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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 17 NOVEMBER, 1885.

1. OPENING OF PARLIAMENT:—The House met at Twelve o'clock, at noon, pursuant to a Proclamation of His Excellency the Governor, bearing date the twenty-seventh day of October, 1885, of which a copy was read by the Clerk, as follows:—

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

“ IN pursuance of the power and authority vested in me as such Governor as aforesaid, by virtue of the Act, intituled ‘An Act to confer a Constitution on New South Wales and to grant a Civil List to Her Majesty,’ as assented to by Her Majesty, under the authority of the Act of the Imperial Parliament, passed in the Session of the 18th and 19th years of the Reign of Her said Majesty, intituled ‘An Act to enable Her Majesty to assent to a Bill as amended of the Legislature of New South Wales to confer a Constitution on New South Wales and to grant a Civil List to Her Majesty,’—I do hereby proclaim that a Session of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly for the Colony of New South Wales, for the despatch of Business, shall commence and be holden on Tuesday, the seventeenth day of November next, at 12 o'clock, at noon, in the buildings known as the Legislative Council Chambers, in Macquarie-street, in the City of Sydney; and the Members of the said 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 twenty-seventh day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five, and in the forty-ninth year of Her Majesty's Reign.

“ By His Excellency's Command,

“ P. A. JENNINGS.

“ GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!”

2. WRITS OF ELECTION:—The Clerk announced that he had received, through the Office of the Colonial Secretary, a List, certified by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, of the Names of the Members returned to serve in this Parliament, together with the Writs upon which they were so returned; and an intimation that in the matter of certain informalities in the taking of the Poll for the Electoral Districts of Bourke and The Richmond, the validity of the Elections of the Members returned for those Districts had been duly declared.

The Clerk further announced that he had received, through the Office of the Colonial Secretary, two Writs issued by His Excellency the Governor for the election of two Members to serve in the Legislative Assembly for the Electoral Districts of The Hume and Burrowa, in the room of William John Lyne, Esquire, and Thomas Michael Slattery, Esquire, whose Seats had become vacant in consequence of their acceptance of the Offices of Secretary for Public Works and Minister of Justice respectively; and that such Writs had been returned within the time fixed for their return:—

Names of Members.	Electoral Districts.
Abbott, The Honorable Joseph P.	Gunnedah.
Abigail, Francis	West Sydney.
Baker, Ezekiel Alexander	Carcoar.
Barbour, Robert	The Murray.
Barton, Edmund	East Sydney.
Barton, Russell	Bourke.
Bolton, Alexander Thorley	The Murrumbidgee.

Bowman,

Names of Members.	Electoral Districts.
Bowman, Alexander	The Hawkesbury.
Brown, Herbert Harrington	Durham.
Browne, Thomas Frederick De Courcey	Mudgee.
Brunker, James Nixon	East Maitland.
Bull, George Nathaniel	Central Cumberland.
Burdekin, Sydney	East Sydney.
Burke, Michael	Tamworth.
Burns, John Fitzgerald	The Hunter.
Butcher Robert	Paddington.
Campbell, William Robert	The Gwydir.
Cass, George Edwin	The Bogan.
Chanter, John Moore	The Murray.
Clarke, Henry	Eden.
Clarke, William	Orange.
Collins, Charles	The Namoi.
Coonan, Walter Thomas	Forbes.
Copeland Henry	East Sydney.
Cramsie, John	Balranald.
Creer, Joseph	Northumberland.
Dalton, Thomas	Orange.
Davies, John	South Sydney.
Dawson, Henry	Monaro.
Day, George	Albury.
Dibbs, George Richard	The Murrumbidgee.
Ewing, Thomas Thomson	The Richmond.
Ferguson, David Alexander	Wellington.
Fergusson, William John	Glen Innes.
FitzGerald, Robert George Dundas	The Upper Hunter.
Fletcher, James	Newcastle.
Forsyth, Archibald	South Sydney.
Foster, William John	Newtown.
Garland, Charles Launcelot	Carcoar.
Garrard, Jacob	Balmain.
Garrett, Thomas	Camden.
Garvan, James Patrick	Eden.
Gibbes, Fredrick Jamieson	Newtown.
Gormly, James	The Murrumbidgee.
Gould, Albert John	Patrick's Plains.
Hammond, Mark John	Canterbury.
Hawthorne, John Stuart	Balmain.
Hayes, James	The Hume.
Henson, William	Canterbury.
Heydon, Louis Francis	Yass Plains.
Hogan, Patrick	The Richmond.
Holborrow, Colonel Hillier	Argyle.
Humphery, Frederick Thomas	Shoalhaven.
Hungerford, Thomās	The Upper Hunter.
Hyam, Solomon Herbert	Balmain.
Inglis, James	New England.
Ives, Isaac Ellis	St. Leonards.
Jennings, Sir Patrick Alfred, K.C.M.G.	The Bogan.
Jones, Travers	Tumut.
Judd, William George	Canterbury.
Kethel, Alexander	West Sydney.
Kidd, John	Camden.
Lee, Charles Alfred	Tenterfield.
Levien, Robert Henry	Tamworth.
Lloyd, George Alfred	Newcastle.
Lloyd, Lewis	West Macquarie.
Lynne, William John	The Hume.
Lysaght, Andrew	Illawarra.
Macgregor, William Peter	Wentworth.
McCulloch, Andrew Hardie	Central Cumberland.
Meeks, John	The Glebe.
Melville, Ninian	Northumberland.
Moore, Samuel Wilkinson	Inverell.
Neild, John Cash	Paddington.
O'Connor, Daniel	West Sydney.
Olliffe, Joseph Benjamin	South Sydney.
O'Sullivan, Edward William	Queanbeyan.
Parkes, Sir Henry	St. Leonards.
Parks, Varney	Central Cumberland.
Proctor, William Consett	New England.
Purves John Mitchel	The Clarence.
Quin, Edward	Wentworth.
Reid, George Houstoun	East Sydney.
Renwick, Dr. Arthur	Redfern.

Names of Members.	Electoral Districts.
Roberts, Charles James	The Hastings and Manning.
Robertson, Sir John	Mudgee.
Ross, Andrew	Molong.
Ryrie, Alexander	Braidwood.
Sawers, William Bowie Stewart Campbell	Bourke.
Scott, Lyall	Wollombi.
See, John	Grafton.
Shepherd, John	East Macquarie.
Slattery, Thomas Michael	Boorowa.
Smith, James Francis	Newtown.
Smith, Robert Burdett	The Macleay.
Smith, Sydney	East Macquarie.
Smith, Thomas Richard	The Nepean.
Spring, Gerald	Young.
Stephen, Harold Wilberforce Hindmarsh	Monaro.
Stephen, Septimus Alfred	Canterbury.
Stokes, Alfred	Forbes.
Sutherland, John	Redfern.
Suttor, Francis Bathurst	Bathurst.
Tait, Francis	Argyle.
Targett, Walter Scott	Hartley.
Tarrant, Harman John, M.D.	Kiama.
Taylor, Adolphus George	Mudgee.
Taylor Hugh	Parramatta.
Teece, William (the younger)	Goulburn.
Thompson, Richard Windeyer	West Maitland.
Toohy, James Matthew	South Sydney.
Trickett, William Joseph	Paddington.
Vaughn, Robert Mattison	Grenfell.
Want, The Honorable John Henry	Gundagai.
Watson, William John	Young.
White, Robert Hoddle Driberg	Gloucester.
Wilkinson, Robert Bliss	Balranald.
Wilkinson, William Camac	The Glebe.
Williamson, Thomas	Redfern.
Wisdom, Robert	Morpeth.
Young, James Henry	The Hastings and Manning.
Young, John Douglas	West Sydney.

3. MESSAGE FROM THE COMMISSIONERS:—The Usher of the Black Rod being admitted, delivered a Message, that “The Commissioners request the immediate attendance of this Honorable House in the Legislative Council Chamber, to hear the Commission for opening Parliament read.” The House went, and the President said:—“Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council, and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly,—His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, not thinking fit to be personally present here this day, has been pleased to cause a Commission to be issued under the Great Seal of the Colony, constituting us Commissioners to do all things necessary to be performed by the Governor, in the name or on the part of Her Majesty the Queen, or in the name or on the part of His Excellency the Governor of the Colony, in order to the opening and holding of this Parliament, as will more fully appear by the Commission itself, which must now be read.”

Whereupon the Clerk of the Parliaments read the said Commission, as follows:—

“Victoria, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen,
“Defender of the Faith, and so forth.

“To all to whom these presents shall come,

“Greeting:

“WHEREAS, by Proclamation made on the twenty-seventh day of October last, His Excellency The Right Honorable LORD AUGUSTUS WILLIAM FREDERICK SPENCER LOFTUS, Knight, Grand Cross of our Most Honorable Order of the Bath, our Governor and Commander-in-Chief of our Colony of New South Wales, did, in pursuance of the power and authority vested in him as Governor and Commander-in-Chief of our said Colony, by virtue of the Act of the late Legislature thereof, intituled ‘An Act to confer a Constitution on New South Wales and to grant a Civil List to Her Majesty,’ as assented to by us, proclaim that a Session of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly, constituted under the said Act, and composing the Parliament of our said Colony of New South Wales, should commence and be holden on Tuesday, the seventeenth day of November instant: And whereas our said Governor and Commander-in-Chief has departed from our said Colony, and whereas, for certain causes, our Lieutenant-Governor of our said Colony cannot conveniently be present in person at the opening of the said Session: Now know ye, that we, trusting in the discretion, fidelity, and care of our trusty and well-beloved the Honorable Sir John Hay, K.C.M.G., President of the said Legislative Council, the Honorable William Bede Dalley, Q.C., and the Honorable William Richman Piddington, Members of the said Legislative Council, do, with the advice of our Executive Council of our said Colony, give and grant by the tenor of these presents unto the said Sir John Hay, William Bede Dalley, and William Richman Piddington, so being such President and Members of the said Legislative Council, or any two of them, full power in our name to open and hold the said Session of the said Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly on the said seventeenth day of November, or subsequent days, on our behalf, to do all things necessary to be done in our name or in the name of our Governor of our
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“ said Colony, in and about the opening and holding of the said Parliament, and to do all such other things as may be specially necessary to enable Parliament to perform Acts which admit of no delay: Commanding also, by the tenor of these presents, all whom it concerns to meet in the said Parliament, that to the said Sir John Hay, William Bede Dalley, and William Richman Piddington, or any two of them, they diligently attend in the premises in the form aforesaid.

“ In testimony whereof we have caused these our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of our said Colony to be hereunto affixed.

“ Witness our trusty and well-beloved SIR ALFRED STEPHEN, Knight Grand Cross of our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, a Companion of our Most Honorable Order of the Bath, our Lieutenant-Governor of our Colony of New South Wales and its Dependencies, at Government House, Sydney, in New South Wales aforesaid, this twelfth day of November, in the forty-ninth year of our Reign, and in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five.

“ ALFRED STEPHEN.

“ *By His Excellency's Command,*

“ P. A. JENNINGS.”

The Members of both Houses being then seated, at the request of the President,—

The President said,—

“ Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council, and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly,— We have it in Command from the Lieutenant-Governor to let you know that after the Members of both Houses shall have been sworn, the causes of His Excellency calling this Parliament will be declared to you; and it being necessary that a Speaker of the Legislative Assembly be first chosen, it is His Excellency's pleasure that you, Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly, repair to your own Chamber, and there proceed to the election of one of your number to be your Speaker.”

And the House having returned,—

4. COMMISSION TO ADMINISTER OATH TO MEMBERS :—The Clerk informed the Assembly that he had received, through the Office of the Colonial Secretary, a Commission, under the Hand of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, and bearing the Seal of the Territory, authorizing the Honorable George Richard Dibbs, Esquire, the Honorable Sir Patrick Alfred Jennings, K.C.M.G., and the Honorable Joseph Palmer Abbott, Esquire, to administer the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance to the Queen, required by law to be taken or made and subscribed by every Member before he shall be permitted to sit or vote in the Legislative Assembly,—which Commission was read by the Clerk, as follows :—

“ *By His Excellency* SIR ALFRED STEPHEN, *Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, a Companion of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Lieutenant-Governor of the Colony of New South Wales and its Dependencies.*

“ To all to whom these presents shall come,

“ *Greeting :*

“ In pursuance of the authority in me vested in that behalf, I, SIR ALFRED STEPHEN, as Lieutenant-Governor of the Colony of New South Wales, do, with the advice of the Executive Council thereof, hereby authorize the Honorable George Richard Dibbs, Esquire, Colonial Treasurer, the Honorable Sir Patrick Alfred Jennings, K.C.M.G., Colonial Secretary, and the Honorable Joseph Palmer Abbott, Esquire, Secretary for Lands, Members of the Legislative Assembly, or any one or more of them, to administer to all or any Members or Member of the said Legislative Assembly the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance to 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 of New South Wales, at Government House, Sydney, in the Colony aforesaid, this twelfth day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five, and in the forty-ninth year of the Reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria.

“ ALFRED STEPHEN.

“ *By His Excellency's Command,*

“ P. A. JENNINGS.”

5. MEMBERS SWORN :—Mr. Dibbs took and subscribed the Oath himself, and administered the same to the two other Commissioners, the Honorable Sir Patrick Alfred Jennings, K.C.M.G., and the Honorable Joseph Palmer Abbott, and then the Commissioners respectively signed the Roll of the House, and administered the Oath to all the other Members present,—the Clerk producing the several Writs returning them, and the Members signing the Roll as they were severally called to the Table, viz. :—Francis Abigail, Esquire. Ezekiel Alexander Baker, Esquire. Robert Barbour, Esquire. Edmund Barton, Esquire. Russell Barton, Esquire. Alexander Thorley Bolton, Esquire. Alexander Bowman, Esquire. Herbert Harrington Brown, Esquire. Thomas Frederic de Courcy Browne, Esquire. Nathaniel George Bull, Esquire. Sydney Burdekin, Esquire. Michael Burke, Esquire. John Fitzgerald Burns, Esquire. Robert Butcher, Esquire. William Robert Campbell, Esquire. George Edwin Cass, Esquire. John Moore Chanter, Esquire. Henry Clarke, Esquire. William Clarke, Esquire. Charles Collins, Esquire. Walter Thomas Coonan, Esquire. Henry Copeland, Esquire. John Cramsie, Esquire. Joseph Creer, Esquire. John Davies, Esquire, C.M.G. Henry Dawson, Esquire. George Day, Esquire. Thomas Thomson Ewing, Esquire. David Alexander Ferguson, Esquire. William John Fergusson, Esquire. Robert George Dundas FitzGerald, Esquire. James Fletcher, Esquire. Archibald Forsyth, Esquire. William John Foster, Esquire. Charles Launcelot Garland, Esquire. Jacob Garrard, Esquire. Thomas Garrett, Esquire. James Patrick Garvan, Esquire. Frederick Jamison Gibbes, Esquire. James Gormly, Esquire.

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Albert John Gould, Esquire. Mark John Hammond, Esquire. John Stuart Hawthorne, Esquire. James Hayes, Esquire. William Henson, Esquire. Louis Francis Heydon, Esquire. Patrick Hogan, Esquire. William Hillier Holborow, Esquire. Frederick Thomas Humphery, Esquire. Thomas Hungerford, Esquire. Solomon Herbert Hyam, Esquire. James Inglis, Esquire. Isaac Ellis Ives, Esquire. Travers Jones, Esquire. William George Judd, Esquire. Alexander Kethel, Esquire. John Kidd, Esquire. Charles Alfred Lee, Esquire. Robert Henry Levien, Esquire. Lewis Lloyd, Esquire. The Honorable William John Lyne, Esquire. Andrew Lysaght, Esquire. Andrew Hardie McCulloch, junr., Esquire. John Meeks, Esquire. Ninian Melville, Esquire. Samuel Wilkinson Moore, Esquire. John Cash Neild, Esquire. Daniel O'Connor, Esquire. Joseph Benjamin Olliffe, Esquire. Edward William O'Sullivan, Esquire. Sir Henry Parkes, K.C.M.G. Varney Parkes, Esquire. William Conssett Proctor, Esquire. John Mitchell Purves, Esquire. Edward Quin, Esquire. George Houstoun Reid, Esquire. Arthur Renwick, Esquire, M.D. Charles James Roberts, Esquire, C.M.G. Sir John Robertson, K.C.M.G. Andrew Ross, Esquire, M.D. Alexander Ryrie, Esquire. William Bowie Stewart Campbell Sawers, Esquire. Lyall Scott, Esquire. The Honorable John See, Esquire. John Shepherd, Esquire. The Honorable Thomas Michael Slattery, Esquire. James Francis Smith, Esquire. Robert Burdett Smith, Esquire. Sydney Smith, Esquire. Gerald Spring, Esquire. Harold Wilberforce Hindmarsh, Stephen, Esquire. Septimus Alfred Stephen, Esquire. Alfred Stokes, Esquire. John Sutherland, Esquire. Francis Bathurst Suttor, Esquire. Francis Tait, Esquire. Walter Scott Targett, Esquire. Harman John Tarrant, Esquire. Hugh Taylor, Esquire. William Teece, junr., Esquire. Richard Windeyer Thompson, Esquire. James Matthew Toohey, Esquire. The Honorable William Joseph Trickett, Esquire. Robert Matteson Vaughn, Esquire. The Honorable John Henry Want, Esquire. Robert Hodde Driberg White, Esquire. Robert Bliss Wilkinson, Esquire. William Camac Wilkinson, Esquire. Robert Wisdom, Esquire. James Henry Young, Esquire. John Douglas Young, Esquire.

6. **ELECTION OF SPEAKER:**—Mr. Reid, addressing himself to the Clerk (who, standing up, pointed to him, and then sat down), proposed to the House for their Speaker, Edmund Barton, Esquire, and moved,—“That Edmund Barton, Esquire, do take the Chair of this House as Speaker,”—which motion was seconded by Mr. Garvan.

The House then calling Mr. Barton to the Chair, he stood up in his place and expressed the sense he entertained of the honor proposed to be conferred upon him, and submitted himself to the House.

The House then again unanimously calling him to the Chair, he was taken out of his place by Mr. Reid and Mr. Garvan, and conducted to the Chair, where, standing on the upper step, he returned his acknowledgments to the House for the great honor they had been pleased to confer upon him by unanimously choosing him to be again their Speaker,—

And thereupon sat down in the Chair.

Then Mr. Dibbs and Sir John Robertson respectively congratulated the Speaker.

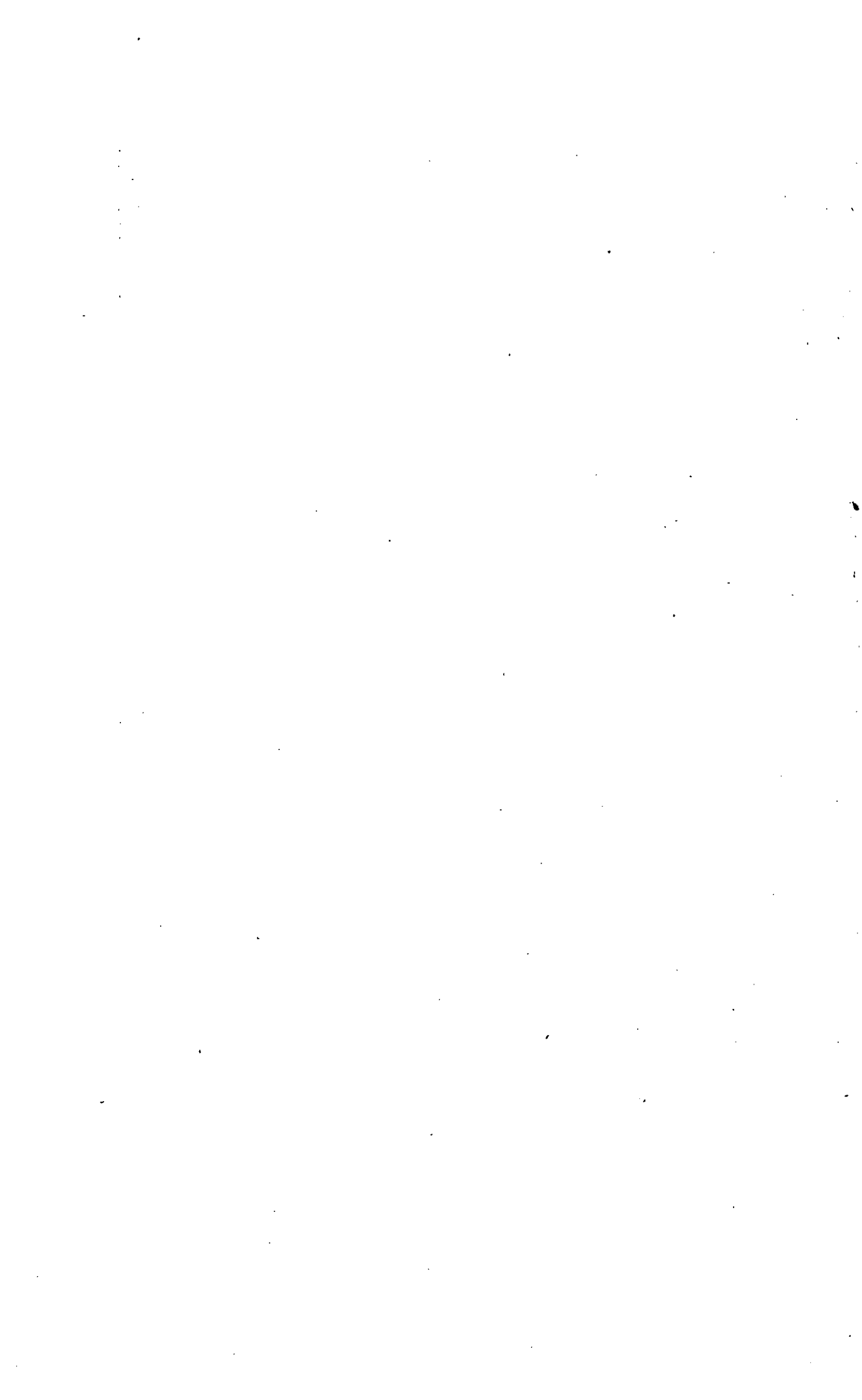
7. **ADJOURNMENT:**—Mr. Dibbs informed the House that he had ascertained from the Lieutenant-Governor that His Excellency would receive their Speaker at Government House To-morrow at half-past Eleven o'clock.

Whereupon the House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Dibbs, at eighteen minutes before Two o'clock, until To-morrow at Eleven o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

WEDNESDAY, 18 NOVEMBER, 1885.

MEMO.—*The House meet at Eleven o'clock a.m. This Day, to proceed to Government House, and there, at half-past Eleven o'clock, to present their Speaker to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.*



New South Wales.

No. 2.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 18 NOVEMBER, 1885.

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

PRESENTATION OF SPEAKER:—On motion of Mr. Dibbs, the House proceeded to Government House, to present their Speaker to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor,—

And the House having returned, Mr. Speaker reported that the Assembly had been to Government House, where he informed the Lieutenant-Governor that immediately after the opening of Parliament yesterday the Legislative Assembly, in the exercise of their undoubted right, had proceeded to the election of their Speaker,—that their choice had fallen upon him, and that he had now to present himself to His Excellency as their Speaker;—whereupon His Excellency was pleased to offer him his congratulations.—That he had then, on behalf of the House, laid claim to all their rights and privileges, and requested that the most favourable construction should, on all occasions, be put upon their language and proceedings; to all which His Excellency had readily assented.

Mr. Speaker then repeated his grateful thanks for the honor the House had been pleased to confer upon him.

2. SPEAKER'S COMMISSION TO ADMINISTER THE OATH:—Mr. Speaker reported that His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor had been pleased to issue a Commission, under the Seal of the Territory, empowering him to administer the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance to such Members as may hereafter present themselves to be sworn,—which Commission was read at length by the Clerk, as follows:—

“ By His Excellency SIR ALFRED STEPHEN, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, a Companion of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Lieutenant-Governor of the Colony of New South Wales and its Dependencies.

“ To all to whom these presents shall come,

“ Greeting:

“ In pursuance of the authority in me vested in that behalf, I, SIR ALFRED STEPHEN, as Lieutenant-Governor of the Colony of New South Wales, do hereby authorize the Honorable Edmund Barton, Esquire, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of the said Colony, to administer from time to time, as occasion may require, to any Member or Members of the said Assembly, 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 said Colony, at Government House, Sydney, in New South Wales aforesaid, this seventeenth day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five, and in the forty-ninth year of the Reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria.

“ ALFRED STEPHEN.

By His Excellency's Command,

“ P. A. JENNINGS.”

3. MEMBER SWORN:—Thomas Michael Williamson, 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 Redfern.
4. 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.

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

MR. SPEAKER,

“It is the pleasure of the Lieutenant-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. Dibbs, at half-past Twelve o'clock until Four o'clock This Day.

The House resumed, pursuant to adjournment.

6. DISCREPANCIES BETWEEN NAMES ENDORSED ON WRITS AND NAMES OF MEMBERS :—Mr. Speaker reported to the House,—

- (1.) That whereas the name of one of the Members returned for the Electoral District of Mudgee is endorsed on the Writ as “Thomas Frederick De Courcey Browne,” the name of the gentleman who had subscribed the Oath and the Roll as such Member is “Thomas Frederic De Courcy Browne.”
- (2.) That whereas the name of one of the Members returned for the Electoral District of Central Cumberland is endorsed on the Writ as “George Nathaniel Bull,” the name of the gentleman who had subscribed the Oath and the Roll as such Member is “Nathaniel George Bull.”
- (3.) That whereas the name of one of the Members returned for the Electoral District of Newtown is endorsed on the Writ as “Fredrick Jamieson Gibbes,” the name of the gentleman who had subscribed the Oath and the Roll as such Member is “Frederick Jamieson Gibbes.”
- (4.) That whereas the name of one of the Members returned for the Electoral District of Argyle is endorsed on the Writ as “Colonel Hillier Holborow,” the name of the gentleman who had subscribed the Oath and the Roll as such Member is “William Hillier Holborow.”
- (5.) That whereas the name of one of the Members returned for the Electoral District of The Hume is endorsed on the Writ as “William John Lynne,” the name of the gentleman who had subscribed the Oath and the Roll as such Member is “William John Lyne.”
- (6.) That whereas the name of one of the Members returned for the Electoral District of Central Cumberland is endorsed on the Writ as “Varney Parks” the name of the gentleman who had subscribed the Oath and the Roll as such Member is “Varney Parkes.”
- (7.) That whereas the name of one of the Members returned for the Electoral District of Redfern is endorsed on the Writ as “Thomas Williamson,” the name of the gentleman who had subscribed the Oath and the Roll as such Member is “Thomas Michael Williamson.”

Mr. Dibbs moved, That the Clerk of the House do amend the Returns beforementioned by substituting the name “Thomas Frederic De Courcy Browne” for that of “Thomas Frederick De Courcey Browne”; by substituting the name “Nathaniel George Bull” for that of “George Nathaniel Bull”; by substituting the name “Frederick Jamieson Gibbes” for that of “Fredrick Jamieson Gibbes”; by substituting the name “William Hillier Holborow” for that of “Colonel Hillier Holborow”; by substituting the name “William John Lyne” for that of “William John Lynne”; by substituting the name “Varney Parkes” for that of “Varney Parks”; and by substituting the name “Thomas Michael Williamson” for that of “Thomas Williamson.”

Question put and passed.

And the Clerk amended the said Returns accordingly.

7. MEMBER SWORN :—William John Watson, 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 Young.
8. PAPERS :—Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table,—
 - (1.) General Abstract of Bank Liabilities and Assets for the Quarter ended 30th September, 1885.
 - (2.) Return to an Order made on 29th September, 1885,—“Suspension of Mr. W. A. Lesley.”
 - (3.) Return to an Order made on 24th September, 1885,—“New Life Boat.”
 Ordered to be printed.
9. ORDNANCE LANDS TRANSFER BILL :—Mr. Dibbs presented a Bill, intituled “A Bill for confirming the transfer to the Secretary at 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*.
10. THE GOVERNOR'S OPENING SPEECH :—Mr. Speaker reported that the House had this day attended the Lieutenant-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,—

You have been called together as early as possible after the close of the General Election, for the purpose of making provision for the Public Services of the forthcoming year, and of undertaking the important business of legislation of various kinds, upon the discussion and settlement of which it is desirable that Parliament should enter without loss of time. It is to be regretted that you will be engaged in the performance of these duties at a season of the year when their discharge is necessarily attended with more than ordinary inconvenience to yourselves.

2. The long prevailing drought from which the country has so seriously suffered, and which in many parts still unhappily prevails, and the diminished value in European markets of our principal products, have combined to cause a falling off in the revenue which it was estimated would be received during the present year; and the unavoidable delay in bringing into earlier operation the Land Act of 1884 has necessarily postponed the receipt of revenue which it was reasonably

reasonably estimated would be derived from the public lands. Notwithstanding the expected shortcoming in the revenue from these causes it is not intended to submit any proposal for additional taxation.

3. Measures for the establishment of a system of local government throughout the country, and for dealing in the most comprehensive way with the regulation of the public health, will be at once introduced.

4. Bills will be submitted dealing with the laws relating to Patents, the Insolvency laws, and the regulation of Noxious Trades, also for the amendment of the Civil Service Act and the Real Property Act, for the regulation of Mining on Church and School Lands, for the amendment of the Licensing Law, for the consolidation and amendment of the laws relating to the Post Office and Electric Telegraph Department, and for the purpose of amending the Electoral Act in certain particulars in which its operation has been found to be defective.

GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,—

5. The Estimates of public expenditure have been framed with a due regard to the present circumstances of the country and to the requirements of the Public Service, and will be submitted to you in a few days.

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

6. It is a matter of congratulation that the Revenue, up to the present time, is largely in excess of the corresponding period of 1884.

7. During the past month a five and a half million loan in the form of inscribed stock was negotiated in London by the Bank of England, on behalf of the Colony, at a price which favourably compares with any recent loans of other British dependencies.

8. A measure based upon the recommendations of the first Report of the Commissioners for the Conservation of Water will be submitted to Parliament at an early date. The information collected by the Commission has been of the most valuable character, and its work is sufficiently advanced to enable the Government to determine the lines on which legislation may be framed upon a subject of the highest importance to the country, and the settlement of which admits of no delay.

9. The temporary works undertaken by the late Government for a supplementary water supply to Sydney from the Cataract and the Nepean have been completed, and the water is now flowing towards the reservoirs at Botany, and all apprehensions as to a deficient water supply to the metropolis have been thereby allayed.

10. The preceding Administration having entered into a provisional contract, jointly with New Zealand of the one part, and the Union Steamship Company of New Zealand (with whom are associated the Oceanic Company) of the other part, for the continuance for a period of three years of a four-weekly Mail Service between Sydney and San Francisco, *via* Auckland and Honolulu, such contract will, in accordance with its provisions, be submitted for your consideration.

11. The provisions of the Public Instruction Act will continue to be carried out with the object of diffusing its benefits as widely as possible. The proposed expenditure for 1886 will duly recognise the claims of higher and of technical education, and in connection with the latter it is contemplated to establish a practical School of Agriculture.

12. The "Crown Lands Act of 1884," upon the consideration of which so much care and attention were bestowed last year, is being rapidly brought into operation. Any alterations or amendments shown during its administration to be required to carry out more efficiently the principles of the measure, the Government will recognise without delay.

13. The prosperity which has hitherto attended the administration of the Railways—impaired in some degree of late by disastrous droughts—bids fair with the return of good seasons to continue. Already indication is given that by the extension of the Western Line to the river Darling at Bourke, much of the trade of that important district which, up to this time, has to a large extent been enjoyed by the neighbouring Colonies of Victoria and South Australia, will be diverted to the metropolis of the parent Colony.

14. The construction of the additional lines of Railways, amounting to 1,750 miles, for which provision has been so liberally made, is being prosecuted with vigour; the plans of several of the extensions authorized, including those for the line from Redfern into the City, will be at once submitted for the approval of Parliament, with the view of the necessary works being immediately undertaken.

15. While so much remains to be done for the completion of Railways already authorized, it is deemed desirable to submit only such extensions as will give increased effect to the scheme of Railway enterprise already sanctioned. Lines to connect Walgett with Narrabri and Dubbo with Coonamble will be included in the proposals to be presented for your consideration.

16. In submitting to your earnest care and consideration these important matters of legislation, it is a source of gratification that, notwithstanding the unfavourable seasons, which have been almost unprecedented in our history, the substantial advancement of the Colony is clearly indicated; and I humbly trust that the blessing of Almighty God may attend you in the arduous labours upon which you are about to enter, and make them beneficial to the people of this Country.

Mr. Ewing then moved, and Mr. Bolton seconded the Motion,—

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

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Copeland, Mr. Collins, Mr. Day, Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Hungerford, Mr. Sawers, Mr. Hayes, Mr. Bolton, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

And the Committee retired to prepare the Address.

And

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

To His Excellency SIR ALFRED STEPHEN, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, a Companion of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Lieutenant-Governor 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 Bills for the establishment of a system of Local Government throughout the country, and for the regulation of the public health, to be laid before us, will receive the most careful consideration at our hands.

3. The various other important measures to which your Excellency has referred will also receive our anxious attention when they are laid before us.

4. We join your Excellency's prayer that, under Divine guidance, the labours upon which we are about to enter may be beneficial to this country.

Mr. Ewing then moved, and Mr. Bolton 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.

Sir John Robertson moved, That the Address be amended by the insertion of the following words, to stand paragraph 4 :—

“ We desire also to convey to your Excellency that the present Administration does not possess the confidence of this House.”

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be inserted be there inserted.

Debate continued.

Mr. William Clarke moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Question put and passed.

Ordered that the Debate be adjourned until to-morrow, and (*with the unanimous consent of the House*) take precedence of other business.

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Dibbs, at half-past Ten 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, 19 NOVEMBER, 1885.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) North Coast Railway:—Mr. Wisdom asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Have the Trial Surveys for the North Coast Railway been completed; if so, has any route been adopted?

Mr. Lyne answered,—The present route of Trial Survey will be completed by the end of the year.

