committee;—*until Friday, 10th October.*
(2.) Law of Seduction Amendment Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Buchanan, “That this Bill be now read a second time”;—*until Thursday, 16th October.*
(3.) Badham Annuity Bill; consideration in Committee of the expediency of bringing in a Bill;—*until Tuesday, 28th October.*
8. W. PRICE'S APPLICATION FOR A MINERAL CONDITIONAL PURCHASE (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Melville moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all documents, reports, correspondence, &c., in reference to the application of W. Price, at Maitland, on 28th August, 1873, for a Mineral Conditional Purchase of 320 acres.
Question put and passed.
9. CONDITIONAL PURCHASES AT TAMWORTH (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Melville moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all applications made by F. Ivery, W. Adams, C. Ivery, and Isaac Frith, on 23rd January, 1873; and by W. Day, on 13th March, 1873; and by T. Hayden, on 7th August, 1873; and by W. Ivery, on 30th October, 1873, for Conditional Purchases at Tamworth; together with copies of all reports, transfers, declarations, correspondence, minutes, and all other documents or memoranda in connection therewith.
Question put and passed.
10. CROWN LANDS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Farnell, “That” Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House “resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Legislative Council's amendments,”—
And the Question being again proposed, the House resumed the said adjourned Debate.
Sir Henry Parkes moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word “That,” with a view to the insertion in their place of the words “this House, in accordance with Mr. Speaker's exposition of Parliamentary practice, feels constrained to pursue ‘the course ‘which is usual on such occasions,’ and in vindication of its rights and privileges to lay the Bill ‘aside.’”
Question proposed, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
Debate ensued.

Question

Question put, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
The House divided.

Ayes, 56.

Mr. Stuart,	Mr. Levin,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Stephen,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Merriman,	Mr. Targott,
Mr. Trickett,	Mr. Alexander Ryrie,
Sir Patrick Jennings,	Mr. George Campbell,
Mr. Purves,	Mr. Gill,
Mr. O'Mara,	Mr. Hugh Taylor,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. William Clarke,
Mr. Lync,	Mr. Coonan,
Mr. Copland,	Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Holtermann,	Mr. W. J. Ferguson,
Mr. Tarrant,	Mr. Loughnan,
Mr. Lloyd,	Mr. Wilson,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Griffiths,
Mr. Murray,	Mr. White,
Mr. Hammond,	Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Olliffe,	Mr. Mitchell,
Mr. Russell Barton,	Mr. Macbattie,
Mr. David Ryrie,	Mr. D. A. Ferguson,
Mr. Hutchinson,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Cass,	Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Butcher,	Mr. McQuade,
Mr. Ellis,	Mr. W. R. Campbell.
Mr. Mackinnon,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. De Salis,	
Mr. Cramsie,	Mr. T. R. Smith,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Slattery.

Noes, 17.

Sir John Robertson,
Mr. B. B. Smith,
Sir Henry Parkes,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Roberts,
Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Spring,
Mr. Dalton,
Mr. Day,
Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. McLaughlin,
Mr. A. G. Taylor,
Mr. Gibbes,
Mr. Proctor.

Tellers,

Mr. Teece,
Mr. Heydon.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 3 OCTOBER, 1884, A.M.

Points of Order :—Mr. A. G. Taylor raised the following Points of Order, and requested Mr. Speaker's ruling thereon :—

1st. That by the 145th clause the Governor is empowered to make Regulations for the purpose of giving effect to certain provisions of the Bill, and such Regulations having been laid upon the Tables of both Houses and not disapproved of become law. That, by the amendment proposed at the end of the clause, the Council reserves to itself the individual right to cancel any Regulation made under the Bill, and that it is unconstitutional for one Branch of the Legislature to take to itself the right to say what Regulation made under an Act of Parliament shall have the force of law. That the said amendment is an infringement upon the privileges of this House, inasmuch as it assumes to give the Council power to put a stop to the operation of Regulations which would deal with the collection of revenue.

2nd. That the Bill goes beyond the order of leave, and beyond the title, inasmuch as it deals with lands which are no longer "Crown Lands."

3rd. That, as provision is made for compounding debts due to the Crown, such provision is insufficiently covered by the Message from the Crown.

With regard to the first objection, Mr. Speaker said he thought that the amendment could not be deemed unconstitutional in such a sense as to enable him to say that it was improperly before the House, and that he could not advise the House that the amendment was an infringement upon its privileges.

As to the second objection—that the Bill goes beyond the order of leave—he said that it would have been worthy of consideration if it had been taken at an earlier time—that is, before the second reading of the Bill—but, not having been so taken, it was clearly now too late as an objection to further proceedings upon the Bill.

In dealing with the third objection—as to compounding debts due to the Crown—he had felt some embarrassment; but, on the whole, he could not sustain the objection. The Message was in the form which had hitherto been accepted as a sufficient recommendation for such purposes.

Mr. Suttor then called Mr. Speaker's attention to the amendment made by the Council in clause 67—providing that where unnecessary roads through conditional purchases are closed the area of such closed roads may be added to the conditional purchases,—and contended that as roads are not Crown lands, the amendment went beyond the scope of the Bill and the order of leave, which provides only for dealing with Crown lands,—and desired Mr. Speaker's ruling on the point.

Mr. Speaker ruled that the amendment was perfectly relevant to the clause in which it was made, and as that clause could no longer be objected to on the ground that it went beyond the order of leave, he could not hold that the amendment could be objected to.

Original Question.—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Council's amendments,—put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday next.

11. GUNPOWDER AND EXPLOSIVES RATES BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Gunpowder and Explosives Consolidation Act of 1876. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), that the report be *now* received.

The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to amend the Gunpowder and Explosives Consolidation Act of 1876.

On motion of Mr. Dibbs, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

(2.) Mr. Dibbs *presented* a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Gunpowder and Explosives Consolidation Act of 1876*,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

The House (*by consent*) adjourned at five minutes before Four o'clock a.m., until *Tuesday next* at Four o'clock.

WILMUND BARTON,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 167.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 7 OCTOBER, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) John M'Donald's Conditional Purchase:—Mr. Lyne asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is it the intention of the Government to place a sum of money upon the next Estimates to be submitted to this House to compensate John M'Donald for loss sustained through the voidance of his Conditional Purchase, lot G, allotment 30, county of Denison, parish of Dry Forest?

Mr. Farnell answered,—The Conditional Purchase was necessarily declared void in April, 1882, the land applied for being a measured portion containing improvements. There is no ground apparent for compensating the applicant for any losses that he may have incurred, nor has any such claim been made on his behalf.

- (2.) Trucking-yards at Narrabri Railway Station:—*Mr. Burns*, for *Mr. Dangar*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is he aware of the unsuitable nature of the Trucking-yards at the Narrabri Railway Station?
 (2.) Was it decided to clear the approaches to it for stock, and was an estimate made of the cost; if so, will he say why has the work not been proceeded with?
 (3.) Will immediate steps be taken to remedy those alleged grievances?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

- (1.) No; the Yards are reported to be suitable.
 (2.) The approaches require to be cleared, and estimates of the cost of doing the work are being got out with a view of tenders being invited.
 (3.) Tenders will be invited for clearing the approaches on an early day.

2. NEWCASTLE STREETS BILL:—*Mr. Fletcher*, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 17th September, 1884; together with Appendix, and a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Fletcher then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday, 17th October.

Question put and passed.

3. POLICE MAGISTRATE FOR THE MACLEAY RIVER (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. R. B. Smith* moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence, memorials, petitions, minutes, papers, and documents relating to the appointment of a Police Magistrate for the Macleay River.

Question put and passed.

4. GOVERNMENT CRANES AT NEWCASTLE (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Melville*, for *Mr. Ellis*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers, including the evidence taken by Commission, in connection with an inquiry instituted by the Minister for Works into the working of the Government Cranes at Newcastle, together with a copy of the Report and recommendations made.

Question put and passed.

5. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day respecting Bridge, Nambucca River, postponed until Friday next.

6. PAPERS:—*Mr. Dibbs* laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) By-law of the Municipality of Woollahra.
 (2.) Report of the Executive Secretary on the Amsterdam International Exhibition, 1883.
 (3.) Blue Book for the year 1883.

Ordered to be printed.

7. SALES OF REVERSIONS LAW AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Law relating to Sales of Reversions,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 7th October, 1884.*

JOHN HAY,
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Abbott, read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

8. CROWN LANDS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Legislative Council's amendments in this Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 8 OCTOBER, 1884, A.M.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

9. GUNPOWDER AND EXPLOSIVES RATES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Dibbs moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Dibbs, the report was adopted.

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

10. PUBLIC WATERING-PLACES BILL (No. 2):—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Abbott, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendment made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendment.

On motion of Mr. Abbott, the report was adopted.

Ordered, that the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT.

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendment made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to regulate Public Watering-places and to protect certain Reserves from trespass.*"

Legislative Assembly Chamber.

Sydney, 8th October, 1884, a.m.

The House adjourned at twenty-seven minutes after One o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 168.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 8 OCTOBER, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Pyramul Common:—*Mr. Abigail*, for Mr. A. G. Taylor, asked the Secretary for Lands,—Has he been petitioned to annul the Pyramul Common; and if so, does he intend to comply with the request?

Mr. Farnell answered,—An application has been received for the cancellation of the Common, which has been referred to the Department of Mines, whose Officers have recommended that 640 acres of the land be retained for Commonage purposes and the balance reserved from sale for the use of travelling stock. Nothing definite has yet been done on this recommendation.

- (2.) Northern Coast Railway:—*Mr. White* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) Has the Northern Coast Railway yet been surveyed; if not, are sufficient Surveyors employed?
(2.) When will the Survey be completed, and the route placed before this House?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

(1.) Not yet completed. Six Surveyors are employed, which is a sufficient number to carry out the work efficiently.

(2.) The survey of the through route from the Hunter to the Tweed River will probably be completed by the end of the year.

- (3.) Road from Germanton to Jingellic:—*Mr. Lyne* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he cause to be placed upon the next Estimates a sum of money to make a passable Road from Germanton to Jingellic, on the Murray River?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—An Officer has been instructed to inspect the line of road in question, and to report as to the possibility of making such Road at reasonable cost.

2. CROWN LANDS BILL:—*Mr. Proctor* presented a Petition from Residents of Bundarra and District, communicating certain resolutions adopted at a Public Meeting held at Bundarra in reference to the Land Bill; and praying the House to amend the Bill in such a way as to meet their wishes. Petition received.
3. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Party Processions Act Amendment Bill postponed until Friday, 17th October.
4. CROWN LANDS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—*Mr. Speaker* left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Legislative Council's amendments in this Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 9 OCTOBER, 1884, A.M.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to some, disagreed to others, and amended others of the Council's amendments.

Ordered, that the adoption of the report stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

5. GUNPOWDER AND EXPLOSIVES RATES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Dibbs moved, “That” this Bill be now read a third time.
 Mr. Young moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word “That,” with a view to the insertion in their place of the words “the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of clause 1.”
 Question proposed, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
 Debate ensued.
 Question,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—put and passed.
 Original Question,—That the Bill be now read a third time,—put and passed.
 Bill read a third time,—and, on motion of Mr. Dibbs, *passed*.
 Mr. Dibbs then moved, That the Title of the Bill be “*An Act to amend the ‘Gunpowder and Explosives Consolidation Act of 1876.’*”
 Question put and passed.
 Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled “*An Act to amend the ‘Gunpowder and Explosives Consolidation Act of 1876.’*”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
 Sydney, 9th October, 1884, a.m.*

The House adjourned at twenty minutes before Three o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 169.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 9 OCTOBER, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Barragan School:—*Mr. Sydney Smith*, for Mr. A. G. Taylor, asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—

(1.) How long has the School at Barragan, in the Mudgee district, been closed; and will he say for what reason?

(2.) In view of the attendance not having diminished, and of the nearest School being six miles away, will he take steps to re-open the School?

Mr. Trickett answered,—I think that the Honorable Member has given the wrong name in the question. There is a School at Barragan, but that is in a totally different locality.

- (2.) The late Maxwell Rennie Allan:—*Mr. Sydney Smith*, for Mr. A. G. Taylor, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has he promised to place on the Estimates a sum for a gratuity to the Widow of the late Maxwell Rennie Allan, Principal Under Secretary; if so, when will this be done?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The necessary particulars for an answer to this question cannot just now be obtained.

- (3.) Landing Cattle at Glebe Island:—*Mr. Sydney Smith*, for Mr. Badgery, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What amount of money has been received by the Government as dues for landing cattle at Glebe Island from 1st June to 6th October this year?

(2.) Does he intend taking any steps to abolish or reduce the charge of 1s. 8d. per head?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

(1.) Amount collected, £639 6s. 3d.; amount due, £305 12s. 2d.; total, £944 18s. 5d.

(2.) The wharfage rate is imposed by law and cannot be abolished. I may add that an expenditure has been incurred of £500 to construct the landing-place for cattle referred to.

- (4.) Village at Gyrah:—*Mr. Sydney Smith*, for Mr. Proctor, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Was an application made for survey of a Village at Gyrah, Mother-of-Ducks; if so, when?

(2.) Is it not a fact that several applications have been received for the purchase of land at Gyrah?

(3.) When will the land be offered at auction at this place?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) Yes, and a site has been recommended for approval.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) Probably the end of November.

- (5.) Railway Traffic—Glen Innes, Inverell, and Uralla:—*Mr. Sydney Smith*, for Mr. Proctor, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What is the quantity of goods received at Glen Innes per rail for Glen Innes, Tenterfield, Vegetable Creek, and Inverell, since the opening of the Railway to 4th instant?

(2.) What is the quantity of tin and other produce received from Inverell for Glen Innes for dispatch by rail to same date?

(3.) The quantity of goods received at Gyrah for Tingha, Inverell, &c., to same date?

(4.) The quantity of tin and other produce received at Gyrah for all Stations to same date?

(5.) The same information regarding Uralla Station?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—This information will take about a week to prepare.

(6.) Bricks used in Sewers and Railway Tunnels:—Mr. Sydney Smith asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Are the bricks being used in the Sewers now in course of construction plastic, semi-plastic, or semi-dry made?
- (2.) What bricks are being used in the construction of Railway Tunnels?
- (3.) What was the class of bricks used heretofore in similar works?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

- (1.) Plastic bricks are being used in Sewers now in course of construction.
- (2.) No brickwork at present being executed in Tunnels.
- (3.) For Sewers, plastic bricks have been used.

(7.) Railway from Narrabri to Walgett:—Mr. Brunker asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House all Petitions presented to him asking for the construction of a Railway from Narrabri to Walgett?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—There will be no objection, and I will see that it is done as soon as possible.

2. RAILWAY EXTENSION TO WALGETT:—Mr. Brunker presented a Petition from Citizens of West and East Maitland, Morpeth, and surrounding Districts, representing that great injury will be done to the northern portion of the Colony if the proposal of the Government be sanctioned to extend the Railway Line from Mudgee to Walgett *via* Coonamble; and praying the House to authorize the extension to Walgett by way of Narrabri, Wce-Waa, and Pilliga.

And the same having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker,—
Petition received.

3. GOULBURN HOSPITAL SITE SALE BILL:—Mr. Teece, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 30th July, 1884; together with Appendix, and a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Teece then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday, 17th October.

Question put and passed.

4. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day in reference to Religious Persuasions of Children attending Public Schools postponed until Tuesday next.

5. CROWN LANDS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the adoption of the report from the Committee of the Whole on the Legislative Council's amendments,—

Mr. Farnell moved, That the report be now adopted.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having had under consideration the Legislative Council's Message, dated 24th September, 1884, requesting its concurrence in certain amendments made by the Council in the Crown Lands Bill,—

Agrees to the amendments in clauses 1, 2, 3 and 4 as far as line 14 inclusive.

Disagrees to the amendment in clause 4, lines 26 to 29,—because it is desirable that power should be given to extend the meaning of the words "Public purpose."

Agrees to the amendment in clause 12, line 2.

Disagrees to the amendment which adds to the end of clause 12 "and in the absence of the other members may act alone,"—because it is undesirable that any one member of a Board should at any time alone exercise the powers of the Board.

Agrees to the amendments in clauses 13, 14, 17, 18, 19, 20, and 21 line 34, omitting "or the Land Court."

Disagrees to the amendment in clause 21, line 34, which omits remainder of the clause after the word "Board" and inserts "for investigation and upon receipt of their report the decision of the Minister shall be final,"—because it is desirable that the Local Boards should have power to decide matters provided for in this clause, only subject to review when the parties interested choose to appeal as provided for.

Agrees to the amendment in clause 22, line 45, which after the word "from" inserts "conditional."

Disagrees to the amendment in clause 22, line 45, which proposes to insert after the word "Part" new sub-section (1),—because ample power is given under clause 7 to make reservations of this character.

Agrees to the amendment in clause 22, line 46, which inserts after the word "lease" "except where a preferent right of purchase is specially provided by this Act," but proposes to amend it by omitting the word "where" and inserting "by the conditional lease-holder having," and further by omitting the word "is" after "purchase" and inserting "as."

Agrees to the amendment in clause 22, which adds at the end of sub-section (1), "If such right of lease conferred by a conditional purchase made under the repealed Acts be exercised within ninety days after the commencement of this Act or within a like period after the confirmation of application for any conditional purchase under this Act," but proposes to amend it by inserting after the first "conditional" "or any additional conditional" by omitting the words "within a like period after the confirmation" and inserting "at the date" and by inserting after the second "conditional" "or any additional conditional."

Agrees to the amendment in clause 22, page 9, line 11.

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Agrees to the amendment in clause 22, page 9, which adds at the end of sub-section (ix) "and the conformation of the boundaries of the land so exempt shall be as prescribed Provided further that no such improvements shall be made after this Act comes into operation without the permission of the Local Land Board approved by the Minister," but proposes to amend it by adding after the word "Minister" "Provided further that such last-mentioned improvements shall not prohibit conditional purchase or conditional lease within resumed areas subject to payment by the conditional purchaser or conditional leaseholder to the owner for such improvements in the manner provided (as regards fixing of value and mode of payment) by the forty-first section of this Act."

Agrees to the amendments in clause 23, lines 30 to 35 inclusive.

Agrees to the amendment in clause 23, line 36, which omits "of this Act in a *bona fide* manner," and inserts "(except payment of balance of purchase money) and until after the expiration of five years from the termination of the period of residence," but proposes to amend it by omitting "and until after the expiration of five years from the termination of the period of residence."

Agrees to the amendments in clause 23, line 39, and clauses 24, 27, 30, and 32.

Disagrees to the amendment in clause 34, line 37,—because it is desirable to leave it to the discretion of the Government to prescribe by regulation the character of the fence.

Agrees to the amendments in clauses 39, 40, 42, 44, 45, 46, and 48 lines 11, 14, and 15.

Disagrees to the amendment in clause 48, line 24, for the reasons stated with reference to clause 34.

Agrees to the amendments in clauses 49, 50, 53, 55, 60, 61, and 63.

Disagrees to the amendment in clause 64, line 13, for the reasons stated with reference to the amendment in clause 22, line 45.

Agrees to the remaining amendments in clause 64.

Disagrees to the amendment in clause 65, line 30, for the reasons stated in reference to the amendment in clause 22, line 45.

Agrees to the remaining amendments in clause 65, and the amendments in clauses 66, 67, 68, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 79, 82, and 83 page 24, line 56, page 25, lines 3 and 15,—but

Disagrees to the amendment in clause 83, page 25, line 17, for the reasons already stated with reference to clause 34.

Agrees to the remaining amendments in clause 83, and the amendments in clauses 85, 86, 87, 88, and 93 line 10.

Disagrees to the amendment in clause 93, line 11,—because it is undesirable to limit the period of a lease for such works as are provided for in this clause, as to do so would discourage persons from carrying out such works.

Agrees to the amendments in clauses 94, 95, 99, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 108, 109, 110, 111, 115, 117, 118, 125, and 126.

Agrees to the new clause 130: "No person occupying land under a conditional purchase or a conditional or homestead lease shall be entitled to bring any action for trespass (other than a wilful trespass) on such land or to impound any animal in respect thereof until he shall have fenced such land pursuant to the provisions of this Act," but proposes to amend it by omitting "or to impound any animal in respect thereof."

Agrees to the amendments in clauses 132, 133, and 135 lines 13 and 16.

Agrees to the amendment in clause 135, which adds at the end of the clause "Provided that no forfeiture shall be held to affect any transferee unless declared within six months after the issue of the certificate hereinbefore provided by the Local Board Provided also that the Governor may by notice in the *Gazette* reserve such forfeited land from sale or lease or may annex it to the holding (if any) within the boundaries of which it may be situated at the time of forfeiture and in such case rent therefor shall be payable thereafter at the same rate as is charged for the holding to which it is annexed," but proposes to amend it by omitting the word "six" and inserting "twelve" before "months."

Agrees to the amendments in clauses 138 and 139, the new clause 140, and the amendments in clauses 140 and 142.

Disagrees to the amendment in clause 144,—because it is undesirable that either House singly should have this power.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 9th October, 1884.*

Mr. Garrett then moved, as a matter of *Privilege*.—

(1.) That, in connection with the action of this House as regards a number of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Crown Lands Bill, and to which the attention of the House was called by Mr. Speaker upon receipt of the Message from the Legislative Council conveying the said amendments to this House,—in dealing with the amendments to which attention was so called,—this House in no way or in any degree foregoes its rights, powers, and privileges to originate and retain the control of all matters of legislation affecting the Consolidated Revenue and taxation of this country, but simply waives the said rights, powers, and privileges on the present occasion on account of the alleged importance to the public that the Bill referred to should be brought into operation as soon as possible.

(2.) That the above be entered in the Journals of this House.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 20.

Sir John Robertson, Mr. Sutor, Mr. Burns, Mr. Burdekin, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Vaughn, Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. Gould, Mr. Holborow, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Young, Mr. De Salis, Mr. Spring, Mr. Teece, Mr. Fletcher, Mr. Griffiths, Mr. A. G. Taylor, Mr. Wisdom.	<i>Tellers,</i> Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Garrard.
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Noes, 37.

Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Abbott, Mr. Trickett, Mr. Loughnan, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Lyne, Mr. O'Mara, Sir Patrick Jennings, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Day, Mr. Dalton, Mr. Levin, Mr. Luscombe, Mr. Cramsie, Mr. David Ryrie, Mr. George Campbell, Mr. Butcher, Mr. Melville, Mr. Coonan,	Mr. Chapman, Mr. W. R. Campbell, Mr. Stokes, Mr. Humphery, Mr. McCulloch, Mr. Machattie, Mr. Lackey, Mr. Wilkinson, Mr. Brunker, Mr. Purves, Mr. Garvan, Mr. William Clarke, Mr. Merriman, Mr. See, Mr. Wilson. <i>Tellers,</i> Mr. Moses, Mr. Leyten.
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And so it passed in the negative.

6. CLAIM OF MATTHEW M'IVOR TO A TIN MINE AT PHEASANT'S CREEK:—Mr. Fletcher, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this subject was referred on 25th March, 1884; together with Appendix.
Ordered to be printed.
7. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—
- (1.) Pastoral Dams Bill:—
- MR. SPEAKER,
- The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorize the Construction and Maintenance of Dams for Pastoral Purposes*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.
- Legislative Council Chamber,*
Sydney, 9th October, 1884.
- JOHN HAY,
President.
- Bill, on motion of Mr. Dibbs, read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
- (2.) Saint John's Church (Mudgee) Leasing Bill:—
- MR. SPEAKER,
- The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Trustees of a certain parcel of Land situate in Market Church and Short Streets in the Town of Mudgee granted upon trust for the erection thereon of a Church of the United Church of England and Ireland and of a School-house and Parsonage in connection therewith to lease certain portions of such Land and to apply the rents and profits arising therefrom*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence; accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee thereon.
- Legislative Council Chamber,*
Sydney, 9th October, 1884.
- JOHN HAY,
President.
- Bill, on motion of Mr. Dibbs, read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
- (3.) Mining Lease Validating Bill:—
- MR. SPEAKER,
- The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Governor to declare Leases and applications for Leases under the 'Mining Act of 1874' and the Regulations thereunder valid*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.
- Legislative Council Chamber,*
Sydney, 9th October, 1884.
- JOHN HAY,
President.
8. ODDFELLOWS HALL, ELIZABETH-STREET:—Mr. Sutherland, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this subject was referred on 21st November, 1883; together with Appendix.
Ordered to be printed.
9. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply having been read,—Mr. Dibbs moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

And

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 10 OCTOBER, 1884, A.M.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to certain Resolutions.

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), that the report be now received.

The Chairman then reported the Resolutions, which were read a first time, as follows:—

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR 1883 AND PREVIOUS YEARS.

Services of 1881 and previous Years.

(12.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,263 10s. 11d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Services of 1881, and previous years."

Services of 1882.

(13.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £31,612 9s. 7d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Services of 1882."

Services of 1883.

(14.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £257,325 14s. 11d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Services of 1883."

ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE—1884.

No. I.—SCHEDULES.

(15.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1884, a sum not exceeding £1,189, to defray Pensions not provided for by Schedule B to Schedule No. 1 of the Act of the Imperial Parliament 18 and 19 Vic. cap. 54.

No. II.—EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE.

(16.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,028, for Executive Council, for the year 1884.

(17.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,990, for Legislative Council, for the year 1884.

(18.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £9,920, for Legislative Assembly, for the year 1884.

(19.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,350, for Legislative Council and Assembly, for the year 1884.

(20.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,695, for Parliamentary Library, for the year 1884.

No. III.—COLONIAL SECRETARY.

(21.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,843, for Department of Colonial Secretary, for the year 1884.

(22.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £782, for Public Parks, for the year 1884.

(23.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,600, for Aborigines Protection Board, for the year 1884.

(24.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,060, for Parliamentary Reporting Staff, for the year 1884.

(25.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £90,167, for Permanent and Volunteer Military Forces, for the year 1884.

(26.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,817, for Naval Brigade, for the year 1884.

(27.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,200, for Training-ship "Wolverene," for the year 1884.

(28.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £263,558, for Police, for the year 1884.

(29.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £900, for Government Analyst, for the year 1884.

(30.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £81,650, for Lunacy, for the year 1884.

(31.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,200, for Department of Master in Lunacy, for the year 1884.

(32.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £100, for Medical Board, for the year 1884.

(33.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £9,465, for Medical Adviser, Vaccination, Medical Officers, &c., for the year 1884.

(34.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,000, for Convalescent and Fever Hospital, Little Bay, for the year 1884.

(35.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £9,495, for Department of Audit, for the year 1884.

(36.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £20,245, for Department of Registrar-General, for the year 1884.

(37.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,877, for Department of Agent-General for the Colony, for the year 1884.

(38.)

- (38.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £51,314, for Immigration, for the year 1884.
- (39.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £360, for City of Sydney Improvement Board, for the year 1884.
- (40.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,050, for Charitable Institutions, for the year 1884.
- (41.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,348, for Fisheries Commission, for the year 1884.
- (42.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £25,112, for Asylums for the Infirm and Destitute, for the year 1884.
- (43.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £12,725, for State Children's Relief Board, for the year 1884.
- (44.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,610, for Botanic Gardens, for the year 1884.
- (45.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £950, for Nursery Garden, Campbelltown, for the year 1884.
- (46.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,419, for Government Domains, for the year 1884.
- (47.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,170, for Garden Palace Grounds, for the year 1884.
- (48.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £66,908, for Charitable Allowances, for the year 1884.
- (49.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £41,454, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1884.

NO. IV.—TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE.

- (50.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £19,620, for Treasury, for the year 1884.
- (51.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,700, for Stamp Duties Department, for the year 1884.
- (52.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £48,640, for Customs, for the year 1884.
- (53.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,414, for Colonial Distilleries and Refineries, for the year 1884.
- (54.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £265, for Gold Receivers, for the year 1884.
- (55.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,300, for Gold and Escort, for the year 1884.
- (56.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £49,395, for Government Printer's Department, for the year 1884.
- (57.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £111,621, for Stores and Stationery, for the year 1884.
- (58.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £18,813, for Ordnance and Barrack Department, for the year 1884.
- (59.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £400, for Board of Health, for the year 1884.
- (60.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,433, for Health and Emigration Officers, for the year 1884.
- (61.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,080, for Quarantine Station, North Head, for the year 1884.
- (62.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,500, for Coast Hospital, Little Bay, for the year 1884.
- (63.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £100, for Board of Pharmacy, for the year 1884.
- (64.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,405, for Shipping Masters, for the year 1884.
- (65.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £8,855, for Glebe Island Abattoir, for the year 1884.
- (66.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £43,833, for Marine Board of New South Wales, for the year 1884.
- (67.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £700, for Lifeboats, for the year 1884.
- (68.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,998, for Public Wharves, for the year 1884.
- (69.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £83,103, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1884.
- (70.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £100,000, for Advance to Treasurer.

NO. V.—PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

- (71.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £701,984, for Public Instruction, under the Act 43 Vict. No. 23, for the year 1884.
- (72.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £550, for Public Schools Cadet Corps, for the year 1884.
- (73.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,604, for Industrial Schools, for the year 1884.
- (74.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,810, for Orphan Schools, Parramatta, for the year 1884.

(75.)

- (75.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,780, for Observatory, for the year 1884.
 (76.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,550, for Museum, for the year 1884.
 (77.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,400, for Technological Museum, for the year 1884.
 (78.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,460, for Free Public Library, for the year 1884.
 (79.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,580, for Church and School Lands, for the year 1884.
 (80.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £50,650, for Grants in aid of Public Institutions, for the year 1884.

NO. VI.—ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.

- (81.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,810, for Department of Justice, for the year 1884.
 (82.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,674, for Department of Master in Equity, for the year 1884.
 (83.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £14,502, for Department of Prothonotary, for the year 1884.
 (84.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £19,705, for Department of Sheriff, for the year 1884.
 (85.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,504, for Insolvency Court, for the year 1884.
 (86.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £10,422, for District Courts, for the year 1884.
 (87.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,225, for Coroners' Inquests, for the year 1884.
 (88.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £83,071, for Petty Sessions, for the year 1884.
 (89.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £96,818, for Prisons, for the year 1884.
 (90.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £873, for the Shaftesbury Reformatory for Girls, for the year 1884.
 (91.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £220, for Registrar of Copyright, for the year 1884.
 (92.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,400, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1884.

NO. VII.—THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

- (93.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,665, for Department of the Attorney-General, for the year 1884.
 (94.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,999, for Department of Parliamentary Draftsman, for the year 1884.
 (95.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,981, for Department of Crown Solicitor, for the year 1884.
 (96.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £25,995, for Quarter Sessions, for the year 1884.

NO. VIII.—SECRETARY FOR LANDS.

- (97.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £19,873, for Department of Lands, for the year 1884.
 (98.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £32,771, for Conditional Land Sales Branch, for the year 1884.
 (99.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £17,200, for Land Agents, Appraisers, and others, for the year 1884.
 (100.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £301,524, for Survey of Lands, for the year 1884.
 (101.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £42,145, for Triangulation and General Survey of the Colony, for the year 1884.
 (102.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £23,436, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1884.

NO. IX.—SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

- (103.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,685, for Department of Public Works, for the year 1884.
 (104.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £139,194, for Harbours and Rivers Navigation, for the year 1884.
 (105.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £269,770, for Department of Colonial Architect, for the year 1884.
 (106.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £646,035, for Roads and Bridges, for the year 1884.

NO. IX.—RAILWAYS.

- (107.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £8,415, for General Establishment, for the year 1884.
 (108.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £11,013, for Engineering Establishment, for the year 1884.

(109.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty (to be paid from Loan Votes), a sum not exceeding £32,087, for Engineering Establishment—Works in Progress, Construction Staff, for the year 1884.

(110.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty (to be paid from Loan Votes), a sum not exceeding £22,287, for Engineering Establishment—Works in Progress, Railway Survey, for the year 1884.

(111.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,508,372, for Existing Lines—Working Expenses, for the year 1884.

(112.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,592 for Miscellaneous, for the year 1884.

No. X.—THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL.

(113.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £334,707, for Post Office, for the year 1884.

(114.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £15,720, for Money Order and Government Savings Bank Department, for the year 1884.

(115.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £165,337, for Electric Telegraphs, for the year 1884.

(116.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £9,569, for Telephones and Electric Lights, for the year 1884.

(117.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £12,618, for British and Australian Cable Subsidy, for the year 1884.

(118.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,500, for New Zealand Cable Subsidy, for the year 1884.

No. XI.—SECRETARY FOR MINES.

(119.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £53,715, for Department of Mines, for the year 1884.

(120.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,875, for Minor Roads Branch, for the year 1884.

(121.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £15,115, for Occupation of Lands, for the year 1884.

(122.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £15,540, for Prevention of Scab in Sheep, for the year 1884.

(123.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £72,700, for expenses of Rabbit Nuisance Act, for the year 1884.

(124.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £670, for Imported Stock, for the year 1884.

(125.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,150, for Registration of Brands, for the year 1884.

(126.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £11,827, for Public Tanks and Wells, for the year 1884.

(127.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £500, for Management of Pounds and Commons, for the year 1884.

FURTHER SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR 1883 AND PREVIOUS YEARS.

(128.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,484 4s. 3d., to defray further supplementary charge under the head "Services of 1882."

(129.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £24,324 1s. 7d., to defray further supplementary charge under the head "Services of 1883."

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES FOR 1884.

No. III.—COLONIAL SECRETARY.

(130.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £310, to defray additional charge under the head "Colonial Secretary."

(131.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £393, to defray additional charge under the head "Parliamentary Reporting Staff."

(132.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,560, to defray additional charge under the head "Permanent and Volunteer Military Forces."

(133.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £50, to defray additional charge under the head "Government Analyst."

(134.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £464, to defray additional charge under the head "Lunacy."

(135.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,200, to defray additional charge under the head "Registrar-General."

(136.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £411, to defray additional charge under the head "Fisheries Commission."

(137.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £574, to defray additional charge under the head "Botanic Gardens."

(138.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £12,321, to defray additional charge under the head "Charitable Institutions."

(139.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £23,316, to defray additional charge under the head "Miscellaneous Services."

(140.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £61,662, to defray additional charge under the head "Municipalities."

No. IV.

No. IV.—TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE.

- (141.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £925, to defray additional charge under the head "Treasury."
- (142.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £9,649, to defray additional charge under the head "Customs."
- (143.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,000, to defray additional charge under the head "Government Printer's Department."
- (144.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £70, to defray additional charge under the head "Abattoirs."
- (145.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,484, to defray additional charge under the head "Marine Board."
- (146.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £31,365 to defray additional charge under the head "Miscellaneous."

No V.—PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

- (147.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £15,834, to defray additional charge under the head "Public Instruction."
- (148.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,124, to defray additional charge under the head "Grants in aid of Public Instruction."
- (149.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £83, to defray additional charge under the head "Industrial School, Biloela."
- (150.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £500, to defray additional charge under the head "Sydney Grammar School."
- (151.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £100, to defray additional charge under the head "Nautical School Ship Vernon."
- (152.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £150, to defray additional charge under the head "Observatory."
- (153.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,100, to defray additional charge under the head "Technical Education."

No. VI.—ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.

- (154.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £50, to defray additional charge under the head "Department of Justice."
- (155.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £93, to defray additional charge under the head "Insolvency Court."
- (156.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £30, to defray additional charge under the head "District Court."
- (157.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,000, to defray additional charge under the head "Sheriff."
- (158.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,525, to defray additional charge under the head "Petty Sessions."
- (159.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £789, to defray additional charge under the head "Prisons."
- (160.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,420, to defray additional charge under the head "Miscellaneous."

No. VII.—ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

- (161.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £100, to defray additional charge under the head "Crown Solicitor."
- (162.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £427, to defray additional charge under the head "Quarter Sessions."
- (163.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £51, to defray additional charge under the head "Parliamentary Draftsman."

No. VIII.—SECRETARY FOR LANDS.

- (164.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £150, to defray additional charge under the head "Department of Lands."
- (165.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £16,200, to defray additional charge under the head "Survey of Lands."
- (166.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,485, to defray additional charge under the head "Miscellaneous Services."

No. IX.—SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS..

- (167.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £8,500, to defray additional charge under the head "Harbours and Rivers Navigation."
- (168.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £9,075, to defray additional charge under the head "Colonial Architect."
- (169.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £34,728 to defray additional charge under the head "Roads and Bridges."
- (170.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £235 to defray additional charge under the head "Sewerage."
- (171.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £627, to defray additional charge under the head "Miscellaneous."
- (172.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £334, to defray additional charge under the head "Railways."

No. X.—POSTMASTER-GENERAL.

(173.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £21,880, to defray additional charge under the head "Post Office."

(174.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £250, to defray additional charge under the head "Electric Telegraphs."

No. XI.—SECRETARY FOR MINES.

(175.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £400, to defray additional charge under the head "Department of Mines."

(176.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,500, to defray additional charge under the head "Occupation of Lands."

(177.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £550, to defray additional charge under the head "Imported Stock."

(178.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £51,304, to defray additional charge under the head "Miscellaneous Services."

FURTHER ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES FOR 1884.

No. III.—COLONIAL SECRETARY.

(179.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,000, to defray further additional charge under the head "Miscellaneous Services."

No. IX.—SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

(180.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £225, to defray further additional charge under the head "Railways."

On motion of Mr. Dibbs, the Resolutions were read a second time, and agreed to.

10. **WAYS AND MEANS:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to certain Resolutions.

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), that the report be now received.

The Chairman then reported the Resolutions, which were read a first time, as follows:—

(15.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Supplementary Service of the year 1883 and previous years, the sum of £319,015 1s. 3d. be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.

(16.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Service of the year 1884, the sum of £6,480,528 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.

On motion of Mr. Dibbs, the Resolutions were read a second time, and agreed to.

11. **APPROPRIATION BILL:**—

(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Dibbs, that a Bill be brought in, founded on Resolutions of Ways and Means Nos. 15 and 16, to appropriate and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales certain sums to make good the Supplies granted for the Service of the year 1884 and for the year 1883 and previous years.

(2.) Mr. Dibbs then *presented* a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to appropriate and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales certain sums to make good the Supplies granted for the Service of the year 1884 and for the year 1883 and previous years*,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

The House adjourned at fifteen minutes past Three o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 170.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 10 OCTOBER, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Armidale Railway Station:—Mr. W. J. Fergusson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What quantity of goods has been received at the Armidale Railway Station from all Stations from the 1st to 30th September, exclusive of material for Railway construction?
 (2.) The total revenue received at Armidale, exclusive of Government goods or material for Railway construction, during the above period?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

- (1.) 622 tons.
 (2.) £2,047.

- (2.) Cattle sent by Rail from Homebush to Dubbo:—*Mr. Bruncker*, for Mr. Badgery, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) How many trucks of cattle were sent by rail from Homebush to Dubbo in July last?
 (2.) Were any of such cattle taken at reduced rates; and if so, to whom were they consigned?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

- (1.) Three.
 (2.) Full rates were charged.

- (3.) Railway to Robertson:—*Mr. Bruncker*, for Mr. Badgery, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Have Railway Trial Surveys been completed between Bowral and Robertson; also between Moss Vale and Robertson?
 (2.) Have Surveyors or other Officers reported on these lines, or either of them; and what was the nature of such report?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
 (2.) It was reported with reference to the Bowral and Robertson Survey that, starting from the Southern Railway about 20 chains south of the Bowral Station, the section would be a fairly easy one for a distance of 8 miles; thence the approach to Burrawang would require a 1 in 40 grade, and that the works between Burrawang and Robertson for a distance of 4½ miles would be heavy. The report on the Moss Vale and Robertson Survey, or rather on that portion between Moss Vale and Burrawang (the portion thence to Robertson being common to both routes) deals chiefly with the nature of the soil, &c., which is said to be better than on the Bowral route; and it also points to the fact that a line by this route (Moss Vale) would benefit a greater number of settlers than would be the case on the other route. Referring generally to the two routes, it has been ascertained that a line from Moss Vale would pass through the best district, and would give the lightest average of cost per mile; that there would be but little difference in the lengths of the two routes, each being between 14 and 15 miles in length; but that the through distance from Sydney to Robertson *via* Moss Vale would be about 5 miles longer than *via* Bowral.

- (4.) The Civil Service:—Mr. Griffiths asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Will Officers now on the Temporary Staff be placed upon the Permanent Staff at or before the date of the Civil Service Bill coming into operation?
 (2.) In the case of Officers transferred from Temporary to Permanent Staff, will their previous services under Government be taken into account, so that they may avail themselves of the 40th and 43rd clauses?
 (3.) If so transferred, will Officers be transferred from Temporary to Permanent Staff at their then rate of salary?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—It is not intended to make any preliminary arrangements as to transfers prior to the passing of the Civil Service Bill. But the claims of all Officers on the Temporary Staff will be fairly considered when the Bill is brought into operation. (5.)

(5.) Railway Station Buildings between Orange and Molong :—*Mr. Abigail*, for *Dr. Ross*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will tenders be invited for the erection of the necessary Station Buildings on the Railway from Orange to Molong?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—Tenders will be invited in due course.

2. PAPER :—*Mr. Dibbs* laid upon the Table,—Return (*in part*) to an Order made on 1st September, 1882,—“Pymont Bridge.”
Ordered to be printed.
3. MOSS VALE AND BOWRAL RAILWAY STATIONS (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Badgery* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing the quantity of goods (including live stock), inwards and outwards, from Moss Vale and Bowral Stations respectively since 1st January, 1882, and the amounts paid as freight on same.
Question put and passed.
4. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed until Friday next :—
(1.) Monk-Wearmouth Colliery Railway Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
(2.) Bryen's Estate Leasing Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.
5. CARRIAGES REGULATION BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—*Mr. Alexander Ryrie* moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 35.

<i>Mr. Dibbs,</i>	<i>Mr. Loughnan,</i>
<i>Mr. Farnell,</i>	<i>Mr. Stokes,</i>
<i>Mr. Abbott,</i>	<i>Mr. Burdekin,</i>
<i>Mr. Stephen,</i>	<i>Mr. Griffiths,</i>
<i>Mr. Butcher,</i>	<i>Mr. David Ryrie,</i>
<i>Mr. Cohen,</i>	<i>Mr. De Salis,</i>
<i>Mr. Sydney Smith,</i>	<i>Mr. O'Mara,</i>
<i>Mr. Alexander Ryrie,</i>	<i>Mr. Melville,</i>
<i>Mr. Day,</i>	<i>Mr. Luscombe,</i>
<i>Mr. Brunker,</i>	<i>Mr. Machattie,</i>
<i>Mr. Burns,</i>	<i>Mr. Merriman,</i>
<i>Mr. Poole,</i>	<i>Mr. Proctor,</i>
<i>Mr. Murray,</i>	<i>Mr. R. B. Smith,</i>
<i>Mr. Olliffe,</i>	<i>Mr. Cameron.</i>
<i>Mr. Abigail,</i>	<i>Tellers,</i>
<i>Mr. Badgery,</i>	
<i>Mr. George Campbell,</i>	<i>Mr. Targett,</i>
<i>Mr. Henry Clarke,</i>	<i>Mr. Humphery.</i>
<i>Mr. Wilkinson,</i>	

Noes, 5.

Mr. Gill,
Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Tarrant.
Tellers,
Mr. Spring,
Mr. Hammond.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of *Mr. Ryrie*, *Mr. Speaker* left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.

On motion of *Mr. Ryrie* (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.

6. MITTAGONG COAL-MINING COMPANY'S RAILWAY BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—*Mr. Speaker* left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.
On motion of *Mr. Burns* (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.

The House adjourned at twenty minutes before Nine o'clock, until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 171.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 14 OCTOBER, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Road through Farley, near West Maitland:—Mr. Burns asked the Secretary for Mines,—Whether he has arrived at a decision in reference to the application for a new Road through Farley, near West Maitland?

Mr. Abbott answered,—It has been reported to me that the Road in question would be only required for the use of four families, and not for any large body of the public; and as parish roads are not established except in deference to a public want and demand, I must refuse to open the Road in question. The matter was dealt with in February, 1881, and the Honorable Member was then informed of the decision, and I see no reason why I should vary that determination.

- (2.) Railway from Orange to Forbes:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it true that he promised to a Deputation which waited on him from Forbes, on 7th March last, that he would make a personal inspection of both routes of Railway south-west from Orange to Forbes?

(2.) If so, has he since that promise made any personal inspection of the respective Lines; if so, when, and what has been the result of the inspection?

(3.) Has any Member of the present Ministry made a personal inspection of the Orange and Forbes Line, or is it their intention to do so at an early date; if so, when?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

(1 and 2.) I have referred to the *Herald's* report and the *Daily Telegraph's* report of what transpired at the interview, and I can find no record of any such promise.

(3.) No.

- (3.) Road from Ophir to Mullion Creek Railway Station:—Mr. Cameron, for Mr. William Clarke, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will an answer be sent to the Petitioners for a Road from Ophir to Mullion Creek Railway Station, the petition having been presented by Mr. Clarke to the Commissioner for Roads, and sent on by him to the Under Secretary for Works on 6th June last?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—There is no record in the Office of any such petition; but the Commissioner for Roads has recommended that a sum of £50 be spent upon the Road, and I have approved of same.

- (4.) Railway Buildings at Millthorpe and Spring Hill:—Mr. Cameron, for Mr. William Clarke, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is there any cause of delay in calling for tenders for the Station Buildings at Millthorpe and Spring Hill?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The plans for Spring Hill Station are now ready, and tenders will be called for at once. In about a fortnight hence tenders will also be invited for Millthorpe Station.

- (5.) Railway Buildings at Orange:—Mr. Cameron, for Mr. William Clarke, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will an answer be sent to the Petitioners for improvements to the Station Buildings at Orange, the petition having been presented by Mr. Clarke during the month of March of this year?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The Petitioners will be informed when the question has been decided upon; it is now under consideration.

(6.) Cudal Post Office :—*Mr. Cameron*, for *Mr. William Clarke*, asked the Postmaster General,—

(1.) When will the papers in connection with the Cudal Post Office be laid upon the Table of this House?

(2.) Will he delay accepting tenders for the new building until after production of such papers?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

(1.) The Honorable Member no doubt refers to the papers in connection with Cargo Post Office. These papers are very voluminous, and as they have been constantly in use, very little progress has yet been made with the copying of them.

(2.) A tender for the new building was accepted on the 30th ultimo.

(7.) Wilga Tank, Western Railway :—*Mr. Vaughn*, for *Mr. Targett*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Who were the contractors for the Wilga Tank at 413 miles Extension Western Railway?

(2.) On what date was the final payment for the original contract made by the Government?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

(1.) Messrs. Mann, Carey, & Co.

(2.) 19th October, 1883.

2. RAILWAY EXTENSION TO WALGETT :—

(1.) Sir Patrick Jennings presented a Petition from Residents of Dubbo, Talbragar, Marthaguy, Castlereagh, and other parts of the North-western District, expressing surprise at the proposal of the Government to construct a Railway from Mudgee to Walgett *via* Coonamble; and praying the House to reject the proposal, and to authorize the construction of Lines from Dubbo to Coonamble and Narrabri to Walgett.

And the same having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker,—
Petition received.

(2.) Mr. Fletcher presented a Petition from the Mayor of Newcastle, on behalf of the Inhabitants of Newcastle, in Public Meeting assembled, praying the House to reject the proposal of the Government to construct a Railway from Walgett to Mudgee, and in lieu thereof to sanction a Line from Walgett to Narrabri, and another from Coonamble to Dubbo.

Petition received.

3. PAPER :—*Mr. Abbott* laid upon the Table,—Notes on Drilling and Boring Artesian Wells, as practised in the United States of America.
Ordered to be printed.

4. CARRIAGES REGULATION BILL, (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of *Mr. Alexander Ryrie*, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Ryrie then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act for better securing the safety of persons travelling by Stage Carriages.*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act for better securing the safety of persons travelling by Stage Carriages,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 14th October, 1884.

5. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day for the third reading of the Mittagong Coal-mining Company's Railway Bill postponed until to-morrow.

6. ADJOURNMENT :—*Mr. A. G. Taylor* moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

7. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL :—*Mr. Speaker* reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council :—

(1.) Crown Lands Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having taken into consideration the Legislative Assembly's Message, dated 9th October, 1884, in reference to the Crown Lands Bill,—does not insist upon its amendments disagreed to by the Assembly, and agrees to the Assembly's amendments upon the Council's amendments in this Bill.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 14th October, 1884.

JOHN HAY,

President.

(2.) Public Parks Bill (No. 2) :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act for the better Regulation and Protection of Public Parks or Places of Public Recreation and of Lands dedicated purchased or resumed for Public Purposes for bringing certain Lands within the operation of this Act and for other purposes,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 14th October, 1884.

JOHN HAY,

President.

PUBLIC PARKS BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 14th October, 1884.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 2, clause 2, line 1. *Omit* "having" *insert* "as the same may heretofore have been or may hereafter be prescribed by the Governor and shall have"
- Page 2, clause 2, line 2. *After* "seal" *insert* "and shall be"
- Page 2, clause 3, lines 6 and 7. *Omit* "with the advice of the Executive Council"
- Page 2, clause 4, lines 15 and 16. *Omit* "with the advice and in manner aforesaid"
- Page 2, clause 4, line 22. *Omit* "upon" *insert* "after"
- Page 2, clause 5, lines 29 and 30. *Omit* "with the advice and in manner aforesaid"
- Page 2, clause 6, lines 40 and 41. *Omit* "vested in them" *insert* "for which they were appointed"
- Page 2, clause 6, line 43. *After* "Trustees" *insert* "with the consent of the Minister"
- Page 2, clause 6, line 45. *Omit* "(not being inconsistent with their trust) at such rents and for" *insert* "on"
- Page 2, clause 6, lines 46 and 47. *Omit* "the Governor with the advice aforesaid" *insert* "he"
- Page 2, clause 7, line 48. *Omit* "with the advice aforesaid"
- Page 2, clause 7, line 53. *Omit* "for such"
- Page 2, clause 7, line 54. *Omit* "upon" *insert* "after"
- Page 2, clause 7, lines 58 and 59. *After* "extinguished" *omit* remainder of clause *insert* "accordingly"
- Page 3, clause 8, line 8. *Omit* "in relation to the said lands"
- Page 3, clause 8, line 9. *Omit* "with the advice aforesaid"
- Page 3, clause 9, line 13. *Omit* "s" from lands
- Page 3, clause 9, line 17. *Omit* "s" from by-laws
- Page 3, clause 9, line 18. *Omit* "with the advice aforesaid"
- Page 3, clause 9, line 20. *Before* "published" *insert* "twice"
- Page 3, clause 9, line 20. *Omit* "for at least one month"
- Page 3, clause 10, line 26. *Omit* "said"
- Page 3, clause 10, line 30. *Omit* "offence" *insert* "act"
- Page 3, clause 10, line 32. *Omit* "park or place" *insert* "boundaries"
- Page 3, clause 10. At end of clause *add* "and it shall be presumed that such by-laws were duly posted and published until the contrary be shown"
- Page 3, clause 12, line 38. *After* "for" *insert* "any of"
- Page 3, clause 12, line 41. *After* "conduct" *insert* "upon or"
- Page 3, clause 13. At end of clause *add* "and the word 'Governor' means the Governor acting with the advice of the Executive Council"
- Page 3. *After* clause 14 *insert* new clause:—
- "15. Nothing in this Act shall prevent any prosecution or proceeding under any other Act provided that no person shall be twice punished or proceeded against in respect of the same offence." Prosecution under other Acts.

Examined,—

ARCHD. H. JACOB,
Deputy Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the Council's amendments be taken into consideration to-morrow.

(3.) Municipal Gas Bill (No. 2):—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to amend the Municipal Law in relation to the supply of Gas by Municipal Corporations and for other purposes in connection therewith*,"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 14th October, 1884.

JOHN HAY,
President.

MUNICIPAL GAS BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 14th October, 1884.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 1, clause 1. *After* clause 1 *insert* the following new clause:—
- "2. Any Council may use the ordinary corporate funds for the purpose of obtaining plans estimates or reports as to the cost of purchasing establishing or constructing gas-works provided that in the event of such works being proceeded with the preliminary expenditure shall be charged to the gas account." Council may use ordinary corporate funds.
- Page 2, clause 2, line 10. *After* "Act" *insert* "Provided always that such loan may be lawfully charged with the payment of interest due thereon during the course of construction of such works"
- Page 2, clause 3, line 18. *Omit* "and" *insert* "construct works or"
- Page 2, clause 4, line 37. *After* "streets" *insert* "and public places"
- Page 2, clause 5, line 41. *Omit* "fittings"
- Page 2, clause 5, line 43. *After* "consumed" *omit* remainder of clause *insert* "and the Council shall have power to charge a rent for the use of the meter which shall be placed where the applicant desires"

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Page 2, clause 7, line 55. Omit "building" insert "promises"
 Page 2, clause 7, line 56. Omit "the gas pipes and fittings and"
 Page 3, clause 12, line 20. Omit "or Councils"
 Page 3, clause 12, line 20. Omit "and Councils are" insert "is"
 Page 3, clause 12, line 21. Omit "their" insert "its"
 Page 3, clause 12, line 23. Omit "any one or more Councils of Municipalities" insert "such
 "Council"
 Page 3, clause 12, lines 24 and 25. Omit "of every Municipality"
 Page 3, clause 14, line 36. Omit "of Municipalities"
 Page 3, clause 14, line 37. After "in" insert "the"
 Page 3, clause 14, line 38. After "conferred" insert "on"
 Page 3, clause 15, line 44. After "place" omit "or"
 Page 3, clause 15, line 44. Omit "any sum"
 Page 3, clause 15, line 44. After "Council" insert "the sum or sums due in respect thereof"
 Page 3, clause 15, line 47. Omit "Stipendiary or Police Magistrate" insert "Justice of the Peace"
 Page 3, clause 15, line 47. Omit "direct" insert "issue"
 Page 3, clause 15, lines 47 and 48. Omit "to be issued"
 Page 4, clause 20, line 24. Omit "may be applied" insert "are applicable"
 Page 5, clause 28, line 16. Omit "may" insert "shall"
 Page 5, clause 32. After clause 32 insert the following new clauses:—

Power to purchase existing gas-works.

Council may be brought under General Act.

"Whenever any Council shall have determined to construct gas-works under this Act such Council shall have power to purchase any existing gas-works within the Municipality owned by any Company or individual at a price to be fixed by arbitrators mutually appointed—such price to be ascertained by them by reference to the average dividends or profits for the then last three years or if the works have not been in existence three years then at a price not exceeding ten per cent. advance on the cost of such works."

"Nothing contained in this Act shall prevent the Council being brought under the provisions of any general Act which may be passed by the Parliament of New South Wales applying equally to Councils engaged in the manufacture of gas in the Colony with reference to the manufacture and sale of gas nor entitle the said Council to compensation from the public revenue by reason of the provisions of such general Act for the purpose aforesaid being made applicable to and binding upon the Council."

Examined,—

ARCHD. H. JACOB,
 Deputy Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the Council's amendments be taken into consideration to-morrow.

(4.) Serisier's Estate Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorize the Mortgage and Leasing of certain Lands and Hereditaments devised by the Will of Jean Emile Serisier deceased and for other purposes*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
 Sydney, 14th October, 1884.

JOHN HAY,
 President.

8. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply having been read,—

Mr. Dibbs moved, "That" Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Fletcher moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "That," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "in the opinion of this House the Railway Propositions of the Government should include a Line connecting Narrabri with "Walgett."

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.

Debate continued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 15 OCTOBER, 1884, A.M.

Mr. Dangar moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until to-morrow.

The House (*by consent*) adjourned at half-past One o'clock a.m., until *Seven o'clock* This Day.

EDMUND BARTON,
 Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 172.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 15 OCTOBER, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

QUESTION:—Supply of Liquor on Homebush-Waratah Railway Extension:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it the practice for any of the contractors or sub-contractors for the Homebush-Waratah Railway Extension to insist that the navvies employed by them contribute a portion of their earnings for the supply of liquor?

(2.) Will the Minister make inquiries, with a view to stopping the practice if it exists?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—Inquiries are being made in reference to this question of the contractors and district engineers, and the result will be communicated as soon as possible.

2. PAPERS:—Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return to an Order made on 6th May, 1884,—“Government Printing Office.”

(2.) General Abstract of Bank Liabilities and Assets for the Quarter ended 30th June, 1884.

(3.) Report for 1883 on Government Asylums for the Infirm and Destitute.

Ordered to be printed.

3. WALLSEND AND PLATTSBURG GAS COMPANY'S BILL:—Mr. Fletcher presented a Petition from the Directors and Secretary of the Wallsend and Plattsburg Gas Company, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Wallsend and Plattsburg Gas Company (Limited) to construct Gas-works within the Boroughs of Wallsend and Plattsburg and the Police District of Newcastle. And Mr. Fletcher having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* and *Newcastle Morning Herald and Miners Advocate*, newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.

4. GUNPOWDER AND EXPLOSIVES RATES BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled “*An Act to amend the Gunpowder and Explosives Consolidation Act of 1876*,”—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 15th October, 1884.

JOHN HAY,

President.

5. INTERCOLONIAL CONVENTION (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Dibbs moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Resolutions adopted at the Australasian Convention held in Sydney in November and December, 1883.

Question put and passed.

6. MITTAGONG COAL-MINING COMPANY'S RAILWAY BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Burns, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Burns then moved, That the Title of the Bill be “*An Act to enable a Company called the Mittagong Coal-mining Company (Limited) to construct a Railway from the Mittagong Coal-mine to the Great Southern Railway*.”

Question put and passed.

Ordered,

Ordered, that the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to enable a Company called the 'Mittagong Coal-mining Company (Limited)' to construct a Railway from the Mittagong Coal-mine to the Great Southern Railway,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule; in which amendments the Assembly requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 15th October, 1884.

MITTAGONG COAL-MINING COMPANY'S RAILWAY BILL.

Schedule of the amendments referred to in Message of 15th October, 1884.

STEPHEN W. JONES,
Clerk of Legislative Assembly.

- Page 2, clause 1, line 18. *After* "feet" *insert* "Provided that such space in breadth shall not include any portion of the land now belonging to or used by the Australian Kerosene Oil and Mineral Company (Limited) nearer than sixteen feet from the centre of the Joadja Creek Railway"
- Page 2, clause 1, line 1. *Add* to clause "Provided always that such three acres or any such lesser area shall not include any portion of the land now belonging to or used by the Australian Kerosene Oil and Mineral Company (Limited) for the purposes of their Railway at the junction of the Joadja Creek Railway with the Great Southern Railway."
- Page 2, clause 2, line 26. *After* "thereof" *insert* "except as to any land belonging to or used by the Australian Kerosene Oil and Mineral Company (Limited) within sixteen feet of the centre of the Joadja Creek Railway"
- Page 2, clause 2, line 28. *After* "Railways" *insert* "or in the Australian Kerosene Oil and Mineral Company (Limited) within sixteen feet of the centre of the Joadja Creek Railway"
- Page 2, clause 2, line 37. *Omit* "five" *insert* "two"
- Page 2, clause 2, line 39. *Omit* "three" *insert* "two"
- Page 2, clause 2, line 54. *After* "land" *insert* "and pay the value agreed upon or assessed for the resumption of such lands"
- Page 2, clause 2, line 59. *After* "for" *insert* "or sufficiency of"
- Page 3, clause 2, line 2. *After* "necessary" *insert* "and sufficient"
- Page 3, clause 2, line 3. *Add* to clause "Provided always and that it shall not be lawful for the said Company to put up and erect any fences or gates nearer than sixteen feet from the centre of the Joadja Creek Railway."
- Page 3, clause 3, line 5. *Omit* "twopence" *insert* "the rate"
- Page 3, clause 3, line 6. *After* "mile" *insert* "charged by the Commissioner for Railways"
- Page 3, clause 3, line 7. *After* "own" *insert* "or the Government"
- Page 3, clause 3, line 8. *After* "Company" *insert* "or the Government"
- Page 3, clause 3, line 11. *Omit* "one hundred" *insert* "thirty-six"
- Page 3, clause 3, line 15. *Omit* "three halfpence" *insert* "one halfpenny"
- Page 3, clause 3, line 16. *After* "transit" *insert* "or Commissioner for Railways"
- Page 3, clause 3, line 19. *After* "line" *insert* "other than the Commissioner for Railways"
- Page 3, clause 3, line 25. *Omit* "not"
- Page 3, clause 3, line 26. *After* "but" *insert* "not"
- Page 3, clause 4, line 46. *After* "plane" *insert* "exceeding one in thirty"
- Page 3, clause 4, line 53. *Add* to clause "Provided always that nothing in this clause shall in any way interfere with disturb or affect any rights liberties, or powers belonging to or exercised by the Australian Kerosene Oil and Mineral Company (Limited)."
- Page 3, clause 5, line 57. *After* "way" *insert* "other than the Joadja Creek Railway"
- Page 3, clause 5, line 58. *After* "way" *insert* "other than the Joadja Creek Railway"
- Page 4, clause 6, lines 9 and 10. *Omit* "of the superior Courts" *insert* "Court at the instance of the trustees commissioner surveyor or other persons as aforesaid or in case of a private road at the instance of the owner thereof"
- Page 4, clause 7, line 24. *After* "thereof" *insert* "and every such penalty shall be recoverable with costs by action in any Court at the instance of the surveyor or other person or owner as aforesaid"
- Page 4, clause 8, line 40. *Omit* "or agreed to receive"
- Page 4, clause 9, line 44. *After* "road" *insert* "or the Joadja Creek Railway"
- Page 4, clause 9, line 57. *After* "therein" *insert* "such penalty to be recoverable summarily with costs before two Justices"
- Page 5, clause 10, line 11. *After* "thercto" *insert* "other than the lands of or belonging to the Australian Kerosene Oil and Mineral Company (Limited) or their assigns within sixteen feet of the centre of the Joadja Creek Railway"
- Page 7, clause 16. *Add* to clause "which shall be recoverable summarily with costs before any two Justices."
- Page 7, clause 18, line 33. *After* "works" *insert* "or by reason of the severance of any portion of the said lands belonging to the said parties or any of them from any other portion of the same"
- Page 8, clause 23, line 30. *Omit* "seven" *insert* "fourteen"
- Page 9, clause 27, line 5. *Omit* "the costs of the arbitrators" *insert* "the arbitrators fees"
- Page 9, clause 27, line 6. *Omit* "by the parties in equal proportions" *insert* "by the Company"
- Page 9, clause 27, line 7. *After* "amount" *insert* "so offered"

- Page 9, clause 27, line 10. *After* "aforesaid" *insert* "or the arbitrators shall neglect or refuse to allow such costs"
- Page 9, clause 27. *Add* to clause "and all the costs of and occasioned by the said Company resuming any land or exercising any right of entry or other right by this Act conferred and of and occasioned by any conveyance transfer or other assurance and of deducting or amending the title thereto shall be borne and paid by the Company the amount thereof in case of any difference to be settled by taxation as hereinbefore provided."
- Page 9, clause 32, lines 43 and 44. *Omit* "the completion of the railway" *insert* "entry upon such lands"
- Page 9, clause 33. *Omit* clause 33.
- Page 10, clause 34. *Add* to clause "Provided further that it shall not be lawful for the said Company to make or pass any by-law or regulation which may affect or tend to affect the Australian Kerosene Oil and Mineral Company (Limited) or their assigns or the Joadja Creek Railway unless such by-law or regulation shall have been first submitted to and approved by the said Australian Kerosene Oil and Mineral Company or their assigns."
- Page 10, clause 36, lines 31 and 32. *Omit* "to take or enter upon any lands belonging to the Commissioner for Railways or to alter or"
- Page 10, clause 36. *Add* to clause "or to alter or interfere with the Joadja Creek Railway or any of the works thereof further or otherwise than shall be necessary for making the crossing with the Joadja Creek Railway referred to in the schedule to this Act without the previous consent in writing in every instance of the Australian Kerosene Oil and Mineral Company or their assigns."
- Page 10. *After* clause 37 *insert* new clause:—
 "The Company shall at their own expense in all things from time to time erect and keep erected and in good working order such signals and conveniences incident to the crossing by the Company's Railway with the Joadja Creek Railway and shall at all times at their own expense employ at such crossing such proper and competent watchmen and other persons as may be necessary for the working of such crossing and for the prevention of damages to or interference with the traffic of the Australian Kerosene Oil and Mineral Company (Limited) or their assigns at or near the crossing. The working and management of such signals and conveniences shall be subject to the approval of the Australian Kerosene Oil and Mineral Company (Limited) and for every default in the observance of or compliance with the provisions of this section the Company shall be liable to a penalty of ten pounds to be recoverable with costs summarily before two Justices at the instance of the Australian Kerosene Oil and Mineral Company (Limited) or their assigns or the manager or secretary for the time being of such Company."
- Page 11, schedule, line 13. *After* "Welby's" *insert* "ninety-two acres"
- Page 11, schedule, line 15. *After* "of" *insert* "portions"

Examined,—

ANGUS CAMERON,
Chairman of Committees.

7. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Dibbs, "That" Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, upon which Mr. Fletcher had moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "That," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "in the opinion of this House, the Railway Propositions of the Government should include a Line connecting Narrabri with Walgett,"—And the Question being again proposed,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—the House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 16 OCTOBER, 1884, A.M.

Question put, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.

The House divided.

Ayes, 38.

Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. Trickett,	Mr. George Campbell,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Loughnan,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Holborow,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Sir John Robertson,	Mr. Griffiths,
Mr. Stephen,	Mr. Day,
Mr. Purves,	Mr. Hammond,
Mr. Tarrant,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Targett,	Mr. David Ryrie,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. See,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. William Clarke,
Mr. Levin,	Mr. Alexander Ryrie,
Mr. Lloyd,	Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Stokes,	Mr. W. J. Fergusson,
Mr. Russell Barton,	Mr. Chapman.
Mr. Badgery,	
Mr. O'Mara,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Lynch,	Mr. Coonan,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. Humphery.

Noes, 22.