(2.) Water Supply for Cowra:—Mr. Baker asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Are any funds available for the construction of works for the supply of water to country towns; and if so, how much?

(2.) Was an officer sent to Cowra some time since to report on the practicableness, or otherwise, of an efficient water supply for that town, and is it a fact that such officer on account of a freshet in the river could not report on the matter?

(3.) Is it the intention of the Government to send an officer to report on the subject of a water supply for the town of Cowra?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) The actual balance on the last vote taken for Country Towns Water Supply is £94,725 12s. 1d. I will have a careful estimate prepared at once, showing what are the liabilities on that balance; but until the estimate is before me, I am not in a position to decide anything respecting the desirability or otherwise of undertaking other water works than those at present in hand.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) I will take this matter into consideration at an early date.

(3.) Timber Reserve near Cowra:—Mr. Baker asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Referring to the numerous communications made by Mr. Baker, one of the Members for Carcoar, respecting the desired revocation of all or part of the large timber reserve situated near Cowra,—Is the reserve alluded to situated within the resumed or the leased half of the run?

(2.) If the reserve be situated within the resumed half of the run, does the Minister intend to cause the revocation of all or part of it; and if so, when?

Mr. Abbott answered,—The reserve referred to is within the leasehold area of Cowra Run, and therefore the land would not be open to sale if revoked.

(4.) Boundaries of Runs:—Mr. Baker asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Are Surveyors employed at the present time in marking on the ground the boundaries of the various runs, so as to show which is the resumed and which the leased half of the run?

(2.) How many Surveyors are employed in marking the boundary lines?

(3.) How long will the work take of marking the boundary lines of the various runs?

Mr. Abbott answered,—

(1.) No Surveyors are employed solely in marking the boundaries of resumed or leasehold areas, but in some instances instructions have been issued for surveys deemed to be necessary.

(2.) It is not anticipated that very extensive surveys of boundaries will be required, as surveyed lines have been adopted as dividing lines to a very considerable extent.

(3.) In other cases, with but few exceptions, the descriptions have been so defined by reference to fixed points that identification is simple, moreover natural features when available have also been largely used. It is intended in the survey of lands contiguous to dividing lines to mark such portion, if not the whole of any line, that it is thought necessary to define by survey.

(5.) Railway from Tenterfield to the Queensland Border:—Mr. Lee asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will tenders be called for the construction of the remaining section of the Great Northern Railway from Tenterfield to the Queensland Border?

Mr. Lyne answered,—In a few days.

(6.)

(6.) Excavations at junction of the Northern Railway with Queensland Railway :—Mr. Lee asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Have any excavations been made, or are they in process of being made, at the point of junction of the Great Northern Railway with the Queensland Railway at the border of this Colony?
- (2.) The extent of such excavations?
- (3.) The total amount to be paid by this Colony for the same?
- (4.) Was the work in question let by tender or private contract?
- (5.) The name of the contractor?

Mr. Lyne answered,—Certain work has been done by the Queensland Railway Department under a misapprehension, but it has now been stopped, and tenders will shortly be invited for the construction of the line from Tenterfield to the Queensland Border.

(7.) Railway from South Grafton to Glen Innes :—Mr. Lee asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Has the Final Survey of the Railway Line from South Grafton to Glen Innes been completed?
- (2.) When tenders are likely to be called for the construction of that line?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) It has not yet been completed.
- (2.) The plans must be approved by Parliament before tenders can be invited.

(8.) Telegraphic Messages between New South Wales and Queensland :—Mr. Lee asked the Postmaster General,—Is it his intention to reduce the charge for the transmission of Telegraphic Messages between this Colony and that of Queensland to the same scale as that existing between this Colony and Victoria?

Mr. See answered,—The Government have not had an opportunity of considering the subject as yet; but the reduction could only be effected with the concurrence of the Queensland Government, with whom I purpose communicating.

(9.) Public School at Tenterfield :—Mr. Lee asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Has his attention been directed to the dilapidated and unhealthy state of the Public School building at Tenterfield?
- (2.) Is it his intention to provide for the erection of a building suitable for the requirements of that town?

Mr. Trickett answered,—

- (1.) The necessity for repairs was brought under my notice.
- (2.) No; reports recently obtained show that the present school buildings are capable of being placed in an efficient state of repair, and a tender for the necessary work has been accepted.

(10.) Land Revenue :—Mr. Lee asked the Colonial Treasurer,—The amount received from the sale land (from all of sources) from the 1st January to 30th October, 1885?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—£944,558 10s. 5d.?

(11.) Lithographic Printers in the Surveyor General's Department :—Mr. Davies asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Were the lithographic printers under the Surveyor General classed as staff officers previous to the passing of the Civil Service Act, 1884?
- (2.) Are they classed as officers under that Act?
- (3.) Has there been 4 per cent. deducted from their salaries since January, 1885?
- (4.) Have they received any benefits under that Act?

Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—That Civil Service Board have furnished the following reply :—

- (1.) There was no classification prior to the passing of the Civil Service Act of 1884. Previous to that the lithographic printers were regarded as persons permanently employed.
- (2.) No, they come within the operation of clause 8 of the Civil Service Act.
- (3.) Yes, the 4 per cent. has been deducted; but it is understood that the persons concerned have not acquiesced in such deduction.
- (4.) Under the 8th clause of the Act they may receive an increase of salary not exceeding £10 per annum, if ordered by the Governor and Executive Council and voted by Parliament.

(12.) Supply of Rifles to Volunteer Infantry :—Mr. Gould asked the Colonial Secretary,—When will the Fourth Regiment Volunteer Infantry, and remainder of Third Regiment, have issued to them the Martini-Henry rifle?

Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—Martini-Henry rifles cannot be issued to the Fourth Regiment nor to the remainder of the Third Regiment till a further shipment arrives from England, which will be about January next.

(13.) Site for Hospital at Molong :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is it the intention of the Government to set apart a site for an Hospital at Molong; if so, is there any cause of delay in dedicating the land, and when will it be available for the use of the public?

Mr. Abbott answered,—Yes; the plan of the survey of the land is now being dealt with. There will be no unnecessary delay in completing the dedication.

(14.) Railway Station and Goods Shed at Borenore :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is he aware that the site fixed for the Railway Station and Goods Shed at Borenore, on Molong Railway, is a most unsuitable one, and entirely opposed to the wish and convenience of the general public in that neighbourhood?
- (2.) Is it his intention to visit the locality, or to call for an impartial report upon the matter, before accepting tenders for the erection of the necessary buildings?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) The Engineer-in-Chief reports to me that the site proposed is the only practicable one.
- (2.) I will visit the locality before finally deciding.

2. PAPERS:—

Sir Patrick Jennings laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Annual Report of the Inspector of Public Charities.
- (2.) Sixth Annual Report of the City of Sydney Improvement Board.
- (3.) By-law of the Borough of Balmain.
- (4.) By-law of the Borough of Petersham.
- (5.) By-laws of the Borough of Queanbeyan.
- (6.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Dubbo.
- (7.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Leichhardt.
- (8.) Additional By-laws of the Municipal District of Yass.
- (9.) Regulations for the Government Domains, Botanic Gardens, and Garden Palace Grounds.
- (10.) Amended By-laws under the Public Vehicles Regulation Act of 1873.
- (11.) Further Return to an Address adopted on 6th July, 1877,—“Immigration,”—Ships “Aberdeen” and “Belgie.”

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Notification authorizing the Construction of Works in connection with Water Supply for the Town of Wentworth.
- (2.) Notification of Resumption of Land in connection with Water Supply for Sydney and Suburbs.
- (3.) Notification of Resumption of Land in connection with Wharf Accommodation at West Kempsey.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. See laid upon the Table,—Regulations in regard to the Pre-payment of Telegrams by Postage Stamps.

Ordered to be printed.

3. FULL LOCAL OPTION:—Mr. Henson presented a Petition from members of the New South Wales Local Option League, and others, in favour of such a measure of Local Self-government as will extend Local Option so as to enable the residents to decide whether they will have any public-houses or not; and praying the House to take the matter into favourable consideration. And the Petition having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, was received.
4. THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR'S OPENING SPEECH:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Ewing, That the following Address in reply to the Lieutenant-Governor's Opening Speech, as read by the Clerk, be now adopted by this House:—

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Upon which Sir John Robertson had moved, That the Address be amended by the insertion of the following words, to stand paragraph 4:—

“We desire also to convey to your Excellency that the present Administration does not possess the confidence of this House.”

And the Question being again proposed,—That the words proposed to be inserted be there inserted,—the House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Interruption.

5. MEMBER SWORN:—Thomas Richard Smith, Esquire, having taken and subscribed the Oath, and signed the Roll of the House, took his Seat as Member for the Electoral District of The Nepean.
6. THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR'S OPENING SPEECH:—The Debate on this subject,—interrupted by the proceedings recorded in entry 5,—resumed. Mr. Scott moved, That this Debate be now adjourned. Question put and passed. Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow, and (*with the unanimous consent of the House*) take precedence of other Business.

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Dibbs, at twenty-two minutes after Eleven 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, 20 NOVEMBER, 1885.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Appointment of Cootamundra as a Polling-place for Young:—*Mr. Davies*, for *Mr. Watson*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Was the Returning Officer for the Young Electorate consulted when appointing Cootamundra a polling-place for that Electorate?

(2.) If not consulted, on whose recommendation was Cootamundra, which is situated outside of the Young Electorate, appointed as a polling-place for that Electorate?

Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—The appointment of Cootamundra as a polling-place for the Electoral District of Young was made upon the verbal recommendation of *Messrs. M'Kinnon and Spring*, the former Members for the District, on the 7th October, who represented that it was with the concurrence of the Returning Officer for the Electorate.

- (2.) Alleged Double Voting and Personation at Cootamundra:—*Mr. Davies*, for *Mr. Watson*, asked the Attorney General,—

(1.) If he will cause an inquiry to be made into the circumstances attending the alleged double voting and personation carried on at the late election for Gundagai and Young at the Cootamundra polling-place?

(2.) In the event of such inquiry being held, and it can be proved that double voting and personation was carried on, will the Honorable the Attorney General prosecute the parties so offending?

Mr. Want answered,—

(1.) No such circumstances have been brought to my knowledge.

(2.) When they are the ordinary course will be adopted.

- (3.) Removal of Improvements from Crown Lands:—*Mr. Chanter* asked the Secretary for Lands,—Referring to clause 41, Land Act, 1884, will he say where improvements can be removed; is the conditional purchaser or homestead lessee required to pay for them if the owner does not remove them, or is he only bound to pay for those that cannot be removed?

Mr. Abbott answered,—Improvements upon land conditionally purchased may be removed by the owner if in the opinion of the Local Land Board they are capable of removal without deteriorating the value of the land, as provided by section 41. Improvements embraced in a homestead lease must be paid for at the appraised value, which will be determined by the Board. *Vide* section 82 sub-section (III.)

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Trickett laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Report on University of Sydney for 1884.

(2.) Report of the Trustees of the Australian Museum, for 1884.

(3.) Statistical Information respecting the National Art Gallery.

(4.) Notifications of Lands resumed for Public School Purposes at Avenel, Burrows Flats, Burgoon Foxground, Greenwich Park, and Nambucca Lower.

(5.) By-laws for the regulation of the Cobar Free Public Library.

(6.) By-laws for the regulation of the Cootamundra Free Public Library.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table,—Notification of Resumption of Land for Works in connection with the Hunter River District Water Supply;

Ordered to be printed.

3. **KITE'S LEASING BILL**:—Mr. Suttor presented a Petition from William Kite and Richard Young Cousins, both of Kelso, in the Colony of New South Wales, Esquires, and Elizabeth Forrest, of Burwood, in the said Colony, widow, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Trustees for the time being of the Will of the late Thomas Kite to grant building and other leases of certain lands specifically devised by the said Will for longer periods than are provided for by the said Will. And Mr. Suttor having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* and the *Daily Telegraph* newspapers, containing the Notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—Petition received.

4. **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—

“ John Fitzgerald Burns, Esquire,

“ Henry Clarke, Esquire,

“ John Mitchell Purves, Esquire,

“ George Houstoun Reid, Esquire,

“ Robert Burdett Smith, Esquire,

“ Septimus Alfred Stephen, Esquire, and

“ John Sutherland, 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 twentieth day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five.

“ EDMUND BARTON,
“ Speaker.”

5. **THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR'S OPENING SPEECH**:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Ewing, That the following Address in reply to the Lieutenant-Governor's Opening Speech, as read by the Clerk, be now adopted by this House:—

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“ 4. We join your Excellency's prayer that, under Divine guidance, the labours upon which we are about to enter may be beneficial to this country.

Upon which Sir John Robertson had moved, That the Address be amended by the insertion of the following words, to stand paragraph 4:—

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And the Question being again proposed,—That the words proposed to be inserted be there inserted,—the House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Mr. Ives moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday next, and (*with the unanimous consent of the House*) take precedence of other Business.

6. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. Dibbs moved, That this House do now adjourn until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly at twenty-five minutes after Ten 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, 24 NOVEMBER, 1885.

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

MEMBER SWORN:—William Peter MacGregor, 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 Wentworth.

2. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Collection of Electoral Rolls:—Mr. W. J. Fergusson asked the Colonial Secretary,—
 (1.) Has his attention been called to the large number of names omitted from the different Electoral Rolls throughout the Colony?
 (2.) If so, is it his intention to devise some better plan to collect the names in future?

Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—The following report has been supplied by the Inspector General of Police:—"Most of the complaints made of omissions from the Electoral Lists have, upon investigation, proved unfounded. I believe that the Lists are carefully and accurately collected by the Police; nevertheless I should be glad to see them relieved of the duty. Special attention has been called to the opportunity afforded for electors, where names have been omitted from the Lists, to have them inserted on revision. The enormous extent to which land has been subdivided and sold of late years renders it extremely difficult for the collectors to ascertain the names of the owners of allotments having a freeholder's qualification."

- (2.) Diamond Drills and Water Augers:—Mr. W. J. Fergusson asked the Secretary for Mines,—
 (1.) The amount due for use of diamond drills and water augers on 30th June last?
 (2.) The like information up to 30th September?
 (3.) The total amount spent in purchasing diamond drills up to date?
 (4.) The total amount spent in water augers up to date?
 (5.) The amount of revenue received for the use of diamond drill up to date from 1st January, 1883?

Mr. Abbott answered,—

- (1.) £6,030 3s. 1d. Of this amount £2,280 3s. 1d. was owing by other Government Departments.
 (2.) £6,015 14s. 8d. Of this amount £2,457 10s. 4d. was owing by other Government Departments.
 (3.) £15,433 19s. 1d.
 (4.) £4,436 3s. 7d.
 (5.) £14,046 13s. 8d.

- (3.) Uniforms for Railway Employés:—Mr. Olliffe asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 (1.) From what date has the present contractor had the contract for the supply of Uniforms for Guards and Porters on the Suburban, Southern, and Western Railway Lines?
 (2.) How many suits has each officer been entitled to from the present contractor up to date?
 (3.) How many suits have been ordered for each officer up to date?
 (4.) How many suits has each received during the present contract?
 (5.) How many suits have been paid for, for each officer during the present contract?
 (6.) How many suits are there in arrear for each officer up to date?
 (7.) Should all officers wear their uniforms while on duty; and do they do so?
 (8.) Is it a fact that the signalmen of the Railway Department of New South Wales do not receive any uniforms except a common cap annually; and if so, are they the only signalmen so far as is known who do not receive uniforms?
 (9.) Will signalmen be supplied with uniforms as in Victoria and elsewhere?

Mr.

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) From the year 1877.
 - (2.) Nine suits.
 - (3.) Nine.
 - (4.) 1,046 have received one suit each; fifty-seven have not received any.
 - (5.) Suits have been paid for as supplied.
 - (6.) Two suits each in arrear for fifty-seven; one suit each for 1,046.
 - (7.) Yes, I understand that they do so.
 - (8.) Yes; uniforms are not supplied to employés as an emolument, but only as a means of enabling the public to identify them; for this purpose a cap is sufficient for the signalmen, who do not (to the extent that porters and guards do) come into contact with the travelling public.
 - (9.) It is not proposed to change the present practice in this respect.
- (4.) McQuade Park, Windsor:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he cause a sum of money to be placed upon the Estimates for 1886 for the improvement of McQuade Park, Windsor?

Mr. Abbott answered,—It is proposed to place a sum of money on Estimates for 1886 for Public Parks in general; and should it be voted, any application for aid that may be made to my Honorable Colleague, the Secretary for Mines, will be duly considered.

- (5.) The Eight-hour System of Labour:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to carry out more generally the Eight-hour System among Government employés, and extend the same to attendants in Gaols and Hospitals for Insane, many of whom have to labour from twelve to fourteen hours daily without any rest, such long hours being dangerous both to attendants and the people under their charge?

Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—The subject of the Honorable Member's question will receive the attention of the Government.

- (6.) Sewerage of Parramatta:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—The Government having promised that plans should be prepared for carrying out the sewerage of the Borough of Parramatta, for the purpose of abating the abominable nuisance flowing from the Government establishments, and emptying itself at Lennox Bridge, in the centre of the town, and which is becoming dangerous to the health of the inhabitants,—Will such plans, if not completed, be prepared forthwith?

Mr. Lyne answered,—Preliminary plans have been prepared and estimate made. It would be useless preparing detailed plans until money is voted.

- (7.) Site for a Cemetery, Parramatta:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Secretary for Lands,—The Borough Council of Parramatta having passed a By-law, which was confirmed by the Government, that no interments shall be made in the Cemeteries within the Borough without the sanction of the Mayor,—Will he cause an inquiry to be made as early as possible for the necessity of resuming that portion of the old Government Domain, close to the Parramatta fresh water river, about 30 acres, and granted as a burial site for Church of England, Roman Catholic, Wesleyan, Presbyterian, Independents, and Hebrews, and also for a General Cemetery, for the purpose of disposing of the same and applying the proceeds in procuring a more suitable site for the requirements of the town and district?

Mr. Abbott answered,—This matter has been under consideration; but further inquiry will be made, and as soon as that has been done it will be attended to.

- (8.) Tramway from Railway Station, Parramatta, to Pennant Hills:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Taking into consideration the enormous amount of fruit produced in the Castle Hill, Baulkham Hills, Seven Hills, and Pennant Hills, and adjoining districts, as well as the large amount of general produce raised, and the large and increasing population of these districts,—Will he, as promised by the late Secretary for Public Works, have an inquiry made as early as possible as to the advisableness of having a single line of tram laid down from a central position in these districts to the Railway Station at Parramatta?

Mr. Lyne answered,—The inquiry promised was made, and it was found that the present and prospective amount of traffic, which the line of tramway indicated would command, would not justify the outlay required for making the line.

- (9.) Blayney-Murrumburrah Railway:—Mr. Garland asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to cause the gradients of the Blayney-Murrumburrah Railway Line to be altered, so as to admit of the construction of Railway Stations at Mandurama Township and Wood's Flat before the permanent way is laid, and which may obviate the cost of subsequent alteration?
 - (2.) Is it the intention of the Government to erect a Platform on the above line at a place known to the Department as Link's Farm, near Wood's Flat?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) Not considered necessary.
 - (2.) This question has not yet been decided.
- (10.) Carcoar Cemetery:—Mr. Garland asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government to make provision on the Estimates for an additional sum of money to fence the Carcoar Cemetery?

Mr. Lyne answered,—There is an amount for general services in connection with Cemeteries on the Estimates-in-Chief; should this be found to be exhausted, any further amount that may be required will be considered with other necessary items for the Estimates.

- (11.) Wages of Railway Employés at Redfern, Eveleigh, and Darling Harbour:—Mr. Williamson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—How many employés are engaged in the Railway yards at Redfern, Eveleigh, and Darling Harbour, receiving less than 8s. per day wages; and what is the nature of their employment?

Mr. Lyne answered,—I will lay this information, in the shape of a Return, upon the Table of the House to-morrow.

- (12.) Lighting Stations on the Illawarra Railway:—Mr. Judd asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government to have the St. Peters, Marrickville, and Tempe Railway Stations (Illawarra Line) lighted with gas instead of kerosene, as at present, the gas main being available; and if so, when?

Mr. Lyne answered,—The use of gas instead of kerosene at St. Peters Station would increase the annual outlay for lighting by the sum of £100, and alterations for fittings would cost £290. The Commissioner for Railways was unwilling to incur this extra expense, but further inquiry will be made; and also as to the extra cost of lighting with gas the Stations at Marrickville and Tempe. It is desirable to work newly opened lines with the greatest economy, even at the sacrifice of some little convenience until the prospective increase of traffic makes them more profitable.

- (13.) Cook's River.—Mr. Judd asked the Secretary for Public Works,—The Government having made surveys of Cook's River from the Dam to Bold Bank about two years ago, with a view to making the said river navigable,—Will the Minister say whether it is the intention of the Government to carry out the work in question without delay?

Mr. Lyne answered,—There is no such intention at present.

- (14.) Delivery of Letters in the Botany Districts:—Dr. Renwick asked the Postmaster General,—

(1.) Has he taken into consideration the necessity for making better arrangements for the delivery of letters in the suburbs?

(2.) Is it his intention to provide for an earlier delivery of letters in the Botany districts?

Mr. See answered,—This matter has had the repeated and earnest attention of the Department, but I regret that it is not possible to expedite the morning delivery of correspondence in the suburbs to any appreciable extent unless the mail trains can be timed to arrive much earlier than at present. Frequent application has been made to the Railway Department for an earlier arrival, but without success. I am, however, again in communication with that Department on the subject. In the meantime the case of Botany, and any other instances of apparently unreasonably late delivery which may be brought before me, will be inquired into, as others have been, and remedied as far as possible.

- (15.) Lighting Government Buildings, Windsor:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is he aware that the town of Windsor is being lit with gas from the Works near the Railway Station in that town; if so, will he give instructions that the Railway Station and other Government Buildings in that town be lit with gas in lieu of the present kerosene and candle-light?

Mr. Lyne answered,—Inquiry will be made.

- (16.) Ganger Pyeman:—Mr. Davies asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it true that a ganger named Pyeman on the Permanent Way has been disgraced; if so, has he any objection to lay the papers having reference to the case upon the Table of the House?

Mr. Lyne answered,—Yes. Ganger Pyeman was disgraced in August, 1884. The Commissioner for Railways, to whom the circumstances were reported, considered he ought to have been dismissed. There is no objection, but if the Honorable Member will call at the office he can see the papers, and will probably admit that there is no necessity for their being laid upon the Table of the House.

- (17.) Dredge for Camden Haven:—Mr. James Henry Young asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When is it anticipated that the Dredge for Camden Haven will be sent to her destination?

Mr. Lyne answered,—In about a fortnight or three weeks.

- (18.) Public Wharf, Wingham:—Mr. James Henry Young asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he say what is the cause of the delay in carrying out the promised enlargement of the Public Wharf at Wingham?

Mr. Lyne answered,—There are no funds at present available, but provision is made on the Draft Estimates for the object sought by the Honorable Member.

- (19.) Blayney-Murrumburrah Railway:—Mr. Spring asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) At what date was the first section of the Railway from Murrumburrah to Blayney taken over from the contractor?

(2.) Has the deposit money usually lodged with the Department been returned to the contractor?

(3.) Has the deposit on any section of Railway been returned to the contractor within the last six months before the final settlement of his claims?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) 26th March, 1885.

(2.) No.

(3.) Not under similar circumstances.

- (20.) Gangers on South and South-western Railways:—Mr. Bolton asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What are the duties of the gangers on the South and South-Western Railways on Sundays; and do they receive any remuneration for such duties?

(2.) Will he consider the advisableness of granting the fettlers on the South and South-western Railway Line an increase of 6d. per day in pay to make their remuneration equal to that of ordinary day labourers?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) The duties of gangers on Sundays are to walk their respective lengths to see that everything connected with the line is safe, in accordance with the rules and regulations. They are paid 9s. per day, being 1s. 6d. per day more than the other men, and this is considered sufficient for the duty performed on Sundays.

(2.) The fettlers are paid at the same rate as ordinary day labourers, viz., 7s. 6d. per day.

(21.) Water Supply at Junee Junction :—Mr. Bolton asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he take into his early consideration the best means of affording the Government employés and others at Junee Junction a sufficient supply of good water?

Mr. Lyne answered,—At the present time there are four water trains running weekly between Wagga and Junee, each train consisting of ten water trucks, and each truck holding 2,000 gallons, equal to 20,000 gallons per train; this is for Government employés only. If this is found insufficient, further arrangements will be made.

3. PAPERS :—

Sir Patrick Jennings laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 24th September, 1885,—“Electoral Rolls.”

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. See laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Correspondence respecting Mail Service between Sydney and San Francisco.

(2.) Return to an Order made on 29th September, 1885,—“Pacific Mail Service.”

(3.) Correspondence respecting Mail Communication between New South Wales and the United Kingdom *via* Suez.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return showing the amount due for Railway Carriage by Wright, Heaton, and Co.

(2.) Return to an Order made on 24th September, 1885,—“Dismissal of Engineer Hoskings.”

(3.) Return respecting Railway Station Buildings at Bathurst, Dubbo, and Orange.

(4.) Return to an Order made on 7th October, 1884,—“Government Cranes at Newcastle.”

Ordered to be printed.

4. THE CLERK SUMMONED :—Mr. Speaker informed the House that the Clerk had received a Summons to appear before the Court of Quarter Sessions at Wagga Wagga, on the 26th day of November instant, in a case of attempting to personate at an Election, to produce “the Writ issued for the election of three Members to represent the Electoral District of the Murrumbidgee in the Legislative Assembly,”—

And having reminded the House that the Clerk could not comply with such Summons without leave of the House,—

Put a Question,—That the Clerk have leave to comply with the said Summons personally, or by one of the officers of his Department, as may be most convenient to the business of this House,—which passed in the affirmative.

5. THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR'S OPENING SPEECH :—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Ewing, That the following Address in reply to the Lieutenant-Governor's Opening Speech, as read by the Clerk, be now adopted by this House :—

“To His Excellency SIR ALFRED STEPHEN, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, a Companion of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Lieutenant-Governor of the Colony of New South Wales and its Dependencies.

“MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

“1. 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 Bills for the establishment of a system of Local Government throughout the country, and for the regulation of the public health, to be laid before us, will receive the most careful consideration at our hands.

“3. The various other important measures to which your Excellency has referred will also receive our anxious attention when they are laid before us.

“4. We join your Excellency's prayer that, under Divine guidance, the labours upon which we are about to enter may be beneficial to the country,”—

Upon which Sir John Robertson had moved, That the Address be amended by the insertion of the following words, to stand paragraph 4 :—

“We desire also to convey to your Excellency that the present Administration does not possess the confidence of this House.”

And the Question being again proposed,—That the words proposed to be inserted be there inserted,—the House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Mr. Hungerford moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until to-morrow, and (*with the unanimous consent of the House*) take precedence of other Business.

6. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Dibbs moved, That this House do now adjourn until to-morrow at Four o'clock.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly at twenty-seven minutes after Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 6.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 25 NOVEMBER, 1885.

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

MEMBER SWORN:—The Honorable George Alfred Lloyd having taken and subscribed the Oath and signed the Roll of the House, took his Seat as a Member for the Electoral District of Newcastle.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Exchange and Sale of Land under Clause 75 of Crown Lands Act of 1884:—Mr. Spring asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) How many applications for the exchange of land have been made by Crown lessees under sub-clause (II) of clause 75 of the present Land Act, and the area?

(2.) Also, how many offers to sell land to the Government have been made by Crown lessees under sub-clause (III) of clause 75?

Mr. Abbott answered,—

(1.) Twelve applications, having a total area of 2,644 acres 2 roods 8 perches.

(2.) Thirty-four applications, having a total area of 13,344 acres; but none have been accepted.

(2.) Reserve for Waterloo, Alexandria, and Botany:—Dr. Renwick asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Has the Government taken any steps—and if so, what steps—to resume possession of the land belonging to the Crown, bounded by Gardiner's Road and the road leading from Botany Road to Bunnerong Road, at the "Half-way House," containing 174 acres, more or less, and situated between the said roads and the southern boundary of the Waterloo Estate?

(2.) Has not the Government taken a certain portion of this land for the erection of a Public School?

(3.) Is it the intention of the Government to dedicate this public land for the purposes of a Reserve for the inhabitants of Waterloo, Alexandria, and Botany?

Mr. Abbott answered,—

(1.) Yes. The matter is in the hands of the Crown Law-Officers.

(2.) A school has been erected upon the land.

(3.) The question as to the ultimate disposal of the land will be fully considered when the legal proceedings in connection with its recovery by the Government have been concluded.

(3.) Toll-bar at Broken Back Bridge:—Mr. Davies, for Mr. Hugh Taylor, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will the Government consider the advisableness of abolishing the Toll-bar at Broken Back Bridge on the Windsor Road, at the boundary of the Borough of Parramatta, from the 1st January next?

Mr. Lyne answered,—The site of Toll-bar was fixed, and lease is given by a regularly constituted trust, with which the Government cannot interfere. The Local Government Bill will provide for these matters.

(4.) Redfern Park:—Dr. Renwick asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is it the intention of the Government to make provision on the Estimates for improving and planting the Redfern Park?

Mr. Abbott answered,—This will be dealt with when money is voted for the purpose of improving similar Parks. A special vote cannot be asked for.

(5.) Sewerage of Redfern, Waterloo, and Alexandria:—Dr. Renwick asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has the Government called for tenders to connect the sewerage of the Boroughs of Redfern, Waterloo, and Alexandria with the Shea's Creek sewer?

(2.) Is there any cause of delay in proceeding with this matter?

Mr. Lyne answered,—The works referred to were not included in Mr. Clarke's estimate. Surveys are now in progress to ascertain cost.

- (6.) Completion of Sewerage Works:—Mr. Neild asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government to at once proceed with the completion of the sewer near the boundary of the City and the Borough of Paddington from Liverpool-street southward?

Mr. Lyne answered,—The Department has been ready to call for tenders since April. The delay is caused by the difficulty in arranging about land for street, which was wished for by both bounding Municipalities. When that is arranged, tenders can be at once called for.

- (7.) Volunteer Infantry:—Mr. Neild asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Will he say why promotions to the rank of Captain have not been made in the case of the two vacancies in the 1st Regiment Volunteer Infantry?
- (2.) The like information in regard to the two vacancies in the 2nd Regiment Volunteer Infantry?
- (3.) The names of the two senior Lieutenants in the 1st Regiment who have passed the qualifying examination for Captain, as required by the Regulations under the Volunteer Act?
- (4.) The like information respecting the two senior Lieutenants in the 2nd Regiment?
- (5.) Will he say why the vacancies in the 1st and 2nd Regiments have not been filled in the same manner as in the 4th Regiment?

Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—

(1 & 2.) The applications for these promotions were submitted by the Officer Commanding the Military Forces on the 11th and 21st of this month, and are now under the consideration of the Government.

(3.) First Lieutenant John Warner M'Cutcheon; and First Lieutenant James Cranua.

(4.) First Lieutenant Donald Fraser; and First Lieutenant Alexander Fraser.

(5.) Because the applications were not submitted by the Regimental Commanding Officers in time, nor were they received till some time after the promotions in the 4th Regiment were gazetted.

- (8.) Mr. Magnus Joseph Pyke:—Mr. Neild asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he say why Mr. Magnus Joseph Pyke, of Devonshire-place, Regent's Park, London, was appointed to be an additional Member of the Commission to act on behalf of this Colony in respect of the Colonial and Indian Exhibition to be held in London in 1886?

(2.) Is he a native of the Colony, or only a casual visitor?

(3.) What opportunities has he had of becoming acquainted with the affairs of this Colony?

(4.) What are his special qualifications as a Member of the Commission?

(5.) Upon whose recommendation and at whose instance was the appointment made?

Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—Mr. Pyke was appointed as a Member of the London Commission by the late Administration on the recommendation of the Premier and Colonial Secretary, Sir Alexander Stuart.

- (9.) Macdonaldtown Railway Station:—Mr. J. F. Smith asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government to resume land at the Macdonaldtown Station for Station purposes, as promised by Mr. Secretary Wright?

Mr. Lyne answered,—There is no record of Mr. Secretary Wright's alleged promise. The question of taking additional land is now under consideration.

- (10.) Railway to Molong:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has any date been fixed for the official opening of the Railway to Molong; if so, has he any objection to specify the date, or to state within what period the line is likely to be opened?

Mr. Lyne answered,—No date has yet been fixed for opening the Railway to Molong.

- (11.) Relief to distressed Farmers:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it the intention of the Government to take any steps by way of ameliorating the distress now existing amongst a large portion of the farming community, by way of remitting the interest or otherwise on *bona fide* selections during the present year, owing to the failure of crops arising from the present disastrous and prolonged drought?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—I am not aware of any special or general distress such as that alluded to by the Honorable Member.

- (12.) Railway Excursion Tickets:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—In the issuing of Railway Excursion Tickets, will he see that steps are taken with the view of enabling excursionists the privilege of breaking the journey, and to return at any time say within a limited period of three weeks, in accordance with the same liberal provision now made by Steam Shipping Companies?

Mr. Lyne answered,—The question will receive consideration; but the provision made by Steam Shipping Companies in this respect is more difficult of adoption on a Railway.

- (13.) Wire Fences on Main Roads:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—In the erection of wire fences on the main roads throughout the Colony, will he see that steps are taken to compel owners to erect, in all cases, a top rail for the better protection of life and property, especially travelling by night?

Mr. Abbott answered,—Whenever the Government erect fences adjacent to main roads there can be no objection to such a course, but the Government have no power to direct owners in such matters.

- (14.) Bridge over the Murray at Moama:—Mr. Chanter asked the Colonial Secretary,—Referring to the Bridge over the Murray River at Moama,—

(1.) Is the Minister aware that accidents are frequently happening consequent upon the gates regulating the traffic being placed in wrong positions?

(2.) If so, will he take steps to have these gates removed to the extreme end of the approaches on each side of the river?

(3.) The present footway being too narrow, will he consider the advisableness of having another footway placed at the outside or underneath the bridge?

(4.) Will he state why the lamps upon the said bridge have not yet been supplied with gas?

Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—

(1.) No report to this effect has been made. Accidents were attributed to the footway, but the local officer reports they did not occur from that cause.

(2.) Inquiry will be made; but it is believed that there were some objections on the part of the Customs Departments of both Colonies.

(3.) The cost of a footway outside the bridge would be £4,500. A footway could not be placed underneath the bridge, as it would be carried away in floods, and might endanger the safety of the bridge. It is not considered advisable to incur such cost or risk, particularly as the Victorian Government, which would have to pay half, have made no move in the matter.

(4.) The exorbitant demand of the Beluca-Shire Co. of £18 11s. 4d. per lamp per annum, or 17s. 6d. per 1,000 cubic feet of gas by meter, has prevented any arrangement being made as to lighting the bridge with gas.

(15.) Mr. T. A. Dibbs's Steam Yacht:—*Mr. William Clarke*, for Mr. Garrard, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it true that the Government have purchased Mr. T. A. Dibbs's steam yacht; if so, what was the price paid for the vessel?

(2.) What use does the Government intend to put the vessel to?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—In reply to the Honorable Gentleman's question, I desire to say no, and that no such purchase was ever contemplated. Probably the Honorable Gentleman has been led to ask the question from the fact that a boat having a similar name to that belonging to Mr. T. A. Dibbs was sold to the Parkes-Robertson Government four years ago.

(16.) Railway from Jerilderie to Deniliquin:—Mr. Barbour asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Have any steps been taken towards directing survey of the extension of Railway from Jerilderie to Deniliquin?

(2.) When is the survey likely to be completed?

Mr. Lyne answered,—No steps have been taken to make this survey.

(17.) Government Banking Account at Bank of England:—Mr. Burns asked the Colonial Treasurer,—The amount to the credit of the Government of New South Wales at the Bank of England at the following dates respectively:—1st June, and 15th June, 1884; 15th June, 30th June, and 30th September, 1885?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—There was no amount at the credit of the Government of New South Wales at the Bank of England on the dates specified by the Honorable Gentleman.

(18.) Railway Loop-line, St. Peters to Liverpool:—Mr. Judd asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government to include in their Railway policy the St. Peters to Liverpool Loop-line?

Mr. Lyne answered,—This question will be considered before the Railway proposals are submitted.

(19.) Water Supply for Sydney and Suburbs:—Mr. Garvan asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) When will the works in connection with the permanent water supply be so far advanced as to allow of water being delivered in Sydney?

(2.) Will he lay upon the Table of the House to-morrow copies of all correspondence, agreements, or contracts for a temporary supply of water to Sydney?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) In about eighteen months. The whole of the work is under contract.

(2.) Yes.

(20.) Temporary Water Supply Works:—Mr. James Henry Young asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he inform this House whether, in the opinion of the skilled officers of the Government, the temporary water supply works for the City of Sydney as at present carried out are likely in a short time to augment the supply at Botany, and to what extent?

Mr. Lyne answered,—Yes. The works are capable of supplying about 3,000,000 gallons per diem, but it is expected that the supply will only be augmented to the extent of about 1,000,000 gallons per diem should the present dry weather continue.

(21.) Railway Survey, Glen Innes to Inverell:—Mr. W. J. Fergusson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Have the Railway Surveys from Glen Innes to Inverell been completed; if not, will he state if there is any cause of delay, and when the plans are likely to be submitted to Parliament for approval?

Mr. Lyne answered,—The Engineer for Trial Surveys is now in the district referred to; when he returns he will be able to say when plans for this line will be ready to submit to Parliament.

3. PAPERS:—

Sir Patrick Jennings laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Amended By-laws of the Municipal District of Manly.

(2.) Twenty-ninth Annual Report from the Registrar-General on Vital Statistics.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table,—Return of Employés engaged in the Railway Yards at Redfern, Eveleigh, and Darling Harbour, receiving less than 8s. per day wages.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 24th September, 1885,—“Loan for £5,500,000.”

Ordered to be printed.

4. THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR'S OPENING SPEECH :—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Ewing, That the following Address in reply to the Lieutenant-Governor's Opening Speech, as read by the Clerk, be now adopted by this House:—

“ To His Excellency SIR ALFRED STEPHEN, *Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, a Companion of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Lieutenant-Governor of the Colony of New South Wales and its Dependencies.*

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Upon which Sir John Robertson had moved, That the Address be amended by the insertion of the following words, to stand paragraph 4 :—

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And the question being again proposed,—That the words proposed to be inserted be there inserted,—the House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Mr. Copeland moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until to-morrow, and (*with the unanimous consent of the House*) take precedence of other Business.

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Dibbs, at three minutes after Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 7.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 26 NOVEMBER, 1885.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Cook's River:—Mr. W. J. Fergusson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Has any application been made to the Government to straighten the channel of Cook's River?
- (2.) Have any surveys been made of the channel, and probable cost of making a canal?
- (3.) What area of land could be resumed by cutting a canal?
- (4.) Is it the intention to carry out the above work; and if so, when?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Yes, the probable cost is £15,000.
- (3.) No land need necessarily be resumed.
- (4.) There is no such intention at present.

- (2.) Mudbank and Cook's River Road:—Dr. Renwick asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Has there been an election of Trustees for the year 1885 for the parish road leading from Sydney to Botany, known as the Mudbank and Cook's River Road?
- (2.) By what authority are tolls collected on this road?

Mr. Abbott answered,—

- (1.) Trustees were elected in the beginning of 1885 for three years.
- (2.) By authority of Trustees under Parish Roads Act 4 Vic. No. 12.

- (3.) Glebe Island:—Mr. Davies, for Mr. Garrard, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is he aware of the intolerable nuisance emanating from the fat-house on north side of Glebe Island; if so, will he cause this nuisance to be abated?
- (2.) When will the Abattoirs be removed from Glebe Island?
- (3.) When will the dead-meat market at Darling Harbour be ready for use?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

- (1.) I am not personally aware, but will cause inquiry to be made, and endeavour to minimize any nuisance.
- (2 & 3.) The Abattoirs will be removed from Glebe Island so soon as a Bill passes this House to enable the Railway to use a portion of the public street abutting on the new market. When this is done the market will be ready for use.

- (4.) Iron Cove Bridge:—Mr. Davies, for Mr. Garrard, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is he aware of the danger to foot passengers over the Iron Cove Bridge, owing to the distance between the guard rails?
- (2.) Will he cause a report to be made as to the advisableness of erecting a footway outside the bridge?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) There is no instance of any one ever having fallen through; indeed it is impossible, as any child falling through one web of lattice would be caught by the other, and by trough.
- (2.) In connection with proposed tramway, a footway outside bridge is under consideration.

- (5.) Newtown and Cook's River Road:—Mr. Gibbes asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it his intention to make any provision for putting the Newtown and Cook's River Road in better order and repair?

Mr. Lyne answered,—The usual amount will be placed on Estimates. As the Municipalities have refused to accept it, the Department expends money to best advantage, and is not responsible if road is not in good order.

(6.)

- (6.) Macdonaldtown Railway Station:—Mr. Gibbes asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the plans of the Station proposed to be erected on the Great Southern and Western Railway Line at Macdonaldtown be complete?
Mr. Lyne answered,—Within a month from this date.
- (7.) Suburban Letter Delivery:—Mr. Gibbes asked the Postmaster General,—Is it his intention to make provision for an earlier morning delivery of letters in the suburbs of Sydney?
Mr. See answered,—I answered at some length, on the 24th instant, a similar question to this, which was put by the Honorable Member for Redfern (Dr. Renwick), and beg to refer the Honorable Member for Newtown to that reply.
- (8.) Claim of Messrs. Begg and Miller:—Mr. Henry Clarke asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) What is the intention of the Government with regard to Messrs. Begg and Miller's claim, the Trustees of the late John E. Begg, for property resumed for sewerage works?
(2.) Has any report as to the resumption and damage sustained been made by Mr. Cardew since the 6th March, 1884?
(3.) Has the Minister instructed any one to assess the damage done to Messrs. Begg and Miller by such resumption?
Mr. Lyne answered,—
(1.) No land has been permanently resumed. Compensation for damage to land resumed for temporary purposes cannot be assessed until work is completed.
(2.) Yes.
(3.) No; as stated, it cannot be assessed until completion of work.
- (9.) Temporary Water Supply:—Mr. Abigail asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) Have any payments been made by the Government to the contractors for the temporary water supply works; if so, how much?
(2.) What is the estimate of cost for the whole of these works?
(3.) What are the Government arrangements as to paying, in the event of the works proving wholly or in part a failure?
(4.) Have any reports been made on the works by Government officers?
Mr. Lyne answered,—
(1.) Yes; £45,000.
(2.) £73,000.
(3.) Contractors are bound under heavy penalties to make them a success, which is simply a question of money. I shall presently lay upon the Table a copy of the contract, which will answer this question fully.
(4.) Yes, and copies of their reports I shall also lay upon the Table presently.
- (10.) Land Boards:—Mr. W. J. Fergusson asked the Secretary for Lands,—
(1.) Is there any objection to the different Land Boards meeting every Monday to deal with applications for conditional purchases and conditional leases?
(2.) Is it compulsory for the Chairman to be present at each Board Meeting?
Mr. Abbott answered,—
(1.) It is undesirable that any day should be permanently fixed for the sitting of the Land Courts. Every effort will, however, be made to conduct all business with despatch.
(2.) The Chairman should always preside, unless his absence is consequent upon illness or other unavoidable cause.
- (11.) Mineral Conditional Purchases on Gold Fields:—Mr. W. J. Fergusson asked the Secretary for Lands,—If it is the intention of the present Government to bring in a Bill to validate mineral conditional purchases made on gold fields, as promised by the last Government; and if so, when?
Mr. Abbott answered,—Yes.
- (12.) Land Office at Glen Innes:—Mr. Davies, for Mr. Proctor, asked the Secretary for Lands,—When will the Return in reference to Land Office at Glen Innes ordered during last Session be laid upon the Table?
Mr. Abbott answered,—There will be no objection to lay this Return upon the Table, and I will do so at an early date.
- (13.) Steel Rails:—Mr. Barbour, for Mr. Lewis Lloyd, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) Have any of the tenders called for last Session for the supply of 150,000 tons of steel rails to be manufactured in the Colony been sent in?
(2.) If none have been sent in, is it the intention of the Government to call for fresh tenders; and if so, when?
Mr. Lyne answered,—
(1.) No tenders were received.
(2.) Every publicity was given in all parts of the manufacturing world to the desire of the Government to obtain a tender for the manufacture in the Colony of steel rails, and many inquiries were made by capitalists and manufacturers as to the resources of the Colony in regard both to material and wages for the manufacture of rails which would fairly compete for quality and price with imported rails. The absence of any response to our invitation must be accepted as indicating that, for the present at all events, steel rails cannot profitably be made in this Colony. Should the price of imported rails materially increase, a further effort will be made to obtain a tender for their manufacture in the Colony.
- (14.) Local Option Vote:—Mr. Foster asked the Minister of Justice,—
(1.) Has his attention been drawn to the necessity of taking the Local Option Vote in Sydney in Wards where there may be no contest?
(2.) Will he take steps to inform the proper authorities that the Local Option Vote must by law be so taken?

Mr.

Mr. Slattery answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) I shall have the attention of the Right Worshipful the Mayor of Sydney called at once to the matter.

(15.) Mining Bill:—Mr. Moore asked the Secretary for Mines,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce a new Mining Bill, or to amend the existing Act during the present Session?

Mr. Abbott answered,—While it is thought the introduction of a new Mining Bill would be preferable to further amending the existing Act, it is doubtful whether the business of the present Session will admit of the introduction and consideration of so important a measure.

(16.) Tramway Season Tickets:—Mr. Davies, for Mr. Hawthorne, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it his intention to introduce Season or Workmen's Tickets on our Government Tramways?

Mr. Lyne answered,—The question seems to have been thoroughly considered by my predecessors, with the result that it was deemed inexpedient to introduce the system of Season Tickets on the Tramway. I will give the question my personal consideration on an early day.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Abbott laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Annual Report on the Forest Branch, Department of Mines.

(2.) Regulations under the Rabbit Nuisance Act of 1883.

(3.) Regulation under Imported Stock Act of 1871, and Imported Stock Act Amendment Act of 1884.

(4.) Regulation under Diseases in Sheep Act of 1866, and the Diseases in Sheep Acts Amendment Acts of 1878 and 1882.

(5.) Regulations under Pastures and Stock Protection Act of 1880, and the Pastures and Stock Protection Act Amendment Act of 1881.

(6.) Fifth Annual Report of the Department of Lands, being for the year 1884.

(7.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Public Purposes, in accordance with the 104th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

(8.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from sale until surveyed for the Preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, in accordance with the 101st, 103rd, 109th, and 112th sections of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

(9.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 101st section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

(10.) Abstract of Alterations in Designs of Towns and Villages, under the 22nd section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 29.

(11.) Abstract of Alterations of Designs, &c., of Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the 107th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

(12.) Gazette Notices setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the dedication of the following lands, in accordance with the provisions of the 105th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18:—

(a.) Proposed resumption of part of the Permanent Common at Tumut for Road Purposes.

(b.) Proposed resumption of Site for Mechanics Institute at Bourke.

(c.) Proposed resumption of Presbyterian Burial Ground at Seaham.

(d.) Proposed resumption of the Permanent and Temporary Commons at Musclebrook.

(e.) Proposed resumption of part of the Candelo Recreation Reserve, and dedicated as a Site for a Court-house.

(f.) Proposed resumption of Cemetery at Jugiong.

(g.) Proposed exchange of Town Hall and Telegraph Office Sites at Goulburn.

(h.) Proposed resumption of Cemetery at Marulan, and appropriation for Police Purposes.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table,—Papers in connection with the Temporary Water Supply for Sydney.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Trickett laid upon the Table,—Annual Report on the Nautical School-ship "Vernon."

Ordered to be printed.

3. THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR'S OPENING SPEECH:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Ewing, That the following Address in reply to the Lieutenant-Governor's Opening Speech, as read by the Clerk, be now adopted by this House:—

"To His Excellency SIR ALFRED STEPHEN, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, a Companion of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Lieutenant-Governor of the Colony of New South Wales and its Dependencies.

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

"1. 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 Bills for the establishment of a system of Local Government throughout the country, and for the regulation of the public health, to be laid before us, will receive the most careful consideration at our hands.

"3. The various other important measures to which your Excellency has referred will also receive our anxious attention when they are laid before us.

"4. We join your Excellency's prayer that, under Divine guidance, the labours upon which we are about to enter may be beneficial to the country."

Upon

Upon which Sir John Robertson had moved, That the Address be amended by the insertion of the following words, to stand paragraph 4:—

“ We desire also to convey to your Excellency that the present Administration does not “ possess the confidence of this House.”

And the Question being again proposed,—That the words proposed to be inserted be there inserted,—the House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Mr. Garland moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until to-morrow, and (*with the unanimous consent of the House*) take precedence of other Business.

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Dibbs, at fifteen minutes after Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 8.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 27 NOVEMBER, 1885.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Influx of Criminals into New South Wales:—Dr. Renwick asked the Colonial Secretary,—Does the Government propose to take any steps in regard to legislation for the prevention of the influx of Criminals into this Colony?

Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—This matter will be considered by the Government at the earliest opportunity.

- (2.) Botany and Waterloo Tramway:—Mr. Williamson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it intended to extend the first section on the Botany and Waterloo Tram-line from Cleveland-street to the intersection of Rodfern and Botany Streets, Rodfern; and if so, when?

Mr. Lyne answered,—There has been no proposition made that this should be done, consequently the question has not been considered.

- (3.) Black Wattle Swamp:—Dr. Wilkinson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has any report been received with respect to the reclamation of ground as far as low-water level at Black Wattle Swamp?

Mr. Lyne answered,—In company with one of the Honorable Members for the Glebe, Mr. Meeks, I visited the locality referred to, and was impressed with the necessity of some action being taken. I am making further inquiries, and when the whole case is before me, I will come to a decision thereon.

- (4.) Steel Tires and Axles:—Mr. Abigail asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has a five-years contract lately been entered into by the Government with Vickers & Co., of Sheffield, for the supply of steel tires and axles?

(2.) Did another firm tender to supply the same kind of articles, to be subject to the same tests, at from £5 to £6 per ton less than Vickers and Co.'s price?

(3.) Did the Agent General report on this matter; if so, what was he instructed to do?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Not at such a difference of price as that quoted. The difference was 25s. a ton for tires and £3 a ton for axles. The axles and tires of the firm in question had, however, been previously tested by the Consulting Engineer in England, and reported to be not up to standard. The failure of an axle or of a tire might result in injury or loss of life to the travelling public and the destruction of thousands of pounds worth of property, and the question of quality must be one of the first considerations in regard to material upon which the safe running of the vehicles is dependent.

(3.) No special report was made by the Agent General in regard to the contract entered into with the Messrs. Vickers, but he forwarded the Consulting Engineer's report upon the tests made, which concludes thus:—"I am of opinion, therefore, that the high reputation enjoyed by Messrs. Vickers tires and axles is well justified by the results of my tests, and I am not able to submit the names of any other firms which can be relied upon to supply steel to stand the same test."

- (5.) Closed Roads:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Do the Government propose to deal with the question of closed roads during the present Session of Parliament?

(2.) If not, will the Minister send an officer to the Queanbeyan District for the purpose of inquiring into and reporting upon the disputes prevailing there between squatters and selectors in reference to certain public roads said to be closed?

Mr. Abbott answered,—A Bill is ready dealing with the whole question of roads.

(6.)

- (6.) The Barque "Alice Mary":—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) What steps, if any, were taken by the Government to punish the Captain of the barque "Alice Mary" for illegally altering the Plimsoll mark on that vessel in the harbour of Newcastle last year?
 - (2.) Does the Government intend to compensate the two men who were illegally imprisoned for seven days each for refusing to proceed to sea in the "Alice Mary" after her Plimsoll mark had been raised?
- Mr. Dibbs answered,—
- (1.) I am informed by the Marine Board that the Plimsoll mark of the barque "Alice Mary" was not illegally altered; the centre disk was not removed, the lines were brought more amidships.
 - (2.) No.
- (7.) Sunday Delivery of Letters:—Mr. W. J. Fergusson asked the Postmaster General,—Has he taken into consideration the desirableness of a Sunday morning delivery of letters from the General Post Office; if so, when will he give this privilege to the public?
- Mr. See answered,—I have not yet fully considered this question; but am not impressed with the desirableness of introducing a Sunday delivery of letters at the General Post Office, as to do this would deprive a large number of officials of their day of rest.
- (8.) Royal Commission on Railway Bridges:—Mr. Abigail asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Have the Government decided what action will be taken on the Report of the Royal Commission appointed to inquire into the stability of the bridges on the existing lines of Railways?
 - (2.) What was the total cost to the country of the above Commission?
 - (3.) If they have not yet decided upon what action is to be taken, can he state when the question will be dealt with?
- Mr. Lyne answered,—
- (1.) I have not since the report was received had an opportunity of considering the question, as the Commission have not yet supplied the evidence and diagrams upon which their report is said to be based.
 - (2.) The cost incurred by the Commission has been to date £4,754.
 - (3.) The question will be dealt with when the full information on the subject is before the Government.
- (9.) Court of Petty Sessions for Eastern Suburbs:—Mr. Neild asked the Minister of Justice,—Do the Government propose to take immediate steps for the establishment of a Court of Petty Sessions in the Eastern Suburbs?
- Mr. Slattery answered,—A site for a Court-house at Point Piper Road for the Eastern Suburbs was purchased some months since, on the recommendation of Messrs. Trickett and Butcher, the Members for Paddington. The land has recently been surveyed, and the Colonial Architect instructed to prepare the plans of the proposed building.
- (10.) Mr. Magnus Joseph Pyke:—Mr. Neild asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he reply to the first four questions put to him on the 25th instant respecting the appointment of Mr. Magnus Joseph Pyke as an additional Commissioner for the Colonial and Indian Exhibition, viz. :—
- (1.) Why was Mr. Pyke appointed?
 - (2.) Is he a native of this Colony, or only a casual visitor?
 - (3.) What opportunities has he had of becoming acquainted with the affairs of the Colony?
 - (4.) What are his special qualifications as a member of the Commission?
- Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—The question asked by the Honorable Gentleman on the 25th instant has already been answered to the extent of the information at my disposal. I may repeat that Mr. Pyke has been appointed as a member of the Commission in London, not as a Member of the Commission in Sydney.
- (11.) Training Ship "Vernon":—Mr. Davics asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—
- (1.) How many boys are there upon the Training Ship "Vernon"?
 - (2.) How many of such boys are of the age of fourteen years and upwards?
 - (3.) What has been the aggregate cost to the country of the boys of the age referred to during their stay on the "Vernon"?
 - (4.) In the event of any applications being received for such boys, is there any objection to their being apprenticed?
 - (5.) What is the number of officers, attendants, and teachers employed on the ship?
 - (6.) The aggregate amount of salaries paid annually to them, exclusive of board or lodging, or both?
 - (7.) The average cost per head of all boys on the ship for the years 1880 to 1885 inclusive?
- Mr. Trickett answered,—I will lay the information upon the Table in the shape of a Return on Tuesday.
- (12.) Inverell Public School:—Mr. Moore asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—
- (1.) Have any steps been taken, in view of the over-crowded state of the Inverell Public School, to provide temporary increased accommodation pending erection of the new school buildings?
 - (2.) Is it intended to appoint an Attendance Officer for the Inverell District; if so, when will such appointment be made?
- Mr. Trickett answered,—
- (1.) Yes, a tender was accepted on the 16th instant for the erection of a building for the use of the infants.
 - (2.) The appointment has been made.
- (13.) Lighting Lamps on Murray Bridge at Moama:—Mr. Barbour, for Mr. Chanter, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Will he state the present cost per annum of lighting each lamp upon the Murray Bridge at Moama?
 - (2.) Does that cost include the salaries of the lamp-cleaners?
 - (3.) Will he favour the proposal to have the lamps supplied with gas in lieu of kerosene if the Echuca Gas Company reduce their proposed charges?
- Sir

Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—

(1 and 2.) The details are paid by the Victorian Government. The price arranged for was £140 cost, and £30 per annum to each Colony for twenty lamps.

(3.) If the Echuca Gas Company submit a more moderate proposal, it will be submitted to the Government of Victoria, which must be consulted before any action is taken by this Colony.

2. RAILWAY TO BURROWA:—Mr. Heydon presented a Petition from Residents of Yass, Tangmangaroo, &c., praying that the construction of the proposed line of Railway from Galong to Burrowa may not be proceeded with before a Trial Survey from Bowning to Burrowa *via* Tangmangaroo has been made.

Petition received.

3. PAPERS:—

Mr. Trickett laid upon the Table,—Regulations under the Public Instruction Act of 1880.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table,—Further Paper respecting the Temporary Water Supply for Sydney.

Ordered to be printed.

4. 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 Friday, 20th November, 1885, 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:—John Fitzgerald Burns, Esquire, Henry Clarke, Esquire, John Mitchell Purves, Esquire, Robert Burdett Smith, Esquire, and John Sutherland, Esquire, came to the Table and were sworn by the Clerk as Members of the Committee.

5. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Ives moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Dibbs, at twenty minutes after Six o'clock, until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 9.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 1 DECEMBER, 1885.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Extension of Penny Postage System:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Postmaster General,—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?

Mr. See answered,—Yes, this matter will be considered at an early date.

- (2.) 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?

Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—The regulation of the salaries in the Civil Service and the power to increase them is fully defined by the Civil Service Act and the regulation prepared thereunder.

- (3.) The Eight-hour System of Labour:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will the Government consider the advisableness of inserting a clause in all contracts made by the Government for the construction of Railways and all other Public Works, that the work shall be carried out under the Eight-hour System, and also that all workmen engaged in connection with them shall be paid their wages weekly?

Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—A resolution to this effect was proposed to the House on 9th February, 1881, and negatived on a division—ayes, 19; noes, 51. It is submitted that Parliament having so decided the question, any action for its revival should be sought for by resolution of the House.

- (4.) The Parramatta River:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—The Government, through Mr. Wright, the late Secretary for Public Works, promised that it was the intention of the Government to cause a survey to be made, and reported upon the filling up of the Parramatta River from Ermington to the Queen's Wharf at Parramatta, thereby preventing traffic on the River,—Will the Minister say whether this has been done; and if not, is it the intention of the Government to do so, and carry out the work in question according to such report without delay?

Mr. Lyne answered,—It has not yet been done owing to press of more urgent work, but the matter shall not be overlooked.

- (5.) Overhead Bridge at Parramatta Railway Station:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is he aware that the Over-head Bridge at Parramatta Railway Station is both unsightly and very dangerous, so much so that it cannot be used by aged and infirm Railway travellers, who are compelled to travel either to Harris Park Platform or Granville to take train for their destination, and that such bridge is a source of great discomfort and dangerous to life and limb to all who use it in wet weather; if so, will he cause an immediate inquiry to be made, with a view of giving greater facilities to the travelling public, and give instructions for the making of a Subway at the Station, which could be done at a small cost?

Mr. Lyne answered,—I will have an inquiry made as suggested.

- (6.) Court-house at Campbelltown:—Mr. Garrett asked the Minister of Justice,—When is it intended to call for tenders for the erection of a Court-house at Campbelltown?

Mr. Slattery answered,—I am informed that plans are in hand, but that the position of the building on the site has not been finally determined upon. Tenders, however, will be invited with the least practicable delay when this question has been settled.

(7.)

- (7.) Elizabeth-street, Waterloo:—Mr. Williamson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is he aware of the dangerous condition of that part of Elizabeth-street extending from Bourke-street to Buckland-street, Waterloo; if so, will he without delay cause a sum of money to be placed to the credit of the Municipal Council of Waterloo for the purpose of repairing the said street?

Mr. Lyne answered,—It is reported that the Council have allowed the street, which was ballasted and metalled, to get into bad order. A sum of £50 will put it in a fair state of repair, and this amount will be given to the Council if they will take over the street. It will of course require a larger amount to re-metal, which is not now required.

- (8.) Alexandria-Macdonaldtown Park:—Mr. Williamson asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he vest that portion of the Alexandria-Macdonaldtown Park situate in the Borough of Alexandria in the Council of that Municipality?

Mr. Abbott answered,—The whole of the Park having been dedicated in terms of the Public Parks Act of 1884, and vested in Trustees, the portion of such Park which lies within the Borough of Alexandria cannot be withdrawn from the control of such Trustees and vested in others; but certain gentlemen representing the interests of Alexandria have been added to the Trustees.

- (9.) Special Train from Albury:—Mr. William Clarke asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 (1.) Was an application made for a special train for the 9th November by the Independent Order of Rechabites at Albury?
 (2.) Was an application made on behalf of the Catholic School of Albury for a special train for the 9th November?
 (3.) What was the date of the respective applications?
 (4.) Were both applications granted; if not, which application was refused?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) 4th September and 9th October.

(4.) Special trains are granted by the Traffic Manager on application, as provided for on the rate sheet, which states that special trains will not be granted on public holidays. When the application from the Independent Order of Rechabites was received the special was refused by the Traffic Manager, on the ground that the 9th November was a public holiday. Subsequently the application on behalf of the Catholic School was received, and the Officer who was acting in the absence of the Traffic Manager, forgetting that the 9th November was a public holiday, granted the train. The Traffic Manager writes as follows:—"I need hardly say that I much regret that such a thing should have happened, and that care will be taken that it shall not happen again."

- (10.) Sydney Water Supply:—*Mr. Sydney Smith*, for Mr. T. R. Smith, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has any estimate been made of the cost of conveying a permanent supply of water from the Nepean River above Penrith to Sydney; if so, the amount?

(2.) Is it a fact that there is sufficient water in the Nepean River at Penrith to supply the city and all its suburbs for over five years without a shower of rain?

(3.) If three million gallons per day were conveyed to Sydney by the present water scheme, how long would it take without a fall of rain to exhaust the supply?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) Yes. An estimate for a pumping scheme from the Lower Nepean at Penrith was made by Mr. Clarke, to whom the matter was referred, amounting to £1,066,600, with an annual cost for working expenses of £11,500.

(2.) Supposing the rivers ceased to run, which they would probably do after a drought of five years, there would then be only the storage of the reach above Penrith to fall back upon, and estimating this at 10 miles long by 500 feet in width, and an available depth of 10 feet, there would be storage for about 140 days at a consumption of 12,000,000 gallons per day. This would represent something under a fourth of the size of Prospect Reservoir.

(3.) If the Prospect Reservoir were completed, it would hold a supply for about six and half years, at a consumption of the amount named in the question; but at a rate of consumption of 12,000,000 gallons per day, it would last about 600 days.

- (11.) Recreation Reserve for Penrith:—*Mr. Sydney Smith*, for Mr. T. R. Smith, asked the Secretary for Lands,—When will the Surveyor be sent to make a survey of the land to be resumed for recreation purposes along the banks of the Nepean River at Penrith?

Mr. Abbott answered,—The Surveyor of Public Parks will be prepared to make the survey within one month.

- (12.) Mr. F. Marsh:—Mr. Abigail asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) When was Mr. F. Marsh appointed Chairman of the Land Board at Dubbo?

(2.) The dates and amounts received by Mr. Marsh for travelling expenses as Chairman of such Board?

(3.) The amount of expenses and attendance fees received by him under the Mines and Justice Departments?

(4.) Is it true that Mr. Marsh was suspended, and afterwards reinstated; if so, will the Minister state the cause of such action?

Mr. Abbott answered,—

(1.) 1st January, 1885.

(2.) £57 for this year.

(3.) £43 15s., about which I purpose having an inquiry made.

(4.) Yes; Mr. Marsh was suspended for charging the Departments of Lands and Justice for two days travelling expenses, when the charge should have only been made against one Department. His explanation of the double charge was that it was made with no intention to defraud, and that these charges did not cover his actual expenses for travelling. This explanation was deemed to warrant his reinstatement, and he has been reinstated.

(13.)

- (13.) Camden Electoral Roll :—*Mr. Abigail*, for *Mr. Garrett*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it his intention to introduce a Bill, similar to that introduced by his predecessor in office last Parliament, to cure the defects existing in the Electoral Roll for the Electorate of Camden?
Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—This matter will receive the immediate attention of the Government.
- (14.) Bunnerong Cemetery :—*Mr. Williamson* asked the Secretary for Lands,—Has the site for a Cemetery at Bunnerong, Botany, been altered to Yarra Beach; if so, will he cause a notification of the boundaries of the same to be issued?
Mr. Abbott answered,—No; it is proposed to remove it to Bumborah Point, and steps are now being taken to that end.
- (15.) Charges against Loan Account :—*Mr. Forsyth* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 (1.) What is the amount of money due and to become due on account of Railway and other Public Works, for which tenders have been accepted, chargeable against Loan Account?
 (2.) What is the amount of money due and that will become due on account of Railway and other Public Works, for cost of materials ordered, and land purchased, and other charges against such Works, chargeable against Loan Account?
 (3.) What is the amount of money estimated to cover the cost of materials, land required, and other expenses, necessary to complete Railway and other Public Works now in progress of construction, or passed by the Assembly, chargeable against Loan Account?
Mr. Lyne answered,—The information asked for will take some time to obtain, and then many of the items can only be given approximately; but a Return will be prepared and laid upon the Table of the House as early as possible.
- (16.) The Loan Account :—*Mr. Forsyth* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What is the balance available for Railways and Public Works standing as a credit in the Loan Account when fully adjusted?
Mr. Dibbs answered,—£2,902,772 Os. 1d.
- (17.) Government Banking Account in Bank of England :—*Mr. Garvan* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House a Return showing the daily balance to the credit of this Government in the Bank of England since that Bank first received money on account of loan floated to date of last returns received from England?
Mr. Dibbs answered,—I will lay the papers upon the Table in the form of a Return this afternoon.
- (18.) Oyster Culture Leases :—*Mr. Garvan* asked the Colonial Secretary,—
 (1.) In view of the numerous complaints from applicants for oyster leases, will the Colonial Secretary cause inquiry to be made as to the working of the Act by the present Commissioners?
 (2.) Will he give instructions that applications for leases be intelligently dealt with, without further delay?
 (3.) Can he say whether the causes of complaint are owing to any fault on the part of the Officers, the Commissioners, or the Fisheries Act?
Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—The Honorable Member's questions are rather difficult to answer, as put categorically. I will, therefore, read for his information the following memorandum, which I have received from the Commissioners :—

Department of Fisheries, 1st December, 1885.

MEMORANDUM.—No formal complaints have been lodged with the Commissioners in respect to delay in the issue of oyster culture leases.

The delay which has occurred has been owing to the difficulties experienced in obtaining accurate measurements of areas applied for, the areas themselves having in many cases been so insufficiently described as to render identification exceedingly difficult. In addition, the drafting of suitable forms of leases had to receive the most patient attention from the Crown Law Officers, and, indeed, it was only at a comparatively recent date that approved draft forms were in possession of the printers. Any hardship consequent on the delay in the issue of the leases applied for has been reduced to a minimum by the issue of sufferance permits to those applicants who had complied with the conditions of the Act.

It will be seen, therefore, that responsibility for the delay cannot fairly be fixed in any particular quarter. The preparation of the leases is being expeditiously proceeded with; a first batch will be ready for issue next week, and it is expected that the great bulk of those on which applicants have fulfilled the required conditions of the Act will have issued by the beginning of the new year.

JAMES C. COX,
 President of the Fisheries Commission.

The Principal Under Secretary.

- (19.) Botany Road Toll-bar :—*Mr. Williamson* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he cause notice to be at once served on the Trustees of the Mudbank and Cook's River Road (called Botany Road) Toll-bar, requesting that pending the abolition of said Toll-bar the lease of same be not disposed of for a longer period than one month?
Mr. Lyne answered,—A proclamation is being prepared reducing the tolls, and a letter has been written to the Trustees requesting them to lease the tolls from month to month at reduced rates.
- (20.) Singleton Coal Company :—*Mr. Hugh Taylor* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 (1.) Have the Singleton Coal Company the contract for the supply of coal to all Stations north of that Station; if so, for what term, from what date, and the price per ton?
 (2.) Should any branch line be constructed within the term of contract, have the Company the right to supply coal without fresh tenders being invited?
Mr. Lyne answered,—
 (1.) Messrs. Longworth and Read (I am not aware that they claim to be the Singleton Coal Company) have contracts for the supply, in equal quantities, of the locomotive coal required for the line beyond Singleton. The contracts extend from the 1st July, 1885, to 31st December, 1889. The price is 10s. 6d. per ton.
 (2.) Yes, but there is a condition of contract under which the right is reserved to the Department to purchase coal elsewhere, should it be considered necessary to do so, without prejudice to or in any way vitiating this contract.