Mr. Gill,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Burdekin,	Mr. Ellis,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. McLaughlin.
Mr. Wisdom,	
Mr. Burns,	
Sir Patrick Jennings,	
Mr. Gould,	
Mr. Bruncker,	
Mr. Gibbes,	
Mr. Vaughn,	
Mr. Sydney Smith,	
Mr. Teeca,	
Mr. Dangar,	
Mr. Proctor,	
Mr. Roberts,	
Mr. Wilson,	
Mr. Lyne,	
Mr. Dalton,	
Mr. H. H. Brown,	
Dr. Ross.	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative

Original

Original Question,—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair,—put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

8. APPROPRIATION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Dibbs moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Sir John Robertson moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until to-morrow.

The House adjourned at eleven minutes after One o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 173.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 16 OCTOBER, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Goods Traffic at Glen Innes, Inverell, and Uralla Railway Stations:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. Proctor, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What is the quantity of goods received at Glen Innes per rail for Glen Innes, Tenterfield, Vegetable Creek, and Inverell, since the opening of the Railway to 4th instant?
 (2.) What is the quantity of tin and other produce received from Inverell for Glen Innes for dispatch by rail to same date?
 (3.) The quantity of goods received at Gyrah for Tingha, Inverell, &c., to same date?
 (4.) The quantity of tin and other produce received at Gyrah for all Stations to same date?
 (5.) The same information regarding Uralla Station?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

- (1.) 1,989 tons.
 (2.) 478 tons.
 (3.) 427 tons 12 cwt. 0 qrs. 23 lbs.
 (4.) 420 tons 7 cwt. 3 qrs. 11 lbs.
 (5.) Goods, 111 tons 1 cwt. 2 qrs. 19 lbs; tin, &c., 360 tons 9 cwt.

- (2.) Dismissal of certain Public Officers:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to carry out the recommendation of the Royal Commission so far as regards the dismissal of certain Officers?
 (2.) Is Mr. Norton, Postmaster General, the Mr. Norton who was Chairman of that Commission?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

- (1.) I refer the Honorable Member to the answer given to this question one day last week.
 (2.) Yes.

- (3.) Chinese Labour on Mail Steamers:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. A. G. Taylor, asked the Postmaster General,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that a line of steamers subsidised by the Government of New South Wales is now being worked principally by Chinese seamen and firemen?
 (2.) Will the Government pledge itself, in drawing up all contracts in the future for the Mail Service, to insert a clause to the effect that all such boats shall be manned by European labour?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

- (1.) I am not aware.
 (2.) Certainly not.

- (4.) Selections on Rigney's Pre-leases at Coonamble:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. A. G. Taylor, asked the Secretary for Lands,—Was Inspector Franks sent to report about a year ago on four reputed dummy selections at Coonamble, within Rigney's pre-leases; if so, what report has he forwarded; and what further action does the Minister intend to take?

Mr. Farnell answered,—The attention of the Inspector was directed to certain selections made in July, 1882, which were stated not to be *bona fide*, and reports were obtained. The claimants had not entered into residence at the date of inspection, which was within three months of the date of application, but were reported present at the time of survey, in April, 1884. It is not shown that these are dummy selections; but they are under view, and will be the subject of further inquiry.

- (5.) Mr. T. J. Bown:—*Mr. Fremlin* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is the Mr. T. J. Bown, Chairman of the Fire Brigades Board, the Mr. T. J. Bown, plumber, &c., of Bathurst-street, agent for and vendor of fire engines and appliances?
 (2.) Has the recently appointed Superintendent of Fire Brigades condemned or refused to pass any fire brigade apparatus or appliances imported by T. J. Bown and Co., said appliances being unfit and useless?
 (3.)

(3.) Have any appliances, engines, or apparatus been taken over by the Board, notwithstanding Mr. Bear's condemnation; and if so, what are they?

(4.) Has Mr. T. J. Bown supplied goods to the Fire Brigade Board; were tenders called for goods so supplied?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

(1.) Mr. Charles Bown, late Superintendent of the Insurance Fire Brigade, but now Chairman of the Fire Brigades Board, is a member of the firm of Thomas J. Bown & Co., agents and makers of fire engines, &c.

(2 and 3.) The Superintendent has only disapproved of a ladder-truck recently imported from America, and which he considers to a certain extent unserviceable.

(4.) Messrs. Thomas J. Bown & Co. have supplied the Fire Brigades Board with goods for which no tenders were asked.

(6.) Recreation Ground at rear of Victoria Barracks:—*Mr. Vaughn*, for Mr. Olliffe, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he inform this House if it is his intention to assist the Trustees to throw open the land recently dedicated to the public for recreation purposes, and situated at the rear of the Victoria Barracks, Paddington, by causing the removal therefrom of the cube sets; and if so, when?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The cube sets will be removed as soon as possible.

(7.) Report of Commissioner for Railways for 1883:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. Dangar, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the Report of the Commissioner for Railways for 1883 on Railways and Tramways be laid upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The general results of the Railway transactions for 1883 have already been published. The statistical information embraced in the Report, which is very voluminous, is now drawing to a completion, and I hope to be able to lay the Report upon the Table of the House about the end of the present month.

2. WALLSEND AND PLATTSBURG GAS COMPANY'S BILL (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Burns*, for Mr. Fletcher, moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Wallsend and Plattsburg Gas Company (Limited) to construct Gas-works within the Boroughs of Wallsend and Plattsburg and the Police District of Newcastle.

Question put and passed.

3. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Pastoral Dams Bill postponed until Friday, 31st October.

4. ADJOURNMENT:—*Mr. A. G. Taylor* moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

5. WALLSEND AND PLATTSBURG GAS COMPANY'S BILL:—*Mr. Burns* having presented this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of the sum of Twenty-five Pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable the Wallsend and Plattsburg Gas Company (Limited) to construct Gas-works within the Boroughs of Wallsend and Plattsburg and the Police District of Newcastle,*"—read a first time.

6. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply having been read,—*Mr. Dibbs* moved, "That" *Mr. Speaker* do now leave the Chair.

Sir Henry Parkes moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "That," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "this House is of opinion that, in the absence of necessary information, the Engineer-in-Chief for Railways should be examined at the Bar in reference to the proposals for new Railways which have been submitted to the House for consideration."

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.

Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 17 OCTOBER, 1884, A.M.

Question put, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.

The House divided.

Ayes, 33.

Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. David Ryrie,
Mr. Trickett,	Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Griffiths,
Mr. Purves,	Mr. Holtermann,
Mr. Humphery,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Murray,	Mr. Brunner,
Mr. Olliffe,	Mr. Loughnan,
Mr. Tarrant,	Mr. White,
Mr. Levison,	Mr. William Clarke,
Mr. Lloyd,	Mr. Stephen,
Mr. Alexander Ryrie,	Mr. W. J. Fergusson,
Mr. Wilkinson,	Mr. Wilson.
Mr. O'Mara,	
Mr. Spring,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Mackinnon,	Mr. Merriman,
Mr. McCourt,	Mr. See.
Mr. George Campbell,	

Noes, 15.

Sir John Robertson,
Mr. Roberts,
Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. Burns,
Sir Henry Parkes,
Mr. Burdekin,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Proctor,
Mr. Dangar,
Mr. A. G. Taylor,
Mr. Abigail,
Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Gibbes.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Badgery,
Mr. Tecce.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original

Original Question,—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair,—put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

The House (*by consent*) adjourned at twenty-two minutes before Five o'clock a.m., until *Tuesday next* at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 174.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 21 OCTOBER, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Patents Bill:—*Mr. Merriman*, for *Mr. Targett*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—When does he propose to introduce the promised Patents Amendment Bill?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—Not during the present Session.

- (2.) Postal Communication with Ben Lomond:—*Mr. W. J. Fergusson* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) How often does a mail run to Ben Lomond from the Railway since the train opened to Glen Innes?

(2.) How many mails a week previous to the opening of the Railway were delivered at Ben Lomond?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—It is not clear whether the Honorable Member refers to the Post Office recently opened at Ben Lomond Hotel, or to the Post Office which existed prior to the Railway being opened near the Railway Works. If the former, the answer to question 1 is: "Three times a week;" and to question 2: "None; but roadside letters were left by the Armidale and Glen Innes coach daily." If the office which existed prior to the Railway extension is meant, the answers to questions 1 and 2 are: "Three times a week."

- (3.) Postal Communication with Beardy and Ben Lomond:—*Mr. W. J. Fergusson* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What provision has he made for postal accommodation to the inhabitants at Beardy, near Glen Innes?

(2.) Is there any delay in supplying postal communication, as existed previous to the opening of the Railway to Glen Innes to Beardy and Ben Lomond?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

(1.) On the 18th ultimo the Railway Department was asked if it was intended to erect a platform at Stonehenge, in which case the Postal Department intend opening a Post Office at that place, as it was thought this would accommodate the residents of Beardy. No official reply has been received, but it is understood that a platform will be erected at or near Stonehenge.

(2.) Persons residing on the main road at Beardy, Ben Lomond, and elsewhere received their letters loose by the coach passing between Armidale and Glen Innes every day. As the coach has of course been discontinued since the Railway opened, this means of communication is no longer available.

- (4.) Village of Lawson:—*Mr. W. J. Fergusson*, for *Mr. T. R. Smith*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Was a large plan of the village of Lawson exhibited at a Crown Lands Sale at that place on the 3rd May last, upon which plan section 1 of that village was shown, encircled with a broad black line, enclosing the words "Approved to be dedicated for recreation"?

(2.) Was a portion of section 2, opposite to this land, sold on that day at the rate of over £235 an acre?

(3.) Has the whole of section 1, with the exception of one allotment of about half-an-acre, since been offered for sale, and a great portion actually sold?

(4.) Did he, previous to such latter sale, receive a strong protest against such sale from the purchaser of the land at the rate of £235 an acre?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) No.

(4.) A letter was received on the subject.

(5.)

(5.) Travelling Stock Reserve between Gadooga and Humumbah:—*Mr. Burns*, for *Mr. Dangar*, asked the Secretary for Lands, or Mines,—

- (1.) Is it a fact Travelling Stock Reserve between Gadooga, on the Bokirah River, and Humumbah, on the Barwin River, is fenced for about 45 miles in length, varying in width from half-a-mile to 2 miles, the fenced portion being from Weetalibah, on the Walgett side of Bangheet, to within 6 miles of the Barwin River, and passing through Cullen, Bangate, Weetalibah, Lightning Ridge, Goneway, Humumbah, Dumble, Currawillinghi, Cookerin, Dumbrall, Lanello, and Dungalic Runs?
- (2.) Is it true there are two Government Tanks on this line rendered useless to the public and travelling stock by the grass being continually eaten down?

Mr. Abbott answered,—

- (1.) I am not aware; inquiry will be made.
- (2.) The Government Tanks on the Droving Road here referred to are not rendered useless, as there is a steady stock traffic on it. Complaints, however, have been received that the grass on this road is being eaten off by stock belonging to the adjoining owners, which cannot, as the law now stands, be prevented; but the Public Watering-place Act, which comes into force on the 1st January next, confers this necessary power, and steps will then be taken to protect this and other Travelling Stock Reserves from trespass.

(6.) Extension of Goulburn-street:—*Mr. Withers* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Has the £2,000 voted by Parliament for the purpose of purchasing property to extend Goulburn-street been paid into the City Treasury?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—Yes; 17th September, 1884.

(7.) Footpaths in Parramatta:—*Mr. W. J. Fergusson*, for *Mr. Hugh Taylor*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to cause the Footpaths in front of the Government Establishments at Parramatta to be kerbed, guttered, and asphalted?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—No decision has yet been arrived at in this matter.

(8.) The Case of William Lloyd Small:—*Mr. Abigail* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it true that a man named William Lloyd Small was arrested at Balranald for being insane?
- (2.) Was he taken to Hay and tried, and discharged by the Bench?
- (3.) Was he at once admitted into the Hay Hospital, where he died after being two days an inmate?
- (4.) Did the treatment he received while under arrest in any way contribute to his death?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The following information has been obtained through the Inspector General of Police:—

- (1.) Small was arrested at Balranald, pronounced by *Dr. Dobie* to be of unsound mind, and arrived at Hay 9th ultimo.
- (2.) He was remanded by the Hay Bench for eight days for further medical examination, and then discharged on the evidence of *Dr. Casey*.
- (3.) After discharge he was sent to the Hospital, where he died on the 21st ultimo from debility and exhaustion.
- (4.) He was weak on leaving Balranald, but the treatment did not in any way contribute to his death.

(9.) Payment for Land resumed for Roads:—*Mr. Abigail*, for *Mr. Vaughn*, asked the Secretary for Mines,—Has he taken any steps towards providing payment to persons who have had land taken from them for roads, streets, or lanes, by the Government, as promised by him about six months ago?

Mr. Abbott answered,—I promised that the Government would at as early a date as possible consider and endeavour to deal with the question of roads; to the present the Government has not had time to do so.

2. ASSENT TO BILLS:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by *Mr. Dibbs*, and read by *Mr. Speaker*:—

(1.) Serisier's Estate Bill:—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor.

Message No. 98.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorize the Mortgage and Leasing of certain Lands and Hereditaments devised by the Will of Jean Emile Serisier deceased and for other purposes*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,

Sydney, 21st October, 1884.

(2.) Mining Lease Validating Bill:—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor.

Message No. 99.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Governor to declare Leases and applications for Leases under the 'Mining Act of 1874' and the Regulations thereunder valid*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,

Sydney, 21st October, 1884.

(3.) Crown Lands Bill:—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor.

Message No. 100.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to regulate the Alienation Occupation and Management of Crown Lands and for other purposes*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 17th October, 1884.

(4) Public Watering-places Bill (No. 2) :—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor.

Message No. 101.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to protect Public Watering-places and to protect certain Reserves from trespass*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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Sydney, 21st October, 1884.

3. EMPLOYMENT OF EUROPEAN CREWS IN COASTING VESSELS:—Mr. Abigail presented a Petition from J. Wright, Chairman of a Public Meeting of Citizens of Sydney held in the Masonic Hall, praying the House to pass a law making it imperative on all vessels engaged in the coastal trade of New South Wales to carry European crews.
The Petition having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, was received.
4. WILLIAM JACKSON:—Mr. A. G. Taylor presented a Petition from William Jackson, late Sergeant in the New South Wales Artillery, representing that in May, 1879, he enlisted in the Permanent Artillery for a period of five years, which time expired in May, 1884; that he applied to be allowed to re-engage for a further period of five years; that his application was refused, and that he has been compelled to take his discharge; and praying the House to take his case into consideration.
The Petition having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, was received.
5. PAPERS:—
Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Return to an Order made on 9th July, 1884,—“Railway Traffic between Newcastle and Singleton.”
(2.) Notification of Land resumed for construction of Works in connection with Improvements to the Harbour of Lake Macquarie.
(3.) By-laws of the Borough of Narrabri.
(4.) Statistical Register of the Colony of New South Wales for 1883,—Parts 5, 6, and 7.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Cohen laid upon the Table a Return respecting Prosecutions under the Adulteration of Foods Act.
Ordered to be printed.
6. MINING UNDER ROADS AND RESERVES (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. W. J. Fergusson moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the Secretary for Mines should cause to be published in the *Government Gazette*, in the months of January and July in each year, the names of all persons who hold titles under the 28th section of the Mining Act, giving the area, locality, road or reserve, county and parish, rent or royalty, labour conditions, and mineral permission granted to mine, the last date of inspection or declaration filed that labour conditions were being complied with, as well as the number of applications under the above section applied for at date of publication, but not dealt with, and cause of delay.
(2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
Question put and passed.
7. OFFICERS TEMPORARILY EMPLOYED IN THE PUBLIC SERVICE (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Purves moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return giving the names and occupations of all professional men, draftsmen, and clerks temporarily employed by the Government in the various Departments, distinguishing each Department; the periods for which such persons have been in such temporary employment, and the remuneration paid to each such person.
Question put and passed.
8. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed until Friday, 31st October :—
(1.) Newcastle Streets Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.
(2.) Monk-Wearmouth Colliery Railway Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
(3.) Law of Seduction Amendment Bill; resumption of adjourned Debate on motion for second reading.
(4.) Religious Persuasions of Children attending Public Schools; resumption of adjourned Debate.
(5.) Bridge, Nambuccra River; consideration in Committee of an Address to the Governor.

9. SUPPLY :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Cohen, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
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And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 22 OCTOBER, 1884, A.M.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

The House adjourned at twenty minutes before Four o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 175.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 22 OCTOBER, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Railway Platform and Bridge, Harris Park:—*Mr. Teeco*, for Mr. Hugh Taylor, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) When is it the intention of the Government to cause the Platform in Harris Park to be opened for the use of the public?

(2.) When will the Bridge be erected over the cutting in Harris Park, the tender for which has been accepted some time, as both these works are much required by the large population residing at that place?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

(1.) At once.

(2.) The contract time expires on the 18th June, 1885.

- (2.) Railway from Sydney to Granville:—*Mr. White* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Have the Government, in view of the rapidly increasing traffic on the Railway Line from Sydney to Granville, taken into consideration the advisableness of quadrupling the Lines of rail for the whole or portion of the distance?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The Line between Sydney and the junction of the Illawarra Line with the Main Line will be quadrupled.

- (3.) Homebush Railway Station:—*Mr. White* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Do the Government intend to arrange increased accommodation for the passengers at Homebush Station?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—Yes.

- (4.) Waiting-room at Railway Station, Hexham:—*Mr. White* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Do the Government intend to erect the small Waiting-room at the Railway Station, Hexham, so often inquired about, and when?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—There is no pressing necessity for this accommodation. There is already a Waiting-room on one side of this small Station.

- (5.) Registrar General's Office:—*Mr. A. G. Taylor*, for Mr. Heydon, asked the Colonial Secretary,—When is it intended to call for tenders for the expenditure of the sum of £6,000 voted for the enlargement of the Premises for the Registrar General's Department and Real Property Office?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—Plans are nearly completed, and the work will be ready for advertising in about three weeks.

- (6.) Land Sale at Manildra:—*Dr. Ross* asked the Secretary for Lands,—When the town lots at Manildra, near Molong, will be offered for sale by public auction; and is there any delay in offering them?

Mr. Farnell answered,—Shortly; the requisite steps are now being taken to complete the action relative to a necessary alteration of town boundaries.

- (7.) Criminal Assault by a Railway Guard:—*Mr. Proctor*, for Mr. Buchanan, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it true that the Railway Guard who was convicted and sentenced to two or three years imprisonment for a criminal assault upon a female passenger in the train of which he was in charge has been liberated after a few months imprisonment, and on what grounds?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—Yes, in response to a very numerous signed petition for his release, which was favourably reported upon by the Chief Justice, before whom the prisoner was tried.

2. PAPERS :—

Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table,—Further Correspondence respecting proposed Annexation of New Guinea and the unappropriated Islands of the Pacific.
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from sale until surveyed for the Preservation of Water Supply or other public purposes, in accordance with the 4th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.
 - (2.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 4th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.
- Ordered to be printed.

3. ADDITIONAL LOAN ESTIMATE FOR 1884 :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Dibbs, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor.

Message No. 102.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th clause of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the accompanying Additional Loan Estimate for the year 1884.

*Government House,
Sydney, 22nd October, 1884.*

Ordered to be printed, together with the accompanying Estimate, and referred to the Committee of Supply.

4. F. WILLIAM MEADER :—Mr. Abigail presented a Petition from F. William Meader, lately a postman in the town of Dubbo, stating that he was arrested on a charge of stealing a letter, but that the Attorney General declined to file a bill against him; that he was dismissed from the service, and the Postmaster General refused to reinstate him; and praying for inquiry into his case.
Petition received.5. WALLSEND AND PLATTSBURG GAS COMPANY'S BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Cameron, for Mr. Fletcher, moved, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) That the Wallsend and Plattsburg Gas Company's Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, with power to send for persons and papers.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Melville, Mr. Luscombe, Mr. Teece, Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Ellis, Mr. Targett, Mr. Burdekin, and Mr. Fletcher.
- Question put and passed.

6. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Abigail moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

7. DILLON'S ESTATE BILL :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having taken into consideration the Legislative Assembly's Message, dated 30th September, 1884, in reference to Dillon's Estate Bill,—

1. Disagrees from the Assembly's amendment in clause 2, which proposes the insertion of the words "with the consent of the Master-in-Equity,"—

Firstly,—Because the Act provides no machinery by which the Master-in-Equity could be set in motion for the making of any inquiries.

Secondly,—Because, without such inquiries, he could form no opinion as to the expediency of a sale of the land, whether the whole or in portions, and whether subject or not to rights-of-way or the like.

Thirdly,—Because the expense and delays incident to the forming of an opinion on such points would render the Act practically useless.

2. Agrees to the amendment in the same clause which proposes the omission of the words "or private contract," but proposes to further amend the clause by the omission in line 38 of the word "either," in which consequential amendment the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

3. Disagrees from the proposed omission of clause 4,—because, in order to effectuate any sale, the vendors must have the power of giving receipts to the purchasers for the purchase money, the more especially as by one of the amendments the whole amount is not proposed to be paid into Court, but only the balance after deducting all costs and expenses; so that a purchaser could not obtain a full receipt from the Court.

4. Agrees to the insertion of the new clause 4, but proposes to amend the same as follows :—
In line 1 omit "or trustee," in line 5 omit "several," in line 6 omit "having regard to the amount of the interest of each of such several parties therein," in line 7, omit "or trustee aforesaid," in line 8 after the word "proceeds" insert "within three months at the latest after the receipt thereof," in line 10 omit "and," and omit all the words after the word "will" in line 11,—in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

5. Disagrees from the amendment which proposes the omission of the whole of clause 5,—because, unless the portion which relates to the trusts of the unsold land be retained, there will be no declaration as to the trusts upon which the land until sold (or the portions from time to time remaining unsold) shall be holden by the trustees,—but agrees to the omission of the words commencing with "and after the sale" in line 21 to the end of the clause.

6. Agrees to the insertion of the new clause 5, but proposes to amend the same by the omission therefrom of the words "the certificate of the Master-in-Equity of the fact of the money being so paid shall be a sufficient discharge for the money so paid and," and the omission in line 4 of the word "the," and the insertion after the word "for" in line 5 of the word "the,"—in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

7. Agrees to the omission of clause 6,—and agrees to the insertion of the new clause 6, but proposes to amend the same by the omission in line 2 of the words "or trustee," and in line 3 of the words "or his,"—in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 22nd October, 1884.