(21.)

(21.) Botany Tramway:—Dr. Renwick asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is he aware that serious inconvenience is occasioned to the public and the residents of Botany in consequence of no tram being run to that place between the hours of 6:20 p.m. and 8:20 p.m.?
- (2.) Is it the Minister's intention to again run the tram to Botany between the hours named?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) No representation has been made to the Department to this effect. The present time-table was made with the approval of and after consultation with representatives of the inhabitants of Botany.

(2.) If it can be shown to be necessary a tram will be run between the hours named.

(22.) Royal Commission on Railway Bridges:—Mr. Purves asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) When will the evidence connected with the Report of the Royal Commission on Railway Bridges be laid upon the Table of this House?
- (2.) Will this evidence include all reports, documents, &c., submitted to the Royal Commissioners?
- (3.) Will all subsequent correspondence to date be added?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) As soon as it is furnished by the Commission, who will be asked to expedite its submission to the Government.

(2.) I cannot say; but copies of these documents shall be laid upon the Table of the House with the evidence.

(3.) Yes.

(23.) Water Supply for Richmond and Windsor:—Mr. Bowman asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Was a promise made to the Deputation from the Borough Councils of Richmond and Windsor in June last that a competent person would be sent without delay to survey the route of the proposed water supply to the two Boroughs, furnish a report thereon, and supply an estimate of the cost of the necessary works in connection with the said water supply; if so, has it been fulfilled; and if not, will the Minister send a professional gentleman at once for the purpose named?

Mr. Lyne answered,—I will have this matter attended to as soon as a Surveyor can be spared. The Honorable Member is probably aware that surveys, estimates, and a Report, have already been obtained in connection with a water supply for Windsor and Richmond from the Hawkesbury below the junction of the Grose; but it is understood that the Deputation referred to proposed another scheme for consideration, and this has not yet been reported upon, but shall be, as I have said, as early as possible.

(24.) Tramway from Waverley to Randwick:—Mr. Butcher asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Has not the Commissioner for Railways reported in favour of the extension of the tram-line from Charing Cross, Waverley, to Randwick?
- (2.) Will the Government have this work carried out?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) The question is now under consideration.

(25.) Sewer at Rushcutters Bay:—Mr. Butcher asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is he aware that a great nuisance exists at the open sewer at Rushcutters Bay, and that a most offensive and unwholesome stench arises therefrom?
- (2.) Will he take immediate steps to have the sewer covered in and cleaned out?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes, immediate steps will be taken to have it cleaned out.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table,—Return showing the Daily Balance to the credit of the Government in the Bank of England since that Bank first received money on account of Loan floated to date of last returns from England.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Correspondence respecting "Carson Woods's Patent Paving."

Ordered to be printed.

(2.) Return to an Address adopted on 24th September, 1885,—*"Railways—City Extension."*

3. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Garvan moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

4. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS:—George Houstoun Reid, Esquire, and Septimus Alfred Stephen, Esquire, came to the Table and were sworn by the Clerk as Members of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.

5. ELECTION PETITION (*Mackinnon v. Watson*):—Sir Patrick Jennings, *by command*, laid upon the Table an Election Petition which had been addressed to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor from James Archibald Mackinnon, protesting against the election to the Legislative Assembly of William John Watson, as one of the Members for the Electoral District of Young; and praying that the Petition may be dealt with according to law, and that, for the reasons therein stated, the return of the said William John Watson may be declared null and void, and that it may be further declared that Petitioner was duly elected as a Member for the said Electoral District.

Ordered, on motion of Sir Patrick Jennings, to be referred to the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.

6. 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 Thursday, 3rd December, 1885, in Committee Room No. 2.

7. THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR'S OPENING SPEECH :—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Ewing, That the following Address in reply to the Lieutenant-Governor's Opening Speech, as read by the Clerk, be now adopted by this House :—

“ To His Excellency SIR ALFRED STEPHEN, *Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, a Companion of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Lieutenant-Governor of the Colony of New South Wales and its Dependencies.*

“ MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

“ 1. 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 Bills for the establishment of a system of Local Government throughout the country, and for the regulation of the public health, to be laid before us, will receive the most careful consideration at our hands.

“ 3. The various other important measures to which your Excellency has referred will also receive our anxious attention when they are laid before us.

“ 4. We join your Excellency's prayer that, under Divine guidance, the labours upon which we are about to enter may be beneficial to this country.

Upon which Sir John Robertson had moved, That the Address be amended by the insertion of the following words, to stand paragraph 4 :—

“ We desire also to convey to your Excellency that the present Administration does not possess the confidence of this House.”

And the Question being again proposed,—That the words proposed to be inserted be there inserted,—the House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Mr. Want moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until to-morrow, and (*with the unanimous consent of the House*) take precedence of other Business.

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Dibbs, at Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 10.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 2 DECEMBER, 1885.

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 Lieutenant-Governor and the Executive Council, authorizing the transfer of two amounts from certain Heads 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.) The Case of Sergeant Behan:—Mr. Abigail asked the Colonial Secretary,—When will the papers in the case of Sergeant Behan, late of the Permanent Force, be produced, in accordance with Resolution carried last Parliament?

Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—I find that these papers cannot be produced until General Richardson returns to Sydney in January, as some of them are in his possession under lock and key.

(2.) Survey of Colo Valley:—Mr. Sydney Smith, for Mr. T. R. Smith, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) When will the Surveyor of the Colo Valley Line reach Emu Plains with rough traverse?

(2.) What are the grades likely to be, and the distance from Emu Plains to where it connects with the Mudgee Line at Rylstone?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) There are still 30 miles of the roughest part of the Colo River to be traversed before any through traverse will be completed between Rylstone and Emu Plains. It is not likely that this will be finished under six months.

(2.) The grades cannot be determined until the completion of the survey, and the distance between Emu Plains and Rylstone will probably be between 110 and 120 miles.

(3.) Post Office at Tinonee:—Mr. Roberts asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will tenders be invited for the erection of a Post Office at Tinonee?

Mr. Lyne answered,—The vendor, Mr. Henry Gore, was requested by the Postmaster General, on the 12th September last, to forward the title deeds of the land required as a site, and so soon as the conveyance shall have been completed tenders will be invited.

(4.) Bridge over Upper Lansdowne River:—Mr. Roberts asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will tenders be invited for the erection of a Bridge over the Upper Lansdowne River?

Mr. Lyne answered,—Section has been received, but amount voted must lapse, as tenders cannot be invited before end of year.

- (5.) Applications for Employment in Post Office Departments:—*Mr. Roberts*, for *Mr. Hugh Taylor*, asked the Postmaster General,—The total number of applications for employment in the Departments under his supervision and control at the present date?

Mr. See answered,—The number of applications recorded in the Postal and Money Order Branches during the present year has been 514. It has been impossible to procure the information with regard to the Telegraph Office in the short time available.

- (6.) Vale of Clwydd and Eskbank Road:—*Mr. Targett* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 (1.) Is he aware of the dangerous condition of the road between the Vale of Clwydd and Eskbank?
 (2.) Is he aware that a man named Gorman was run over and killed by a truck at a siding crossing the road in question?
 (3.) Will he cause the £1,800 placed on the Estimates for the making of this road to be expended as early as possible?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) I am not aware of the dangerous condition. The Department has been ready to execute works any time for the last three years, but has been unable to arrange with landholders and occupiers.
 (2.) Yes, on the private line of the Coal Company.
 (3.) Local officer is now endeavouring to arrange with occupiers, owners having been arranged with.

- (7.) Phylloxera:—*Mr. Burns* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Whether the Government have taken any steps for the eradication of the Phylloxera from the vineyards in the Camden District in which it has been discovered by *Mr. Charles Moore* of the Botanic Gardens?

Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—This matter is engaging the attention of the Government. The Director of the Botanic Gardens reports that up to the present time the steps taken in the matter have not gone beyond a careful inquiry by experts as to the extent of the disease in this Colony. The only places where the pest has been discovered are in the neighbourhood of Camden, and its ravages embrace about 15 acres.

3. PAPERS:—

Mr. Abbott laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 24th September, 1885,—“*Huntawong, Berrembed, Deepwater, and Ganmain Pastoral Holdings.*”

Sir Patrick Jennings laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return showing the number of Electors on the Rolls of the several Electoral Districts of the Colony, as also the number of Persons who recorded their Votes at the General Election in 1885.
 (2.) Regulations under the Fire Brigades Act.
 (3.) Report of the Fire Brigades Board.
 Ordered to be printed.

4. WYATT ESTATE LEASING BILL:—*Mr. W. J. Fergusson* presented a Petition from *Joseph Wyatt* and *John Moring*, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable *Joseph Wyatt* and *John Moring*, or other the Trustees or Trustee of a Settlement, dated the eighth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three, and made between *Eleanor Dorothy Wyatt*, the wife of *Joseph Wyatt*, then *Eleanor Dorothy Foreman*, spinster, of the one part, and *Richard Driver, senior*, and *Richard Driver, junior*, of the other part, to grant building, repairing, or improving leases of the Real Estate comprised in such Settlement.

And *Mr. Fergusson* having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* and *Daily Telegraph*, newspapers, containing the Notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
 Petition received.

5. THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR'S OPENING SPEECH:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of *Mr. Ewing*, That the following Address in reply to the Lieutenant-Governor's Opening Speech, as read by the Clerk, be now adopted by this House:—

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“4. We join your Excellency's prayer that, under Divine guidance, the labours upon which we are about to enter may be beneficial to this country.”—

Upon which *Sir John Robertson* had moved, That the Address be amended by the insertion of the following words, to stand paragraph 4:—

“We desire also to convey to your Excellency that the present Administration does not possess the confidence of this House.”

And the question being again proposed,—That the words proposed to be inserted be there inserted,—the House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 3 DECEMBER, 1885, A.M.,

Question put, That the words proposed to be inserted be there inserted.

The House divided.

Ayes, 56.

Sir John Robertson,	Mr. De Courcy Browne,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Creer,
Mr. Wisdom,	Mr. Judd,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Proctor,
Mr. R. B. Smith,	Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Sattor,	Mr. Tcece,
Mr. Foster,	Mr. William Clarke,
Mr. James Henry Young,	Mr. Moore,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Watson,	Mr. Abigail,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Forsyth,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Spring,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Henson,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Inglis,
Mr. Garland,	Mr. J. F. Smith,
Mr. Harold Stephen,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Tait,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Neild,
Mr. Gibbes,	Dr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Davies,	Mr. Meeks,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Heydon,	Mr. Kethel.
Mr. Garran,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Shepherd,	Mr. Burdekin.
Dr. Henwick,	
Mr. Kidd,	
Mr. Hammond,	

Noes, 58.

Mr. Want,	Mr. Reid,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Stokes,
Sir Patrick Jennings,	Mr. Russell Barton,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Lync,	Mr. Cass,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Bull,
Mr. Sec,	Mr. Day,
Mr. Trickett,	Mr. Hyam,
Mr. Lysaght,	Mr. Bolton,
Mr. Baker,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Quin,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Purves,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Butcher,	Mr. Burke,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Olliffe,
Mr. Coonan,	Mr. Targett,
Mr. Jones,	Mr. Lewis Lloyd,
Mr. Hungerford,	Mr. Fitzgerald,
Mr. D. A. Ferguson,	Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Hogan,	Mr. Hugh Taylor,
Mr. Humphery,	Mr. Sawers,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Cramsie,
Mr. W. J. Fergusson,	Mr. Macgregor,
Mr. Scott,	Mr. Toohey,
Mr. Septimus Stephen,	Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Tarrant,	Mr. Hayes,
Mr. McCulloch,	Mr. T. R. Smith.
Mr. Ives,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Williamson,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,	Mr. Levien.
Mr. J. D. Young,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Original Question,—That the Address in reply to the Lieutenant-Governor's Opening Speech, as read by the Clerk, be now adopted by this House,—put and passed.

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

And moved, That this House do now adjourn until to-morrow at Four o'clock.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly 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. 11.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 3 DECEMBER, 1885.

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

ADDRESS IN REPLY TO LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR'S OPENING SPEECH:—On motion of Mr. Dibbs, the Assembly proceeded to Government House, there to present to the Lieutenant-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 Lieutenant-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 gratification your Address, and the renewed assurance of your 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 your labours will conduce to the welfare of the Colony and to the happiness and prosperity of all classes of the community.

*Government House,
Sydney, 3rd December, 1885.*

2. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:—Mr. Dibbs made a Statement, in the course of which he informed the House of the steps taken in the formation of the present Ministry, and of the intentions of the Government in regard to the Public Business.

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Gaming Houses kept by Chinese:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is the Government aware that gambling is carried on to a large extent in shops kept by Chinamen in Lower George-street, Sydney, and that such shops are daily frequented by persons from all sections of the community; if so, do the Government propose to instruct the Police to suppress this evil?

Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—This subject is now under the consideration of the Law Department.

- (2.) Nuisance at Redfern and Waterloo from Shea's Creek:—Mr. Williamson asked the Attorney General,—Is he aware of the intolerable nuisance arising from Shea's Creek running through the Boroughs of Redfern and Waterloo; if so, will he cause the Government Health Officer to report upon the same with a view of initiating legal proceedings against the originators of such nuisance?

Mr. Want answered,—I am not aware of any such intolerable nuisance as that referred to. The Chief Inspector to the Board of Health will, however, at once investigate and report on the matter.

- (3.) Railway Trial Survey from Oberon to Tarana:—Mr. Targett asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Whether the Trial Survey from Oberon to Tarana has proved that a practicable line of Railway can be made?

Mr. Lyne answered,—Yes.

- (4.) Special Grant to Municipalities:—Mr. Barbour asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he say when the special Money Grant to Municipalities for 1885 will be payable, as they are anxious to proceed with improvements?

Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—I find that the whole of the Special Grant to Municipalities for 1885 (say £65,000) has already been paid to the Municipalities applying for the same.

(5.)

- (5.) Police Districts of Inverell, Bingera, and Warialda:—Mr. Moore asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he take steps to have the boundaries of the Police Districts of Inverell, Bingera, and Warialda altered in such a way that people residing within 10 miles of Inverell shall not be compelled to attend the Courts at Bingera and Warialda—each distant about 30 miles?

Mr. Slattery answered,—Yes; I will cause inquiry to be made on the subject referred to by the Honorable Member, and the matter shall receive my careful consideration. It appears that no recent official representations have been made to the Government on the subject so far as I can ascertain.

- (6.) Court-house, Queanbeyan:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is he aware that the Court-house at Queanbeyan is in a very dingy and patched up condition, and that the Judge of Quarter Sessions, Crown Prosecutor, and members of the legal profession of that district are unanimous in their condemnation of the building as a Court of Justice?

(2.) Is he aware that more money has been spent in alterations and enlargement of the building than would have sufficed to have erected a Court-house worthy of the important district of Queanbeyan?

(3.) If the Minister of Justice is not aware of these facts, will he cause an inquiry to be made into the matter, with a view to erecting a new Court-house if the present building is found to be unsuitable?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

(1.) No; I understand that no representations have reached the Department of Justice on the subject of this Court-house, nor have any complaints been received by the Colonial Architect.

(2.) About £700 has been expended in the building for repairs, &c., at various dates since 1878.

(3.) Yes.

- (7.) Temporary Compositors, Government Printing Office:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is he aware that the temporary compositors employed in the Government Printing Office were not paid for the time they lost through the General Elections, although all other Government employes were?

(2.) Was a minute forwarded to the Government Printing Office granting the same time to temporary compositors as other Government employes, and authorizing the payment for such time lost; if so, by whose authority was such payment stopped?

(3.) Is he aware that the temporary compositors were not paid for the Eight-hour Day, although all other Government employes were; if so, will he give instructions that they be paid for the time so lost?

(4.) Is he aware that neither the supernumerary piece staff, Parliamentary debate staff, nor the permanent piece staff of the Government Printing Office are never paid for holidays?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—I referred this matter to the Government Printer, who has supplied the following information:—

(1.) The compositors employed on the piece staff were not paid for time lost on nomination day.

(2.) A minute was forwarded by the Treasurer directing payment to be made to piece hands for time lost on the polling day; but through a misunderstanding between the overseer who conveyed the order, and the men to whom it was communicated, only a portion of the time was paid for; the balance will be made good in the next pay sheet.

(3.) None of the compositors employed on the piece were paid for the Eight-hour holiday. I am not aware what was done by other Departments on that occasion, or what is the custom in similar cases. The basis and conditions of employment of compositors on the "piece" is that they shall be paid for the number of types they set up at a rate per 1,000 ens fixed by regulation. This rate was recently considerably increased as a compensatory measure for time lost by closing for holidays. The following is the rule regarding holidays, as passed by the Governor and Executive Council, and published in the Government Gazette:—

3. Supernumerary hands will be under engagement by the day, terminable without notice on either side. It is to be distinctly understood that compositors and others taking employment as supernumerary hands will have no claim for payment for holidays, or for any time during which the office may be closed for any purpose whatever. Employment as a temporary hand will not necessarily establish any claim on the ground of length of service.

(4.) All piece hands, whether permanently or temporarily employed, are on the same footing as regards rate of pay and allowances.

- (8.) Recreation Reserve on Kangaroo Plain, Barmedman:—Mr. Vaughn asked the Secretary for Lands,—Have any steps been taken in the matter of proclaiming a Recreation Reserve of 200 acres on Kangaroo Plain at Barmedman; and if so, how does the matter now stand?

Mr. Abbott answered,—Yes, but action has been suspended to consider mining objections.

- (9.) Trustees for Barmedman Cemetery:—Mr. Vaughn asked the Secretary for Lands,—When will the gentlemen whose names were submitted in May last be gazetted as Trustees for the Barmedman General Cemetery?

Mr. Abbott answered,—The papers have this day been transferred from the Lands Department, and steps will be at once taken to gazette the Trustees.

4. PAPERS:—

Mr. Abbott laid upon the Table:—

(1.) Amended Regulation under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.

(2.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from sale for the Preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, in accordance with 101st, 103rd, 109th, and 112th sections of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

(3.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 101st section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

(4.)

(4.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Public Purposes, in accordance with the 104th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

(5.) Abstract of an Alteration in the name of a Village, under the 107th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Trickett laid upon the Table,—Return respecting the Training Ship “Vernon.”

Ordered to be printed.

5. CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES :—

(1.) Mr. Copland moved, pursuant to Notice, That Thomas Garrett, Esquire, be Chairman of Committees of the Whole House during the present Session.

(2.) Mr. Garvan moved, pursuant to Notice, That Walter Scott Targett, Esquire, be Chairman of Committees of the Whole House during the present Session.

(3.) Mr. Heydon (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That Gerald Spring, Esquire, be Chairman of Committees of the Whole House during the present Session.

Question put, That Thomas Garrett, Esquire, be Chairman of Committees of the Whole House during the present Session.

The House divided.

Ayes, 53.

Sir John Robertson,	Mr. Garrard,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Watson,	Mr. Baker,
Mr. James Henry Young,	Mr. Inglis,
Mr. R. B. Smith,	Mr. Tait,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. William Clarke,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Fletcher,
Mr. Copland,	Dr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Creer,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Foster,
Mr. Forsyth,	Mr. Spring,
Mr. Henson,	Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. J. F. Smith,
Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Moore,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Abigail,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Judd,
Mr. Gibbes,	Mr. Lysaght,
Mr. Davies,	Mr. Harold Stephen,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Kethel,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	
Mr. Shepherd,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Neild,	Mr. Burdekin,
Mr. Proctor,	Mr. Heydon.
Dr. Renwick,	

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Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Bolton,
Mr. Statterry,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. Purves,	Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. W. J. Fergusson,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Fitzgerald,
Mr. Trickett,	Mr. Bull,
Mr. See,	Mr. Gramsio,
Mr. Levion,	Mr. Quin,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Tarrant,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Garland,	Sir Patrick Jennings,
Mr. Humphery,	Mr. Ives,
Mr. Sawers,	Mr. Scott,
Mr. Hungerford,	Mr. Hogan,
Mr. Septimus Stephen,	Mr. Williamson,
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. D. A. Fergusson.
Mr. Russell Barton,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Macgregor,	Mr. Hammond,
Mr. J. D. Young,	Mr. Coonan.
Mr. Meeks,	
Mr. McCulloch,	
Mr. Lewis Lloyd,	
Mr. Hyam,	
Mr. Melville,	
Mr. Reid,	
Mr. Burke,	
Mr. Day,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Whereupon Mr. Garrett, Mr. Targett, and Mr. Spring, respectively made their acknowledgments to the House.

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

Debate ensued.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

7. BUSINESS DAYS (*Sessional Order*) :—Mr. Dibbs 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.

Question put and passed.

8. MEETING OF THE HOUSE (*Sessional Order*) :—Mr. Dibbs 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.

9. PRECEDENCE OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS (*Sessional Order*) :—Mr. Dibbs 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. Dibbs 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. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS (*Sessional Order*) :—Mr. Dibbs 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.”

Mr. W. J. Fergusson moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the words “and the Answers returned to the same,” with a view to the insertion in their place of the words “That

"That all Questions not being of immediate urgency, or relating to the business of the House, which appear on the Notice Paper, be answered in writing instead of orally, and the several Answers be printed and circulated with the Votes on the day after the delivery thereof, together with the Questions to which they respectively relate."

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

Proposed amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question put and passed.

12. **FORMAL BUSINESS (*Sessional Order*)**:—Mr. Dibbs 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.
13. **BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE (*Sessional Order*)**:—Mr. Dibbs 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.
14. **TRANSMISSION OF MESSAGES BETWEEN THE TWO HOUSES (*Sessional Order*)**:—Mr. Dibbs 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. **COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY (*Sessional Order*)**:—Mr. Dibbs 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.
16. **COMMITTEE OF WAYS AND MEANS (*Sessional Order*)**:—Mr. Dibbs 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.
17. **BALLOTING FOR SELECT COMMITTEES (*Sessional Order*)**:—Mr. Dibbs 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 initialled on record with the other proceedings of the Ballot.
- Question put and passed.
18. **VOTE OF CHAIRMAN OF SELECT COMMITTEE ON PRIVATE BILLS (*Sessional Order*)**:—Mr. Dibbs 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.
19. **STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE (*Sessional Order*)**:—Mr. Dibbs moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Standing Orders Committee for the present Session shall consist of Mr. Speaker, Sir Patrick Jennings, Mr. Septimus Stephen, Mr. Targett, Mr. Garrett, Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Reid, Dr. Renwick, 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. **LIBRARY COMMITTEE (Sessional Order)** :—Mr Dibbs moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Library Committee for the present Session shall consist of Mr Speaker, Mr. Baker, Dr. Wilkinson, Mr. Spring, Mr. Garvan, Mr. Burns, Mr. Trickett, Mr. Ryrie, Mr. Tarrant, and the Mover, with leave to sit during any adjournment, and authority 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.
21. **REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE (Sessional Order)** :—Mr. Dibbs moved, pursuant to Notice, That a Refreshment Committee be appointed for the present Session, to consist of Mr. Day, Mr. Bull, Mr. Burdekin, Mr. White, Mr. Lyne, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Garrard, Mr. Purves, Mr. R. B. Smith, 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.
22. **PRINTING PETITIONS (Sessional Order)** :—Mr. Dibbs 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. **EXCLUSION OF STRANGERS (Sessional Order)** :—Mr. Dibbs moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be a Sessional Order of this House, 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.
Question put and passed.
24. **WYATT ESTATE LEASING BILL** :—
(1.) Mr. W. J. Fergusson moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable Joseph Wyatt and John Moring, or other the Trustees or Trustee of a Settlement, dated the eighth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three, and made between Eleanor Dorothy Wyatt, the wife of Joseph Wyatt, then Eleanor Dorothy Foreman, spinster, of the one part, and Richard Driver, senior, and Richard Driver, junior, of the other part, to grant building, repairing, or improving leases of the Real Estate comprised in such Settlement.
Question put and passed.
(2.) Mr. Fergusson 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 Joseph Wyatt and John Moring or other the Trustees or Trustee of a Settlement dated the eighth day of June one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three and made between Eleanor Dorothy Wyatt the wife of Joseph Wyatt then Eleanor Dorothy Foreman spinster of the one part and Richard Driver senior and Richard Driver junior of the other part to grant building repairing or improving leases of the Real Estate comprised in such Settlement,*"—read a first time.
25. **TRUSTEE ACT AMENDMENT BILL** :—
(1.) Mr. W. J. Fergusson moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Trustee Act of 1852.
Question put and passed.
(2.) Mr. Fergusson presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Trustee Act of 1852,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 11th December.
26. **BARRISTERS BILL** :—
(1.) Mr. Neild moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the law relating to Barristers.
Question put and passed.
(2.) Mr. Neild presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to declare the right of Barristers to practice without retainer by an Attorney in all Courts except the Supreme Court,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 11th December.
27. **CRIMINAL LAW AMENDMENT BILL** :—Mr. Harold-Stephen moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill for the amendment of the Criminal Law Amendment Act of 1833, with a view to the abolition of punishment by whipping.
Question put and passed.
28. **CONSTABLE GOLDRICK** :—Mr. Abigail moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers, minutes, letters, defaulters sheets, and other documents relating to the service of, as well as the suspension and reinstating of Constable Goldrick, stationed at West Tamworth.
Question put and passed.
29. **GOVERNMENT ADVERTISEMENTS IN NEWSPAPERS** :—Mr. Abigail moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing the amounts paid to the several Sydney Newspapers for Government Advertisements for the years 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, and 1885 respectively.
Question put and passed.

30. **REGULATION OF FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS BILL:**—Dr. Renwick 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 provide for the regulation and supervision of females, young persons, and children employed in factories and workshops.
Question put and passed.
31. **KITE'S LEASING BILL:**—
(1.) Mr. Suttor moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Trustees for the time being of the Will of the late Thomas Kite to grant building and other leases of certain lands specifically devised by the said Will for longer periods than are provided for by the said Will.
Question put and passed.
(2.) 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 for the time being of the Will of the late Thomas Kite to grant Building and other Leases of certain lands specifically devised by the said Will for longer periods than are provided for by the said Will,*"—read a first time.
32. **SYDNEY CORPORATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL:**—*Mr. Abigail*, for 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.
33. **OYSTER CULTURE LEASES:**—Mr. Abigail moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers, minutes, letters, petitions, or other documents, having reference to the application for Oyster Leases of the fore-shores of Port Jackson.
Question put and passed.
34. **TERMINAL POINT OF GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY AT QUEENSLAND BORDER:**—Mr. Lee moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence, letters, minutes, reports, and other papers, having reference to the fixing of the terminal point of the Great Northern Railway at the Queensland Border.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned at twelve minutes before Twelve o'clock, until To-morrow at 4 o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 12.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 4 DECEMBER, 1885.

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 4th December, 1885, and signed by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, empowering Thomas Garrett, 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* SIR ALFRED STEPHEN, *Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, a Companion of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Lieutenant-Governor of the Colony of New South Wales and its Dependencies.*

“ To all to whom these presents shall come,

“ *Greeting:*

“ In pursuance of the authority in me vested in that behalf, I, SIR ALFRED STEPHEN, as Lieutenant-Governor of the Colony of New South Wales, do hereby authorize THOMAS GARRETT, 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 fourth day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five, and in the forty-ninth year of the Reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria.

“ ALFRED STEPHEN.

“ *By His Excellency's Command,*

“ P. A. JENNINGS.”

2. DEATH OF HIS EXCELLENCY SIR PETER H. SCRATCHLEY, K.C.M.G.:—Mr. Dibbs moved (*without notice*),—

(1.) That this House desires to record its sorrow for the untimely death of His Excellency Sir Peter H. Scratchley, late High Commissioner of the Protectorate of the United Kingdom in New Guinea, and to express its condolence with Lady Scratchley in her great affliction.

(2.) That Mr. Speaker be requested to communicate the above Resolution to Lady Scratchley. Question put, and carried unanimously.

3. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Railway Refreshment Rooms:—*Mr. Abigail*, for Mr. Watson, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Will he lay upon the Table a Return showing the names of the Lessees of the Refreshment Rooms on the Southern, Western, and Northern Lines of Railway?

(2.) Are those Refreshment Rooms let by tender, and who were the tenderers?

(3.) Have the Lessees or their employes the privilege of travelling free by Railway?

(4.) Do the Lessees get any privilege in the carriage of their goods by rail over any other private firms?

(5.) At the time the Junee Refreshment Room was burned down, did the Lessee owe any money to the Government for the carriage on goods; if so, has the same been paid?

(6.) Were the Lessees of any Refreshment Room or Rooms on the Southern, Western, or Northern Railways indebted to the Government for carriage on goods on the 30th November; if so, will he state the amounts respectively?

Mr.

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) The following are the names of the Lessocs:—On Southern Line, J. L. Castner and S. Moses; on Western Line, J. L. Castner; on Northern Line, James Quinn, J. M'Crowe, and W. Walker.

(2.) Yes, except the rooms held by J. L. Castner. The tenderers were:—At Singleton, J. L. Castner, W. Walker, W. J. Neilson, J. Quinn; at Murrurundi, W. Walker, J. L. Castner, and J. Quinn; at Werris Creek, W. J. Neilson, J. Quinn, and S. Moses; at Armidale, F. B. Wade, J. Quinn, W. H. Digance, and M. M'Mahon.

(3.) The Lessocs are allowed free passes over the particular lines on which their rooms are situated. Mr. J. L. Castner is also allowed a free pass for an Inspector. The latter arrangement was rendered necessary by the extent of the district to be supervised by Mr. Castner.

(4.) They do not.

(5.) Yes, to both questions.

(6.) At two Stations only, viz., at Mount Victoria, £1 18s. 7d., and at Nyngan, £35 14s. 1d. The latter indebtedness is disputed by the Lessee.

(2.) Prospecting for Gold:—Mr. Levien asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is it his intention to place upon the Estimates a sum of money for prospecting for gold and other minerals in this Colony?

Mr. Abbott answered,—A sum of £3,000 has been placed upon the Draft Estimates for 1886 for the purpose of prospecting for gold.

(3.) Recreation Reserve at Grenfell:—Mr. Davies, for Mr. Vaughn, asked the Secretary for Lands,—When will Trustees be gazetted for the Recreation Reserve at Grenfell, known as the Racecourse Reserve?

Mr. Abbott answered,—Steps will be at once taken to gazette Trustees for the Recreation Reserve at Grenfell, known as the Racecourse Reserve.

4. MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF LEICHHARDT:—Mr. Garrard presented a Petition from the Mayor and Aldermen of the Municipal District of Leichhardt, representing that this Municipal District is divided between the two Parliamentary Electorates of Balmain and the Glebe; and praying that the Electoral Act may be amended so as to create the Municipal District of Leichhardt a separate Electorate, empowered to elect a representative or representatives as Members of the Legislature. And the Petition having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, was received.

5. ST. MARY'S WAVERLEY CHURCH OF ENGLAND LAND SALE BILL:—Mr. Teece presented a Petition from William Henry Simpson and James Vickery, of Sydney, as Trustees for the parish of St. Mary's, Waverley, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable William Henry Simpson, James Vickery, and William Ransome Gullick, as Trustees of certain land in the parish of St. Mary, Waverley, to sell the said land and to provide for the appropriation of the proceeds thereof, and to vest in the said Trustees certain other land in the said parish, and to provide for the sale of the same and the appropriation of the proceeds thereof.

And Mr. Teece having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* newspaper, containing the Notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.

6. BARKER'S ESTATE BILL:—Mr. Teece presented a Petition from Emma Barker and Hulton Smyth King, of Sydney, the Trustees of the Will of William Barker, deceased, late of Sydney, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Trustees of the Will of Mr. William Barker, deceased, to sell certain land and hereditaments in Pitt-street, Redfern, in the Colony of New South Wales, and to make provision for the investment of the proceeds thereof.

And Mr. Teece having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* newspaper, containing the Notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.

7. CORNWELL'S ESTATE BILL:—Mr. Trickett presented a Petition from James Cornwell, John Cornwell, Samuel Cornwell, Henry Cornwell, and E. Cornwell, Trustees of the Will of Samuel Cornwell, of Regent-street, Sydney, brewer, deceased, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to empower the Trustees of the Will of the late Samuel Cornwell to sell certain hereditaments forming part of the testator's residuary real estate and invest and apply the proceeds of sale.

And Mr. Trickett having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* and *North Shore Times and Manly Press*, newspapers, containing the Notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.

8. Uther ESTATE LEASING BILL:—Mr. Teece presented a Petition from Walter Iredale Uther and Hulton Smyth King, both of Sydney, the Trustees of the Will of Reuben Uther, deceased, late of Sydney, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize Walter Iredale Uther and Hulton Smyth King, or other the Trustee or Trustees for the time being of the Will of Reuben Uther, late of Sydney, deceased, to lease portion of the real estate of the said Reuben Uther.

And Mr. Teece having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* newspaper, containing the Notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.