JOHN HAY,
President.

Ordered, that this Message be taken into consideration to-morrow.

8. SUPPLY :—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply having been read,—Mr. Cohen moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to certain Resolutions.

Ordered, that the reception of the Resolutions stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

9. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council :—

(1.) Carriages Regulation Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act for better securing the safety of Persons travelling by Stage Carriages*,"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 22nd October, 1884.

JOHN HAY,
President.

CARRIAGES REGULATION BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 22nd October, 1884.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, clause 1, line 18. Omit "be" insert "have been"
Page 2, clause 1, line 13. Omit "Court" insert "Justices hereinafter mentioned"
Page 2, clause 2, line 18. Omit "Justice" insert "two Justices"
Page 2, clause 2, lines 18 and 19. Omit "under and in accordance with the Acts regulating summary proceedings before Justices" insert "under proceedings commenced"
Page 2, clause 2, lines 20 and 21. Omit "at the Petty Sessions held nearest to" insert "in"
Page 2, clause 2, lines 21 and 22. Omit "in respect of which the offence was committed"

Examined,—

ARCHD. H. JACOB,
Deputy Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the Council's amendments be taken into consideration to-morrow.

(2.) Mittagong Coal-mining Company's Railway Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Assembly in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable a Company called the 'Mittagong Coal-mining Company (Limited)' to construct a Railway from the Mittagong Coal-mine to the Great Southern Railway*."

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 22nd October, 1884.

JOHN HAY,
President.

10. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means postponed until to-morrow.

11. APPROPRIATION BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read for the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Dibbs, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—

And the Debate not being resumed,—

Question,—That this Bill be now read a second time,—put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

On

On motion of Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Dibbs the report was adopted.

Ordered, that the Bill be now read a third time.

Bill read a third time,—and, on motion of Mr. Dibbs, *passed*.

Mr. Dibbs then moved, that the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to appropriate and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales certain sums to make good the supplies granted for the Service of the year 1884 and for the year 1883 and previous years.*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to appropriate and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales certain sums to make good the Supplies granted for the Service of the year 1884 and for the year 1883 and previous years,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 23rd October, 1884, A.M.*

12. POSTPONEMENTS :—The Orders of the Day respecting Intercolonial Convention and Public Parks Bill postponed until to-morrow.

13. MUNICIPAL GAS BILL (No. 2) :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.

On motion of Mr. Dibbs the report was adopted.

Ordered, that the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Municipal Law in relation to the Supply of Gas by Municipal Corporations and for other purposes in connection therewith.*"

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 23rd October, 1884, A.M.*

The House adjourned at ten minutes after Eleven o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 176.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 23 OCTOBER, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Mr. Burton, Examiner of Titles under Real Property Act:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. Abigail asked the Colonial Secretary,—If any complaints have been received in reference to the great delay displayed by Mr. Burton, one of the Examiners under the Real Property Act, in dealing with applications to bring land under the Act; if so, will the Government take some steps to have the passing of titles expedited?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Acting Registrar General:—"No complaints have been made against Mr. Burton; but I understand some dissatisfaction has been expressed as to the mode of conducting business in the Examining Branch generally."

- (2.) Free Railway Pass to Mr. Darvall:—*Mr. Young* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Was a Free-pass by rail issued either by him or the Railway Authorities in favour of a Mr. Darvall, of Melbourne, on or about the 11th instant; if so, at whose request, and on what grounds?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—Passes are issued to representative men visiting the Colony. Mr. Darvall arrived in Sydney on a visit, representing the Victorian Chamber of Manufactures, and a Visitor's Pass was issued to him upon the application of Edward Greville, Esq., late M.P. for Braidwood.

- (3.) Mr. W. D. Bear, Superintendent of Fire Brigades:—*Mr. William Clarke* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has the Government any knowledge of the history and qualifications of Mr. William D. Bear, recently appointed Superintendent of the Fire Brigades in Sydney?

(2.) By whom was he recommended as a qualified person for the office he now holds?

(3.) What were his English services, if any?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

(1.) Before Mr. Bear's appointment and arrival in this country, the Government had obtained the fullest information on this subject.

(2.) His recommendations were numerous, and the highest testimony to his fitness for the office which he holds was furnished by Captain Shaw, the Chief Officer of Metropolitan Fire Brigade in London, who declared that Mr. Bear was a thorough master of every branch of the fireman's business, including the working of steam fire-engines, and that he was for some time Fire Escape Inspector of the London Brigade.

(3.) His English services in the Metropolitan Fire Brigade extended over a period of fifteen years and a-half, from the 4th January, 1869, to the 23rd February, 1884, when he resigned his appointment as Engineer to come to this Colony in his present capacity. For distinguished service and conduct, he was presented by the Metropolitan Board of Works, through His Royal Highness the Duke of Cambridge, with a medal, which has been forwarded to this Colony by the Agent General.

- (4.) Regulations under Fisheries Act:—*Mr. Purves* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) When will the Regulations under the Fisheries Act be issued?

(2.) Is there any delay in their issue?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—These Regulations will be published in the course of next week.

- (5.) Stamp Duty on Receipts for Seamen's Wages:—*Mr. Alexander Ryrie* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it true that the Shipping Master compels sailors to stamp their receipts in payment of wages?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—Yes; such receipts not being exempt from Stamp Duty under the Act 44 Vic. No. 3.

2. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Dibbs (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That this House at its rising this day do adjourn until Tuesday next.
Question put and passed.
3. PURCHASE OF RAILWAY ROLLING STOCK:—Mr. Sydney Smith (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That leave be granted to the Select Committee on "Purchase of Railway Rolling Stock" to sit to-morrow.
Question put and passed.
4. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of the Chairman of Committees, the following Resolutions from the Committee of Supply were received, and read a first time:—

LOAN ESTIMATE—1884.

(181.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty for the year 1884, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £935,200, under the head "Harbours and Rivers Branch," being £250,000 for providing Water Supplies for Country Towns; £553,000 further for Sydney Water Supply Works; £17,500 Additional Dredge and Punts for Sydney; £50,000 further for Harbour Improvements and Shipping facilities, Newcastle Harbour; £10,000 towards Harbour Works, Lake Macquarie, further sum; £1,200 towards enlarging Wentworth Wharf; £3,000 further for Tug, &c., Dredge Service; £5,000 towards construction of Jetty, Byron Bay; £2,400 for Punts for Grab Dredge, to be used first on the Hastings River; £3,600 Small Grab Dredge, &c., Punts to be used first in the Camden Haven and Lake District; £3,000 towards improving the Entrance to the Nambucca River; £2,000 towards construction of Light-house, Kiama; £11,000 Northern Break-water, Newcastle, further sum; £18,500, Wood Paving, Circular Quay; and £5,000 for removal of Rocks from front of Wharf, Newcastle Harbour, further sum.

(182.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty for the year 1884, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £265,203, under the head "Colonial Architect's Branch," being £3,500, Narrabri Court-house—erection of; £2,000, Court-house and Lock-up at Mulwala; £1,500, Court-house and Lock-up at Mount Hope; £3,000, Nymagee Court and Watch-house and Police Quarters—erection of; £1,500, Post and Telegraph Office, Broughton Creek; £1,000, Post and Telegraph Office, Oberon; £1,500, Post and Telegraph Office, Moruya; £1,200, Post and Telegraph Office, Adelong; £2,950, Government Printing Office—additions, further sum; £6,000, erection of Gaol, Grafton; £3,000, Court-house, Cobar—erection of; £1,400, Court-house, Darlinghurst—Dwarf Wall and Iron Palisading—erection of; £5,000, Court-house, Cooma—erection of; £6,000, Court-house and Post Office, Balmain, further sum; £50,000, Naval Stations, Port Jackson; £5,000, Goulburn Gaol—completion of, further sum; £20,853 for the purchase of land resumed at the corner of Bridge and Phillip Streets for public purposes; £25,000, Sites and Buildings for Fire Brigade Stations in City of Sydney; £50,000 towards the erection of new School Buildings and Teachers Residences; £4,000, compensation for Land and Buildings resumed at the intersection of the New South Head Road and Point Piper Road for Post and Telegraph Office purposes; £10,000, Erection of Buildings at the University, for Museum of Natural History and Zoological Library, to be presented by the Hon. William Macleay, M.L.C.; £5,800 for the purchase of Ormond House, Paddington, for the use of the State Children's Relief Department; £15,000 for the purchase of Buildings in Phillip-street for Colonial Stores; and £40,000 for the purchase, and further sum, Central Police Courts, Sydney.

(183.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty for the year 1884, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £44,400, under the head "Roads and Bridges Branch," being £3,500 for Bridge over Wilson's Creek at Lismore, further sum; £1,000, Bridges, Westbrook and Glendon Brook; £2,000 for Bridge, King Creek, Port Macquarie; £1,500 for Bridge over Brungle Gully, on the road from Walgett to Coonamble; £6,000 for Bridge over the river at Paterson; £1,500 for Bridge on road Bega to Brogo; £4,000 for Lennox Bridge, Parramatta; £2,900 for the purchase of Pyrmont Bridge, further sum; £2,000, Iron Steam-punt, Harwood Island; and £20,000, resumption of Land at Rushcutter's Bay, Double Bay, Waterloo and Botany, and Webb's Grant, for Sewerage purposes.

(184.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty for the year 1884, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £11,808,000, under the head "Railway Branch," being £356,000, erection of new Workshops, and for Machinery and Sidings in connection therewith; £25,000, Trial Surveys, further sum; £157,000, Wallerawang to Mudgee, further sum; £450,000, City Extension, 1 mile 76 chains; £195,000, Perth to near Rockley, 17 miles; £578,000, Inverell to Glen Innes, 45 miles; £2,000,000, South Grafton to Glen Innes, 103 miles; £1,930,000, Grafton to the Tweed River *via* Casino, Lismore, and the Brunswick, 165 miles; £700,000, Musclebrook to Cassilis, 70 miles; £310,000, Tarago to Braidwood, 31 miles; £500,000, Gundagai to Tumut *via* Adelong, including Iron Bridge over the River Murrumbidgee, 33 miles; £304,000, Kiama to Jervis Bay, 41 miles; £606,000, Bega to Eden, 40 miles; £259,500, Goulburn to Crookwell, 25 miles; £144,000, Galong to Burrowa, 18 miles; £710,000, Wagga to Tumberumba, 68 miles; £173,500, Tenterfield to the Queensland Border, 12 miles. *Light Lines*—£1,050,000, Forbes to Wilcannia, 340 miles; £263,500, Nyngan to Cobar, 82 miles; £336,500, Narrabri to Moree, 61 miles; and £210,000, Culcairn to Corowa, 45 miles.

(185.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty for the year 1884, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £130,000, under the head "Fortifications," being for Gun-carriages and Defence Works generally.

ADDITIONAL LOAN ESTIMATE—1884.

(186.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty for the year 1884, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £1,205,500, under the head "Railways," being £705,500, Orange to Molong *via* Borenore, 21 miles, and Borenore to Forbes *via* Cudal, 60 miles; and £500,000 for alterations, additions, and improvements at Stations, increased Siding accommodation, and other purposes.

Resolutions then, on motion of Mr. Dibbs, read a second time, and agreed to.

5. **POSTPONEMENT** :—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply postponed until Tuesday next.
6. **WAYS AND MEANS** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.
The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), that the report be *now* received.
The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows :—
(17.) *Resolved*,—That, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty during the present Session, a sum not exceeding £14,388,303 be raised by the sale of Debentures, or the issue of Inscribed Stock, secured upon the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, and bearing interest at a rate not exceeding four per cent. per annum, to defray the expenses of certain Public Works and Services of the Colony, and for other purposes.
On motion of Mr. Dibbs, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
7. **PUBLIC WORKS LOAN BILL** :—
(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Dibbs, that a Bill be brought in, founded on Resolution of Ways and Means No. 17, to authorize the raising of a Loan for the Public Service of the Colony, and for other purposes.
(2.) Mr. Dibbs then *presented* a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to authorize the raising of a Loan for the Public Service of the Colony and for other purposes*,”—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
8. **POSTPONEMENT** :—The Order of the Day respecting Intercolonial Convention postponed until Tuesday next.
9. **PUBLIC PARKS BILL (No. 2)** :—The Order of the day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Abbott, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council’s amendments.
On motion of Mr. Abbott, the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council :—
MR. PRESIDENT,
The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled “*An Act for the better Regulation and Protection of Public Parks or Places of Public Recreation and of Lands dedicated purchased or resumed for Public Purposes for bringing certain Lands within the operation of this Act and for other purposes*.”
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 23rd October, 1884.
10. **POSTPONEMENT** :—The Orders of the Day of Government Business, Nos. 6 to 11 inclusive, postponed until Tuesday next.
11. **POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICES OF MOTIONS** :—Mr. Abbott (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Notices of Motions be postponed, to follow after the Orders of the Day.
Question put and passed.
12. **DILLON’S ESTATE BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Abbott, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Legislative Council’s Message of 22nd October.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee does not insist upon its amendments disagreed to by the Council, and agrees to the Council’s amendments upon the Assembly’s amendments in this Bill.
Ordered, on motion of Mr. Abbott, that the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council :—
MR. PRESIDENT,
The Legislative Assembly having taken into consideration the Legislative Council’s Message, dated 22nd October, 1884, in reference to Dillon’s Estate Bill,—does not insist upon its amendments disagreed to by the Council, and agrees to the Council’s amendments upon the Assembly’s amendments in this Bill.
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 23rd October, 1884.
13. **CARRIAGES REGULATION BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Alexander Ryrie, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council’s amendments.
On motion of Mr. Alexander Ryrie, the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council :—
MR. PRESIDENT,
The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled “*An Act for better securing the safety of Persons travelling by Stage Carriages*.”
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 23rd October, 1884.

14. **POSTPONEMENTS** :—The following Orders of the Day postponed until Thursday next :—
 (1.) Criminal Law further Amendment Bill ; adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. A. G. Taylor, " That this Bill be now read a second time."
 (2.) Party Processions Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.
15. **GOULBURN HOSPITAL SITE SALE BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Teece moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Question put and passed.
 Bill read a second time.
 On motion of Mr. Teece, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
 On motion of Mr. Teece, the report was adopted.
 Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
16. **BRYEN'S ESTATE LEASING BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Proctor moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Question put and passed.
 Bill read a second time.
 On motion of Mr. Proctor, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and the Chairman reported the Bill with an amendment.
 On motion of Mr. Proctor (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.
 Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
17. **SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH (MUDGE) LEASING BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Stephen moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Question put and passed.
 Bill read a second time.
 On motion of Mr. Stephen, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
 On motion of Mr. Stephen, the report was adopted.
 Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
18. **SALES OF REVERSIONS LAW AMENDMENT BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. R. B. Smith moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Question put and passed.
 Bill read a second time.
 On motion of Mr. R. B. Smith, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
 On motion of Mr. R. B. Smith, the report was adopted.
 Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
19. **POSTPONEMENT**.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Illegal Lotteries Bill postponed until Tuesday next.
20. **LICENSING ACTS AMENDMENT BILL** :—Mr. Cameron moved, That the Order of the Day for the adjourned Debate on the motion for the second reading of this Bill be postponed until Tuesday next.
 Question put.
 The House divided.

Ayes, 5.

Mr. Garrard,
 Mr. Brunner,
 Mr. Heydon.
 Tellers,
 Mr. McCulloch,
 Mr. William Clarke.

Noes, 43.

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Chapman,
Mr. Burns,	Sir Henry Parkes,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Hugh Taylor,
Mr. Holborow,	Mr. Coonan,
Mr. R. B. Smith,	Mr. See,
Mr. Burdekin,	Mr. Humphery,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Hammond,
Mr. Purves,	Mr. Loughnan,
Mr. Luscombe,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. A. G. Taylor,
Mr. Olliffe,	Mr. Proctor,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Day,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Trickett,	Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Alexander Ryrie,	Mr. Copeland,
Mr. David Ryrie,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Levin,	Mr. Stephen,
Mr. Stokes,	Mr. Griffiths.
Mr. Cass,	Tellers,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Merriman,
Mr. George Campbell,	Mr. Butcher.
Mr. Combes,	
Mr. Spring,	

And so it passed in the negative.
 Original Question again proposed, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate ensued.
 Mr. Melville moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
 Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 22.

Mr. White,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Fletcher,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Proctor,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. Ellis,	Mr. Wisdom.
Mr. Suttor,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Heydon,	Mr. Hugh Taylor,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Sydney Smith.
Mr. Melville,	
Mr. Combes,	
Mr. David Ryrie,	
Mr. Henry Clarke,	
Sir Henry Parkes,	

Noes, 25.

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Levin,
Mr. Loughnan,	Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Holborow,	Mr. A. G. Taylor,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. Trickett,	Mr. Seo,
Mr. Burdekin,	Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Stephen,
Mr. Coonan,	Mr. Spring,
Mr. Butcher,	Mr. Cass.
Mr. Olliffe,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Merriman,	Mr. Hammond,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Slattery.
Mr. Alexander Ryrie,	
Mr. Day,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Original Question again proposed, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate continued.

Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present.

Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being only nineteen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely,—Mr. Barbour, Mr. Burdekin, Mr. Butcher, Mr. Cass, Mr. William Clarke, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Coonan, Mr. Day, Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Garrard, Mr. Hammond, Mr. Holborow, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Olliffe, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Stephen, Mr. Hugh Taylor, Mr. Trickett, and Mr. Wilson,—

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House at fifteen minutes before Seven o'clock, until *Tuesday next* at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 177.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 28 OCTOBER, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

GUNPOWDER AND EXPLOSIVES RATES BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Dibbs, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor.

Message No. 103.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Gunpowder and Explosives Consolidation Act of 1876*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 28th October, 1884.

2. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) The Permanent Force:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has the Commandant made any recommendations regarding the reorganization of the New South Wales Permanent Force; if so, will the Colonial Secretary lay a copy of such recommendations upon the Table of the House?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—Such a recommendation has been made, and the matter is now engaging the attention of the Government, who are also in possession of a report on the subject from the Colonel Commanding the Permanent Artillery. It would be premature to lay either of these papers upon the Table of the House until the Government has had an opportunity of fully considering them. When that shall have been done, both papers will be submitted.

- (2.) Schools of Agriculture and Model Farms:—Mr. William Clarke asked the Colonial Secretary,—If he will place a sufficient sum on the Estimates for next year for the establishment of Schools of Agriculture and Model Farms in the great centres of agricultural population?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—It will not be possible to make the provision desired by the Honorable Member in the Estimates for next year, since no time has been placed at the disposal of the Government to make the necessary arrangements. These Estimates are now in course of preparation, and will be submitted in the short Session that will take place immediately after the prorogation, for the sole purpose of making provision for the Public Service for next year. But the Honorable Member will see that it is the intention of the Government to take immediate steps for the establishment of the first of these Model Farms in connection with the Reformatory at Rookwood, and instructions have been given for the erection of the necessary buildings. The provision asked for by the Honorable Member will probably appear upon the Estimates for 1886.

- (3.) Resumption of Land at North Shore for Railway Purposes:—Mr. Holtermann asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has he decided how much land he is going to resume on the North Shore for Railway purposes; if not, will he do so at once, or before some of the land is subdivided or sold?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—This matter is receiving attention.

- (4.) Resumption of Mount Stromlow, North Shore:—Mr. Holtermann asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is he going to resume the land known as Mount Stromlow, Blue's Point, for a site on which to erect the future High-level Bridge to Sydney; if so, will he do so before any further increase in the price of the land takes place through new improvements?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—A similar question was answered on 6th February, 1884 (Votes and Proceedings No. 51), Question No. 2.

(5.)

(5.) Bridge across Middle Harbour:—Mr. Holtermann asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it his intention to place a sum of money on the Estimates to construct a Bridge across Middle Harbour near the Spit?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The matter is under consideration.

(6.) North Shore Tramway:—Mr. Holtermann asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he call for Reports from the Engineer-in-Chief (Mr. Whitton), Mr. Cowdery, Mr. Scott, Mr. Midelton, and Mr. Downe, as to the most practical Line of Tramway, either wire or motor, for the proposed North Shore Tramway Line?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—This matter is receiving consideration, and will be determined, it is hoped, in a few days.

(7.) Railway from Pearce's Corner to the Water, North Shore:—Mr. Holtermann asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When is he going to call for tenders for the Branch Railway Line from Pearce's Corner to the water's edge at North Shore?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—Tenders cannot be invited until the working surveys have been finished, and the necessary plans prepared.

(8.) Post and Telegraph Offices, St. Leonards:—Mr. Holtermann asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will he call for tenders for the new Post and Telegraph Offices at St. Leonards?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—Tenders can be invited for this building in about six weeks.

(9.) Court-house, St. Leonards:—Mr. Holtermann asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will he call for tenders for the new Court-house at St. Leonards?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—When particulars of accommodation required are furnished, tenders will be invited without delay.

(10.) Water Supply for North Shore:—Mr. Holtermann asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the Pipes to convey water across the harbour arrive in Sydney; will he call, on their arrival, for tenders to lay same across the harbour?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The contractor informs me that the first instalment has been shipped in the s.s. "Aberdeen," which is now due. No time will be lost in carrying out the work when the pipes arrive.

(11.) Harbour Improvements:—Mr. Holtermann asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has he received the Report called for some nine months ago from the Engineer-in-Chief for Railways and the Engineer-in-Chief for Harbours and Rivers, in reference to the Harbour Improvements as adopted by the Improvement Committee respecting Mr. Oscar Schultz's Scheme; if so, will he lay same upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—Yes.

(12.) Passenger Traffic, Redfern Railway Station:—*Mr. William Clarke*, for Mr. Olliffe, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—The amount of money received at the Redfern Station for passenger traffic from 23rd October, 1883, to 24th October, 1884?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—£143,518.

3. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Cass moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

4. RAILWAY EXTENSION FROM TENTERFIELD TO THE QUEENSLAND BORDER:—Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table (*as Exhibits only*), a Plan, Section, and Book of Reference of a Proposed Railway from Tenterfield to the Queensland Border.