9. WYATT ESTATE LEASING BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Melville, for Mr. W. J. Fergusson, moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That the Wyatt 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. Scott, Mr. Lee, Mr. Jones, Mr. Moore, Mr. Collins, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Fitzgerald, Mr. Stokes, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

10. KITE'S LEASING BILL (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Sydney Smith*, for *Mr. Suttor*, moved, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) That Kite's Leasing 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. Slattery*, *Mr. Abigail*, *Mr. Sydney Smith*, *Mr. Burdekin*, *Mr. Septimus Stephen*, *Mr. Hungerford*, *Dr. Wilkinson*, and the Mover.
 Question put and passed.
11. REPORTS FROM SELECT COMMITTEES OF PREVIOUS PARLIAMENTS:—With reference to a Notice of Motion, standing in the name of *Mr. Purves*, for the adoption of a Report from a Select Committee of a previous Parliament,—*Mr. Speaker* said that a similar course to that proposed in this notice had been taken on one or two occasions, but that there could be no doubt that this Parliament should not—in fact, it is a question whether it could legally—adopt the Report of a Select Committee made to a previous Parliament. The ordinary rule was that a prorogation,—irrespective of a dissolution,—terminated any business then pending. Whatever opinion might be held as to the adoption of Reports brought up in a previous Session of the same Parliament, he was clearly of opinion that the House ought not to adopt a Report brought up in a previous Parliament.
12. ADJOURNMENT:—*Mr. Garland* moved, That this House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and negatived.
13. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:—*Sir John Robertson* moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House at its rising do adjourn till Wednesday the 9th instant at Four o'clock.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed.
14. REGULATION OF FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS BILL:—The Order of the Day in reference to this Bill postponed until Tuesday next.
15. ADJOURNMENT:—*Sir Henry Parkes* moved, That this House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and negatived.
16. EVAN MCINTOSH'S CONDITIONAL PURCHASE AT CURRABUBULA:—*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 Currabubula, of one *Evan McIntosh*, which was afterwards transferred to *Daniel Regan, Esq.*, taken at Tamworth Land Office.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of *Mr. Abbott*, *Mr. Burke*, *Mr. Day*, *Mr. Targett*, *Mr. Coonan*, *Mr. Mcville*, *Mr. Sydney Smith*, *Mr. Scott*, and the Mover.
 Question put and passed.

The House adjourned at twelve minutes before Ten o'clock, until *Wednesday* next at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 13.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 9 DECEMBER, 1885.

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

SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Dibbs (*by consent*) moved, without notice, That this House at its rising this day do adjourn until Friday next.
Question put and passed.

2. POSTAL CONTRACT.—MAIL SERVICE BETWEEN SYDNEY AND SAN FRANCISCO:—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. See, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

ALFRED STEPHEN,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 1.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Contract, dated the 9th October, 1885, between the Postmaster-General of New Zealand and the Postmaster-General of New South Wales on the one part, and the Union Steamship Company (Limited) on the other part, for a line of Mail Communication between Sydney and San Francisco *via* Auckland and Honolulu.

Government House,
Sydney, 8th December, 1885.

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

3. POSTAL CONTRACT WITH THE ORIENT STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY:—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. See, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

ALFRED STEPHEN,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 2.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with the Contract with the Orient Steam Navigation Company (Limited), providing for a Mail Service once a fortnight to and from Sydney and England sanctioned by this House on the 25th October, 1883, being extended so as to terminate in February, 1888, concurrently with the contract held by the Government of Victoria with the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company.

Government House,
Sydney, 8th December, 1885.

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

4. PRECEDENCE OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS:—Mr. Dibbs (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That Government Business take precedence of General Business on Friday next.
Question put and passed.

5. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Road from John-street, Singleton, to River Hunter:—*Mr. Davies*, for Mr. Gould, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Referring to question No. 4, of 30th September last, relative to the opening of the road from John-street, Singleton, to River Hunter, and the promise then made that the opinion of the Attorney General should be obtained as to the legality of the claim made by the Railway Department to portion of the road,—Will he state whether such opinion has yet been obtained; if not, will he obtain and have same laid upon the Table of the House as early as possible?
Mr.

Mr. Lyne answered,—The promise made has been fulfilled. The opinion of the Attorney General has been only recently received, and the question of the fencing in of the road is under the advice given, receiving further consideration.

- (2.) Form of Declaration in regard to Conditional Purchases :—*Mr. Davies*, for Mr. Gould, asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he cause an amended form of declaration to be made so as to enable the holder of a conditional purchase by way of mortgage, or such holder and the mortgagor jointly, to apply for an additional conditional purchase by virtue of the original holding?

Mr. Abbott answered,—The matter is under consideration.

- (3.) Mortgaged Conditional Purchases :—*Mr. Davies*, for Mr. Gould, asked the Secretary for Lands,—Under the practice of his Department, can the mortgagor of a conditional purchase, although transferred by way of mortgage to the mortgagee, make an additional conditional purchase by virtue of his original holding?

Mr. Abbott answered,—No; but regulations or alterations will be made, if possible, to meet the difficulty.

- (4.) Water Supply from the Nepean :—*Mr. T. R. Smith* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What was Mr. Moriarty's estimate for the water supply from the Upper Nepean; what will be the actual cost?

(2.) What was Mr. Moriarty's estimate for the Lower Nepean?

(3.) The estimated price per ton for the pipes to be used in this work, the present price per ton for pipes, and the quantity estimated to be required to complete the work?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) Mr. Moriarty made no estimate for the whole of the works of the Upper Nepean, he only prepared the estimate for portions of the line, viz., from Pheasant's Nest to Menangle, and from Prospect to Sydney. The estimate for the intermediate portion of the work, viz., from Menangle to Prospect, was prepared by Mr. Grundy, one of the other members of the Commission. (See the Report of the Commission laid upon the Table of the House in 1869.) The estimate on which the vote was taken was that of Mr. Clark, amounting to £1,086,768, for a service of only 12 million gallons per day. The actual cost for a service of 18 million gallons per day, with a capacity for extension to 33 million gallons by adding 11½ miles of 48-inch pipes will be £2,040,121, exclusive of the outlay on the temporary water supply.

(2.) Mr. Moriarty's estimate for a 12 million gallon service, pumped from the Lower Nepean, was £360,720. Mr. Clark's estimate for the same work was £1,066,600, and £11,500 for working expenses per annum.

(3.) The estimated price per ton for the pipes was £12 per ton laid, and the price per ton for the pipes for the present scheme laid will be about £9 per ton; the price of iron having gone down considerably since the estimate was first prepared, eighteen years ago.

- (5.) Amendment of the Licensing Act :—*Mr. Hugh Taylor* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to introduce an amended Licensing Act this Session?

(2.) If so, will provision be made for preventing single females being employed as barmaids?

Mr. Slattery answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) No.

- (6.) Inspection of Spirits, Wines, and Beer :—*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?

Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—The testing of spirits, wines, and beers is in the hands of competent authorities appointed under the Licensing Act of 1882.

- (7.) Conditional Purchases without Residence.—Conditional Leases :—*Mr. Davies*, for Mr. Spring, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) How many applications have been made for conditional purchase of land under section 47 of the Land Act, generally known as the non-residential clause, and the total area of such land?

(2.) How many applications have been made for scrubbing leases under clause 87 of the Land Act, giving separately the area applied for on the resumed areas and on the leasehold portions of the runs?

Mr. Abbott answered,—

(1.) 262 applications for an area of 42,143 acres.

(2.) The number of applications received under clause 87, exclusive of those which have been refused is 74 for a total area of 506,626 acres. These applications embrace lands within resumed areas only. Seventy applications have been received under clause 88 for land within leasehold areas, representing an area of 687,728 acres.

- (8.) Plimsoll Mark on Ships :—*Mr. O'Sullivan* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is he aware that shipowners in New South Wales are in the habit of fixing the Plimsoll mark themselves without supervision?

(2.) Has the Marine Board of Sydney yet drawn up a regulation for the prevention of the overloading of vessels, in compliance with the Navigation Act of 1871; if not, will such regulation be made?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

(1.) The shipowner fixes the mark in accordance with clauses 13 and 14 of the Navigation Law Amendment Act of 1881. He is nevertheless subject, under clause 16 of the Act, to the supervision of the Marine Board, who have in several instances exercised the power therein conferred.

(2.) The Marine Board are engaged at the present time in drawing up specific regulations on this subject.

subject. A difficulty has hitherto presented itself, as it has been thought impracticable, both here and in the Mother Country, for Government officers to undertake to fix any line, which under all the varying circumstances and consideration is to denote the depth to which a ship may be loaded. Recently, however, the Load-line Committee, including representatives from the Board of Trade, Lloyd's Register Office, and Liverpool Registry, have drawn up a report which will enable the Marine Board to take definite action in this matter.

- (9.) Unseaworthy Vessels:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is he aware that a large number of vessels are now leaving the port of Sydney in an unseaworthy condition, owing to the failure of Marine Surveyors to perform their duty?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—I am not so aware.

- (10.) Overloading Vessels:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it a fact that the "Saxonia," "Western," "Tasmania," and a number of other steam colliers are in the habit of entering the port of Sydney so overladen with coal as to render them liable to be swamped in the first gale?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—It is not a fact in the opinion of competent authorities.

- (11.) Railway Workshops at Eveleigh:—*Mr. T. R. Smith*, for Mr. Kethel, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) The names of the tenderers for the ironwork for the Railway Workshops at Eveleigh, with the amount of each tender, stating which of the tenderers intend to import the work, and which of them undertake to manufacture it in this Colony?

(2.) What is the difference percentum between the amount of the lowest tender for importing the work and that for manufacturing it in this Colony, with the name of the tenderer in each case?

(3.) Does the Minister propose to give a preference to the tenderer who undertakes to manufacture the work in this Colony; and if so, will he state what percentage in this case he will allow in favour of the latter?

(4.) Is there any cause for delay in accepting one of the tenders?

(5.) Will the Minister state when the tender of the successful party is likely to be accepted, and the said successful tenderer notified of the same?

Mr. Lync answered,—

- (1.) Return attached, giving name of tenderer and amount in each instance.

Imported.		To be manufactured in the Colony.	
Name.	Amount.	Name.	Amount.
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Ostermeyer Dewez and Co. ...	34,306 5 0	R. Tullock and Co. ...	35,285 0 0
D. and W. Robertson ...	34,488 10 7	D. and W. Robertson ...	36,225 11 10
James Frederick Carson ...	35,384 15 0		
Louis Samuel ...	36,110 19 1		

(2.) 2·85 per cent. The lowest tender for imported work is that of Messrs. Ostermeyer Dewez and Co., and for work manufactured in the Colony that of Messrs R. Tullock and Co.

(3.) Yes.

(4.) No.

(5.) Within a few days.

- (12.) Mineral Leases:—*Mr. Humphery*, for Mr. Tarrant, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) In the administration of the Mining Act, is it the rule to recognize the Amended Mining Act of August, 1884, which provides that mineral leases may be applied for over certain lands which were previously only obtainable by permit to mine under the 28th section of the Mining Act?

(2.) In cases where applications were made under the 28th clause of the Mining Act, and either refused or granted only in part, is it considered that such applications ensure to the applicants a claim for all time to all the land embraced by such applications, notwithstanding such refusal or granting in part thereof?

Mr. Abbott answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) No; but if an application has been refused in whole or in part because the land was not from any cause then available and subsequently becomes available, an application which has been refused or modified may be reconsidered before dealing with a later application.

6. ABOLITION OF PUNISHMENT BY WHIPPING BILL:—Mr. Harold Stephen presented a Bill, intituled "A Bill to amend the 25th 26th 35th 36th 39th 40th 41st 42nd 43rd 44th 59th 60th 93rd 207th 210th 221st 401st 402nd 403rd 404th 406th 446th 447th 448th and 449th sections of the 'Criminal Law Amendment Act of 1883,'"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 15th January, 1886.

7. PAPERS:—

Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table,—

Report of the Chief Medical Inspector to the Board of Health on Dengue Fever.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. See laid upon the Table,—Correspondence respecting future Mail Communication between Great Britain and Australia *via* Suez.

Ordered to be printed.

Sir

Sir Patrick Jennings laid upon the Table,—Road Trust Accounts for the half-years ending 30th June and 31st December, 1883 and 1884.

Ordered to be printed.

8. **ST. MARY'S WAVERLEY CHURCH OF ENGLAND LAND SALE BILL** (*Formal Motion*):—
- (1.) Mr. Teece moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable William Henry Simpson, James Vickery, and William Ransome Gullick, as Trustees of certain land in the parish of St. Mary's, Waverley, to sell the said land and to provide for the appropriation of the proceeds thereof, and to vest in the said Trustees certain other lands in the said parish, and to provide for the sale of the same and the appropriation of the proceeds thereof.
- Question put and passed.
- (2.) 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 enable William Henry Simpson James Vickery and William Ransome Gullick as Trustees of certain land in the parish of St. Mary's Waverley to sell the said land and to provide for the appropriation of the proceeds thereof and to vest in the said Trustees certain other land in the said parish and to provide for the sale of the same and the appropriation of the proceeds thereof,*"—read a first time.
9. **CORNWELL'S ESTATE BILL** (*Formal Motion*):—
- (1.) Mr. Trickett moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to empower the Trustees of the Will of the late Samuel Cornwell to sell certain hereditaments forming part of the testator's residuary real estate, and invest and apply the proceeds of sale.
- Question put and passed.
- (2.) Mr. Trickett 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 empower the Trustees of the Will of the late Samuel Cornwell to sell certain hereditaments forming part of the testator's residuary real estate and invest and apply the proceeds of sale,*"—read a first time.
10. **BARKER'S ESTATE BILL** (*Formal Motion*):—
- (1.) Mr. Teece moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Trustees of the Will of Mr. William Barker, deceased, to sell certain land and hereditaments in Pitt-street, Redfern, in the Colony of New South Wales, and to make provision for the investment of the proceeds thereof.
- Question put and passed.
- (2.) 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 enable the Trustees of the Will of Mr. William Barker deceased to sell certain land and hereditaments in Pitt-street Redfern in the Colony of New South Wales and to make provision for the investment of the proceeds thereof,*"—read a first time.
11. **UTHER'S ESTATE LEASING BILL** (*Formal Motion*):—
- (1.) Mr. Teece moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize Walter Iredale Uther and Hulton Smyth King, or other the Trustee or Trustees for the time being of the Will of Reuben Uther, late of Sydney, deceased, to lease portion of the real estate of the said Reuben Uther.
- Question put and passed.
- (2.) 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 Walter Iredale Uther and Hulton Smyth King or other the Trustee or Trustees for the time being of the Will of Reuben Uther late of Sydney deceased to lease portion of the real estate of the said Reuben Uther,*"—read a first time.
12. **LECTURES AT THE TECHNICAL COLLEGE** (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Sydney Smith*, for Dr. Wilkinson, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing the names of those engaged in giving lectures at the Technical College, with the amount of work required from and the salaries given to these lecturers.
- Question put and passed.
13. **SUPPLY**:—Mr. Dibbs moved, pursuant to *amended* Notice, That this House will, on Friday, 11th instant, resolve itself into the Committee of Supply.
- Question put and passed.
14. **WAYS AND MEANS**:—Mr. Dibbs moved, pursuant to *amended* Notice, That this House will, on Friday, 11th instant, resolve itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.
- Question put and passed.
15. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. Trickett moved, That this House do now adjourn.
- Debate ensued.
- Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly at five minutes after Six o'clock, until *Friday* next at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 14.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 11 DECEMBER, 1885.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Railway Tires and Axles:—Mr. Abigail asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) How many tons of steel tires were used in the Railways and Tramways Departments in each of the following years:—1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, and 1884?

(2.) How many tons of steel axles were used by the same Departments during the same years?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) 1880, 101 tons; 1881, 116 tons; 1882, 189 tons; 1883, 183 tons 8 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lbs.; 1884, 190 tons 1 cwt. 2 qrs. 22 lbs.

(2.) 1880, 12 tons 16 cwt.; 1881, 10 tons 7 cwt. 2 qrs.; 1882, 14 tons 14 cwt.; 1883, 21 tons 15 cwt.; 1884, 17 tons 18 cwt.

(2.) Civil Service Superannuation Fund:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Postmaster General,—Has his attention been called to the following minute from the Under Secretary, G. Eagar, Esq.:—
“Superannuation Fund, 4 per cent. Superannuation deduction to be made from all persons salaries brought under the provisions of section 7 who are paid otherwise than daily, weekly, or monthly wages, or by piecework,—G. EAGAR, 10/11/85. If so, what steps does he intend to take in the matter?”

Mr. See answered,—A minute from the Civil Service Board (and not from Mr. Eagar), in the words quoted by the Honorable Member, has been brought under my notice, and is now receiving consideration. My own opinion, however, is that none of those persons who came under section 7 or 8 of the Act should be compelled to contribute to the Superannuation Fund, but that it should be optional for them to do so under the 57th clause of the Act.

(3.) Stealing Fruit from Railway Trucks:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he cause an immediate inquiry to be made of the alleged loss to the fruit growers of Central Cumberland by persons opening the cases and stealing the fruit from the Railway trucks after they have been left to be forwarded to Sydney by rail?

Mr. Lyne answered,—Inquiry has repeatedly been made, and watchmen appointed to detect anything of the kind. There is no proof that the fruit is stolen while it is in the possession of the Railway Department. Preventive measures will continue to be taken.

(4.) Supply of Liquor on Homebush-Waratah Railway:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—With reference to the following Question and Answer (15th October, 1884), will the Minister state if inquiries have been made, and with what result?—

“ (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 drink?”

“ (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.”

Mr. Lyne answered,—From inquiries made of the district engineers and the contractors, it appears that there is not the slightest foundation for believing that any such practice exists or has existed.

(5.) Store Labourers at Randwick and Redfern Railway:—Mr. Olliffe asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it a fact that the store labourers at Randwick and Redfern Railway work nine hours, while the other labourers work eight; if so, will he endeavour to place them on the same footing as the other labourers in regard to their hours of labour?

Mr.

Mr. Lyne answered,—When the eight-hour system was introduced the men were working ten hours a day. The store employes requested to be allowed to work nine hours without reduction in pay, and this was conceded. At the present time they work eight and a half hours daily, and lately the men as a body expressed themselves quite satisfied.

- (6.) Surveyor's License Fees :—Mr. Olliffe asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he say how the £5 is disposed of that is received from the Surveyors as a fee when applying for a license—is it placed to Revenue Account; if so, under what head does it appear?

Mr. Abbott answered,—Yes; it is placed to the credit of the Revenue, under the head of "Other Fees." The matter has been under my consideration during the week, and further information is being obtained.

- (7.) William-Henry-street Bridge :—Mr. Hugh Taylor, for Mr. W. J. Fergusson, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) How often have tenders been called for William-Henry-street Bridge?
- (2.) If tenders for this work have been invited more than once, will the Minister state why such was the case, and what was the name of the lowest tenderer, together with the amount of his tender on each occasion?
- (3.) Has any tender yet been accepted for this work; and if so, whose, and what is the amount?
- (4.) Were tenderers for this work required to make monetary deposits with their tenders; and if so, with what object?
- (5.) In the event of a tenderer for any public work declining to take up a contract for which his tender has been approved by the Government, will he say if it is an invariable rule that the monetary deposit accompanying his tender shall be forfeited to the Crown?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) Twice.
 - (2.) Fresh tenders were invited in consequence of a letter received from Mr. Forster, the lowest tenderer, requesting to be allowed to withdraw from the contract on account of ill-health. The names of the lowest tenderers in the first case were Forster and Taylor, amount £10,791 12s. 6d. They did not tender on the second occasion, when the tender of Richard Flook for £11,677 12s. 8d. was the lowest. Flook did not tender on the first occasion.
 - (3.) Yes; that of Forster and Taylor for £10,791 12s. 6d. Mr. Forster having recovered from his illness, stated his willingness to carry out the contract at the price he and Taylor tendered at in the first instance, and which was the lowest tender received on either occasion of invitation.
 - (4.) Tenderers were required to deposit the sum of £100 with their tenders as a guarantee that in the event of a tender being accepted the bond to secure the carrying out of the contract would be entered into.
 - (5.) Not invariably; there may be circumstances which would make that course unreasonably severe; each case is decided upon its merits.
- (8.) Land Sale at Cathcart and Seymour :—Mr. Dawson asked the Secretary for Lands,—When do the Government intend to sell by auction the town lots already measured in the villages of Cathcart and Seymour, in the Monaro District?

Mr. Abbott answered,—A number of allotments will be advertised for sale during the present month.

- (9.) Clearing Land at Rookwood for a Reformatory :—Mr. Davies asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) What number of men and officers are employed in clearing the land at Rookwood for a Reformatory?
- (2.) What rate of wages is paid to the men employed, and what are the salaries of the officers employed supervising the works?
- (3.) What is the total amount expended on account of these works up to the present?

Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—

- (1.) Forty-seven men and two officers,
 - (2.) 5s. a day to the men; overseer, 70s. a week; superintendent, £400 a year.
 - (3.) £3,523 5s. 1d.
- (10.) Temporary Water Supply :—Mr. Davies asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) What is the total cost of wrought-iron pipes provided by Hudson Bros. outside their contract?
 - (2.) What amount has the Government to pay the Gas Company for the pipes supplied by them for the temporary water supply?
 - (3.) What is the total cost of the temporary water supply, including Hudson Bros. contract, piping, departmental supervision, extras, &c.?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) The account has not yet been furnished, but the whole of the extras will probably not amount to £2,000.
 - (2.) The account has been paid, amounting to £4,142 8s. 1d.
 - (3.) It is estimated to cost £73,000.
- (11.) Water Conservation Commission :—Mr. Davies asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) What are the names of the gentlemen composing the Water Conservation Commission?
 - (2.) What has been the total amount expended up to the 1st November, including the amount paid to each Commissioner for fees, and the cost of professional attendance?
 - (3.) When will a progress report be laid upon the Table of the House?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) The Honorable W. J. Lyne, M.P. (President); Mr. Russell Barton, M.P.; Mr. J. B. Donkin; Mr. F. A. Franklin, C.E.; Mr. F. B. Gipps, C.E.; Mr. R. L. Murray, L.S.; Mr. D. M. Mordie, B.E., M.I.C.E.; Mr. G. W. Townsend; Mr. W. S. Targett, M.P.; Mr. R. Machattie.
- (2.) £3,834 15s. 2d.
- (3.) In the course of a few days.

- (12.) Disease in Horses :—Mr. Davies asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is it true that a foreign disease known as “Pink Eye,” has been imported into this Colony affecting horse stock; if so, has the Minister instituted any inquiry as to how this disease found its way into the Colony, and what steps does he intend to take to prevent this disease from spreading among the horse stock of the Colony?

Mr. Abbott answered,—The Inspector of Stock, Windsor, reports that a febrile disease, not of a deadly character, is affecting some of the horses on several of the farms in the Richmond District, but in the absence of the Government Veterinarian, on duty at Narrandera, its true character has not been ascertained. When he returns, which he is expected to do to night, he will proceed at once to make the necessary inquiry and report. There is no law in force authorizing the Government to take measures to prevent the spread of “Pink Eye.” Supposing the ailment is that disease, everything possible will be done to prevent its spread.

- (13.) Railway from Pearce's Corner to Ball's Head :—Mr. Davies asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to issue the necessary proclamation for the resumption of land for Railway and other purposes from Pearce's Corner to Ball's Head?

(2.) Has the Minister any objection to lay upon the Table of the House copies of all correspondence, plans, papers, &c., including the Engineer-in-Chief's report on the practicability of the proposed Railway Line?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) For the present the proclamation will not extend beyond a point on the route near the Crow's Nest.

(2.) No objection.

- (14.) Diamond Drills :—Mr. Kidd, for Dr. Ross, asked the Secretary for Lands,—The number of Diamond Drills at present in use by the Government, specifying the respective districts in which they are being used, for what period, and at what cost?

Mr. Abbott answered,—I must ask the Honorable Member to withdraw this question, and to move for the information in the form of a Return. I have no objection to give the information, but it will take some time to prepare.

- (15.) Government Oriental Interpreter :—Mr. Kidd, for Dr. Ross, asked the Minister of Justice,—Is it true that certain Oriental inhabitants of Sydney have lately, by petition, addressed the Minister of Justice respecting the appointment of one John Mear Hasmot as Government Oriental Interpreter, on the ground of their want of confidence in his knowledge of their tongues, and his inability to do justice to the office; if so, will he state what steps (if any) he intends to take in the matter; or, if it is the intention of the Government to appoint a more eligible and competent person to fill the office?

Mr. Trickett answered,—Yes. The Petition was referred to the Stipendiary Magistrates, Sydney, who have reported that they have no fault to find with Mr. Hasmot's mode of conducting cases in the Police Courts, or his ability to interpret the Oriental languages, and that they have every reason to believe that the statement made of his alleged inability to do justice to his office has been circulated by disappointed applicants for his position; but they do not consider that anything has been brought forward to prove his incompetency.

- (16.) Accidents through defective Scaffolding :—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Public Works—Has his attention been directed to the number of accidents which have happened of late through defective scaffolding; if so, do the Government propose to appoint an Inspector of Scaffolding for the purpose of preventing these accidents?

Mr. Lyne answered,—I am not aware that any complaints of this nature have been communicated to the Works Department, and the desirableness for making an appointment as Inspector of Scaffolding has not been considered by the Government.

- (17.) The Public Debt :—Mr. Garvan asked the Colonial Treasurer,—The amount of the Public Debt on 31st December, 1880; 31st December, 1881; 31st December, 1882; 31st December, 1883; 31st December, 1884; and amount of debt at present date?

Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—31st December, 1880, £14,903,919 9s. 2d.; 31st December, 1881, £16,924,019 9s. 2d.; 31st December, 1882, (a) £18,721,219 9s. 2d.; 31st December, 1883, (b) £24,632,459 9s. 2d.; 31st December, 1884, (c) £30,101,959 9s. 2d.; at present date, (d) £35,601,959 9s. 2d.; (a), (b), (c), and (d) include the Loans negotiated in each year, although the proceeds do not appear concurrently in Treasury books.

- (18.) Dr. Wilkinson :—Mr. Melville asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—

(1.) What salary or remuneration does Dr. Wilkinson receive as lecturer at the University of Sydney?

(2.) Is the Dr. Wilkinson who lectures there a Member of this House?

(3.) How many students now attend the lectures given by Dr. Wilkinson?

(4.) How many students attended those lectures six months ago, and how many twelve months ago?

Mr. Trickett answered,—

(1.) £300 per annum, and the fees of any students attending his lectures.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) One.

(4.) One. Dr. Wilkinson's active duties as lecturer in Pathology commenced on the 1st March, 1885.

- (19.) Pipes for Temporary Water Supply :—Mr. Foster asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What is the cost to the Government of this Colony of the pipes used in carrying out the temporary water scheme throughout its entire length?

Mr.

Mr. Lyne answered,—A separate price was not given by the contractor for the item of pipes. As I have already explained, the total cost of the temporary water supply will be about £73,000. And for further particulars I would refer the Honorable Member to an answer I gave to one of the Honorable Members for Eden (Mr. Garvan) on the 1st instant on the same subject.

(20.) Road from Springwood to Sassafra Gully :—Mr. T. R. Smith asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Have tenders been called for repairs for road from Springwood to Sassafra Gully ?
- (2.) Will the road be made along the Railway line, the shortest and main road to Railway Station, or will it be taken through gates near the Honorable C. Moore's residence ?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Road will be taken over route agreed to by all interested.

2. BALMAIN TRAMWAY BILL :—Mr. Burns presented a Petition from Jacob Garrard, Mayor, for and on behalf of the Borough Council of Balmain, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the Borough of Balmain to contract for the construction and maintenance of Tramways. And Mr. Burns having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Evening News* and *Balmain Observer*, newspapers, containing the Notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—Petition received.

3. DANIEL BEHAN :—Mr. Abigail presented a Petition from Daniel Behan, late Sergeant in the New South Wales Artillery, complaining of his dismissal from the Force; and praying the House to cause inquiry to be made into his case. Petition received.

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, 29th December.

5. PRIVILEGE—MR. MELVILLE, M.P. :—Mr. Abigail moved,—

- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the following questions :—

- (1.) Did the Honorable Member for Northumberland, Mr. N. Melville, receive the sum of twenty-five pounds (£25) from Mr. Ross, of Australia-street, Camperdown ?
- (2.) Was such money paid to him for his influence as a Member of Parliament to obtain certain concessions from a Member of the Government ?
- (3.) Is it true, as alleged by the Honorable Member, Mr. Melville, that the said £25 was divided with Government Officers for their assistance in obtaining a higher price for certain lands than the valuations made by those appointed to that office ?

and that the evidence taken by the Committee last Parliament be referred to the present Committee.

- (2.) That such Committee consist of Dr. Ross, Mr. Hammond, Mr. Teece, Mr. Lee, Mr. Spring, Mr. Meeks, "Mr. J. F. Smith," and the Mover.

Mr. J. F. Smith moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the name "J. F. Smith." Question proposed, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.

And Mr. Melville requiring that the Committee be appointed by ballot,—

Question,—That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the following questions :—

- (1.) Did the Honorable Member for Northumberland, Mr. N. Melville, receive the sum of twenty-five pounds (£25) from Mr. Ross, of Australia-street, Camperdown ?
- (2.) Was such money paid to him for his influence as a Member of Parliament to obtain certain concessions from a member of the Government ?
- (3.) Is it true, as alleged by the Honorable Member, Mr. Melville, that the said £25 was divided with Government Officers for their assistance in obtaining a higher price for certain lands than the valuations made by those appointed to that office ?

and that the evidence taken by the Committee last Parliament be referred to the present Committee,—put and passed.

Whereupon the House proceeded to the ballot, and Mr. Speaker declared the following to be the Committee duly appointed :—Mr. Abigail, Mr. Meeks, Mr. Hammond, Mr. Hawthorne, Dr. Ross, Mr. Spring, Mr. Lee, and Mr. Teece.

Mr. Melville then (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That he have leave to appear and be heard in person or by Counsel before the Committee.

Question put and passed.

6. BUSINESS AT LAND OFFICES, ARMIDALE, WALCHA, GLEN INNES, INVERELL, AND TENTERFIELD (Formal Motion) :—Mr. Proctor, for Mr. Inglis, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—

- (1.) The number of conditional purchases applied for in the years, 1881, 1882, 1883, and 1884, at the following Land Offices : Armidale, Walcha, Glen Innes, Inverell, and Tenterfield.
- (2.) The number of applications under 52nd clause to convert pre-emptive leases into conditional leases received from Armidale, Walcha, Glen Innes, Inverell, and Tenterfield within the ninety days specified in Act of 1884.
- (3.) The number of applications for conditional leases under section 54, made at Armidale, Walcha, Glen Innes, Inverell, and Tenterfield, within the said ninety days.
- (4.) The number of applications for conditional purchases under Act of 1884, received from 6th August to 1st December, at Land Offices, Armidale, Walcha, Glen Innes, Inverell, and Tenterfield.
- (5.) The number of applications for conditional leases under section 48 received at each of the said Offices during the like period.

Question put and passed.

7. EMPLOYERS LIABILITY BILL (*Formal Motion*):—
 (1.) Mr. Burns, for Mr. Garrard moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to extend and regulate the Liability of Employers to make compensation for personal injuries suffered by Workmen in their service.
 Question put and passed.
 (2.) Mr. Burns presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to extend and regulate the liability of Employers to make compensation for personal injuries suffered by workmen in their service,*”—which was read a first time
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 15th January, 1886.
8. CORNWELL'S ESTATE BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Trickett moved, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) That Cornwell'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 Mr. Burdekin, Mr. Butcher, Mr. Melville, Mr. Humphery, Mr. White, Mr. McCulloch, Mr. William Clarke, Mr. Collins, Mr. Gibbes, and the Mover.
 Question put and passed.
9. BARKER'S ESTATE BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Teece moved, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) That Barker's 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. Proctor, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Targett, Mr. Slattery, Mr. Davies, Mr. Day, Mr. Holborow, and the Mover.
 (3.) That the Report from the Select Committee on “*Barker's Estate Bill,*” brought up on 30th September, 1885, be referred to such Committee.
 Question put and passed.
10. UThER ESTATE LEASING BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Teece moved, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) That the Uther Estate Leasing 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. Burus, Mr. Levien, Mr. Hammond, Mr. Gibbes, Mr. Targett, Mr. Moore, Mr. Holborow, Mr. Vaughn, and the Mover.
 (3.) That the Report from the Select Committee on “*Uther Estate Bill,*” brought up on 30th September, 1885, be referred to such Committee.
 Question put and passed.
11. ST. MARY'S WAYERLEY CHURCH OF ENGLAND LAND SALE BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Teece moved, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) That St. Mary's Waverley Church of England 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. Trickett, Mr. Targett, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Proctor, Mr. Abigail, Mr. Collins, and the Mover.
 (3.) That the Report from the Select Committee on “*St. Mary's Waverley Church of England Land Sale Bill,*” brought up on 30th September, 1885, be referred to such Committee.
 Question put and passed.
12. QUEANBEYAN RECREATION RESERVE (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all accounts and papers in reference to the Queanbeyan Recreation Reserve.
 Question put and passed.
13. JUDGMENT CREDITORS REMEDIES EXTENSION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Melville, for Mr. Levien, moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to extend the Remedies of Judgment Creditors.
 Question put and passed.
14. SUPREME COURT PROCESS FACILITATION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Melville, for 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.
15. RAILWAY TIRES AND AXLES (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Abigail moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence, reports, and minutes thereon, or attached to, having reference to the purchase or supply of Railway Tires and Axles that has taken place with the Government, the Commissioner for Railways, and the Agent General, whether by public tender or otherwise, with Messrs. Vickers & Co., or any other British manufacturers or their representatives, since 1st January, 1880, to date.
 Question put and passed.
16. BARRISTERS BILL:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill postponed until Tuesday, 22nd December.
17. ESTIMATES FOR 1886, AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR 1885 AND PREVIOUS YEARS:—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Sir Patrick Jennings, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

ALFRED STEPHEN,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 3.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th clause of the Constitution Act, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends to the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the accompanying Estimates of the Expenditure of this Government for the year 1886, together with Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for the year 1885 and previous years.

Government House,
Sydney, 11th December, 1885.

Ordered to be printed, together with the accompanying Estimates, and referred to the Committee of Supply.