5. PAPERS:—Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Further Correspondence respecting proposed Annexation of New Guinea and the unappropriated Islands of the Pacific.

(2.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Bourke, under the Nuisances Prevention Act.

(3.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Hamilton, under the same Act.

(4.) Correspondence with reference to the re-engagement of certain Non-commissioned Officers of the New South Wales Artillery.

Ordered to be printed.

6. GOULBURN HOSPITAL SITE SALE BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Teece, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Teece then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to authorize the Sale of the Site of the Goulburn Hospital and to provide for the expenditure of the money received therefrom in the erection of suitable Buildings for a like purpose on a new Site.*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorize the Sale of the Site of the Goulburn Hospital and to provide for the expenditure of the money received therefrom in the erection of suitable Buildings for a like purpose on a new Site.*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee thereon.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 28th October, 1884.*

7. BRYEN'S ESTATE LEASING BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Proctor, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Proctor then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to enable Stephen Josiah Bryen or his Representatives to grant Leases for any term not exceeding fifty years from the passing of this Act of certain portions of the Real Estate devised by the Will of John Bryen formerly of Abercrombie-street in the City of Sydney and Colony of New South Wales and for other purposes in the said Act to be mentioned.*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable Stephen Josiah Bryen or his Representatives to grant Leases for any term not exceeding fifty years from the passing of this Act of certain portions of the Real Estate devised by the Will of John Bryen formerly of Abercrombie-street in the City of Sydney and Colony of New South Wales and for other purposes in the said Act to be mentioned,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee thereon, together with a copy of the Will of the late John Bryen and the disclaimer of Thomas M'Guire as an Executor.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 28th October, 1884.*

8. SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH (MUDGEE) LEASING BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Stephen, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Stephen then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to enable the Trustees of a certain parcel of Land situate in Market Church and Short Streets in the Town of Mudgee granted upon trust for the erection thereon of a Church of the United Church of England and Ireland and of a School-house and Parsonage in connection therewith to lease certain portions of such Land and to apply the rents and profits arising therefrom.*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council, with the following Message :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Trustees of a certain parcel of Land situate in Market Church and Short Streets in the Town of Mudgee granted upon trust for the erection thereon of a Church of the United Church of England and Ireland and of a School-house and Parsonage in connection therewith to lease certain portions of such Land and to apply the rents and profits arising therefrom,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 28th October, 1884.*

9. SALES OF REVERSIONS LAW AMENDMENT (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. R. B. Smith, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. R. B. Smith then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the Law relating to Sales of Reversions.*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council, with the following Message :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Law relating to Sales of Reversions,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 28th October, 1884.*

10. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS:—Mr. Dibbs moved, pursuant to Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing of a Bill to authorize the raising of a Loan for the Public Service of the Colony and for other purposes through all its remaining stages in one day.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

11. PUBLIC WORKS LOAN BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Dibbs moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Point of Order:—Mr. A. G. Taylor objected to the further passage of this Bill, on the grounds that it exceeds the order of leave, and that clause 7 is in excess of the Resolution of the Committee of Ways and Means on which the Bill is founded,—and requested the ruling of the Chair on the point.

Mr. Speaker said that it was not necessary that the purposes of clause 7 should be expressly covered by the Resolution of the Committee of Ways and Means, or the order of leave, inasmuch as they were only consequential upon the provisions made in Committee of Supply, and by the Bill, for an alteration of route and for an appropriation to carry it out.

Question,—That this Bill be now read a second time,—put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.

And

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 29 OCTOBER, 1884, A.M.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Dibbs, the report was adopted.

Ordered, that the Bill be now read a third time.

Bill read a third time,—and, on motion of Mr. Dibbs, *passed*.

Mr. Dibbs then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to authorize the raising of a Loan for the Public Service of the Colony and for other purposes.*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorize the raising of a Loan for the Public Service of the Colony and for other purposes,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 29th October, 1884, a.m.

The House adjourned at five minutes before Two o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 178.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 29 OCTOBER, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Railway from Orange to Forbes *via* Molong:—Mr. Burdekin asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Were the Railway Proposals which were submitted to Parliament by the then Government of 1881, to take a Railway from Orange to Forbes *via* Molong, examined into and passed by the Engineer-in-Chief for Railways, on the ground that the Line would be on the tableland and out of the reach of all floods?

(2.) Has the Engineer-in-Chief, since that Railway Proposal was sanctioned by Parliament in 1881, ever recommended to the Minister for Works, or to the present Government, that any alteration or deviation should be made in that Line, or that the route from Orange to Forbes *via* Cudal be adopted in place of the Line by way of Molong, and which was sanctioned by a previous Parliament; if so, will he lay a copy of the Engineer-in-Chief's Report of the same upon the Table of this House?

(3.) Has the Engineer-in-Chief ever condemned the Cudal and Forbes route because of the Line in the neighbourhood of Forbes having to pass for several miles through low flat swampy country, and being subject to heavy floods, which render the Line not only impracticable, but actually dangerous?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) No; but recommends the adoption of the Cudal Line, should the Extension from Molong by way of Manildra to near Forbes be abandoned.

(3.) No.

- (2.) Blasting in Sewers:—Mr. Burdekin asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is he aware that the blasting operations in the Sewer now in course of construction in Liverpool-street cause a great amount of uncasiness to the residents in the vicinity?

(2.) Is there any reason to apprehend danger to life or property from these violent concussions?

(3.) Can the works be carried on without blasting?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

(1.) There are no grounds for uneasiness.

(2.) No.

(3.) Not within reasonable time.

- (3.) Mining for Silver at Emmaville:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Secretary for Mines,—Is it his intention to carry out his intentions contained in a letter to the Chairman of a Public Meeting held at Emmaville, that the land containing the rich silver lode discovered there should be cut up in 20-acre blocks?

Mr. Abbott answered,—It is always my intention to carry out my intentions; and in this matter I decided that permits to mine for silver on Reserves should not be granted in the future for a greater area than 20 acres.

- (4.) Conditional Mineral Purchases on Field-of-Mars Common, and at St. Leonards:—Mr. Abigail asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Have applications been made for Conditional Mineral Selections on the Field-of-Mars Common; if so, to what extent, and by whom?

(2.) Have similar applications been made for the same purpose and by the same parties at North Shore, St. Leonards?

(3.) Is it the intention of the Minister to grant the whole or any part of these applications; if so, will he state which of them?

Mr. Farnell answered,—No such applications have been made.

(5.)

(5.) Clothing for Railway and Tramway Officials:—Mr. Abigail asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it true that the clothing for the Railway and Tramway men for 1884 has not yet been issued; if so, will the Minister say if there is any delay, and when it will be given out?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—For the most part it has been issued. In the few instances where some slight delay has taken place the issue will be expedited.

(6.) The Case of a man named Fryer:—Mr. Abigail asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has any report been received from the Police at Wollongong in the case of the man Fryer, now an inmate in Gladesville Asylum; if so, do they contradict or confirm Fryer's statement of the treatment he received at Wollongong; and does the Sergeant state, from evidence he has received, he considers Fryer insane, or otherwise?

(2.) Is it true that when the Police were asked to assist to take Fryer to the steamer the parties who made the request, when asked for the two medical certificates and the Magistrate's order, stated they had none, and did the Police upon this refuse to render any assistance?

(3.) Who were the medical men who gave the certificates that gained admission for Fryer into Gladesville, and was he taken before Magistrates before being sent there?

(4.) Has any report been received from Dr. Manning upon the case; if so, will the Minister have any objection to state the purport of it?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—It is not considered expedient, in the interests of the unfortunate man and his family, to answer these questions. The report of the Inspector General of the Insane is in the possession of the Government, and fully establishes the insanity of Fryer. The opinion of the Inspector General is in entire accordance with the two medical certificates; and Dr. Manning is of opinion that the delusions of the lunatic might, if he were permitted to return to his home, become active and result in more terrible catastrophe.

(7.) Teacher of Public School at Round Swamp:—Mr. Abigail asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—

(1.) Is it true that complaints were made by a number of the parents of children attending the Public School at Round Swamp against certain irregularities on the part of the Teacher towards the scholars?

(2.) Is it true that Inspector Thornton held an inquiry, which lasted from 3 o'clock in the afternoon until nearly 9 at night?

(3.) Is it true that ten of the complaining parents attended and gave evidence in support of the complaints?

(4.) Is it true that nearly all the parents have refused to send their children to the school since the inquiry?

(5.) Has the Inspector sent in his report; if so, will the Minister state what was the nature of it, and how the case has been dealt with?

Mr. Trickett answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Mr. Inspector Thornton held a full inquiry, but the time over which it extended was not stated by that officer.

(3.) Yes.

(4.) A statement to that effect was made in a letter dated 24th October instant, received from Mr. F. Abigail, but the papers do not show any such evidence.

(5.) The Inspector has reported to the effect that the charge of using bad language and of irregularity in the school hours had not been proved, but that the Teacher had used somewhat strong and injudicious terms in censuring the pupils for mistakes, and he recommended his removal. It has been decided to remove him to another school, and to caution him as to the use of more judicious language in future.

(8.) Public School at North Annandale:—Mr. Chapman asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—Is it his intention to establish a Public School at North Annandale?

Mr. Trickett answered,—The Public Schools at Stanmore, Leichhardt, and Camperdown were thought to sufficiently meet the educational wants of North Annandale for the present; but I have directed full inquiries to be made into the matter.

(9.) Holiday to Railway Workmen:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it intended to grant a holiday, in lieu of that given on the anniversary of the Eight-hour Movement, to those men on the Railway Works who were unable to obtain leave on that day?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—No; the men who could not attend this year will have an opportunity of attending next year.

(10.) Reclamation of Water Frontage, Darling Harbour:—Mr. A. G. Taylor asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Has permission been granted to reclaim that portion of water frontage, Darling Harbour, lying between the Honorable Henry Moore's wharf and the Honorable Edward Flood's wharf?

(2.) When was permission granted to reclaim the portion now reclaimed about 120 feet from the old high-water mark?

(3.) To whom was that permission granted?

(4.) What Officer, or Minister of the Crown, granted permission to reclaim the portion now reclaimed?

Mr. Farnell answered,—Permission has recently been granted to the Trustees of the late Wm. McDonald to reclaim land in the position indicated, which when completed will fill a gap between two existing reclamations, and the reclaimed area will then include a reclamation made at a date unknown without permission.

2. **WALSSEND AND PLATTSBURG GAS COMPANY'S BILL**:—Mr. Cameron, for Mr. Fletcher, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 22nd October, 1884; together with Appendix, and a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee. Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Cameron then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday, 7th November.
Question put and passed.
3. **PAPERS**:—
Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Twenty-eighth Annual Report from the Registrar General on Vital Statistics.
(2.) Report respecting Byron Bay.
(3.) Regulations under the Fisheries Act, 1881, and the Oyster Fisheries Act, 1884.
(4.) Report by the Commissioner for Railways for the year 1883 on the Railways and Tramways of New South Wales.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Trickett laid upon the Table,—Notifications of Lands resumed for Public School Purposes at Dunkeld and Pyangle.
Ordered to be printed.
4. **McILVEEN AND CLIFTS CONDITIONAL PURCHASES**:—Mr. Gill, as Chairman, brought up a Progress Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this subject was referred on 18th December, 1883.
Ordered to be printed.
5. **COLIN MACDONALD**:—Dr. Ross presented a Petition from Colin Macdonald, of Breeza, in reference to a forfeited Conditional Purchase on Bukkulla Run; and praying the House to inquire into the case.
Petition received.
6. **THE CASE OF F. W. MEADER (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. Abigail moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all letters, minutes, depositions, reports, or other papers referring to the case of the late Postman Meader, who has been dismissed the Service because the Postmaster General states he has no confidence in him.
Question put and passed.
7. **RAILWAY FROM TENTERFIELD TO THE QUEENSLAND BORDER**:—Mr. Dibbs moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House approves of the Plan, Section, and Book of Reference of the proposed Railway from Tenterfield to the Queensland Border, laid before the House on the 28th of October, in accordance with the 9th section of the Government Railways Act 22 Victoria No. 19.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
8. **CIVIL SERVICE BILL (No. 2)**:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act for the Regulation of the Civil Service for providing Superannuation and Retiring Allowances to the Members thereof and for other purposes*,"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 29th October, 1884.

JOHN HAY,
President.

CIVIL SERVICE BILL (No. 2).

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 29th October, 1884.

ADOLPHUS P. CLAPIN,
Clerk Assistant.

For the Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 2, clause 2, line 4. *After "thereto" insert "the Teachers of the Sydney Grammar School"*
Page 2, clause 2, line 25. *After "Assembly" insert "and such other officer as the Governor on the
" recommendation of the Civil Service Board shall rank or class as a Head of Department"*
Page 3. *Before clause 4 insert sub-heading "INCREASES."*
Page 6, clause 22, line 17. *Omit "shall have passed such examination with the highest number of
" marks" insert "upon the whole is considered the most eligible"*
Page 6, clause 24, lines 24 and 25. *Omit "the senior University examination or"*
Page 6, clause 24, lines 25 and 26. *Omit "equivalent thereto and attained the prescribed
" efficiency" insert "prescribed by the Board and suited to the Department in which he
" desires to be employed"*
Page 6, clause 25, line 27. *Add "s" to Head"*
Page 6, clause 25, line 27. *Omit "each"*
Page 6, clause 25, line 27. *Add "s" to "Department" and insert thereafter "as aforesaid in
" respect of officers employed under their immediate directions and the Heads of Depart-
" ments being divisions of Public Departments"*
Page 6, clause 25, line 28. *Omit "his Department" insert "their Departments"*
Page 6, clause 27, line 47. *Omit "s" from "officers"*
Page 7, clause 30, line 21. *Omit "the next" insert "a"*
Page 8, clause 34, line 8. *After "case" insert "after due inquiry "*

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- Page 8, clause 39, line 42. *Omit "two" insert "three"*
 Page 9, clause 43, line 26. *After "sixty" insert "five"*
 Page 9, clause 43, line 26. *Omit "active" insert "the"*
 Page 9, clause 44, line 35. *Omit "active" insert "the"*
 Page 9, clause 44, line 35. *After "sixty" insert "five"*
 Page 10, clause 49. *Omit clause 49.*
 Page 10, clause 50, line 36. *Omit "If" insert "In the case of"*
 Page 10, clause 50, lines 36 and 37. *Omit "who shall have served for a less period than fifteen years" insert "not entitled to a superannuation allowance"*
 Page 10, clause 50, line 39. *Omit "and"*
 Page 10, clause 50, line 39. *Omit "be" insert "being"*
 Page 10, clause 52, line 56. *After "grant" insert "out of the Superannuation Account"*
 Page 11, clause 55. *At commencement of clause insert "On the thirtieth day of June and thirty-first day of December in each year"*
 Page 11, clause 55, line 26. *Before "four" insert "the rate of"*
 Page 11, clause 55, line 26. *After "annum" insert "such interest shall be added to the principal amount on these dates respectively"*
 Page 11, clause 55, line 36. *Omit "it shall appear that"*
 Page 11, clause 55, line 38. *Omit "be deemed" insert "shall appear"*
 Page 12, clause 58, line 20. *Before "employment" insert "permanent"*
 Page 12, clause 63, line 51. *After "proceedings" insert "and of the nature and extent of the duties performed in each department of the Public Service by the persons employed therein and shall state whether in the opinion of the Board more persons (and if so how many more) are employed in any Department than the exigencies of the Service reasonably require"*

Examined,—

ARCHD. H. JACOB,

Deputy Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be forthwith taken into consideration.

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Council's amendments.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to some, disagreed to others, and amended one of the Council's amendments.

On motion of Mr. Dibbs, the report was adopted.

Ordered, that the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having had under consideration the Legislative Council's Message, dated the 29th instant, requesting its concurrence in certain amendments made by the Council in the Civil Service Bill (No. 2),—

Agrees to the amendment in clause 2, line 4.

Agrees to the amendment in clause 2, line 25, which inserts after Assembly "and such other officer as the Governor on the recommendation of the Civil Service Board shall rank or class as a Head of Department,"—but proposes to amend it by omitting the words "Civil Service Board" and inserting in place thereof the word "Minister."

Agrees to the insertion of sub-heading "Increases" before clause 4.

Disagrees to the amendment in clause 22, line 16, which after "who" omits the remainder of the clause and inserts "upon the whole is considered the most eligible,"—because it is desirable to accept as the best test of ability the position obtained in the prescribed examination by maximum of marks.

Agrees to the amendments from clause 24, line 24, to clause 39, line 42.

Disagrees to the amendments in clause 43, line 26, and clause 44, line 35, which insert after "sixty" the word "five,"—because the retirement is not compulsory, and no man in the full possession of his faculties would retire at the age of sixty on half-pay when by continuing work he would receive full pay; and because the greater number of those who enter the Service would do so at an average age of twenty, and therefore at the age of sixty-five would have served the Colony for forty-five years; and as the duties devolving on some of the Civil Servants are of a particularly trying nature, they should have the option after a service of forty years of retiring at the age of sixty.

Agrees to all the remaining amendments; but as to the amendments in clauses 52, and 55 line 26, the Assembly agrees to the same as being explanatory and ameliorative, but desires that its agreement to these amendments may not be drawn into a precedent so as to warrant any supposition that the Assembly has waived any of its undoubted rights and privileges.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 29th October, 1884.

9. PURCHASE OF RAILWAY ROLLING STOCK:—Mr. Sydney Smith, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this subject was referred on 12th August, 1884; together with Appendix.
 Mr. Smith then moved, That the document be printed.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed.
10. PAPER:—Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table,—Minute of the Honorable F. A. Wright, Secretary for Public Works, a Member of the Committee appointed to inquire into the Purchase of Railway Rolling Stock,—and moved, That the document be printed.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed.

11. APPROPRIATION BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to appropriate and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales certain Sums to make good the Supplies granted for the Service of the year 1884 and for the year 1883 and previous years,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 29th October, 1884.*

JOHN HAY,
President.

12. INTERCOLONIAL CONVENTION:—The Order of the Day in reference to this subject having been read,—Mr. Dibbs moved, That the Order of the Day be postponed until to-morrow.

Question put and passed.

13. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Dibbs (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That this House at its rising this day do adjourn to half-past One o'clock p.m. To-morrow.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned at ten minutes after Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow at *half-past One* o'clock p.m.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 179.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 30 OCTOBER, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Supply of Timber for Railway Purposes:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for *Mr. A. G. Taylor*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What was the premium, on schedule prices, paid to Hudson Brothers for the supply of timber to the Commissioner for Railways for the years 1879 to 1883, both inclusive?
- (2.) What was the total amount paid each year?
- (3.) What is the premium paid to the present contractor?
- (4.) Were tenders called for in the usual way by advertisement in the public prints for the supply of hardwood and softwood for 1885?
- (5.) Is it a fact that it was advertised for as small stores?
- (6.) How many tenders were received, and from whom, for the supply of 1885?
- (7.) Have any tenders been accepted; and if so, whose?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

- (1.) 1879, 14 per cent.; 1880, 12 per cent.; 1881, 20 per cent.; 1882, 30 per cent.; 1883, 30 per cent.
- (2.) 1879, £15,832 15s. 10d.; 1880, £24,759 10s. 10d.; 1881, £34,630 9s. 7d.; 1882, £39,079 13s. 11d.; 1883, £30,984 16s. 11d.
- (3.) Softwoods, 2 per cent.; hardwoods, 7½ per cent.
- (4.) Yes.
- (5.) Yes, in accordance with the usual practice.
- (6.) Two; Hudson Brothers, and Cowan & Langley.
- (7.) Yes; Hudson Brothers.

- (2.) Mining for Silver at Emmaville:—*Sir Henry Parkes* asked the Secretary for Mines,—If he has instructed the Mining Warden at Emmaville regarding the decision he has come to with reference to the granting of Leases of land through which the silver lode runs, and which decision was forwarded to the Chairman of a Public Meeting held at Emmaville in a letter dated 8th October, 1884?

Mr. Abbott answered,—The Warden of the district, which includes Emmaville, has been informed of the decision in question. It is thought the letter to the Chairman of the Public Meeting alluded to did not convey the decision as clearly as it might have done. The decision has reference only to permits to mine on Reserves, and has nothing whatever to do with Leases.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return to an Order made on 2nd October, 1884,—“*W. Price's Application for a Mineral Conditional Purchase.*”
- (2.) Return to an Order made on 2nd October, 1884,—“*Conditional Purchases at Tamworth.*”
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Despatch respecting an Agreement between the Governments of Great Britain and Egypt, securing most-favoured-nation treatment to the Commerce and Navigation of both Countries.
- (2.) Despatch respecting Treaty of Commerce and Navigation between Great Britain and Italy.
Ordered to be printed.

3. PRECEDENCE OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS ON FRIDAY (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Dibbs* moved, pursuant to Notice, That Government Business take precedence of General Business to-morrow.
Question put and passed.

4. PUBLIC SCHOOL AT ROUND SWAMP (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Abigail moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all letters, minutes, depositions, reports, or other documents relating to the complaints made by the parents of the children attending the Public School at Round Swamp, charging the Teacher with certain irregularities towards the scholars.
Question put and passed.
5. THE CASE OF WILLIAM LLOYD SMALL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Abigail moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers, minutes, reports, or other documents relating to the case of Mr. William Lloyd Small, arrested at Balranald upon the certificate of one medical man for being insane, and who afterwards died through alleged improper treatment in the Hay Hospital.
Question put and passed.
6. RAILWAY FROM CULCAIRN TO GERMANTON (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Lyne moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all plans, surveys, and other documents in connection with a Trial Survey of Railway from Culcairn to Germanton.
Question put and passed.
7. LANDS RESUMED OR PURCHASED BY THE GOVERNMENT (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Brunker moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return giving the names and amounts demanded by claimants for lands resumed or purchased by the Government, when taken and where situate (for other than Railway purposes), since the 6th June, 1856, with the amount of costs in cases where legal proceedings have been resorted to, and the amount of costs in cases settled by arbitration; likewise the names of the Arbitrators appointed by the Government, and the sums paid for such services.
Question put and passed.
8. LAND TAKEN FOR RAILWAY PURPOSES (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Brunker moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing the extent of land taken for Railway purposes, and on which Line, since the last Returns ordered, on the motion of Captain Onslow, R.N., M.P., and printed on 12th March, 1879; together with the names and amounts demanded by claimants, the sums paid to them, the costs in cases where legal proceedings have been resorted to, and the costs in cases settled by arbitration, the names of the Arbitrators appointed by the Commissioner for Railways, and the sums paid for such services, noting cases where any lands have been taken under the Resumption for Railway Purposes Act 37 Victoria No. 18.
Question put and passed.
9. INTERCOLONIAL CONVENTION:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Dibbs moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Resolutions adopted at the Australasian Convention held in Sydney in November and December, 1883.
Debate ensued.
Sir John Robertson moved the Previous Question.
Question proposed, That that Question be now put.
Debate continued.

Interruption.

10. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

(1.) Civil Service Bill (No. 2):—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having taken into consideration the Legislative Assembly's Message, dated 29th October, 1884, in reference to the Civil Service Bill,—does not insist upon its amendments disagreed to by the Assembly, and agrees to the Assembly's amendment upon the Council's amendment in the said Bill.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 30th October, 1884.*

JOHN HAY,
President.

(2.) Public Works Loan Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorize the raising of a Loan for the Public Service of the Colony and for other purposes*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 30th October, 1884.*

JOHN HAY,
President.

(3.) Goulburn Hospital Site Sale Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorize the Sale of the Site of the Goulburn Hospital and to provide for the expenditure of the money received therefrom in the erection of suitable Buildings for a like purpose on a new Site*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 30th October, 1884.*

JOHN HAY,
President.

(4.)

(4.) Bryen's Estate Leasing Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable Stephen Josiah Bryen or his Representatives to grant Leases for any term not exceeding fifty years from the passing of this Act of certain portions of the Real Estate devised by the Will of John Bryen formerly of Abercrombie-street in the City of Sydney and Colony of New South Wales and for other purposes in the said Act to be mentioned,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 30th October, 1884.*

JOHN HAY,
President.

11. INTERCOLONIAL CONVENTION :—The Debate on this subject,—interrupted by the proceedings recorded in entry 10,—resumed.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 31 OCTOBER, 1884, A.M.

Previous Question put, That that Question be now put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 21.

Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Humphery,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Hammond,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Machattie,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Merriman,
Mr. Purres,	Mr. See,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Coonan,
Mr. Luscombe,	Mr. W. J. Fergusson.
Mr. Olliffe,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Wilkinson,	Mr. Targett,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. Garvan.
Mr. McCulloch,	
Mr. O'Mara,	

Noes, 22.

Sir John Robertson,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Holtermann,
Mr. R. B. Smith,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Abigail,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Heydon,
Mr. Young,	Mr. A. G. Taylor,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Gibbes,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Wisdom.
Mr. Chapman,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Poole,
Mr. Dalton,	Mr. Burdekin.
Mr. McLaughlin,	

And so it passed in the negative.

12. PAPERS :—Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) By-law of the Municipal District of Leichhardt.
 - (2.) Return to an Order made on 10th October, 1884,—“Moss Vale and Bowral Railway Stations.”
 - (3.) Notification of Land resumed for Works in connection with the Water Supply for Sydney and Suburbs.
 - (4.) Return respecting Railway Cars.
- Ordered to be printed.

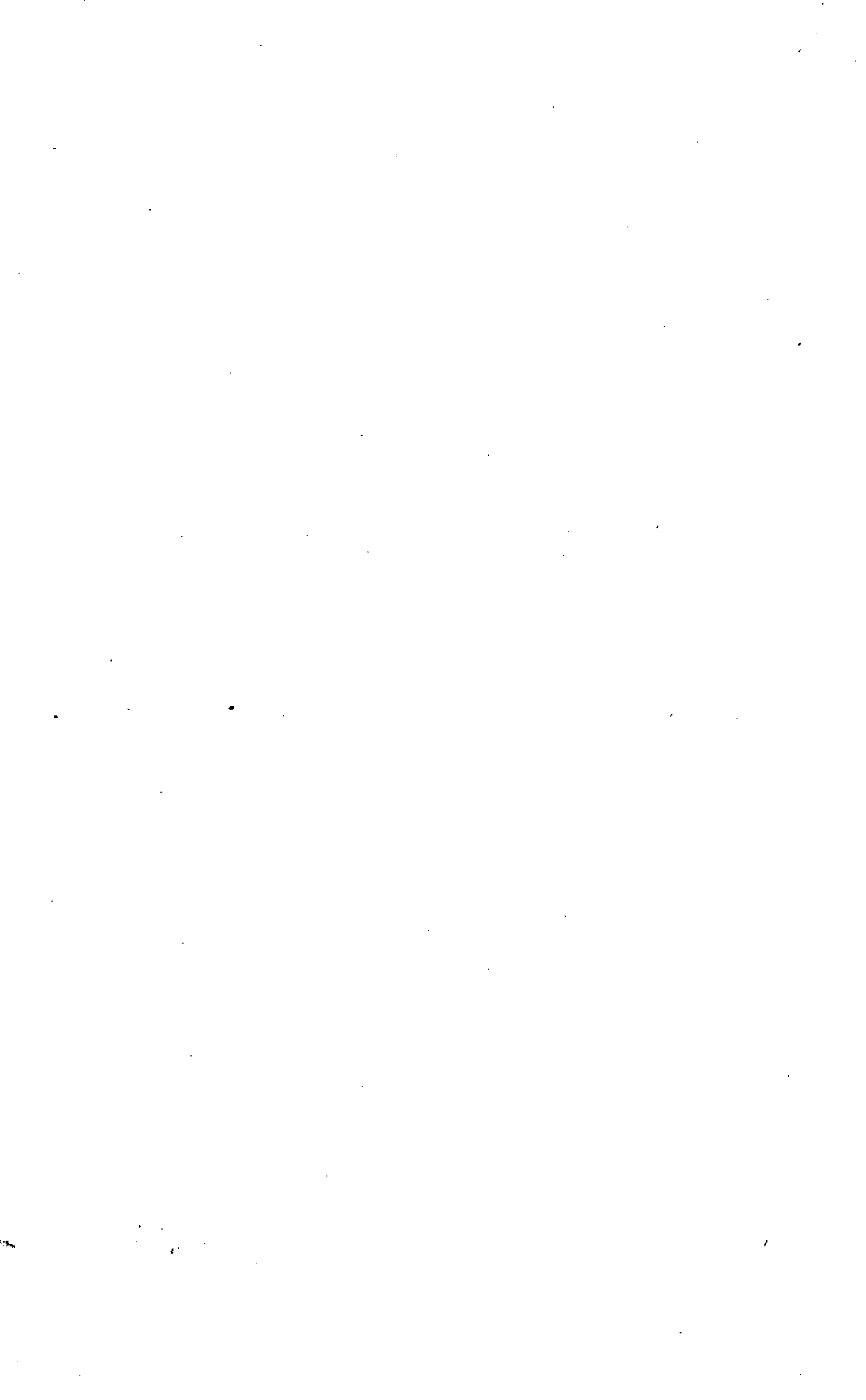
13. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT.—PROROGATION :—Mr. Dibbs informed the House that he had it in command to state that it was the intention of His Excellency the Governor to prorogue Parliament on Saturday next at noon,—

And moved (*by consent*), That this House at its rising this day do adjourn until Saturday at half-past Eleven o'clock.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned at ten minutes after Twelve o'clock a.m., until *Saturday at half-past Eleven o'clock a.m.*

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 180.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SATURDAY, 1 NOVEMBER, 1884.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

ASSENT TO BILLS:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Mr. Dibbs, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

- (1.) Municipal Gas Bill (No. 2):—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor.

Message No. 104.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Municipal Law in relation to the supply of Gas by Municipal Corporations and for other purposes in connection therewith,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 31st October, 1884.

- (2.) Public Parks Bill (No. 2):—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor.

Message No. 105.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act for the better Regulation and Protection of Public Parks or Places of Public Recreation and of Lands dedicated purchased or reserved for Public Purposes for bringing certain Lands within the operation of this Act and for other purposes,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 31st October, 1884.

- (3.) Carriages Regulation Bill:—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor.

Message No. 106.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act for better securing the Safety of Persons travelling by State Carriages,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 31st October, 1884.

(4.)

(4.) Goulburn Hospital Site Sale Bill:—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor.

Message No. 107.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorize the sale of the site of the Goulburn Hospital and to provide for the expenditure of the money received therefrom in the erection of suitable buildings for a like purpose on a new site.*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 31st October, 1884.

(5.) Bryen's Estate Leasing Bill:—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor.

Message No. 108.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable Stephen Joseph Bryen or his representatives to grant leases for any term not exceeding fifty years from the passing of this Act of certain portions of the real estate devised by the will of John Bryen formerly of Abercrombie-street in the City of Sydney and Colony of New South Wales and for other purposes in the said Act to be mentioned,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 31st October, 1884.

(6.) Civil Service Bill (No. 2):—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor.

Message No. 109.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act for the regulation of the Civil Service for providing Superannuation and Retiring Allowances to the members thereof and for other purposes,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 31st October, 1884.

(7.) Saint John's Church (Mudgee) Leasing Bill:—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor.

Message No. 110.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Trustees of a certain parcel of land situate in Market Church and Short Streets in the Town of Mudgee granted upon Trust for the erection thereon of a Church of the United Church of England and Ireland and of a Schoolhouse and Parsonage in connection therewith to lease certain portions of such land and to apply the rents and profits arising therefrom,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 31st October, 1884.

(8.) Sales of Reversions Law Amendment Bill:—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor.

Message No. 111.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Law relating to Sales of Reversions,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 31st October, 1884.

(9.) Mittagong Coal-mining Company's Railway Bill:—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor.

Message No. 112.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable a Company called the 'Mittagong Coal-mining Company (Limited)' to construct a Railway from the Mittagong Coal-mine to the Great Southern Railway,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 31st October, 1884.

(10.)

(10.) Dillon's Estate Bill:—

AUGUSTUS LOFTUS,
Governor.

Message No. 113.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorize the sale of certain land devised by Joseph Napoleon Dillon and to provide for the investment and appropriation of the proceeds,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 31st October, 1884.

2. **CONDITIONAL PURCHASE ON MILLER'S CREEK RUN**:—Mr. Levien, as Chairman, brought up a Progress Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of and Evidence taken before the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this subject was referred on the 21st May, 1884, a.m., together with Appendix.
Ordered to be printed.
3. **PAPERS**:—
Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Fifth Annual Report of the City of Sydney Improvement Board.
(2.) Return to an Order made on 7th December, 1883,—“Public Expenditure in City of Bathurst.”
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Public Purposes, in accordance with the 5th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.
(2.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from sale until surveyed, for the Preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, in accordance with the 4th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.
(3.) Abstract of Alterations in Designs of Towns and Villages, under the 22nd section of the Act 43 Victoria No. 29.
(4.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to the use of Pastoral and Agricultural Associations, in accordance with the 32nd section of the Act 39 Victoria No. 13.
(5.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 4th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.
Ordered to be printed.
4. **WHALING ROAD, NORTH SHORE**:—Mr. Holtermann, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of and Evidence taken before the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this subject was referred on 6th May, 1884; together with Appendix.
Ordered to be printed.
5. **MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR**:—The Usher of the Black Rod was admitted, and delivered the following Message:—
MR. SPEAKER,
It is the pleasure of His Excellency the Governor that this Honorable House do attend him immediately in the Legislative Council Chamber.
Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, went to the Legislative Council, where Mr. Speaker addressed His Excellency as follows:—
MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—
Her Majesty's faithful subjects in this Colony have, by their Representatives, granted to Her Majesty the Supplies required for the current year, and for the Services of previous years not hitherto provided for. They have, in like manner, voted a sum of money to be raised by loan for the purpose of effecting certain Public Works. I have now the honor to present to Your Excellency for the Royal Assent two Bills passed to embody these Supplies, and intituled respectively,—
An Act to appropriate and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales certain Sums to make good the Supplies granted for the Service of the year 1884, and for the year 1883 and previous years,—and
An Act to authorize the raising of a Loan for the Public Service of the Colony and for other purposes.
6. **ASSENT TO BILLS**:—His Excellency was then pleased to subscribe, and declare his Assent, in the name and on the behalf of Her Majesty, to the Bills presented by Mr. Speaker, viz.:—
(1.) “*An Act to appropriate and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales certain Sums to make good the Supplies granted for the Service of the Year 1884 and for the Year 1883 and previous years.*”
(2.) “*An Act to authorize the raising of a Loan for the Public Service of the Colony and for other purposes.*”

7. PROROGATION:—His Excellency then delivered to both Houses of Parliament the following Speech:—

HONORABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,
AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,—

1. It affords me much gratification to be able to relieve you from labours of the gravest character, which have been performed during a Session of unprecedented duration, extending from the 9th of October of last year. The Colony will not fail to appreciate the exertions and sacrifices which have made this Session of Parliament a memorable one in our history.

2. The great measure of Land Reform, which has almost continuously during this protracted period engaged your attention, is one which had been long and anxiously looked for by the Country. Much care had been taken in the preparation of the materials by means of which you were enabled to mould it into the form which it now assumes; and the labour bestowed upon maturing and perfecting its provisions is the best guarantee that it will conduce to the rapidly increased productive occupation of the Colony, and to the general prosperity. The necessary arrangements for bringing the Act into operation are now being made.

3. The Act for regulating the Civil Service of the Country and providing for the superannuation of and retiring allowances to its members is one the main object of which is to improve the character of the Service, to render it more attractive to men of capacity, and more valuable to the Country. It is to be hoped that, by the careful provision which has been made in regulating the advancement of officers according to seniority and merit, and in providing for the support of aged and incapacitated servants, the objects sought to be attained by it will be accomplished.

4. The Act providing against injuries from fire is one which was urgently needed for the protection of life and property. The experience already obtained during its operation has fully justified the passing of the measure.

5. Various other Acts, including The Customs Duties, The Public Watering-places, The Fisheries Act Amendment, The Mining Act Amendment, The Imported Stock Amendment, The Mining Lease Validating, and the Criminal Law Amendment Acts, have also occupied your attention and have passed into law, to the great advantage of the public.

6. The Public Watering Places Act, which comes into force on the 1st of January next besides making ample provision for the notification of Reserves and their protection, and for the construction and management of Public Watering Places, will enable most important work to be prosecuted with still greater vigour and efficiency. The effect will be not only to accommodate the travelling public and facilitate the general and stock traffic, but will materially assist in opening up and settling the interior of the Colony.

7. The mining prospects of the Country are on the whole most satisfactory, notwithstanding the recent decrease in the yield of gold. The development of the Silver-mines in the Western and Northern Districts, and the important discovery of numerous rich silver lodes in the north-west and other parts of the Colony, justify the belief that silver-mining is destined to become a very important branch of mining industry in the Colony. It is gratifying also to know that diamond-mining is likely to become an extremely valuable industry. The output of Coal is rapidly increasing, and the opening up of new seams establishes the incalculable extent of our coal deposits. Fresh discoveries of Tin and Copper indicate our riches in these minerals, the development of which is retarded solely by the low price of those metals.

8. The Royal Commission appointed to report upon the Conservation of Water has been and is still busily engaged in collecting information from all available sources bearing upon this vitally important subject, which must ultimately be of great value in dealing with the question of Water Supply in the interior.

9. The necessary measures to be taken for the establishment of a Reformatory for Boys have long engaged the attention of various Governments. Steps are now being taken to effect this desirable object, and within a reasonable time it may be hoped that an Institution will be established which, while it will meet all immediate necessities, will form a model on which establishments of a like character may be founded in the centres of the principal portions of the interior.

10. It gives me much pleasure to inform you that the public Revenue continues in a flourishing condition, and that there is at the present time a well-founded expectation that the Treasurer's original estimate for this year will be largely exceeded. The fact that almost every source of the public Income exhibits an increase is satisfactory evidence that the Colony, notwithstanding recent unpropitious seasons, continues prosperous and progressive. The Loan of £5,500,000, negotiated in London during the past month, at a rate of interest one-half per cent. below that which has ever been paid by this Colony, realized £93 13s. 6d. per cent., a price equivalent to £103 16s. for a 4 per cent. security, which is considerably higher than any price hitherto obtained. The financial advantages acquired by the terms of the Loan consists not only in the excellent price which the Loan has realized, but also in the prospective value which the Public Securities of this Colony will command in the money market of the world.

GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,—

11. I thank you for the Supplies granted so liberally for carrying on the Public Service, and for the large Loans which you have, after mature deliberation, authorized for Public Works, for the extension of existing lines of Railway, and for the construction of new lines in various parts of the Colony. The sums voted for the ordinary expenditure of the Country will be disbursed in strict accordance with your views, and with every desire to meet the growing requirements of the community at large.

HONORABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,
AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,—

12. The numerous Public Works authorized will be proceeded with with the least possible delay, and every exertion will be made to have the requisite surveys completed and the plans prepared for the various Railway lines the construction of which has been sanctioned.

13. The subject of increased Railway communication has occupied your anxious consideration. At the commencement of the present Session 1,320 miles of Railway were in operation, and since that time an additional 301 miles of line have been opened, giving the advantages of Railway communication to such important centres of population as Glen Innes, Mudgee, and Jerilderie, while the great central town of Bourke has been brought within 50 miles of the present Western terminus. There are at the present time 1,621 miles of Railway open for traffic, and 378 in course of construction, including amongst others, extensions to Bourke, Young, Kiama, Molong, and the line connecting the Southern and Western systems with the Northern. The liberal provision recently made by Parliament for the extension of the Railways will embrace country now unprovided with easy means of transit, and tend in a large degree to the development of important districts, the progress of which has been retarded hitherto owing to the want of economical and speedy means of communication with the main trading centres. These proposals include the extension of the Railway from Redfern to the City, the construction of a line from Forbes to Wilcannia, and the extension of our Northern Railway to meet the Queensland Railway on the Border. There are several important subsidiary lines which will act as feeders to the main Railways, and tend to swell the stream of traffic, and enhance the beneficial results already obtained. A change has been proposed in Railway enterprise, in the adoption of lines terminating at seaports other than Sydney or Newcastle. In the North the rapidly improving port of Grafton is to be connected by Railway with the table-land of New England, and by a coast line with the Tweed, and in the South the rich Bega district will be connected with the port of Eden.

14. The important works for the supply of Sydney with Water are rapidly drawing to completion, while those in connection with Water Supplies for several of our large Country Towns are also making satisfactory progress.

15. The works for the improvement of the entrance to the Clarence River are in active operation, and evidences are already apparent that they will be successful. Other important works in connection with Harbours and Rivers are also being carried out, notably the construction of a first class dock at Biloea, suitable for the reception of ships-of-war of the largest class.

16. The Estimates for Roads and Bridges having been voted by Parliament in April last, a very large portion of the works on Roads has been completed, and the remainder is being vigorously prosecuted.

17. The works for inland Water Supply have been energetically proceeded with. Reservoirs for 250,000,000 gallons of water have been prepared, and an approximate quantity of 80 million gallons has already been stored for next season.

18. The great danger to the public health, as well as the inconvenience and expense which have from time to time arisen throughout the whole group of Australasian Colonies, in consequence of the absence of concerted action in matters of Quarantine, induced the Government to convene a meeting of representatives from the neighbouring Colonies technically acquainted with the subject, with a view to discuss the whole question. The result of the deliberations of this important Conference is embodied in a series of recommendations for the amendment of the law; in order to give effect to which a comprehensive measure, having for its object the conservation of the public health, will be brought before the Parliament for its early consideration.

19. In the Department of Public Instruction the demands for the extension of the advantages of our system of education have been fully met. During the six months of the present year ending on the 30th June last, 127 new schools were brought into operation in various parts of the Colony, making the total number now in existence under the supervision of this Department 1,930. The necessary expenditure for the maintenance of these establishments forms a heavy charge upon the public; but it is hoped that the advantages that will flow from the spread of a sound system of public instruction will fully justify the wisdom and liberality of Parliament.

20. In consequence of the failure of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company to obtain from the American Government the stipulated contribution towards the subsidy agreed to be paid by this Colony and New Zealand for the San Francisco Mail Service, it has been thought necessary to give notice to terminate the existing Contract at the end of November; but no inconvenience will thereby result to correspondents with Europe, as the arrangements entered into with the Orient Company for a fortnightly Service *via* Suez have resulted in an appreciable shortening of the course of post, and have justified the adoption of the new principle of payment by weight of mails carried. It is, moreover, probable that a Service between Sydney and San Francisco will be still continued, under somewhat altered conditions.

21. I regret that but a brief interval will take place between the close of this and the commencement of next Session, as it will be necessary, in order to make financial provision for the coming year, that a short Session of Parliament shall be held exclusively for this purpose.

22. In relieving you from the public labours which have been imposed on you during the past twelve months, I humbly ask that the blessing of Almighty God may attend your private occupations.

23. I now declare this Parliament prorogued until Tuesday, the 18th of November instant.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

1883-4.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,
NEW SOUTH WALES.

BUSINESS UNDISPOSED OF AT THE CLOSE OF THE SESSION

(PROROGUED, SATURDAY, 1 NOVEMBER, 1884.)

QUESTIONS:—

MR. HAMMOND *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—

- (1.) To what extent has the area of the Canal for Sydney Water Supply from the Nepean River been increased since February, 1881, when the then Minister for Works ordered the Prospect Scheme to be continued?
- (2.) To what extent has the storage capacity of the Prospect Reservoir and the height of its dam been increased since the above date?
- (3.) What proportion of the interest on the Loan necessary for the completion of the Prospect Works, and also of the annual charges for repairs, etc., will be debited to the Municipalities of Sydney and Suburbs?
- (4.) Who is responsible for the enlargement of the original design and the increased cost thereof?
- (5.) How many million gallons will actually be delivered into Sydney as at present estimated for?

MR. MELVILLE *to ask* THE MINISTER FOR PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,—

- (1.) Is he aware that the Municipal Council have refused to take over the streets on the Blackfriars Estate on account of those streets not being of the width required by the Sydney Corporation Act of 1879, and that the Estate is in a state dangerous to health owing to the absence of proper facilities for drainage?
- (2.) Will he postpone the opening of the School until steps have been taken to do away with all nuisances or danger to health occasioned by such absence of drainage?