18. ADMISSION TO THE BODY OF THE HOUSE:—Mr. Dibbs (*with the unanimous consent of the House*) moved, That the Honorable W. H. Burgess, Colonial Treasurer of Tasmania (now present) be invited to take a Chair on the floor of the House.
Question put and passed.
Whereupon Mr. Burgess entered the Chamber, and took a seat at the right hand of Mr. Speaker.
19. 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.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday next.
20. PAPER:—Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table,—Estimates of the Ways and Means of the Government of New South Wales for the year 1836.
Ordered to be printed.
21. PRECEDENCE OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS:—Mr. Dibbs (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That Government Business take precedence of General Business on Tuesday next.
Question put and passed.
- The House adjourned at twenty-three minutes before Twelve o'clock, until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 15.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 15 DECEMBER, 1885.

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

APPOINTMENT OF THE RIGHT HONORABLE BARON CARRINGTON AS GOVERNOR OF THE COLONY:—
The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Dibbs, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

CARRINGTON,

Message No. 1.

Governor.

The Right Honorable Charles Robert Baron Carrington has the honor to inform the Legislative Assembly that Her Majesty has been graciously pleased, by a Commission under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, bearing date at Windsor the twentieth day of March last, to appoint him to be Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Colony of New South Wales and its Dependencies; and that on the twelfth of December instant he assumed the Government of the Colony accordingly.

Government House,

Sydney, 15th December, 1885.

Ordered to be printed, and taken into consideration to-morrow.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Post and Telegraph Office, Botany:—*Dr. Renwick*, for Mr. Williamson, asked the Postmaster-General,—Will he call for a report as to the advisableness of erecting a new Post and Telegraph Office at Botany?

Mr. See answered,—Any application which may be made to me for more suitable premises will receive due consideration; but the small revenue derived from the Post and Telegraph Offices at Botany, namely, about £126 a year, would not justify the erection of new buildings at present.

(2.) Reformatory for Boys:—*Dr. Renwick*, for Mr. Williamson, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to erect a Reformatory for boys; and if so, when, and where?

Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—There is a Reformatory for Boys now in course of erection at Rockwood.

(3.) Police Superannuation Fund:—*Dr. Renwick*, for Mr. Williamson, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he cause an investigation to be made into the state of the Police Superannuation Fund, and lay the information upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The Auditor General has investigated the state of the Police Superannuation Fund, and his report has been laid before Parliament. I understand the Inspector General of Police is now preparing a full report on the subject, which will be sent to the Colonial Secretary at an early date.

(4.) Park for Waterloo:—*Dr. Renwick*, for Mr. Williamson, asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he cause a piece of land to be selected on the Waterloo Estate as a Park for the residents of the Borough of Waterloo?

Mr. Abbott answered,—The power to select for public purposes under the grant to W. Hutchinson of 1,400 acres, known as the Waterloo Estate, has already been exhausted.

(5.)

(5.) Ordnance Stores:—Mr. Harold Stephen asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) When was the last survey made of Ordnance Stores?
- (2.) Since that date, what amount of money has been expended in the purchase of Ordnance Stores?
- (3.) Since the last survey, have any sales been held of condemned Ordnance Stores?
- (4.) If so, what sum of money has been realised from such sales, and what was the original cost of the Stores sold?
- (5.) Will the Colonial Secretary issue immediate instructions for a survey and stock-taking of Ordnance Stores?

Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—

- (1.) 1883.
 - (2.) About £15,532, through the Ordnance Department.
 - (3.) Yes.
 - (4.) £472 9s. 10d., and approximate value of same new, £1,500.
 - (5.) Quinquennial surveys are the rule with the Imperial Government. It is not considered necessary to depart from that rule here.
- (6.) Warders in Gaols:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—Looking at the nature of the duties of the Warders in Her Majesty's Gaols,—Will he give the same concession to them that is given to the attendants in the Lunatic Asylums by extending their annual leave to fourteen days; and will he give instructions to make the necessary additions to the staff to render the alteration feasible?

Mr. Slattery answered,—I have received a report from the Comptroller General of Prisons, in which he states that by reason of the exceptionally inelastic conditions of the Prison Service, it being a general necessity that when leave of absence is given to a warder his post must be filled by another person employed for the purpose, the difficulty in conceding the desired boon lies entirely in the cost of the requisite increase to the staff, which, by a careful calculation, it is found would amount for the established Gaols to upwards of £3,000 a year. I am also informed by Mr. Maclean that to extend the concession to the warders employed in the Police Gaols would materially augment the above stated sum, and would in most instances be very inconvenient, and in some impracticable. Leave of absence to warders is always readily granted when the circumstances admit of its being taken without incurring the expense to the Department of paying a person specially employed to take the duty.

(7.) Sir Alexander Stuart:—Mr. Davies asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has Sir Alexander Stuart been appointed Executive Commissioner to represent the Colony at the forthcoming Indian and Colonial Exhibition to be held in London; if so, when does he propose to leave the Colony to assume the duties of such office in London?

Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—Yes, and he intends to leave on or about the 16th January next.

(8.) Buildings for Naval Purposes in Domain:—Mr. Davies asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it true that it is the intention of the Imperial Government to erect certain buildings for Naval purposes on the shore side of the Domain, adjoining the Ladies Baths; if so, what action do the Government propose to take in the matter?

Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—It is the intention to carry out that part of the arrangement with the Imperial Government which involved the erection of a Naval Stores Receiving Warehouse on that portion of the land at Woolloomooloo Bay which adjoins the Domain, and which has been from time to time leased to various persons.

(9.) Railway Workshops, Eveleigh:—Mr. Forsyth asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Were tenders called for manufactured materials required in the construction of the Railway Workshops at Eveleigh, instead of tenders for the erection of the building complete?
- (2.) Were such tenders called for the above-mentioned materials, instead of accepting one of the tenders sent in to the Department?
- (3.) When tenders are called for the construction of bridges, buildings, wharfs, machinery, &c., or for the supply of manufactured materials required for the Department of Public Works,—Will the Minister state whether he is prepared to give a preference that may range from 5 to 10 per cent. (according to his discretion) for the several kinds of work in favour of tenderers offering to make or manufacture the same in the Colony either from the ordinary raw materials of commerce imported or from colonial production, and have such percentage stated in advertisements calling for tenders?

Mr. Lync answered,—

- (1.) Yes; tenders were invited for the supply of the roof girders and columns.
- (2.) Tenders were not called nor received for the building complete. The work was divided into two contracts—one for the foundations and walls, and the other for the roof-girders and columns.
- (3.) In all cases where it is practicable, tenderers will be asked to state a price for the manufacture of the material in the Colony as distinguished from importation; and though it will not be necessary to state what percentage will be allowed in determining the acceptance of the Colonial production, favourable consideration will be given to the tender of the Colonial manufacturer, each case being decided upon its merits.

(10.) Government Oriental Interpreter:—Mr. Abigail asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Is he aware, officially or otherwise, of the alleged failures in the Oriental Interpreter's duties?
- (2.) Has he received a Petition from Orientals about the person whom Mr. Cohen gazetted Oriental Interpreter on the day he went out of office?
- (3.) To what effect is the petition?
- (4.) Is this post one for which special qualifications are required?
- (5.) What were the special qualifications (if any) of the man appointed by Mr. Cohen; had he any testimonials, and was their genuineness tested; to what effect were they; will the Minister lay them upon the Table?
- (6.) Is it a fact that this man has no special Oriental qualifications, and that he is deficient even in English, the language he has to translate from and re-translate into?

Mr.

Mr. Slattery answered,—I would invite the Honorable Member's attention to the reply given by me on Friday last to a question asked by the Honorable Member for Molong of a similar character, and I would suggest that if any further information is desired on the subject, in the public interests, the production of the papers relating to Mr. Hasnot's appointment might be moved for in the regular manner.

- (11.) **Railway and Tramway Advertising Company**:—Mr. Abigail asked the Secretary for Public Works,—The amount of money owing to the Government by the New South Wales Railway and Tramway Advertising Company, showing the amount for Railways and Tramways separately?
- Mr. Lyne answered,—Amount due for Railway advertising for six months, ending 31st December, 1885, £1,625; Tramways, nil. The lease has been cancelled.
3. **PAPERS**:—Sir Patrick Jennings laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) Commission appointing the Right Honorable Lord Carrington, P.C., to be Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of New South Wales.
 - (2.) By-laws of the Municipal District of South Singleton.
 - (3.) Return to an Order made on 3rd December, 1885,—“Constable Goldrick.”
- Ordered to be printed.
4. **ROAD FROM HOSKINGTOWN TO BUNGENDORE (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all reports and correspondence relating to a closed road leading from Hoskingtown to Bungendore across Molonglo Plains.
Question put and passed.
5. **BALMAIN TRAMWAY BILL (Formal Motion)**:—
- (1.) Mr. Garrard, for Mr. Hyam, moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the Borough of Balmain to contract for the construction and maintenance of Tramways.
Question put and passed.
 - (2.) Mr. Garrard 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, intitled “A Bill to authorize the Borough of Balmain to contract for the construction and maintenance of Tramways,”—read a first time.
6. **COONAN v. ATKINSON (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 the Supreme Court records in the case Coonan v. Atkinson, together with the Judge's notes of the evidence, and an authenticated statement of the Judge's remarks upon the application of the parties to have a verdict for the plaintiff recorded.
Question put and passed.
7. **DIAMOND DRILLS (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. Abigail, for Dr. Ross, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing the number of Diamond Drills at present in use by the Government, specifying the respective districts in which they are being used, for what period, and at what cost.
Question put and passed.
8. **PRIVILEGE**:—Mr. Abigail moved, That it be referred to the Committee of Elections and Qualifications to inquire and report to this House whether Walter Coonan, Esquire, the Honorable Member for Forbes, is a party to the contract made between the Government and others representing the New South Wales Railway and Tramway Advertising Company; and if so, does such a position disqualify him from sitting and voting as a Member of this Assembly.
And Mr. Coonan having been heard in his place, withdrew.
Debate ensued.
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
9. **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,—

WEDNESDAY, 16 DECEMBER, 1885, 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-two minutes before One o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 16.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 18 DECEMBER, 1885.

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

MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:—Mr. Dibbs informed the House that since their last meeting the Government had taken into consideration the position of affairs and the situation in which they were placed, and that he had this afternoon, on behalf of himself and his Colleagues, tendered to His Excellency the Governor the resignation of their offices.

2. APPOINTMENT OF THE RIGHT HONORABLE BARON CARRINGTON AS GOVERNOR OF THE COLONY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Dibbs moved, That His Excellency's Message No. 1 be read.

Question put and passed.

And Message (as recorded in the Votes and Proceedings of yesterday) read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Dibbs then moved, That the following Address, in acknowledgment of His Excellency's Message, be adopted by this House, and presented to His Excellency:—

To His Excellency The Right Honorable CHARLES ROBERT, BARON CARRINGTON, a Member of Her Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of New South Wales and its Dependencies, &c., &c., &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

We, the Members of the Legislative Assembly, in Parliament assembled, desire to convey to you our thanks for your Excellency's Message informing us of your appointment, by Her Most Gracious Majesty, to be Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of New South Wales and its Dependencies.

We beg to assure your Excellency that Her Majesty's choice affords us great satisfaction; and, in offering you our congratulations, we confidently believe that your Excellency's appointment will tend to increase and strengthen the loyal attachment of all classes of the people in this Colony to Her Majesty's Throne and Person.

We beg your Excellency to accept our hearty congratulations.

Question put and passed.

3. UTER ESTATE LEASING 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 11th December; 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 Tuesday, 12th January, 1886.

Question put and passed.

4. St. MARY'S WAVERLEY CHURCH OF ENGLAND LAND 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 11th December; 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 Tuesday, 12th January, 1886.

Question put and passed.

5. **BARKER'S 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 11th December; 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 Tuesday, 12th January, 1886.
Question put and passed.
6. **COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS**:—Mr. R. B. Smith (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Committee of Elections and Qualifications have leave to sit during the next adjournment of this House.
Question put and passed.
7. **PRIVILEGE**—**MR. MELVILLE, M.P.**:—Mr. Melville (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Select Committee on "Privilege—Mr. Melville, M.P.," have leave to sit during any adjournment of this House.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
8. **BODALLA ESTATE 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 enable the Trustees of the Will of the late Thomas Sutcliffe Mort to join with certain of the beneficiaries under the said Will in floating the pastoral property known as 'Bodalla' in the county of Dampier as a Company to be called the 'Bodalla Company (Limited)' and for that purpose to transfer the said property to the said Company and accept and hold fully paid up shares in the said Company,*"—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, 16th December, 1885.
JOHN HAY,
President.
Bill, on motion of Mr. Septimus Stephen, read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 15th January, 1886.
9. **PAPER**:—Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table,—Abstract of Lands resumed for the purposes of Public Parks, under the provisions of the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, 44 Victoria No. 16.
Ordered to be printed.
10. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT**:—Mr. Dibbs said that he wished to supplement the statement he made at an earlier hour this afternoon, by informing the House that he had advised His Excellency the Governor to send for Sir John Robertson, with a view to forming a new Administration, and that His Excellency had requested the present Ministers to hold office until the appointment of their successors.

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

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 17.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 17 DECEMBER, 1885.

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

MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:—Mr. Dibbs informed the House that His Excellency the Governor had sent for Sir John Robertson with a view to his forming a new Administration, and that he had been requested by Sir John Robertson to move that the House at its rising to-day adjourn until Tuesday next.

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. PAPERS:—

Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table,—Royal Commission—Conservation of Water. First Report of the Commissioners.
Ordered to be printed.

Sir Patrick Jennings laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) By-laws of the Borough of Granville, under the Nuisances Prevention Act of 1875.
(2.) By-laws of the Borough of Albury, under the Municipalities Act of 1867, and the Nuisances Prevention Act of 1875.
(3.) Amended Regulation relating to the Botanic Gardens and Garden Palace Grounds.
Ordered to be printed.

4. KITE'S LEASING 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 4th December, 1885; together with a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee.
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Suttor then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday next.
Question put and passed.

5. HAY GAS BILL:—

(1.) Mr. R. B. Wilkinson presented a Petition from Alfred George Stanger and Arthur Budden, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable Alfred George Stanger and Arthur Budden to construct Gas-works within the Municipal District and Suburbs of Hay.
And Mr. Wilkinson having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Evening News* and the *Riverine Grazier* newspapers, containing the Notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.

(2.) Mr. Wilkinson presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Municipal District of Hay, praying the House to favourably consider the Bill.
Petition received.

The House adjourned at twenty-two minutes before Five o'clock, until *Tuesday* next at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

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No. 18.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 22 DECEMBER, 1885.

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

APPOINTMENT OF THE RIGHT HONORABLE BARON CARRINGTON AS GOVERNOR OF THE COLONY:—
Mr. Speaker reported that he had presented to the Governor the Address of congratulation adopted by the House in reply to His Excellency's Message No. 1; and that His Excellency had been pleased to give the following answer:—

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,—

I receive with much pride and satisfaction your Address of congratulations on my appointment as Her Majesty's Representative in this Colony; and I beg to express to you my sincere thanks for the flattering terms in which it is expressed.

I beg to assure you, Gentlemen, that in the faithful discharge of my duties it will be my constant and anxious desire to promote the welfare and prosperity of this Colony, and to strengthen the loyal attachment to Her Majesty's Throne and Person which so notably pervades all classes of the people of New South Wales.

Government House,
21st December, 1885.

CARRINGTON.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Dibbs, to be printed.

2. DEATH OF HIS EXCELLENCY SIR PETER H. SCRATCHLEY, K.C.M.G.:—Mr. Speaker reported that he had communicated to Lady Scratchley the Resolution agreed to by the House on the 4th instant, expressing its condolence with her Ladyship on the death of her husband, Sir Peter Scratchley,—and that he had received thereto the following reply:—

Public Works Office, Melbourne,
19 December, 1885.

Sir,

I am desired by Lady Scratchley to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th instant, in which you were good enough to forward to her a copy of the Votes and Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales containing the Resolution of the House with reference to the death of her late lamented husband Major-General Sir Peter Scratchley.

I have the honor to request that you will convey to the Honorable Members of the Legislative Assembly Lady Scratchley's deep sense of gratitude both for the tribute of respect and regard paid by the House to her late lamented husband, as well as for the expression of condolence and sympathy shown towards herself in her great sorrow and bereavement.

I am further desired to convey to you personally Lady Scratchley's sincere gratitude for the expressions of sympathy contained in your letter.

I have, &c.,

The Honorable The Speaker,
Legislative Assembly, Sydney.

G. SEYMOUR FORT,
Private Secretary.

3. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—(*Mackinnon v. Watson*):—

(1.) Mr. R. B. Smith, 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, relative to the Petition of James Archibald Mackinnon against the return of William John Watson as a Member for the Electoral District of Young, which was referred to the said Committee on 1st December, 1885.

And the said Report was read at length by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, as follows:—

"The Committee of Elections and Qualifications duly appointed on the 20th November, 1885, to whom was referred, on the 1st December, 1885, a Petition from James Archibald Mackinnon, against the election and return of William John Watson, as a Member for the Electoral District of Young,—have determined, and do hereby accordingly declare:—

"That

"That William John Watson, Esquire, who was returned as elected by the Returning Officer *was not* duly elected as a Member of the Legislative Assembly for the Electoral District of Young.

"That James Archibald Mackinnon, Esquire, who was not returned by the Returning Officer, *was* duly elected as a Member of the Legislative Assembly for the Electoral District of Young.

"That the Petition is not frivolous or vexatious.

"That the Committee make no award as to costs.

"No. 2 Committee Room,

"R. BURDETT SMITH,

"Legislative Assembly, 22nd December, 1885.

Chairman."

Ordered, on motion of Mr. R. B. Smith, that the Report and Minutes of the Proceedings and Evidence, be printed.

(2.) Mr. R. B. Smith moved, That the Committee of Elections and Qualifications have leave to adjourn *sine die*, the matter referred to them having been disposed of.
Question put and passed.

4. NEW ADMINISTRATION:—Mr. Fletcher informed the House that Sir John Robertson had formed a New Administration, consisting of,—

Sir John Robertson, as Colonial Secretary and Premier.

Mr. John Fitzgerald Burns, as Colonial Treasurer.

Mr. Gerald Spring, as Secretary for Lands.

Mr. Jacob Garrard, as Secretary for Public Works.

Mr. James Henry Young, as Minister of Public Instruction.

Mr. Louis Francis Heydon, as Minister for Justice.

Mr. Robert Matteson Vaughn, as Secretary for Mines.

Mr. Daniel O'Connor, as Postmaster-General.

Mr. George Bowen Simpson, as Attorney-General.

5. VACANT SEATS:—Mr. Fletcher moved,—

(1.) That the Seat of Sir John Robertson hath become and is now vacant, by reason of his acceptance of the office of Colonial Secretary since his Election and Return to serve in this House as a Member for the Electoral District of Mudgee.

Mr. Abbott moved, That the Question be amended by the addition at the end thereof of the following words,—

"(2.) That in declaring such vacancy the House feels it to be its duty to inform His Excellency the Governor that it entirely disapproves of the appointment of several of the gentlemen named to the position of Ministers.

"(3.) That an Address embodying the last Resolution be presented to His Excellency the Governor."

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be added, be there added.

Debate ensued.

Question,—That the words proposed to be added be there added,—put and negatived.

Original Question put and passed.

(2.) That the Seat of John Fitzgerald Burns, Esquire, hath become and is now vacant, by reason of his acceptance of the office of Colonial Treasurer since his Election and Return to serve in this House as Member for the Electoral District of The Hunter.

Question put and passed.

(3.) That the Seat of Gerald Spring, Esquire, hath become and is now vacant, by reason of his acceptance of the office of Secretary for Lands since his Election and Return to serve in this House as a Member for the Electoral District of Young.

Question put and passed.

(4.) That the Seat of Jacob Garrard, Esquire, hath become and is now vacant, by reason of his acceptance of the office of Secretary for Public Works since his Election and Return to serve in this House as a Member for the Electoral District of Balmain.

Question put and passed.

(5.) That the Seat of James Henry Young, Esquire, hath become and is now vacant, by reason of his acceptance of the office of Minister for Public Instruction since his Election and Return to serve in this House as a Member for the Electoral District of The Hastings and Manning.

Question put and passed.

(6.) That the Seat of Louis Francis Heydon, Esquire, hath become and is now vacant, by reason of his acceptance of the office of Minister of Justice since his Election and Return to serve in this House as Member for the Electoral District of Yass Plains.

Question put and passed.

(7.) That the Seat of Robert Matteson Vaughn, Esquire, hath become and is now vacant, by reason of his acceptance of the office of Secretary for Mines since his Election and Return to serve in this House as Member for the Electoral District of Grenfell.

Question put and passed.

(8.) That the Seat of Daniel O'Connor, Esquire, hath become and is now vacant, by reason of his acceptance of the office of Postmaster-General since his Election and Return to serve in this House as a Member for the Electoral District of West Sydney.

Question put and passed.

6. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Fletcher (*by consent*) moved, without notice, That this House at its rising this day do adjourn until Wednesday, 27th January next.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Fletcher, at Seven o'clock, until *Wednesday, the 27th January next*, at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 19.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 27 JANUARY, 1886.

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

WRITS OF ELECTION:—The Speaker informed the House that, in accordance with the direction of the 17th clause of the Electoral Act of 1880, and upon Resolutions passed by the House, he had issued Writs for the election of Members to serve in the Legislative Assembly in the room of the undermentioned gentlemen, whose Seats had been declared vacant by reason of their acceptance of office, viz.:—

Sir John Robertson, a Member for Mudgee.
 John Fitzgerald Burns, Esquire, Member for The Hunter.
 Gerald Spring, Esquire, a Member for Young.
 Jacob Garrard, Esquire, a Member for Balmain.
 James Henry Young, Esquire, a Member for The Hastings and Manning.
 Louis Francis Heydon, Esquire, Member for Yass Plains.
 Robert Matteson Vaughn, Esquire, Member for Grenfell.
 Daniel O'Connor, Esquire, a Member for West Sydney.

And that the said Writs had been duly returned to him, with certificates endorsed thereon by the several Returning Officers of the election of the following gentlemen to serve as Members for the Electoral Districts mentioned in connection with their names:—

Sir John Robertson,—for Mudgee.
 John Fitzgerald Burns, Esquire,—for The Hunter.
 Gerald Spring, Esquire,—for Young.
 Jacob Garrard, Esquire,—for Balmain.
 James Henry Young, Esquire,—for The Hastings and Manning.
 Louis Francis Heydon, Esquire,—for Yass Plains.
 Robert Matteson Vaughn, Esquire,—for Grenfell.
 Daniel O'Connor, Esquire,—for West Sydney.

2. MEMBERS SWORN:—The undermentioned gentlemen having each taken and subscribed the Oath, and signed the Roll of the House, took their Seats as Members for the Electoral Districts respectively named:—

The Honorable Sir John Robertson,—for Mudgee.
 The Honorable John Fitzgerald Burns,—for The Hunter.
 The Honorable Gerald Spring,—for Young.
 The Honorable Jacob Garrard,—for Balmain.
 The Honorable James Henry Young,—for The Hastings and Manning.
 The Honorable Louis Francis Heydon,—for Yass Plains.
 The Honorable Robert Matteson Vaughn,—for Grenfell.
 The Honorable Daniel O'Connor,—for West Sydney.
 James Archibald Mackinnon, Esquire,—for Young,—in room of William John Watson, Esquire, who had been returned as elected, but had been declared by the Committee of Elections and Qualifications not to have been so elected.

3. THE ACTING CLERK:—Mr. Speaker reported that he had received a Commission in favour of Frederick William Webb, Esquire, who has been appointed by the Governor and Executive Council Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, during the absence, on leave, of the Clerk of the Assembly. Mr. Speaker then administered to Mr. Webb the Oaths of Allegiance and of Office respectively, as Acting Clerk of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales.

4. PAPERS :—

Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Special Report from the Auditor-General, stating that sums to the amount of £275,000 have been withdrawn from the Consolidated Revenue Fund and placed to the credit of the Treasurer's Advance Account, in anticipation of the sanction of Parliament; enclosing certain Minutes setting forth the circumstances under which the withdrawals were made; and stating that such transfers do not come within the provisions of the Audit Act of 1870.
Ordered to be printed.

Sir John Robertson laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Despatch respecting the present system of Administration at Norfolk Island.
 - (2.) Report of the Inspector-General of Police for 1885.
 - (3.) By-laws under the Municipalities Act of 1867,—
For the Borough of Granville.
For the Borough of Narrandera.
For the Borough of Woollahra (amended).
For the Municipal District of North Illawarra (amended).
 - (4.) Regulations of Goulburn Fire Brigades Board under Fire Brigades Act, 1884.
 - (5.) Regulations of Grafton Fire Brigades Board under Fire Brigades Act, 1884.
 - (6.) Further Return to an Address adopted 6th July, 1877,—Immigration—Ship "Florida."
 - (7.) Report of Immigration Agent on complaint as to manner of hiring Immigrants per s.s. "Parthia."
- Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Burns laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Report of Board of Audit upon the Public Accounts.
 - (2.) Third Report on the Creation, Inscription, and Issue of Stock under the provisions of the Inscribed Stock Act of 1883.
 - (3.) Return to an Order made on 6th May, 1884,—“Cost and description of work done at the Government Printing Office during year 1884.”
 - (4.) Despatch—Sydney Mint.
 - (5.) Return to an Order made on 3rd December, 1885,—“Government advertisements in Newspapers.”
- Ordered to be printed.

Mr. James Henry Young laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return to an Order made on 9th December, 1885, “Lectures at the Technical College.”
 - (2.) Notifications of Resumptions of Land for Public School Purposes, under Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, at Barrenjoey, Brooks' Point, Coaldale, Gracemount, Kentgrove, Sidebrook, Stonefield, The Grove, and Werriberri.
- Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Vaughn laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Regulations under the Public Watering Places Act of 1884.
 - (2.) Return to an Order made on the 15th December, 1885,—“Diamond Drills.”
- Ordered to be printed.

5. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS :—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received a letter from Robert Burdett Smith, Esquire, resigning his appointment as a Member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications, which letter he read to the House, as follows :—

“The Honorable the Speaker, “Sydney, 27th Jan., 1886.

“Sir,

“I have the honor to resign my seat as Chairman, and also a Member of the Elections
“and Qualifications Committee. “I have the honor to be,

“Sir,

“Your obedient servant,

“R. BURDETT SMITH.”

6. CORNWELL'S ESTATE BILL :—Mr. Trickett, 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 11th December, 1885; together with a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Trickett then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday next.

Question put and passed.

7. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT :—Sir John Robertson made a Statement, in which he informed the House of the steps taken by him in the formation of the present Ministry, and of the intentions of the Government in regard to the Public Business.

8. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Dibbs moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

9. VOTE OF CREDIT :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Burns, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

CARRINGTON,

Governor.

Message No. 2.

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 January, 1886, together with provision for other Services of an urgent nature.

Government House,

Sydney, 27th January, 1886.

Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of Supply

10. ELECTION PETITION (*Dangar v. Robert Burdett Smith*):—Sir John Robertson, *by command*, laid upon the Table an Election Petition, which had been addressed to His Excellency the Governor from Otho Orde Dangar, alleging that Robert Burdett Smith was before, at, and during the Election for the Electoral District of The Macleay, guilty of certain corrupt practices within the meaning of the provisions of the Electoral Act of 1880, and praying that the Petition may be dealt with according to law, and that for the reasons therein stated, the return of the said Robert Burdett Smith may be declared null and void, and that it may be further declared that the said Robert Burdett Smith was not duly elected, and that Petitioner was duly elected as Member for the said Electoral District.
- Ordered, on motion of Sir John Robertson, to be referred to the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.
11. ELECTION PETITION (*Watson v. Mackinnon*).—Sir John Robertson, *by command*, laid upon the Table an Election Petition, which had been addressed to His Excellency the Governor from William John Watson, of Young, referring to the decision of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications in the case *Mackinnon v. Watson*, and praying that this Petition may be dealt with according to law; that for the reasons therein stated it may be declared that James Archibald Mackinnon was not lawfully elected as a Member for Young; that it may be declared and determined that the Petitioner was duly elected as a Member for the said Electoral District, and is entitled to take his seat in the Legislative Assembly; or, in the alternative, that the late Election for Young was wholly void.
- Sir John Robertson moved, That the Petition be referred to the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.
- And the Petition having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker,—
- Debate ensued.
- Question put.
- The House divided.

Ayes, 19.

Nocs, 31.

Dr. Wilkinson,		Mr. Jones,	Mr. Olliffe,
Mr. Foster,	<i>Tellers,</i>	Mr. Targett,	Mr. Lewis Lloyd,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. De Courcy Browne,	Mr. Coonan,	Mr. Bull,
Mr. J. F. Smith,	Mr. Harold Stephen.	Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. O'Sullivan,		Mr. Toohy,	Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Davies,		Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Bolton,
Mr. Feece,		Mr. Scott,	Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Shepherd,		Mr. Spring,	Mr. Garrard,
Mr. O'Connor,		Mr. Ives,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Gibbes,		Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. James Henry Young,
Mr. Neild,		Mr. Trickett,	Mr. Hammond,
Mr. Garrett,		Mr. Fitzgerald,	Mr. Day.
Mr. Wisdom,		Mr. Abbott,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Heydon,		Mr. Copland,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Vaughn,		Mr. White,	Mr. R. B. Wilkinson.
Sir John Robertson,		Mr. Forsyth,	
Mr. Hawthorne.		Mr. Sawers,	

And so it passed in the negative.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 28 JANUARY, 1886, A.M.

12. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Cook's River Drainage:—*Mr. Melville*, for Mr. W. J. Fergusson, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is he aware the contractors for the sewer from Surry Hills to Webb's Grant have dammed up a portion of Cook's River, thereby causing a large quantity of vegetable and other matter to decay on the banks, causing a great stench about Cook's River Road, and a number of people are ill in consequence; if so, will he cause inquiries to be made, and have the nuisance abated forthwith?
- Mr. Garrard answered,—The staging, which is only temporary, cannot have decreased the quantity of water flowing up Cook's River in the least, and the permanent works will be several feet below the present bottom of river. The contractor is bound, on completion of work, to remove the staging, the only effect of which will have been to slightly deepen the outlet. Mr. Fitz-John Hall, who first objected to the staging, has acknowledged in the *Herald* that he was mistaken. I think it better to forward this report than to give a formal denial in reply to question.
- (2.) Tram Guards:—Mr. Melville asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he take into consideration the duties of tram guards, and as a reward for good conduct grant the usual good conduct holidays as is the case with Railway employés?
- Mr. Garrard answered,—There is no difference observed in regard to holidays between the tram guards and traffic employés in the Railway Department. Engine-drivers and firemen in both branches are allowed from three to six days leave of absence in each year on full pay, the exact number of days to be regulated in each case according to the general conduct of the person and the amount of work he has performed. This leave is only granted at times most convenient to the Department, and may be disallowed if it is considered the person is unworthy of the indulgence. The Railway traffic and the Tramway traffic men are allowed the proclaimed holidays.
- (3.) Village Reserve between Queanbeyan and Hoskingtown:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Is he aware that a Village Reserve on the road between Queanbeyan and Hoskingtown has been enclosed by the holdings of J. Rutledge and others in such a manner as to prevent access to it by the public?
- (2.) If the Minister is not aware of this fact, will he cause an inquiry to be made into the matter?
- Mr. Spring answered,—
- (1.) No.
- (2.) Inquiry will be made for the purpose. (4.)

(4.) Homebush-Waratah Railway Line :—*Mr. Targett*, for Mr. W. J. Fergusson, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) The dates the different contracts expire for the construction of the Homebush-Waratah Line?
- (2.) The amounts of tenders accepted; the amount paid and authorized for extras up to date?
- (3.) When will tenders be called for the bridge over the Hawkesbury River; and what is the estimated cost of this bridge?
- (4.) When does he expect this Line will be opened for traffic?

Mr. Garrard answered,—

- (1.) Section 1, Homebush to Hawkesbury, 1st March, 1886. Section 3, Hawkesbury River to Gosford, 30th September, 1886. Section 4, Gosford to Waratah, 31st July, 1886.
 - (2.) Section 1, Schedule amount of tender accepted, £445,472 16s. 8d.; amount paid to date, £274,790 17s. 8d. Section 3, Schedule amount of tender accepted, £293,021 16s. 8d.; amount paid to date, £141,360 2s. 1d. Section 4, Schedule amount of tender accepted, £380,969 6s. 8d.; amount paid to date, £241,283 1s. 11d.
 - (3.) Competitive designs and tenders have been received, and are now under consideration. Estimated cost of Bridge, £600,000.
 - (4.) Portions of the line will probably be ready to open for traffic during the present year.
- (5.) Crossing for Railway Line at Piper's Flat:—*Mr. Targett* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Whether he will consider the advisableness of forming a level crossing over the Railway Line at Piper's Flat, on the Mudgce Line?

Mr. Garrard answered,—I will give early consideration to this question.

(6.) Immigrants per "Florida":—*Mr. Melville*, for Mr. Hugh Taylor, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has his attention been drawn to the class of female immigrants who recently arrived per "Florida?"

Sir John Robertson answered,—The Agent for Immigration reports that the female immigrants who recently arrived per steamer "Florida" appeared to be a respectable and healthy class of women. No case of misconduct was reported to the Surgeon-Superintendent during the voyage. The larger number were sent for, and were handed over immediately after arrival to the relatives or to friends who had nominated them. Eighty-one remained in the Dépôt, and were immediately hired. This question was asked of my predecessor in office on the 16th December last, and has been postponed from time to time up to the present date.

(7.) Railway Employés, Penrith:—*Mr. Melville*, for Mr. T. R. Smith, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it a fact that several Railway men at Penrith are compelled to work over eight hours a day; if so, will he give instructions to have their hours reduced to eight hours per day?

Mr. Garrard answered,—If reference is being made to the porters and others who attend upon the trains and work in the goods shed, 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 men referred to is not; practically these men do not really work beyond eight hours, if so long, notwithstanding they may be required to be present at the station beyond that time.

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

- (1.) When was the construction of the Railway Bridge over George's River completed?
- (2.) Has it been tested; if not, when will it be?
- (3.) Has the Minister's attention been called to the condition of George's River in the vicinity of the bridge?
- (4.) Is the Minister aware that a number of piles, cut short, have been left in the waterway?
- (5.) Is the Minister aware that the material dredged out of the bridge cylinders has been discharged into the river?
- (6.) Is the Minister aware that in the same locality planks, piles, and other debris have been left scattered along the foreshores of the river?
- (7.) Will the Minister have these matters inquired into?
- (8.) Is it the intention of the Minister to open the Line to the bridge for the Christmas holidays?
- (9.) When is it likely that the Line will be opened to Sutherland and the National Park?

Mr. Garrard answered,—

- (1.) 1st September 1885.
 - (2.) Yes.
 - (3.) Not directly.
 - (4.) There are a few piles left, but they are not in the fairway, and will be removed as early as practicable.
 - (5.) Yes; but it is not considered that any harm was occasioned by doing so.
 - (6.) The whole of the piles, planking, &c., have been sold by the contractors, and I believe the small quantity now remaining there is the property of the Holt-Sutherland Estate Co.
 - (7.) Inquiry has been made.
 - (8.) The line was opened for passenger traffic as far as Sutherland during the Christmas holidays.
 - (9.) The line is now open for public traffic to Sutherland (15 miles 20 chains).
13. CORNWELL'S ESTATE BILL:—*Mr. Trickett* presented a Petition from Elizabeth Cornwell, John Cornwell, Samuel Cornwell, Henry Cornwell, William Cornwell, Ernest Cornwell, Alfred Cornwell, Elizabeth Cornwell, Ann Cornwell, and Lydia Cornwell, the widow and children of Samuel Cornwell, of Regent-street, Sydney, brewer, deceased, praying the House to pass Cornwell's Estate Bill. Petition received.

14. REGULATION OF FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS BILL:—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of Resolution, postponed until *Friday next*.

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. 20.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 28 JANUARY, 1886.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Lending Branch, Public Library:—Mr. Copeland asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—
(1.) Is it true that by regulation the public are precluded from obtaining works of fiction from the Lending Branch of the Public Library during the open hours on Sundays; if so, will he state the reasons for such regulation?

(2.) Is he aware that no such restriction was made in the Resolution of Parliament opening this and kindred Institutions during the limited hours on Sunday, and will he take steps to have such regulation (if in existence) rescinded?

Mr. James Henry Young answered,—

(1.) Yes. I am informed that the Trustees, wishing to discourage the excessive issue of prose fiction, resolved to renew only a few works of certain standard authors of fiction as they became worn out. The Sunday records show that the majority of volumes issued were works of fiction, two-thirds of which were obtained by boys and girls of the upper classes, who are only borrowers on sufferance, being under age.

(2.) The Resolution of Parliament of the 26th March, 1878, did not include the Lending Branch, which was opened on the order of the Minister of Justice.

- (2.) Railway from Borenore to Forbes:—Mr. Stokes, for Mr. Coonan, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When is it his intention to move the adoption of the plans, &c., of the Forbes Railway Line from Borenore to Forbes, laid upon the Table of the House last Session?

Mr. Garrard answered,—As soon as the progress of other Parliamentary Business will admit of it, I shall ask the House to consider this question.

- (3.) Mr. Mackenzie, Examiner of Coal Fields:—Mr. Melville asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Was Mr. Mackenzie, Examiner of Coal Fields, called upon for any explanation with regard to his connection in the mines owned by his brother, and in connection with which he was a witness in a late Supreme Court action?

(2.) Does Mr. Mackenzie now report that the amount of air in the various collieries in the Newcastle District, and ventilation of same, are in accordance with the requirements of the Coal Fields Act; if not, what steps have been taken to cause the same to be remedied?

Mr. Vaughn answered,—

(1.) Yes; but further action in the matter has been stayed, pending certain determinations by the Master-in-Equity.

(2.) No report has been received during the last week from the Examiner of Coal Fields; but steps are being taken by him to carry out the law relating to the ventilation of coal mines.

- (4.) Newcastle Pasturage Reserve:—Mr. Melville asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) When, and on what date, and for what length of time, was a lease or leases issued to the Scottish Australasian Coal-mining Company to mine for coal under what is known as Newcastle Pasturage Reserve?

(2.) What are the conditions of such leases as to royalty, and the preservation of the surface of such Pasturage Reserve?

Mr. Vaughn answered,—

(1.) 18th January, 1862, for fourteen years. Leases having expired, the lessees, Messrs. Morehead and Young, were granted a renewal for a further period of fourteen years from the 1st January, 1876. The leases have not yet been issued.

(2.) No conditions as to royalty appear to have been made. Only such portion of the surface was to be used by the lessees as might be required for mine works.

(5.)

- (5.) Government Punt at Wiseman's Ferry:—Mr. Scott asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) What are the names of the tenderers for the lease of the Government Punt at Wiseman's Ferry for the year 1886, and the amounts of their several tenders?
 - (2.) Was the highest tender accepted; and if not, for what reason?
 - (3.) What are the names of the present lessee and his bondsmen?

Mr. Garrard answered,—

(1.) Joseph Booth, £151 10s.; Thomas Foody, £125; Thomas Wilbow, £125.

(2.) No. The Commissioner for Roads recommended that the tender of Thomas Wilbow, though not the highest, be accepted, as he was more likely to give satisfaction to the public than an employé of Mr. Booth, who, though otherwise eligible, being resident in Sydney, could not attend to the working himself.

(3.) Thomas Wilbow, lessee; William Wilbow, Joseph Brown, bondsmen.

- (6.) Rushcutters' Bay Sewer:—Mr. Trickett asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Did the late Minister for Works (Mr. Lyne) direct that the open sewer at Rushcutters' Bay should be cleaned, with a view of removing the offensive and pestilential smell arising therefrom?

(2.) Will he state why such work has not been carried out?

(3.) Will he direct something to be done, without delay, to abate the nuisance?

Mr. Garrard answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) The report of the officer ordered to carry out work will explain.

Sewerage Branch, 24 December, 1885.

THE drains to the south of Bentley's bridge have been trimmed, as directed, and cross sections taken of the creek channel north of the bridge, which have been plotted in pencil, and show an even grade from the floor of the bridge to low water mark. North of Bentley's bridge the creek bottom was found to be covered to a depth of 4 to 6 inches with sludge, and below that the sand is black, saturated with sludge to a depth of 15 to 18 inches. I have examined the place at various times of the day and conditions of tide, and have not found any very offensive smells like what I remember and suffered from in health before the construction of the overflow sewer. At low water a somewhat heavy smell can be observed close along the creek, but at the worst time I should certainly not describe it as a disgusting smell. I have within the last few days noticed smells quite as bad as that a rubbish heap which is being shot near the Police Station, Point Piper Road, and I believe that from such places matter is sometimes washed down the creek during rains, which contributes to the smell at Rushcutters' Bay. Dead dogs and fowls are sometimes to be seen in the neighbourhood of the Rushcutters' Bay drains in a putrid condition, giving off most offensive smells, but I have never noticed any such thing near Bentley's bridge since a filthy place to the south side of the road was cleared away during the construction of the overflow sewer some years ago. The sludge and sludge-charged sand can be cleared out of the creek, but the smells will be intensified during the work, and the air possibly be injuriously contaminated, and then would confer only a very temporary benefit, unless the channel be pitched, as suggested by Mr. Baggie, and this would cost about £2,000. Whatever course may be decided on, it should be considered whether it is advisable to stir up dirt in creek channels at present. The recent rains have flushed this channel and cleaned it out to some extent.

The Engineer-in-Chief for Sewerage, &c.

D. M'MORDIE.

(3.) Yes.

- (7.) Tramways—Season Tickets:—Mr. Trickett asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will the Minister direct that season tickets be issued to passengers travelling by Tramears to the suburbs?

Mr. Garrard answered,—I find on reference to the records that there are, what seem to be, very substantial reasons for not issuing season tickets on the Tramway; but the question shall have my attention at an early day.

- (8.) General Post Office:—Mr. Melville, for Mr. Thompson, asked the Postmaster-General,—Has his attention been drawn to the fact that the General Post Office is infested with rats, and that considerable mischief has been done by them to valuable documents; and has any step been taken get rid of them?

Mr. Burns answered,—Yes, as is the case with many other buildings in the City, there are a large number of rats in the General Post Office, and there are instances of damage done by them to documents passing through. Experiments have been made with the mongoose, ferrets, and cats, as well as with poison, but these have not proved efficient. The Colonial Architect has the matter now under consideration, with the view of devising fittings, &c., that will be rat-proof, and in the meantime every precaution is being taken to protect the mail matter, &c. It may be mentioned that it is found the rats chiefly attack parchment documents, and that if such valuable articles were registered by the public they would secure the advantage of protection in iron safes, where registered mail matter is kept at the Head Office.

- (9.) Road Superintendents, Muswellbrook:—Mr. Fitzgerald asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is he aware that at present there are two Road Superintendents stationed at Muswellbrook?

(2.) What are the respective duties of these two officers?

(3.) Is it intended to retain the services of either or both these officers in the District of Muswellbrook?

(4.) If one of these officers is to be removed, will the Minister state which one?

(5.) What salary and travelling allowances attach to the office of Road Superintendent in the district named?

Mr. Garrard answered,—

(1.) Two officers are resident there.

(2.) One is not doing duty.

(3.) The case of one is now under consideration with a view to his retirement.

(4.) If the old officer is relieved, it is not yet decided what arrangements shall be made to fill his place.

(5.) Mr. Earney's salary is £395 per annum, and he receives no allowance while off duty. Mr. W. Wells receives £156 per annum salary, £80 per annum travelling allowance, and £7 4s. per month extra travelling allowance.

- (10.) Public School, Muswellbrook:—Mr. Fitzgerald asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—When is it intended to erect a new Teacher's residence in connection with the Public School at Muswellbrook?

Mr.

Mr. James Henry Young answered,—It is not proposed to erect a Teacher's residence at Muswellbrook at present, as a suitable house has been secured by the Teacher.

(11.) Line of Railway from Pearce's Corner to North Shore:—*Mr. Davies*, for Mr. Proctor, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the surveyed line of Railway from Pearce's Corner to North Shore has been condemned by Mr. Whitton, the Engineer-in-Chief for Railways, and that Mr. Whitton recommends a less costly route; if so, is it intended to accept tenders?

(2.) Will he lay upon the Table of this House all papers in connection with this Railway, and particularly Mr. Whitton's report?

Mr. Garrard answered,—

(1.) The lowest tenderers for this Railway line have withdrawn their offer for its construction, and pending an inquiry as to the probable cost of the land which will have to be resumed, the Government have decided to postpone the consideration of the Engineer-in-Chief's recommendation, that on account of the high value of the land which will have to be taken for the Railway as designed by him, a tramway line—for the most part taking the course of the Lane Cove Road—be substituted.

(2.) When the necessary inquiries have been completed, there will be no objection to lay all the papers upon the Table of the House.

(12.) Licenses for Music and Dancing:—*Mr. T. R. Smith*, for Mr. Henson, asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) What number of music and dancing licenses or permits were granted by the Licensing Bench in the Police District of Sydney to licensed public houses from 1st October, 1883, to 30th September, 1885?

(2.) The number of music and dancing licenses granted by the Magistrates of the Police District of Sydney for two years previous to the Licensing Act of 1882?

Mr. Heydon answered,—

(1.) 152 licenses were granted at the Central Police Office during the period named, and 556 at the Water Police Office.

(2.) There is no record of any having been granted.

(13.) Police Quarters, Tingha:—Mr. Moore asked the Minister of Justice,—Is it intended to erect Police Quarters alongside the new Court-house, Lock-up, &c., at Tingha; if so, when will the work be commenced?

Mr. Heydon answered,—I understand from the Colonial Secretary's Department (to which this matter properly belongs) that application has been made for Police Buildings at Tingha, and that when funds are available they will no doubt be erected.

2. CROWN LANDS ACT:—Mr. Moore presented a Petition from certain Landholders and others, suggesting various amendments in the Land Act, and praying the favourable consideration of the House to these proposed amendments.
Petition received.

3. PRIVILEGE—MR. MELVILLE, M.P.:—Mr. Abigail, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings, and Evidence taken before the Select Committee for whose consideration and Report this subject was referred on 11th December 1885, together with Appendix.

And the Report having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker,—

Ordered that the Report and accompanying Minutes of Proceedings, Evidence, and Appendix, be printed.

4. MUSWELLBROOK CATTLE SALE YARDS BILL:—Mr. Trickett presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of Muswellbrook, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the erection and maintenance of Cattle Sale Yards by the Municipal Council of Muswellbrook within the said Municipality.

And Mr. Trickett having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald*, and *The Upper Hunter Standard* newspapers, containing the Notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.

5. PAPERS:—

Sir John Robertson laid upon the Table,—Report of the Inspector General of Police respecting Police Reward and Superannuation Funds.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Spring laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from Sale for the Preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, in accordance with 101st, 103rd, 109th, and 112th sections of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

(2.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 101st section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

(3.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Public Purposes, in accordance with the 104th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

(4.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Religious Purposes, in accordance with the 5th section of the Act 45 Victoria No. 1.

(5.) Copies of *Gazette* Notices setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the Dedication of certain Lands, in accordance with the provisions of the 105th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

(6.) Abstract of Alterations in Designs of Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the 107th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

(7.) Notification under 105th section of "Crown Lands Act of 1884," of proposed resumption of Site for School of Arts at Temora.

(8.) Return (*in part*) to an Order made on 24th September, 1885,—"Removal of Land Office from Armidale to Glen Innes."

Ordered to be printed.

6. **SALE OF INTOXICATING DRINKS AT RAILWAY REFRESHMENT ROOMS**:—Mr. Suttor presented a Petition from certain Women of Bathurst and its immediate vicinity, alleging that serious danger to the lives of passengers on Government Railways springs from the drinking of alcoholic beverages at many Stations by men in charge of trains; and praying the House to put a stop to the sale of such drinks at Refreshment Bars on the Railways of the Colony.
And the Petition having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker,—
Petition received.
7. **COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS**:—Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the requirement of the Electoral Act of 1880, laid upon the Table his Warrant appointing James Patrick Garvan, Esquire, and Arthur Renwick, Esquire, M.D., to be Members 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
James Patrick Garvan, Esquire, and
Arthur Renwick, Esquire, M.D.,
“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, “in the room of John Fitzgerald Burns, Esquire, whose Seat in the said Assembly was declared “vacant on the twenty-second December last, by reason of his acceptance of the office of Colonial Treasurer; and of Robert Burdett Smith, Esquire, resigned.
“Given under my hand, at the Legislative Assembly Chamber, Macquarie-street, Sydney, this 28th day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-six.
“EDMUND BARTON,
“Speaker.”
8. **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. Burns 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 1886” 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 were come to by the said Committees respectively.
Question put and passed.
9. **SALE OF GOVERNMENT LAND, CAREENING COVE (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. Abbott 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 and plans relating to the sale by the Government of land at Careening Cove to the Executors of the late Edward Lord.
Question put and passed.
10. **HAY GAS BILL (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. Trickett, for Mr. R. B. Wilkinson, moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable Alfred George Stanger and Arthur Budden to construct Gas-works within the Municipal District and Suburbs of Hay.
Question put and passed.
11. **BALMAIN TRAMWAY BILL (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. Hyam moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That the Balmain 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. Barbour, Mr. Abigail, Mr. Melville, Mr. Teece, Mr. Targett, Mr. Hammond, Mr. Hawthorne, Mr. Lyne, and the Mover.
Question put and passed.
12. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The following Orders of the Day postponed,—
(1.) Abolition of Punishment by Whipping Bill; second reading;—
(2.) Employers Liability Bill; second reading;—
(3.) Uther Estate Leasing Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—
(4.) St. Mary's Waverley Church of England Land Sale Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—
(5.) Barker's Estate Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—
(6.) Barristers Bill; second reading;—*until Tuesday, 16th February.*
} *until Friday, 12th February.*
13. **HAY GAS BILL**:—Mr. Trickett 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 Alfred George Stanger and Arthur Budden to construct Gas-works within the Municipal District and Suburbs of Hay,”—read a first time.
14. **SUPPLY**:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply having been read,—
Mr. Burns 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.
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

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 £830,000, being £567,000 to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of January, 1886, at the rates which have been sanctioned for 1885, inclusive of the annual increases on salaries for that year provided for by the Civil Service Act of 1884, subject to the rate of any reduction that may hereafter be made in the expenditure of the year 1886; £150,000 to meet Wages to become due to Railway Employés during the month of February, 1886, and to cover the expenditure in January, 1886, in excess of the monthly allowance at the rate of last year's appropriation, and for Railway Services generally; £3,000 for advances to Contractors—Vote to be recouped as the advances are recovered; £10,000 to meet Wages to become due to Employés in the Department of Harbours and Rivers during the month of February, 1886, and to cover the expenditure in January, 1886, 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, 1887.

On motion of Mr. Burns, 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. Burns, 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 :—

(1.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Services of the Year 1886, the sum of £830,000 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.

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

16. **CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL**:—

(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Burns, 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 Year 1886.

(2.) Mr. Burns 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 1886*,"—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. 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 now read a third time.

(4.) Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Burns, *passed*.

Mr. Burns 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 1886*."

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 1886*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 28th January, 1886.

17. **COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS**:—

(1.) Mr. Septimus Stephen moved, *by consent*, without Notice, That the Committee of Elections and Qualifications having adjourned *sine die*, the Committee be empowered to meet, and that there being now no Chairman, Mr. Speaker be authorized to fix the time and place for the next meeting. Question put and passed.

(2.) Whereupon Mr. Speaker appointed a meeting of this Committee to take place at Eleven o'clock a.m. on Friday, 5th February, in Committee Room No. 2.

18. **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 Year 1886*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly, without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 28th January, 1886.

JOHN HAY,

President.

19. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:—Sir John Robertson moved (*by consent*) without Notice,—That this House at its rising this day do adjourn until Thursday next.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 45.

Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Hyam,
Mr. Heydon,	Mr. Lysaght,
Mr. Purves,	Mr. Reid,
Mr. Wisdom,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Harold Stephen,	Mr. Burke,
Mr. Toohy,	Mr. Bolton,
Mr. Scott,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. Ives,
Mr. Butcher,	Mr. Hogan,
Mr. H. H. Brown,	Mr. Henson,
Sir John Robertson,	Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Humphery,
Mr. Vaughn,	Mr. Cramsie,
Mr. Jones,	Mr. Septimus Stephen,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Forsyth,
Mr. James Henry Young,	Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Hungerford,
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Spring,
Mr. Ewing,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Neild,	
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Inglis,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Targett.
Mr. Mackinnon,	

Noes, 21.

Mr. White,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Sir Henry Parkes,
Mr. Foster,
Mr. J. F. Smith,
Mr. Hammond,
Mr. Shepherd,
Mr. Davies,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Kidd,
Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Garland,
Mr. Bull,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Collins,
Mr. Stokes,
Mr. J. D. Young,
Mr. De Courcy Browne,
Mr. Moore.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Sawers,
Mr. W. J. Fergusson.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

20. 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. Dibbs, Mr. Copeland, Mr. W. J. Fergusson, Mr. Gibbes, Mr. See, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Trickett, Mr. Lee, Mr. Olliffe, and the Mover.
 - (3.) That the Return to Order laid upon the Table of this House on 27th November, 1883, and the Report from the Select Committee of Session 1883-4, in reference to the said Claim, be referred to such Committee.
- Question put and passed.
21. PUBLIC INSTRUCTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Melville moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to repeal clause 11 43 Victoria No. 23.
- Question put and passed.
22. PIERCE FOWLER:—Mr. Garland 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, minutes, reports, and documents, in the various charges brought against Pierce Fowler for forgery and embezzlement.
- Question put and passed.
23. EXPENSES IN ADMINISTRATION OF CROWN LANDS ACT:—Mr. Teece moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing in detail the distribution of the vote of £25,000 passed upon the Estimates for 1885 to meet allowances to and expenses of removal and transfer of officers, fees to members of Local Land Boards, and other contingencies in connection with the administration of the Crown Lands Act of 1884.
- Question put and passed.
24. FISHERIES INSPECTOR QUINAN:—Mr. White moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all letters, papers, or minutes having reference to the suspension of Inspector Quinan, Inspector of Fisheries, during the present or past recess.
- Question put and passed.
25. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir John Robertson moved, That this House do now adjourn.
- Debate ensued.
- Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
26. BODALLA ESTATE BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Septimus 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 Thursday next.
27. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Sydney Corporation Act Amendment Bill postponed until Friday, 5th February.

28. KITE'S LEASING BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Suttor moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Suttor, 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. Suttor, the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Thursday next.

The House adjourned at twenty minutes after Ten o'clock, until *Thursday next* at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 21.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 4 FEBRUARY, 1886.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Wallerawang and Mudgee Railway :—Mr. Thompson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
What amount, if any, has been paid to any person for repairs or removal of earth and stone which has fallen on the line between Wallerawang and Mudgee during the past twelve months?
Mr. Garrard answered,—The sum of £2,371 has been paid for this service during the last twelve months.

- (2.) Tramways :—*Mr. W. J. Fergusson*, for Mr. Melville, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) What are the names of the syndicate who have made the offer to purchase or lease the Tramways?
(2.) What amount have they offered?
(3.) What are the terms on which they offer to purchase or lease?
(4.) What security for the payment of rent, &c., do they offer?

Mr. Garrard answered,—Three separate offers have been received at various times during the last twelve months. If it be determined to sell or lease the Tramways tenders will be invited, and the conditions will be drawn up by the Government. Until the question is finally settled it is not considered fair to those who have submitted offers to make known their terms.

- (3.) Lambton Coal Company :—*Mr. W. J. Fergusson*, for Mr. Melville, asked the Secretary for Mines,—
(1.) Has Mr. Mackenzie at any time made any complaints concerning the ventilation of the Lambton Mine, of which Mr. Croudace is manager?
(2.) Were such complaints, if any, made during Mr. Croudace's management?
(3.) If such complaints were made, what steps were taken to remedy them, and what time elapsed between the making of complaints and the remedying of them?
(4.) Has Mr. Mackenzie at any time called the Minister's attention to the extensive falling-in of the surface of the Newcastle Pasturage Reserve under which the Lambton Company, of which Mr. Croudace is manager, are mining for coal?
(5.) When and on what dates did Mr. Mackenzie report that the main Northern Road, near Tighe's Hill, was being undermined?
(6.) How long afterwards was such undermining stopped?
(7.) Who was the owner of the coal so taken?
(8.) Was any sum of money placed upon the Estimates for the repair of such road by the Minister for Mines, and what amount?

Mr. Vaughn answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
(2.) Yes.
(3.) The Examiner was instructed to take proceedings to recover the penalty unless effective steps were taken to remedy the matter complained of by the 20th October last, but as the Inspector reported that the Lambton miners were on strike a further inspection has not been made.
(4.) No.
(5.) The Examiner reported that coal was being wrought from under the Great Northern Road on 24th June, 1881, and 12th June, 1884.
(6.) June, 1884.
(7.) The coal is thought to have been the property of the Crown.
(8.) No.

(4.)

- (4.) New Street in front of General Post Office :—Mr. Burdekin asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to resume the land on the north side of the Post Office for a street ; and if so, when ?
 - (2.) Is the Government aware of the fact that Messrs. Thompson & Giles contemplate building and making extensive alterations, and have in fact advertised for tenders in the *Sydney Morning Herald* of the 11th November, 1885 ?
- Sir John Robertson answered,—The matter is still under the consideration of the Government, and I will endeavour to deal with it as speedily as possible.
- (5.) Singleton Post and Telegraph Office :—*Mr. Abigail*, for Mr. Gould, asked the Postmaster General,—
- (1.) Is it usual for public work under the Postal Department to be let without calling for tenders ?
 - (2.) Has certain work been recently performed at the Singleton Post and Telegraph Office by a local firm without calling for tenders ?
 - (3.) What was the amount expended on such works ?
- Mr. O'Connor answered,—I am informed as follows by the Colonial Architect, in whose Department these matters are usually dealt with :—
- (1.) As regards works carried out under the Colonial Architect's Department, it is not usual to let them without calling for tenders unless for small amounts—say under £200—when private tenders are obtained.
 - (2.) Yes.
 - (3.) £75 18s. 2d.
- (6.) Mail Vans, Southern Railway Line :—Mr. Trickett asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is he aware that the mail vans on the Southern Railway Line are very small, ill ventilated, and imperfectly fitted, and that in consequence the mail sorters are hampered and delayed in their work, and letters are occasionally wrongly sorted and delayed ?
 - (2.) Will he take early steps to have more modern and commodious vans running on this line ?
- Mr. Garrard answered,—I am not aware that the present mail vans are so bad as represented, nor that they have entailed the consequences referred to ; but at the request of the Postal Department improved vans are being constructed.
- (7.) Penrith Railway Station :—*Mr. Coonan*, for Mr. T. R. Smith, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House a Return showing the number of hours each man has been employed per day at Penrith Station during the last three months ?
- Mr. Garrard answered,—There will be no objection to furnish a Return of this kind if moved for in the usual way ; but in reply to the Honorable Member's application, made to me by letter, the information is being obtained, and will when ready be furnished to him.
- (8.) Foreshores of George's River :—*Mr. Henson*, for Mr. Hammond, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that a number of applications have been made to lease certain portions of the foreshores of George's River, said to be for oyster culture ?
 - (2.) Will the granting of the same greatly inconvenience and annoy visitors by Railway and others to the portion of the river applied for ?
 - (3.) Has a memorial, in accordance with the Fisheries Act of 1881, from the residents on behalf of the general public to the Commissioners of Fisheries, praying that such leases should not be granted, been favourably dealt with.
- Sir John Robertson answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) No, it seems not.
 - (3.) Yes, the matter is now under consideration.
- (9.) Temporary Water Supply :—Mr. Olliffe asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Has any test been made by any officer of the Government, and record kept of the daily inflow of water into the pipe head at Guildford, and of the outflow of the water through the pipes at Marrickville or elsewhere near the termination of the pipe line ; if so, what is the name of the officer and the result of the test in gallons per diem at each end of the pipe ?
 - (2.) If not, will he cause such a test to be made, and the result published before the works are taken over by the Government, together with a report from the Engineer-in-Chief upon their general character and efficiency ?
 - (3.) When the works are taken over, what security have the Government against actions at law for damages caused by leakage, if any, from the pipes, and for compensation for trespass on and through private property ?
- Mr. Garrard answered,—
- (1.) A record has been kept since the 11th December, 1885, of the daily inflow of water into the canal at Guildford, but no record has been or could have been kept of the outflow at Marrickville or the various points of leakage along the pipe line. The Return is signed by Mr. Ryan, Resident Engineer at Prospect, a copy of which I will presently lay upon the Table.
 - (2.) Careful records of the outflow at Botany are being kept. A report will be prepared of the general efficiency and character of the works before they are taken off the contractor's hands.
 - (3.) The Messrs. Hudson Brothers & Company are responsible under their contract for all damages from leakage, and compensation for trespass through private property through which their pipe passes and before the works are taken over, proper care will be taken to secure the rights of the Government.
- (10.) Disposal of Nightsoil, Borough of Redfern :—Mr. Williamson asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is he aware that the Borough of Redfern has a portion of land near the Botany Water Supply Dams proclaimed as a depot for nightsoil ?
 - (2.) Will he take steps to have same revoked ?
 - (3.) When will the Health Officer's Report *re* Shea's Creek be laid upon the Table of the House ?
- Sir

Sir John Robertson answered,—The question of the nightsoil polluting the Botany water-shed has been duly inquired into by the City Corporation and by the Medical Officer of the Government, and I will presently lay upon the Table of the House a copy of the correspondence on the subject, which, I have no doubt, will satisfy the Honorable Member's inquiry.

- (11.) Trustees for New Cemetery at Botany :—Mr. Williamson asked the Secretary for Lands,—When will arrangements be completed for the appointment of Trustees for New Cemetery at Botany ?

Mr. Spring answered,—It has become necessary to change the site of the Cemetery. So soon as the needful action is taken in reference to the change, and the dedication of the land is completed, the Trustees will be appointed.

- (12.) Sewer from Railway Workshop, Eveleigh :—Mr. Williamson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a sewer runs from the workshop, Railway Yard, Eveleigh, into a creek in the Borough of Alexandria ?

(2.) Will he take steps to prevent a nuisance from resulting ?

Mr. Garrard answered,—

(1.) A storm water drain, not a sewer, passes as described.

(2.) If the local Councils do their duty in attending to outlet, no nuisance can arise.

- (13.) Trustees for Recreation Ground at Botany :—Mr. Williamson asked the Secretary for Mines,—When will Trustees for the Recreation Ground, portion of Lord's Grant, Botany, be appointed ?

Mr. Vaughn answered,—The following gentlemen were appointed Trustees by notification in *Gazette* of 13th November, 1883 :—Arthur H. Bray, J.P., Henry Westcott, senior, Frederick Thomas, Walter Moyses, Joseph Ensor.

- (14.) Removal of Land Office from Armidale to Glen Innes :—*Mr. Inglis*, for Mr. Proctor, asked the Secretary for Lands,—When will the papers in reference to the removal of the Lands and Survey Offices from Armidale to Glen Innes, pursuant to an Order of this House made on 24th September last, be laid upon the Table ?

Mr. Spring answered,—They were laid upon the Table of the House on the 28th ultimo.

- (15.) Site for Benevolent Asylum, Parramatta :—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he give instructions for the issue of the deed for 2 acres 2 roods 30 perches of land fronting Grose, Ross, & Bullard Streets, North Parramatta, and which was dedicated some time ago as a site for Benevolent Asylum ?

Mr. Spring answered,—The matter is now under consideration.

- (16.) Recreation Ground for Murrurundi :—*Mr. T. R. Smith*, for Mr. Fitzgerald, asked the Secretary for Lands,—What steps, if any, have been taken towards providing a Public Park or Recreation Ground for the town of Murrurundi ?

Mr. Spring answered,—The Government is now taking steps to ascertain the amount of purchase money for a suitable site. The matter is being dealt with in the Department of Mines.

- (17.) Land Resumed, Illawarra Railway :—Mr. Davies asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What is the total amount of the claims for compensation for land resumed by the Government for Railway purposes on the Illawarra Line ?

(2.) What are the valuations fixed by the Government valuers ?

(3.) What are the names of the proprietors of the land resumed by the Government, and the amount claimed by each of the owners ?

Mr. Garrard answered,—I will lay this information upon the Table of the House in the shape of a Return in a few days.

- (18.) Railway Extension into the City :—Mr. Davies asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to take the necessary steps for the extension and construction of the Railway from Redfern into the City ?

(2.) Has the Government approved of the surveyed route adopted by their predecessors for the extension of the Railway into the City ?

Mr. Garrard answered,—This question has not yet been considered by the present Government. The plans were laid upon the Table of the House by the Government of Sir Alexander Stuart on the 8th September last.

- (19.) Reserve near Gosford for Botanical Purposes :—Mr. Scott asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Was the reserve of 100 acres of land in Hogan's Brush (near Gosford) for botanical purposes condemned as unsuitable by one of the officers of the Department of Mines (Forest Branch) ?

(2.) Did the same officer recommend the purchase of 20 acres of land on Jilliby Jilliby Creek, near Wyong, and 15 miles from Gosford, the property of Mr. Joseph Morris, at £25 per acre ?

(3.) Will he inquire whether a large amount of Government land, easier of access, is available in various portions of the district ?

(4.) If no Government land is found to be suitable, will he inquire whether, by calling for tenders, land well adapted for the purpose can be obtained at from £8 to £12 per acre instead of £25 per acre, as proposed to be paid to Mr. Morris ?

(5.) Will he make further inquiry, and get a further report from a reliable officer before completing the purchase of the land from Mr. Morris ?

Mr. Vaughn answered,—

(1.) On account of the heavy cost of clearing the land at Hogan's Brush, which it was found would be at least £29 per acre, the lowest tender at £27 having been withdrawn, the Inspector of Forests reported it would be advisable to purchase land already cleared if a piece could be obtained of good quality, well watered, and easy of access.

(2.) Yes. The Inspector recommended the purchase of 20 acres on Jilliby Jilliby Creek at £25 per acre, the land being cleared and suitable for the purpose.

(3.)

- (3.) Previous to selection of the land at Hogan's Brush, inquiry was made by the Inspector of Forests, who was accompanied by the Ranger of the district, and Mr. W. J. Ferguson, nurseryman.
- (4.) An offer to purchase the land has already been made to Mr. Morris. It is understood that the land which it is alleged can be purchased at from £10 to £12 is not cleared.
- (5.) Inquiry will be made if it is found that the Department is not committed to the purchase of Mr. Morris's land.

(20.) Railway Bridge over the Hawkesbury :—Mr. Scott asked the Secretary for Public Works,—In view of the completion of the Railway Line from Homebush to the Hawkesbury and from the Hawkesbury to Waratah long before the Railway Bridge across the Hawkesbury can be finished,—Is it the intention of the Government to provide any temporary means of conveying passengers and goods across the said river pending the completion of the Bridge?

Mr. Garrard answered,—This question is now under consideration.

(21.) Site for Hospital at Molong :—Mr. Davies, for Dr. Ross, asked the Secretary for Lands,—When will the site for the Hospital at Molong be dedicated and available for the use of the public?

Mr. Spring answered,—So soon as the dedication is completed. An abstract of the proposed dedication was laid before Parliament on the 28th ultimo, from which date one month must elapse before any further steps can be taken.

(22.) Wood Paving :—Mr. Davies, for Dr. Ross, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Several of the main streets in Sydney being now paved with wooden blocks,—Is it the intention of the Government to take any steps whereby accidents from horses slipping and falling thereon in damp or wet weather may be prevented or minimised?

Sir John Robertson answered,—This matter shall engage the early attention of the Government, but I am at present unable to see in what way the Government can remedy it.

(23.) Town of Michelago :—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is he aware that the growth of the town of Michelago is retarded by the fact that there is no Crown Land available for business sites; if not, will he cause his officers to prepare a report on the matter, and ascertain if the reserve on the Cooma side of the town can be utilised for the purpose indicated?

Mr. Spring answered,—Inquiry will be made and a report obtained.

(24.) Railway Platform at Fairy Meadow :—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Public Works,—(1.) Is it a fact that a large number of persons living between Bungendore and Tarago, and in the vicinity of Duck Flat, are seriously inconvenienced for the want of a Railway Platform at Fairy Meadow?