MR. ABIGAIL *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—

- (1.) Is it true, as stated in a telegram from Hay, and published in the *Sydney Morning Herald*, that Mr. Pearce, Police Magistrate at Hay, has reported that Dr. Casey states that the removal of William Lloyd Small from Balranald accelerated his death?
- (2.) Does the law allow of the committal of any person as insane upon the certificate of one medical man?

MR. WILLIAM CLARKE *to ask* SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—When will the next Survey Cadet Examination be held?

MR. HUGH TAYLOR *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Has any application been made, by petition or otherwise, to the Government to construct a Branch Line of Railway from the Main Western Line, near Granville, to the New Race Course, on the Elizabeth Farm Estate, near Parramatta; if so, is it the intention of the Government to carry out the same?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

MR. FARNELL *to move*, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to authorize the Reclamation and Improvement of Land in and near Neutral Harbour and Careening Cove, North Shore, and to provide Ways of approach thereto.

Contingent Notice of Motion, on the Question "That the General Post Office (Approaches Improvement) Bill (No. 2) be now read a second time":—

MR. BURNS *to move*, That William Owen, Esquire, Queen's Counsel learned in the law, be now heard at the Bar of this House in support of the Petition presented on the 27th August in reference to the General Post Office (Approaches Improvement) Bill.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

Supply ; resumption of the Committee.
 Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee.
 Commonage Bill ; second reading.
 Deceased Persons Estates Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
 General Post Office (Approaches Improvement) Bill (No. 2) ; second reading.
 Mineral Conditional Purchases Abolition Bill ; second reading.
 Prickly-pear Destruction Bill (No. 2) ; second reading.
 Land Boilers Inspection Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

- MR. COMBES to move, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the desirability of rescinding Standing Order No. 1.
- MR. VAUGHN to move, That this House will, on Thursday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the following Resolutions:—
- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the importance of the district surrounding Grenfell, and having regard to its agricultural, pastoral, and mineral wealth and population, demands the construction of a Railway from Young to Forbes *via* Grenfell.
 - (2.) That, as the line has been surveyed and staked out and the lands for 1 mile on each side of such line reserved for Railway purposes, it is desirable that the construction of the work should be commenced at the earliest period possible.
 - (3.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
- MR. SUTHERLAND to move, That the Report from the Select Committee on "Oddfellow's Hall, Elizabeth-street," brought up on the 9th October, be now adopted.
- MR. DAY to move, That the Report of the Select Committee on "Petition of Captain Armstrong," brought up on the 24th July, be now adopted.
- MR. WATSON to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence, minutes, or documents (including confidential correspondence not of a private nature) having reference to or in any way connected with the inscription of our Loans, and the negotiation of the Loans recently placed on the English Market, which may have passed between the Government and any person, including the Agent General, the Financial Agents of the Government, and the Commissioners appointed under the Inscribed Stock Act, from the 1st January, 1882, to the present date.
- MR. SUTTON to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all letters written by the Principal Short-hand Writer, in reply to statements contained in the Return relative to the earlier publication of "Hansard," ordered by the House to be printed on the 3rd July, 1884 ; and of all other letters and minutes having reference to the subject of the Return.
- SIR HENRY PARKES to move,—
- (1.) That, in view of the present state of the Mail Services connecting Australia with other parts of the world, and the improved means of steam navigation, this House is of opinion that tenders should be invited for a Service between Sydney and London or Liverpool which would secure the delivery of the Mails both ways within thirty-three days.
 - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
- MR. LYNE to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the following Resolutions:—
- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the importance of the district surrounding Germanton, having regard to its agricultural, pastoral, and mineral wealth and population, demands the construction of a Railway from Culcairn to Germanton.
 - (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
- MR. LYNE to move,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the claim of John M'Donald, for loss sustained through the voidance of his Conditional Purchase, lot G, allotment 30, county of Denison, parish of Dry Forest—640 acres.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Farnell, Mr. Gill, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Hammond, Mr. Day, Mr. Levin, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Stokes, Mr. Targett, and the Mover.
- MR. HOLTERMANN to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence, minutes, or documents, including confidential correspondence not of a private nature, with reference to the North Shore Tramway Line.
- MR. HOLTERMANN to move, That, in the opinion of this House, Shipping Notices should be posted at the following places, namely:—Haymarket, Newtown, Waverley, Balmain, Woollahra, North Shore, Manly Beach, and Forest Lodge, as they are at the General Post Office.
- MR. BUCHANAN to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers, minutes of the Executive Council, notes of the Judge, and documents connected with the liberation of the Railway Guard, after serving a few months, he having been found guilty of a criminal assault upon a young woman, a passenger in the train of which he was in charge, and sentenced to three years imprisonment.

MR. R. E. SMITH to move,—

- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, preliminary steps should be taken to celebrate the Centenary of the Colony of New South Wales by an International Exhibition of such a character that, independently of the exhibits that may be expected from other parts of the world, the progress of Australian Colonization may be illustrated by the fullest possible display of the resources of the Australasian Colonies.
- (2.) That, as the earliest publicity of a Centennial Exhibition is essential to its success, it is desirable that, with as little delay as possible, a Royal Commission should be appointed, with the necessary powers, to give full effect to the suggested undertaking.
- (3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

MR. HUTCHINSON to move,—

- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the resumption of land near Moore Park for School purposes, formerly owned by Richard Fletcher, and the compensation in respect of such resumption.
- (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Trickett, Mr. Fletcher, Mr. Withers, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. George Campbell, Mr. Moses, Mr. Sydney Smith, and the Mover.

MR. W. J. FERGUSSON to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause provision to be made for payment of Members of the Legislature by way of reimbursement for expenses of travelling and attendance at Parliament, but no payment to be made for the present Session.

MR. A. G. TAYLOR to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—

- (1.) A Return showing the classification awarded to the Students of Hurlstone College who left that Institution at the close of last session.
- (2.) Copies of the questions given at the examination upon which such classifications were awarded.
- (3.) Copies of the questions given to the Lady Students at the examination held in June, 1883, and in June, 1882.
- (4.) Copies of all correspondence relating to the award of classifications to the Students of the last session.

MR. GOULD to move, That the Report from the Select Committee on "George Dougherty's Conditional Purchase," brought up on 22nd May, 1884, be now adopted.

MR. R. B. SMITH to move, That the Order of the Day for the third reading of the Electoral Act Amendment Bill, which lapsed for want of a quorum on the 29th August, be restored to the Paper, and stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

MR. BUCHANAN to move,—

- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, and in the interests of the public health, the Government should establish at the Rookwood Cemetery the necessary apparatus or machinery for the purpose of giving practical effect to the system of cremation, so that the people may have the option of preferring this system to the practice of burial at present prevailing.
- (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

MR. PURVES to move, That the Report from the Select Committee on "Claim of Mr. Thomas Horton," brought up on 4th July, 1884, be now adopted.

MR. HOLTERMANN to move, That the Resolution agreed to by this House on 4th March, disapproving of the establishment by the Government of a Steam Ferry Service between Sydney and the North Shore, be rescinded.

MR. SPRING to move, That the Report of the Select Committee on "Patrick Hannan's Mining Claim at Temora," brought up on 2nd July, be now adopted.

MR. MELVILLE to move,—

- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the claim of Patrick Brown and Duncan McRae against the Government for loss of Leases, &c.; and that the Petition of Messrs. Brown and McRae, presented to this House on Thursday, 26th June, be referred to the Committee.
- (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Henry Clarke, Mr. Cass, Mr. Fletcher, Mr. Holtermann, Mr. Targett, Mr. Luscombe, Mr. Fremlin, Mr. Abbott, and the Mover.

MR. O'CONNOR to move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of introducing a Bill for the establishment of Work Houses in this Colony.

MR. McCULLOCH to move,—

- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, education at the Public Schools should up to the compulsory standard be free, but beyond that standard fees should be charged on a scale to some extent commensurate with the cost of the instruction provided.
- (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

MR. SLATTERY to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the following Resolutions:—

- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the Salaries of the Ministers should be immediately increased to the sum of £2,500 each per annum.
- (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

MR. CASS to move,—

- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into circumstances of the payment of certain sums of money, viz., £1,000 to one Thos. H. Rowe, for certain town land sold at Nyngan on 11th June, 1883.
- (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Farnell, Mr. Fletcher, Mr. A. G. Taylor, Mr. Day, Mr. Melville, Mr. Young, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Lyne, Mr. Russell Barton, and the Mover.

MR. A. G. TAYLOR to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to assent to the release of the prisoner Alphonse Bechet, on the ground that the evidence adduced at Bechet's trial did not justify a verdict of guilty, and also on the ground that, even if guilty, the prisoner has already served a sentence commensurate with the crime alleged against him.

MR. BUCHANAN to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on any Additional or Loan Estimates a sum not exceeding £6,000 for the purpose of purchasing a Site for the erection of a Professional Hall for the Legal Profession.

MR. TARGETT to move,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the feasibility of tunnelling Mount Clarence at a point on the Western Railway, known as Dargin's Creek, and emerging at the Bottom Points.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Combes, Mr. Melville, Mr. Heydon, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Wright, Mr. Murray, Mr. Lyne, Mr. Hammond, Mr. Copeland, and the Mover.

MR. SLATTERY to move,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, all present appointments in the Office of the Agent General for the Colony (resident in London), as well as in the Emigration Branch in London, should be made and confirmed by His Excellency the Governor with the advice of the Executive Council; and that for all future appointments the Officers should be selected from residents in the Colony, or former residents having a knowledge of the Colony.

(2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

MR. DALTON to move,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the Railway Lines of the Colony for merchandise traffic should be divided into sections, and a system of mileage rates varying with each section should be adopted, and on the Southern and South-western Lines for distances of 305 miles from Sydney.

(2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

MR. VAUGHN to move, That the Report of the Select Committee on "Claim of Charles Stevens," brought up on 29th April, be now adopted.

MR. COONAN to move, That the Report from the Select Committee on "Claim of Ann Jane Cox for loss of her Conditional Purchase," brought up on 13th July, 1880, be now adopted.

MR. BUCHANAN to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a full and complete Return of the Courts Martial held in connection with the Permanent Artillery Force, in continuation of those already moved for, brought down to the 30th June, 1884, showing the names and rank of the persons charged, the nature of the charges made, and the sentences pronounced in each case.

MR. BUCHANAN to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the following Resolutions:—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, a postal charge of one penny should be charged on every newspaper sent through the Post Office to any part of New South Wales.

(2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

MR. BUCHANAN to move,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, all Government Advertisements should be published only in the *Government Gazette*.

(2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

Pastoral Dams Bill; second reading.

Newcastle Streets Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.

Monk-Wearmouth Colliery Railway Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

Law of Seduction Amendment Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Buchanan, "That this Bill be now read a second time."

Religious Persuasions of Children attending Public Schools; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. A. G. Taylor, "That, in the opinion of this House, the pupils attending the "Public Schools of this Colony should not be required to state their religious belief, and no record "should be kept of the religious persuasions of the pupils."

Bridge, Nambuccra River; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Additional Estimates for 1884 a sum not exceeding £850 for the construction of a Bridge, Nambuccra River, South Arm, near Bowra, and which said sum of money was placed on the Estimates-in-Chief for 1884 submitted to this House on the 22nd January last as an unexpended Re-vote of 1882.

Criminal Law further Amendment Bill; adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. A. G. Taylor, "That this Bill be now read a second time."

Party Processions Act Amendment Bill; second reading.

Badham Annuity Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the payment out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of an Annuity to the Widow of the late Professor Badham.

Illegal Lotteries Bill; second reading.

Compensation to Isidore James Knight Cohn; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Additional Estimates for 1884 a sum not exceeding £1,000, towards compensating Isidore James Knight Cohn for the negligent misappropriation by the Lands Department of a similar sum of money to which he was entitled.

Supreme Court Process Facilitation Bill; second reading.

Contempts Punishment Bill; second reading.

Judgment Creditors Remedies Extension Bill; second reading.

Flogging Abolition Bill; second reading.

Wallsend and Plattsburg Gas Company's Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.

Parliamentary Prorogation Curtailment Bill; second reading.

Legislative Assembly Quorum Bill; second reading.

ATTENDANCES OF MEMBERS IN DIVISIONS AND COUNTS-OUT, DURING THE SESSION OF 1883-4.

	Divisions in the House.	Divisions in Committee.	Counts-out.	Total.
Abbott, The Hon. Joseph Palmer, Esq.	90	191	8	289
Abigail, Francis, Esq.	52	83	8	143
Badgery, Henry Septimus, Esq.	22	10	.....	32
Barbour, Robert, Esq.	79	187	6	272
Barton, The Hon. Edmund, Esq. (<i>Speaker</i>) ...	.....	.....	.....	.....
Barton, Russell, Esq.	14	87	.....	101
Brown, Herbert Harrington, Esq.	15	57	.....	72
Brunker, James Nixon, Esq.	59	186	6	251
Buchanan, David, Esq.	26	5	5	36
Burdekin, Sydney, Esq.	60	192	13	265
Burns, John Fitzgerald, Esq.	64	144	12	220
Butcher, Robert, Esq.	30	20	1	51
Cameron, Angus, Esq. (<i>Chairman of Committees</i>) ...	62	.....	11	73
Campbell, George, Esq.	40	116	1	157
Campbell, William Robert, Esq.	49	151	1	201
Cass, George Edwin, Esq.	35	85	6	126
Chapman, Michael, Esq.	88	184	3	275
Clarke, Henry, Esq.	32	76	.....	108
Clarke, William, Esq.	58	142	6	206
Cohen, The Hon. Henry Emanuel, Esq.	61	173	10	244
Combes, Edward, Esq., C.M.G.	39	24	1	64
Coonan, Walter Thomas, Esq.	33	36	2	71
Copeland, Henry, Esq.	58	110	9	177
Cransie, John, Esq.	33	135	.....	168
Dalton, Thomas, Esq.	57	106	1	164
Dangar, Thomas Gordon Gibbons, Esq.	28	32	.....	60
Day, George, Esq.	72	168	7	247
De Salis, George Fane, Esq.	46	104	1	151
Dibbs, The Hon. George Richard, Esq.	88	214	18	320
Ellis, James Coles, Esq.	15	63	1	79
Farnell, The Hon. James Squire, Esq.	93	228	11	332
Ferguson, David Alexander, Esq.	30	72	.....	102
Fergusson, William John, Esq.	60	109	4	173
Fletcher, James, Esq.	42	98	1	141
Fremlin, Alfred Reginald, Esq.	36	78	2	116
Gannon, John Thomas, Esq. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Garrard, Jacob, Esq.	61	112	11	184
Garrett, Thomas, Esq.	41	81	.....	122
Garvan, James Patrick, Esq.	57	104	3	164
Gibbes, Frederick Jamison, Esq.	41	57	2	100
Gill, John, Esq.	46	110	2	158
Gorrick, Joseph Albert, Esq.	10	9	.....	19
Gould, Albert John, Esq.	23	82	1	106
Gray, Samuel William, Esq.	33	41	1	75
Griffiths, George Neville, Esq.	82	199	10	291
Hammond, Mark, John, Esq.	36	138	9	183
Harris, John, Esq.	49	119	1	169
Hellyer, Thomas Henry, Esq.	7	.....	.....	7
Heydon, Louis Francis, Esq.	41	44	2	87
Holborow, William Hillier, Esq.	42	112	2	156
Holtermann, Bernard Otto, Esq.	61	118	5	184
Humphery, Frederick Thomas, Esq.	64	136	4	204
Hutchinson, William Alston, Esq.	41	77	1	119
Jennings, The Hon. Sir Patrick Alfred, K.C.M.G. ...	15	67	.....	82
Jones, Auber George, Esq.	13	56	1	70
Lackey, John, Esq.	16	64	1	81
Levien, Robert Henry, Esq.	33	49	2	84
Levin, Leyscr, Esq.	39	82	1	122
Lloyd, Lewis, Esq.	25	28	3	56
Loughnan, George Cumberlege, Esq.	43	148	1	192

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Luscombe, Richard Charles, Esq.	26	73	4	103
Lynch, Andrew, Esq.	41	105	1	147
Lyne, William John, Esq.	48	122	170
Machattie, Richard Randolph, Esq.	42	124	1	167
Mackinnon, James Archibald, Esq.	29	106	.....	135
McCourt, William, Esq.	33	63	.....	96
McCulloch, Andrew Hardie, junr., Esq.	65	121	3	189
McElhone, John, Esq.	32	54	2	88
McLaughlin, John, Esq.	28	76	5	109
McQuadc, Henry Michael Hale, Esq.	18	71	.....	89
Melville, Ninian, Esq.	81	165	7	253
Merriman, George, Esq.	77	160	6	243
Mitchell, Joseph, Esq.	49	75	.....	124
Moses, Henry, Esq.	38	60	1	99
Murray, Richard Lennon, Esq.	68	170	2	240
O'Connor, Daniel, Esq.	65	85	5	155
Olliffe, Joseph Benjamin, Esq.	52	117	4	173
O'Mara, Thomas Chrysostom, Esq.	46	86	5	137
Parkes, Sir Henry, K.C.M.G.	12	29	2	43
Pigott, William Hilson, Esq.	20	3	2	25
Poole, William Thomas, Esq.	56	151	6	213
Proctor, William Consett, Esq.	46	82	2	130
Purves, John Mitchell, Esq.	38	99	.....	137
Quin, Edward, Esq.	25	99	.....	124
Reid, The Hon. George Houstoun, Esq.	7	3	1	11
Roberts, Charles James, Esq., C.M.G.	42	43	2	92
Robertson, Sir John, K.C.M.G.	62	105	4	171
Ross, Andrew, Esq., M.D.	35	63	1	104
Ryrie, Alexander, Esq.	34	38	2	74
Ryrie, David, Esq.	17	33	.....	50
See, John, Esq.	46	99	3	148
Slattery, Thomas Michael, Esq.	43	100	3	146
Smith, Bruce, Esq.	13	4	.....	17
Smith, Robert Burdett, Esq.	49	151	5	205
Smith, Sydney, Esq.	70	139	12	221
Smith, Thomas Richard, Esq.	21	18	.....	39
Spring, Gerald, Esq.	46	106	2	154
Stephen, Septimus Alfred, Esq.	43	96	3	142
Stokes, Alfred, Esq.	55	95	3	153
Stuart, The Hon. Alexander, Esq.	70	167	9	246
Sutherland, John, Esq.	54	107	4	165
Suttor, Francis Bathurst, Esq.	40	138	2	180
Targett, Walter Scott, Esq.	52	61	2	115
Tarrant, Harman John, Esq.	42	60	3	105
Taylor, Adolphus George, Esq.	63	155	5	223
Taylor, Hugh, Esq.	43	38	7	93
Teece, William, junr., Esq.	88	188	9	285
Tighe, Atkinson Alfred Patrick, Esq.	17	18	.....	35
Tooth, Robert Lucas, Esq.	9	12	1	22
Trickett, The Hon. William Joseph, Esq.	89	201	10	300
Vaughn, Robert Matteson, Esq.	41	65	.....	106
Watson, James, Esq.	1	6	.....	7
White, Robert Hoddle Driberg, Esq.	54	120	3	177
Wilkinson, Robert Bliss, Esq.	35	137	.....	172
Wilson, Alexander, Esq.	45	113	1	159
Wisdom, Robert, Esq.	41	66	3	110
Withers, George, Esq.	38	92	2	132
Wright, The Hon. Francis Augustus, Esq.	49	93	4	146
Young, James Henry, Esq.	63	144	3	210

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

BUSINESS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NEW SOUTH WALES
DURING THE SESSION OF 1883-4.

1. New Writs issued	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
2. Select Committees :—										
On Public Matters	...	...	...	...	28					
On Private Bills	...	...	...	...	32					
					—					60
3. Standing Committees...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
4. Public Bills :—										
Originated in the Assembly—										
Received the Royal Assent	...	...	...	...	39					
Assented to in Legislative Council Chamber	...	...	...	...	2					
Otherwise disposed of	...	...	...	...	51					
					—	92				
Brought from the Council—										
Received the Royal Assent	...	...	...	...	5					
Otherwise disposed of	...	...	...	...	2					
					—	7				99
5. Private Bills :—										
Originated in the Assembly—										
Received the Royal Assent	...	...	...	...	27					
Otherwise disposed of	...	...	...	...	6					
					—	33				
Brought from the Council—										
Received the Royal Assent	...	...	...	...	5					
					—	—				38
6. Petitions received :—										
Printed	...	...	...	...	424					
Not printed...	...	...	...	...	33					
					—					457
7. Divisions :—										
In the House	...	...	...	...	109					
In Committee of the Whole	...	...	...	...	241					
					—					350
8. Sittings :—										
Days of Meeting	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	180
Hours of sitting	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,324 h. 39 m.
Hours of Sitting after Midnight	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	170 h. 14 m.
Daily Average	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7 h. 21 m.
Adjourned for want of a Quorum—										
Before commencement of Business	...	...	...	...	3					
After commencement of Business	...	...	...	...	18					
					—					21
9. Votes and Proceedings	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	180
Entries in Votes and Proceedings—										
Of Business done	...	...	...	...	2,061					
Of Notices of Motion	...	...	...	...	6,523					
Of Orders of the Day	...	...	...	...	6,001					
Of Questions	...	...	...	...	4,143					
Of Contingent Notices	...	...	...	...	289					
					—					19,017
Daily Average	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	105
10. Contingent Notice Papers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	34
11. Orders for Papers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	188
12. Addresses for Papers...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29
13. Other Addresses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11
14. Papers laid upon the Table :—										
By Message...	...	...	...	...	45					
By Command	...	...	...	...	414					
By Speaker...	...	...	...	...	8					
In Return to Orders	...	...	...	...	171					
In Return to Addresses	...	...	...	...	57					
Reports from Standing and Select Committees	...	...	...	...	51					
					—					746
Ordered to be printed	...	...	...	...	718					
Not ordered to be printed	...	...	...	...	28					
					—					746

Legislative Assembly Offices,
Sydney, 1 November, 1884.

STEPHEN W. JONES,
Clerk of Legislative Assembly.