(2.) Will he state if it is a fact that the site for this Platform has already been prepared; and if so, the reason why the Platform has not been erected?

Mr. Garrard answered,—

(1.) A Petition has been received purporting to be signed by forty-five settlers, urging the erection of a Platform at this place, but from inquiries which have been made it does not seem that the probable traffic will justify the outlay at present. The question will not, however, be lost sight of, and if the prospects of traffic increase, the necessary accommodation will be provided.

(2.) Yes; in constructing the line provision was made for a Platform, &c., so soon as the prospect of traffic would justify its erection.

2. PAPERS :—

Mr. Garrard laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Sydney Water Supply—Return showing record of daily flow from 30-inch pipe at Prospect to the lower canal.

(2.) Return to an Order made on the 24th September, 1885,—“ Railway tickets issued to Singleton.” Ordered to be printed.

Sir John Robertson laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Correspondence respecting alleged pollution of Botany Water Supply Dams.

(2.) By-laws, Borough of Burwood, under the Municipalities Act of 1867 and Nuisances Prevention Act, 1875.

(3.) Amended By-laws, Municipal District of Dubbo, under the Nuisances Prevention Act of 1875.

Ordered to be printed.

3. CROWN LANDS ACT :—Mr. Inglis presented a Petition from certain landowners and inhabitants of New England, suggesting various amendments in the Land Act, and praying the favourable consideration of the House to these proposed amendments.
Petition received.

4. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Burns, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

CARRINGTON,

Governor.

Message No. 3.

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 1886,* ”—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 January, 1886.

5. WITHDRAWAL OF ESTIMATES FOR 1885-6:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Burns, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

CARRINGTON,

Message No. 4.

Governor.

A change having taken place in the Administration since the transmission of the Estimates of Expenditure for the present year, and the Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for the year 1885 and previous years, which accompanied His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor's Message No. 3, of 11th December, 1885, the Governor requests that those documents may be returned to him, with a view to the substitution of other Estimates which have been prepared under the present Administration.

Government House,

Sydney, 4th February, 1886.

Mr. Burns then moved, That His Excellency's Message No. 4 be now taken into consideration.

Question put and passed.

And the Message having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker,—

Mr. Burns moved, That the request contained in His Excellency's Message No. 4 be complied with, and that an Address be accordingly presented to His Excellency, returning the Estimates which accompanied His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor's Message No. 3, of the 11th December, 1885; and that the Message No. 4 be printed.

Question put and passed.

6. ROAD FROM FELLTIMBER CREEK TO CARCOAR (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Baker moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Return to Order, "Road from Felltimber Creek to Carcoar," laid upon the Table of this House on 29th September, 1885, be printed.
Question put and passed.
7. ENTRANCE TO DOMAIN AT SIR JOHN YOUNG CRESCENT (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Burdekin moved pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable in the interests of the citizens generally, and the residents of Woolloomooloo particularly, that a gateway for foot-passengers be opened into the Domain in Sir John Young Crescent, opposite to Crown-street.
(2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
Question put and passed.
8. MUSWELLBROOK CATTLE SALE-YARDS BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Trickett moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the erection and maintenance of Cattle Sale-yards by the Municipal Council of Muswellbrook within the said Municipality.
Question put and passed.
9. FOREST BRANCH—MINES DEPARTMENT (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Trickett, for Mr. Fitzgerald, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing the increases to officers of the Forest Branch, Mines Department, under the Civil Service Act, specifying the dates upon which such increases commenced.
Question put and passed.
10. HAY GAS BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Trickett, for Mr. R. B. Wilkinson, moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That the Hay Gas 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. Cransie, Mr. Abbott, Mr. Humphery, Mr. Stokes, Mr. Targett, Mr. Inglis, Sir Patrick Jennings, Mr. Trickett, and the Mover.
Question put and passed.
11. BODALLA ESTATE BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—On motion of Mr. Septimus 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 the Will of the late Thomas Sutcliffe Mort to join with certain of the beneficiaries under the said Will in floating the pastoral property known as 'Bodalla' in the county of Dampier as a Company to be called the 'Bodalla Company Limited' and for that purpose to transfer the said property to the said Company and accept and hold fully paid up shares in the said Company.*"
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 the Will of the late Thomas Sutcliffe Mort to join with certain of the beneficiaries under the said Will in floating the pastoral property known as 'Bodalla' in the county of Dampier as a Company to be called the 'Bodalla Company Limited' and for that purpose to transfer the said property to the said Company and accept and hold fully paid up shares in the said Company,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 4th February, 1886.
12. KITE'S LEASING BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—On motion of Mr. Suttor, read a third time, and passed.
Mr. Suttor then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to enable the Trustees for the time being of the Will of the late Thomas Kite to grant building and other leases of certain lands specifically devised by the said Will for longer periods than are provided for by the said Will.*"
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 the Trustees for the time being of the Will of the late Thomas Kite to grant building and other leases of certain lands specifically devised by the said Will for longer periods than are provided for by the said Will,*"—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 Thomas Kite, so far as relating to the devise referred to in the Preamble, and also certificates of birth of the children of Mrs. Forrest.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 4th February, 1886.*

13. MUSWELLBROOK CATTLE SALE-YARDS BILL:—Mr. Trickett 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 Muswellbrook within the said Municipality,*"—read a first time.

14. ESTIMATES FOR 1886, AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR 1885 AND PREVIOUS YEARS:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Burns, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 5.

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 1886, together with amended Supplementary Estimates for the year 1885 and previous years, in substitution for those submitted with the Lieutenant-Governor's Message No. 3, of 11th December, 1885.

*Government House,
Sydney, 4th February, 1886.*

Ordered to be printed, together with the accompanying Estimates, and referred to the Committee of Supply.

15. SUPPLY (*Financial Statement*):—The Order of the Day having been,—on motion of Mr. Burns, 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.
16. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:—Sir John Robertson announced to the House that Mr. Heydon had resigned his position as Minister of Justice.

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

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 22.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 5 FEBRUARY, 1886.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Lambton Coal Company :—Mr. Melville asked the Secretary for Lands,—By whose authority and under what law have the Lambton Company, of which Mr. Croudace is manager, fenced in a large portion of the Newcastle Pasturage Reserve and sunk shafts in various places?

Mr. Spring answered,—A lease for mining purposes was granted under the Land Act of 1861, and was renewed under the Mining Act. No specified area of the surface has been granted, but the lessees would probably be entitled to occupy such portion as may be necessary for the construction of their mine works.

- (2.) Licensing Act :—Mr. Reid asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What are the duties of Inspectors and Sergeants of Police on Sundays in connection with the Licensing Law?

(2.) From whom do they receive their instructions with reference to the performance of such duties on Sundays?

(3.) Do the Police receive any (and if any what) special allowance for the duties alluded to?

Sir John Robertson answered,—

(1.) Their duties are to prevent as far as practicable the violation of the provision of the Licensing Act relating to Sunday trading.

(2.) From the Superintendents in charge of the Districts and other superior officers of the Force.

(3.) The District Inspector in Sydney receives a salary of £275 per annum. The Inspectors (who are members of the Police Force) receive special allowances varying from £25 to £10 per annum.

- (3.) Public Sewer, Comber-street to Liverpool-street, Paddington :—Mr. Trickett asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What is the reason of delay in accepting a tender for construction of Public Sewer from Comber-street to Liverpool-street, Paddington?

Mr. Garrard answered,—Tenders are in office. The only delay is as to resumption of land for street. Letters have been written this day to the Sydney Corporation and the Paddington Council, which, it is hoped, will decide the matter. When this is arranged, everything is ready to commence work.

- (4.) Erection of Baths, Rushcutters' Bay :—Mr. Trickett asked the Secretary for Lands,—Has any decision been come to in reference to the application from the Borough of Paddington for leave to erect Baths on the eastern shore of Rushcutters' Bay; if not, when will the question be decided?

Mr. Spring answered,—No. The Borough Council has been asked to indicate upon a tracing supplied the position of the site desired, and to give other information necessary to admit of the application being dealt with.

- (5.) Sunday through Train to Glen Innes :—Mr. Day, for Mr. W. J. Fergusson, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Have inquiries been made as to the request that the Sunday passenger trains may run through to Glen Innes, and the goods train taken up at Tamworth on Monday instead, when there is no mail on the train; if so, will he state the reason for not running the through train?

Mr. Garrard answered,—Yes; and it is found that the proposed change would not have a beneficial effect.

- (6.) Licensing Bill :—Mr. Targett, for Mr. Coonan, asked the Minister of Justice,—Is it the intention of the present Government to introduce an Amending Licensing Bill?

Sir John Robertson answered,—The Government are too much pressed with business to grapple with this matter.

(7.) Boring Machine for Forbes:—*Mr Targett*, for Mr. Coonan, asked the Secretary for Mines,—When will the Boring Machine applied for some time ago by the Miners' Association of Forbes and Parkes be ready for delivery in the Forbes Electorate?
Mr. Vaughn answered,—No date can be at present fixed, owing to the distance and the difficulty of removing the auger to Forbes; but no unnecessary delay will occur in sending it.

(8.) Civil Service Act:—Mr. Davies asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) When will the Superannuation Fund Accounts, which in accordance with Civil Service Act, should be laid before Parliament at end of June and December in each year, be laid upon the Table?

(2.) Will he ask the opinion of the Crown Law Officers as to whether clause 40 of the Civil Service Act (relating to leave after certain period) includes those Civil Servants in section 7 and Educational Divisions of list issued by Civil Service Board?

(3.) Will he ask the opinion of the Crown Law Officers whether Servants in Educational Division and section 7 Civil Service Act, are compelled to contribute 4 per cent. per annum to Civil Service Superannuation Fund?

(4.) Will he be good enough to lay such opinions when obtained upon the Table of the House?

Sir John Robertson answered,—I will lay a paper on the subject upon the Table this afternoon furnishing the information asked for.

(9.) Calcutta Exhibition:—Mr. Davies asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What was the total cost of the Commission representing the Colony at the late Calcutta Exhibition?

(2.) What was the amount paid to the Executive Commissioner in salary or allowance?

Sir John Robertson answered,—

(1.) £5,543 4s. 5d.

(2.) £766 13s. 9d.

(10.) Tarpaulin Shed, corner of Castlereagh and Devonshire Streets:—Mr. Davies asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What steps, if any, has the Government taken for the removal of the tarpaulin shed at corner of Castlereagh and Devonshire Streets?

Mr. Garrard answered,—A new tarpaulin shed has been erected at Eveleigh, but the Department found that a better use could be made of it as a paint-shop pending the erection of a building for the purpose. When the paint-shop has been erected, the old tarpaulin shed at the corner of Castlereagh and Devonshire Streets will be removed to Darling Harbour as a repairing shed.

(11.) Mr. M. J. Pyke:—Mr. Neild asked the Colonial Secretary,—Whether he will lay upon the Table of this House copies of all papers connected with the appointment of Mr. Magnus Joseph Pyke as an additional Commissioner for the Colonial and Indian Exhibition?

Sir John Robertson answered,—There are no papers except the ordinary minute for the Executive Council, which I will cause to be laid upon the Table if asked to do so; but it will afford the Honorable Member no information whatever. Mr. Pyke's name was placed on the London Commission upon the verbal instruction of the late Colonial Secretary (Sir Alexander Stuart).

(12.) Workmen's Tickets, Tramways:—Mr. Hawthorne asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it his intention to introduce workmen's tickets on our Government Tramways?

Mr. Garrard answered,—This question, with others affecting the Tramways, will receive early attention.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Garrard laid upon the Table,—Return showing particulars of land resumed by the Government for Railway Purposes on the Illawarra Line.
Ordered to be printed.

Sir John Robertson laid upon the Table,—Memorandum from the Civil Service Board, relative to interpretation of certain sections of the Civil Service Act.
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Spring laid upon the Table,—Amended Regulation No. 32 under the Crown Lands Act.
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. O'Connor laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Notice showing reduction in rates for Telegraphic Messages passing between Narrabri and Narrabri Railway Station and between New South Wales Border Telegraph Stations and Victoria.

(2.) Amended Rules and Regulations for working the Lines of Electric Telegraph in New South Wales.

Ordered to be printed.

3. FINANCIAL POSITION OF THE COLONY:—Mr. Forsyth presented a Petition from Thomas Wearne, as Chairman of a Public Meeting held at the Protestant Hall, embodying certain Resolutions in reference to the Financial position of the Colony, agreed to at such Meeting, and praying the House to give the Resolutions favourable consideration.

And the Petition having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker,—
Petition received.

4. DEFAMATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

(1.) Mr. Reid moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the law relating to Libel and Slander.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Reid presented a Bill, intituled "A Bill to amend the law relating to Libel and Slander,"—which was read a first time.

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

5. WATER FRONTAGES RESERVATION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—
- (1.) Mr. Reid moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the Reservation in certain cases of Water Frontages on Crown Lands.
Question put and passed.
- (2.) Mr. Reid presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to reserve certain Water Frontages on Crown Lands*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 19th February.
6. WATER FRONTAGES, PORT JACKSON (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Reid moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—
- (1.) Applications to purchase water frontages in the harbour of Port Jackson, and to reclaim land on such frontages, and to rescind reservations of land on such frontages granted since 1st January, 1880; also the area granted and the price (exclusive of deed fees) paid for the same.
- (2.) The total number of such applications, and of the area granted, and of the price paid since the 1st January, 1861.
Question put and passed.
7. PUBLIC RESERVE, LEICHHARDT (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Hawthorne moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all communications between the Government and the Council of the Municipal District of Leichhardt on the subject of appointing Trustees of the Public Reserve for that Municipality.
Question put and passed.
8. MUSWELLBROOK CATTLE SALE-YARDS BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Trickett moved, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) That the Muswellbrook 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. Butcher, Mr. W. J. Fergusson, Mr. Humphery, Mr. Hungerford, Mr. William Clarke, Mr. Scott, Mr. Targett, Mr. R. B. Wilkinson, and the Mover.
Question put and passed.
9. VENTILATION OF COAL MINES (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Melville moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
- (1.) A copy of all correspondence that has taken place between Mr. Curley, Miners General Secretary, and Mr. Mackenzie, Examiner of Coal Fields.
- (2.) Copies of all reports from Mr. Mackenzie relative to the non-provision of ventilation as required by the Coal Fields Act.
- (3.) A Return showing the collieries in which such neglect existed; the time which elapsed from Mr. Mackenzie complaining to such colliery managers, and the removal of cause of complaint; and the means taken to improve ventilation, and how carried out.
Question put and passed.
10. UNAUTHORIZED EXPENDITURE INDEMNITY BILL (*Formal Motion*):—
- (1.) Mr. Burns moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to indemnify the Colonial Treasurer, the Officers of the Treasury, and other public officers, in respect of certain unauthorized advances from the Consolidated Revenue Fund on the public account.
Question put and passed.
- (2.) Mr. Burns presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to indemnify the Colonial Treasurer the Officers of the Treasury and other public officers in respect of certain unauthorized advances from the Consolidated Revenue Fund on the public account*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday next.
11. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Sydney Corporation Act Amendment Bill postponed until Friday, 26th February.
12. CORNWELL'S ESTATE BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Trickett moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 30.

Sir John Robertson,	Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Humphery,
Mr. Vaughn,	Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Trickett,
Mr. Coonan,	Mr. Sawers,
Mr. James Henry Young,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Day,	Mr. White,
Mr. Forsyth,	Mr. Henson,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Bull,
Mr. Wisdom,	Mr. Fletcher,
Mr. Burdckin,	Mr. Teeco,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Sydney Smith.
Mr. Scott,	
Mr. William Clarke,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Neild,	Mr. Lec,
Mr. Davies,	Mr. W. J. Fergusson.

Noes, 19.

Mr. Melville,	Mr. Lysaght.
Mr. Thompson,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Abbott,	
Mr. Want,	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Lewis Lloyd.
Mr. Bolton,	
Mr. Reid,	
Mr. Garland,	
Dr. Renwick,	
Mr. O'Connor,	
Mr. Foster,	
Mr. Spring,	
Mr. Hawthorne,	
Mr. Moore,	
Mr. Hyam,	
Mr. Dawson,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

Mr. Trickett 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

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 the Bill with amendments.

On motion of Mr. Trickett (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.

13. REGULATION OF FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Dr. Renwick, 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 regulation and supervision of Females, young Persons, and Children employed in Factories and Workshops.

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 regulation and supervision of Females, Young Persons, and Children employed in Factories and Workshops.

On motion of Dr. Renwick, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

(2.) Dr. Renwick presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to provide for the regulation and supervision of Females Young Persons and Children employed in Factories and Workshops*,”—which was read a first time.

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

14. TRUSTEE 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.

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 the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Fergusson, the Report was adopted.

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.

15. BALLOT PAPERS, ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF YOUNG:—Mr. Garrett moved, pursuant to amended Notice,—

(1.) That the ballot papers in connection with the recent election for the Young Electorate be laid upon the Table of this House.

(2.) That the ballot papers taken at No. 2 booth, in the township of Young of said Electorate, be examined by the clerks at the Table, under the supervision of the Speaker, and that the Speaker report the result of such examination of said papers to this House.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker ruled that the second paragraph could not be put.

Debate continued.

Amended Motion by leave withdrawn.

16. MACQUARIE-STREET GATEWAY, GARDEN PALACE GROUNDS:—Mr. Burdekin moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable in the interests of the citizens residing at the northern end of the City, and especially those residing at North Shore, that the foot gateway leading from Macquarie-street, opposite the Colonial Secretary's Office, into the Palace Garden Grounds be open for the ingress and egress of the citizens during the same hours that the gates of the Botanic Gardens are open for a similar purpose.

(2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned at twenty minutes before Eight o'clock, until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 23.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 9 FEBRUARY, 1886.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Government Road, Greenwich, North Willoughby:—Mr. W. J. Fergusson asked the Secretary for Mines,—When will Government Road, according to recent survey dividing Haslem's, Dullin's, Chisholm's, and Berry's Grants, Greenwich, North Willoughby, be marked out?

Mr. Vaughn answered,—It is proposed not to mark this road on the ground unless the Borough Council of North Willoughby obtains from the landowners whose properties will be affected by the road, an agreement to allow the road to occupy such a position as they may themselves determine upon.

(2.) Reserves, Vegetable Creek Mining District:—Mr. W. J. Fergusson asked the Secretary for Mines,—Has any report been received from any official as to the number of Reserves within the Vegetable Creek Mining District; if not, will he cause inquiries to be made, and have all unnecessary Reserves cancelled and brought within the operation of the Act 48 Victoria No. 10?

Mr. Vaughn answered,—There is no Vegetable Creek Mining District; but a report has been received from one of the Geological Surveyors respecting certain reserved lands in the Vegetable Creek Tin-field, which report has been sent to the Lands Department for action.

(3.) Loading Trucks at Railway Stations:—Mr. Garland asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it a custom of the Railway Department to tender assistance to the squatters in the matter of loading the Railway trucks with wool at the various Railway Stations; and if so, will he grant the same assistance to the farmers when shipping grain or other farm produce by rail?

Mr. Garrard answered,—Wool is loaded and unloaded by the Department, and is moreover delivered into the stores of the consignees in Sydney. The charge for its carriage includes the cost of these services. It is not so with grain; much lower charges are made for its carriage; but the farmers can, by paying an instituted charge for loading and unloading, have these services performed by the Railway Staff. As a rule, however, they prefer to perform the work themselves. A truck of wool from Orange to Sydney realises for freight, loading and unloading included, £12 12s.; a truck of flour, wheat, or other grain, realises £4 5s. 7d. Where the loading and unloading are done by the Department this charge is increased by 12s.

(4.) Telegraph-line Repairers:—Mr. Garland asked the Postmaster General,—

(1.) Will he obtain the opinion of the Crown Law Officers as to whether land owners, through whose paddocks the telegraph line runs, can be made to provide inlets and outlets in the fences where the lines cross them, in order to obviate the necessity of the line repairer travelling round such paddocks?

(2.) In the event of the Government not having power to enforce such means of ingress and egress, will he authorize the line repairers to cut down the fences to enable them to follow the line?

Mr. O'Connor answered,—

(1.) There is no objection to submit the matter to the Crown Law officers for their opinion.

(2.) There is nothing in the Electric Telegraph Act to compel owners of land to provide proper means of ingress and egress.

(5.) Civil Service Act:—Mr. Garland asked the Postmaster General,—Will he cause to be classified those Telegraph Operators receiving £175 per annum, and who are between Classes 3 and 4?

Mr. O'Connor answered,—The classification of those Telegraph Operators receiving £175 per annum, in the 3rd class, at the minimum salary of £180 per annum, has already been approved, but the increased salary cannot be paid until voted.

(6.)

- (6.) Water Conservation Commission :—Mr. Teece asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) What has been the total cost of the recent journey of the Water Conservation Commission to Victoria, including all Railway charges?
 - (2.) The number of members of the Commission who visited Victoria on this mission?
 - (3.) How many special trains have been run for the Commission since its formation, and the cost of the same?
 - (4.) The number of free passes issued to members of the Commission, and their value?

Mr. Garrard answered,—

- (1.) £64 8s. 2d.
- (2.) Ten, including secretary and engineer.
- (3.) Three special trains have been run at an estimated cost of £42.
- (4.) Since the appointment of the Commission seventeen yearly passes have been issued to those connected with it. A yearly ticket over the lines represents, when issued to the general public, £100; 17 passes at £100 £1,700 0 0

One ticket, Sydney to Hay and return	... ..	7 5 0
One ticket, Sydney to Wagga and return	... ..	7 5 0
One ticket, Sydney to Hay and return	... ..	7 5 0
One ticket, all stations, two months	... ..	16 13 4
One ticket, Hay and return	... ..	7 5 0
One ticket, Byrock and return	... ..	7 5 0
One ticket, all stations north, 3 weeks	... ..	3 6 8
One ticket, all stations, month	... ..	8 6 8
Two tickets, all stations, 3 months	... ..	50 0 0
Two tickets, all stations, 1 month	... ..	13 6 8
One ticket, all stations, 1 month	... ..	6 13 4
One ticket, Wagga and return	... ..	5 7 0
		£1,839 18 8

- (7.) Farmers' Trains :—Mr. Teece asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What has been the total cost, including charges of every kind, for running each of the special farmers' trains?
- (2.) What have been the total earnings, giving in each case the net profits per mile?
- (3.) The total mileage run, and the net revenue derived from these trains?

Mr. Garrard answered,—This information is being prepared, and will be laid upon the Table of the House in the course of a few days.

- (8.) Mr. James Byrnes, Railway Land Valuer :—Mr. Teece asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Did Mr. James Byrnes, railway land valuer, apply for and obtain six months' leave of absence; and if so, what was the date of his application?
- (2.) The date upon which the Commissioner recommended that the leave be granted, and the date of the approval of the Executive?
- (3.) Did Mr. Byrnes offer to assist in carrying out the work of the Department if his request were complied with; and was any demand made by the Land Valuer's Department for additional assistance?
- (4.) Has Mr. F. S. M'Dermott, late Manager Federal Bank, been appointed temporary Railway land valuer?
- (5.) If so, the date of his application, and also the dates of the Minister's recommendation and the Cabinet's approval of his appointment?
- (6.) By whom was Mr. M'Dermott recommended; and what are his special qualifications for the position?

Mr. Garrard answered,—

- (1.) Yes; date of application, 9th December, 1885.
- (2.) The Commissioner recommended that the leave applied for be granted on the 10th December, 1885. The Executive Council approved on 18th December.
- (3.) Mr. Byrnes stated that he would be ready at any time to render assistance during his term of leave. No additional assistance was applied for.
- (4.) Yes.
- (5.) Mr. M'Dermott's application is dated 9th December, Mr. Secretary Lyne's recommendation is dated 16th December, and the Minute of Cabinet approving of the appointment bears the same date.
- (6.) The papers do not disclose that anyone recommended Mr. M'Dermott. The Minister said on the application, "I think Mr. M'Dermott is a suitable person to be appointed land valuer," and Mr. M'Dermott in his application said, "My large experience in connection with the value of lands in this Colony will, I feel sure, prove valuable to the Government."

- (9.) Court of Petty Sessions, Point Piper Road :—Mr. Trickett asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) When does the Government intend to proceed with the erection of a Court of Petty Sessions on the land purchased for that purpose at Point Piper Road, Paddington?
- (2.) Will he take steps now to rent temporary premises for the purposes of a Court until the permanent building is erected?

Sir John Robertson answered,—There are certain conditions connected with the title which prevent operations from being taken in this matter.

- (10.) Indian and Colonial Exhibition :—Mr. W. J. Fergusson asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) The number of Officials employed by the Government in connection with the Indian and Colonial Exhibition; the names and amount of remuneration paid to each?
- (2.) What is the estimated total cost of New South Wales representation at the Exhibition, and what Vote is the money paid from?

Sir John Robertson answered,—I will presently lay upon the Table of the House a memorandum giving the information for which the Honorable Member asks.

(11.) Sunday Selling:—Mr. Targett asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is he aware that a person named James Roberts, of Stannifer, has been fined for selling newspapers on Sunday?

(2.) Will he give instructions to prevent similar prosecutions being initiated?

Sir John Robertson answered,—I am sorry that I cannot answer the question. The question of instituting proceedings in a matter of this kind is one requiring consultation.

(12.) Lambton Coal Company:—Mr. W. J. Fergusson, for Mr. Melville, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Does the lease issued to the Lambton Company make any provision for the making good of the surface of the Pasturage Reserve which has been let down by reason of the undermining by the said Company?

(2.) Will the Minister, if such provision does not exist, cause such provision to be inserted in the renewal lease when issued?

(3.) By what authority have the said Lambton Company taken the coal from under the Pasturage Reserve since the lapsing of the original lease?

Mr. Vaughn answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) No formal lease has been issued or asked for. In the event of the lease being issued conditions will, if necessary, be inserted.

(3.) The Company paid the fine for renewal of the lease, and the promise of lease was renewed for a period not yet expired.

(13.) Railway Line between Wallerawang and Mudgee:—Mr. Thompson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) To whom was the sum of £2,371 paid for repairs and removal of earth and stone on the Railway Line between Wallerawang and Mudgee?

(2.) Was the work done by contract; and is there any contract now in existence for similar work required to be done?

Mr. Garrard answered,—

(1.) Paid to workmen employed by the Department on daily wages.

(2.) No; and no contract now exists for similar work.

(14.) Female Telegraph Operators:—Dr. Renwick asked the Postmaster General,—

(1.) Has the practice of employing females as operators in the Telegraph Department been discontinued?

(2.) If so, will he state the reason for such discontinuance?

Mr. O'Connor answered,—

(1.) Yes, but previous to my entering office.

(2.) The Superintendent of Telegraphs informs me that the reason is that they have been found unsuitable.

(15.) Farmers' Trains:—Mr. William Clarke asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it his intention to continue the running of the farmers' excursion trains?

(2.) If so, will he sanction the running of mechanics' trains from Sydney to all country Stations at same rates as those charged by the farmers' excursion trains?

Mr. Garrard answered,—

(1.) This question is now receiving consideration.

(2.) If it be determined to continue the farmers' trains, the question of extending the concession of cheap rates as proposed, will be considered.

2. PRIVILEGE—SEAT OF MR. CRAMSIE, A MEMBER FOR BALRANALD:—

(1.) Mr. Neild moved, That it be referred to the Committee of Elections and Qualifications, to consider and report whether the Honorable Member for Balranald, Mr. Cramsie, is beneficially interested in a certain contract or agreement for the supply of certain goods to the Government. Debate ensued.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

(2.) Mr. Neild then moved, That all papers connected with the supply by Cramsie, Bowden, & Co., of forage and plant to the Government Rabbit Camps in the Balranald District be laid upon the Table of the House forthwith.

Question put and passed.

3. PAPERS:—

Sir John Robertson laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Certain information respecting cost of Representation of the Colony at Indian and Colonial Exhibition.

(2.) By-laws, Borough of Young, under Nuisances Prevention Act.

(3.) Return to an Address, adopted on 15th December, 1885—"Coonan v. Atkinson."

(4.) Amended Regulations under Crown Lands Act for the Government Domains, Botanic Gardens, and Garden Palace Grounds.

Ordered to be printed.

MR. BURNS laid upon the Table,—General Abstract of Bank Liabilities and Assets for Quarter ended 31st December, 1885.

Ordered to be printed.

4. NEW SOUTH WALES TRUSTEES AND AGENCY COMPANY'S BILL:—Mr. Thompson presented a Petition from H. Gorman, William Clarke, W. J. Trickett, and H. F. Francis, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to confer power upon the New South Wales Trustees, Executors, and Agency Company (Limited).

And Mr. Thompson having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* and *The Globe*, newspapers, containing the Notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—

Petition received.

5. **BALMAIN TRAMWAY BILL**:—Mr. Hyam, 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 28th January, 1886; together with a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Hyam then moved, That this Bill be read a second time on Friday, 19th February.
Question put and passed.
6. **NEWCASTLE STEAMSHIP COMPANY'S PREFERENTIAL SHARES BILL**:—Mr. G. A. Lloyd presented a Petition from Thomas Brooks, Joseph Wood, and J. S. Rodgers, Directors of the Newcastle Steamship Company (Limited), praying for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the issue of Preferential Shares by the Newcastle Steamship Company (Limited).
And Mr. Lloyd having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Daily Telegraph*, and *Newcastle Morning Herald and Miners Advocate* newspapers, containing the Notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.
7. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. Neild moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
8. **TRUSTEE ACT AMENDMENT BILL (Formal Order of the Day)**,—on motion of Mr. W. J. Fergusson, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Fergusson then moved, that the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the 'Trustee Act of 1852.'*"
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 'Trustee Act of 1852.'*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 9th February, 1886.*
9. **COMMONS REGULATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL (Formal Motion)**:—
(1.) Mr. Vaughn moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the law relating to the regulation of Commons.
Question put and passed.
(2.) Mr. Vaughn presented a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend the Commons Regulation Act of 1873,*" which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
10. **CORNWELL'S ESTATE BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. Trickett moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Trickett, *passed*.
Mr. Trickett then moved, that the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to empower the Trustees of the Will of the late Samuel Cornwell to sell certain hereditaments forming part of the testator's residuary real estate and invest and apply the proceeds of sale.*"
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 empower the Trustees of the Will of the late Samuel Cornwell to sell certain hereditaments forming part of the testator's residuary real estate and invest and apply the proceeds of sale,*"—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 Will of Samuel Cornwell.
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 9th February, 1886.*
11. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. Burns moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
- The House adjourned accordingly at two minutes before Ten o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 24.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 10 FEBRUARY, 1886.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Mining on Church and School Lands:—Mr. Baker asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—Do the Government propose to bring in a Bill to deal with Mining on Church and School lands; and if so, when?

Mr. James Henry Young answered,—Yes; an Amending Bill is now under consideration, and will be brought in on an early date.

(2.) Colonial and Indian Exhibition:—Mr. Davies asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What is the cost of the Commission representing New South Wales at the Colonial and Indian Exhibition to be held in May next?

(2.) What amount in salary or allowance is to be paid to Sir Alexander Stuart as Executive Commissioner?

Sir John Robertson answered,—The information asked for by the Honorable Member is given in the memorandum laid upon the Table of this House yesterday.

(3.) Illawarra Railway Line:—Mr. Davies asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What are the names of the owners of the North Illawarra Coal Company and Clifton Estate who made application for the sum of £138,687 1s. 4d. as compensation for land resumed by the Government for Railway purposes, and subsequently accepted the sum of £12,025?

Mr. James Henry Young answered,—John L. Castner and William Wiley, who claimed on behalf of the North Illawarra Coal Company.

(4.) Railway Rates to Junee and Wagga Wagga:—Mr. Bolton asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) At what rate per ton are 3rd-class goods carried from Sydney to Junee Junction; is any reduction made upon such goods per truck load?

(2.) At what rate per ton are 3rd-class goods carried from Sydney to Wagga Wagga per truck load?

(3.) At what rate per ton are 3rd-class goods carried from Wagga Wagga to Junee Junction?

(4.) Will the Railway Department carry 3rd-class goods per truck load at the same rate per ton consigned direct to Junee Junction as is charged to Wagga Wagga, with the additional charge of freight from Wagga Wagga to Junee Junction, if it can be shown that thereby a saving of 44 miles of haulage and unloading and reloading is made?

Mr. James Henry Young answered,—

(1.) £6 18s. 7d. per ton. No reduction is made upon such goods per truck load.

(2.) If six tons were carried as the truck load, the charge would amount to £3 6s. 8d. per ton, but the average loading is not six tons, and the rate per ton varies with the load.

(3.) 13s. 1d. per ton.

(4.) If the rate to Junee were reduced as proposed, there would be a considerable loss of revenue on traffic which is now forwarded direct to that Station, and the slight saving in working expenses secured by reduction in running would not compensate for this loss.

(5.) Electric Light for Cowper Wharf:—Mr. Burdekin asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Has the Government arrived at any decision relative to the application for lighting Cowper Wharf, Woolloomooloo Bay, with the electric light; and if so, what decision has been arrived at?

Mr. Burns answered,—Yes; and as a preliminary step towards carrying out the lighting of the Wharf, I have directed an estimate of the cost to be prepared.

(6.)

- (6.) Oyster Leases, George's River :—*Dr. Ross*, for Mr. Abigail, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
 (1.) The names of the parties who have applied for oyster leases on George's River?
 (2.) The extent of areas applied for by each applicant?
 (3.) The locality in each case applied for?

Sir John Robertson answered,—I will presently lay upon the Table a memorandum giving the desired information.

2. CROWN LANDS ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Spring 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 Crown Lands Act of 1884.
 Question put and passed.
3. NEW SOUTH WALES TRUSTEES AND AGENCY COMPANY'S BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Thompson moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to confer power upon the New South Wales Trustees Executors and Agency Company (Limited).
 Question put and passed.
4. FISHERIES INSPECTOR QUINAN (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Olliffe*, for Mr. Targett, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
 (1.) Copies of the Report made by Inspector Quinan against Mr. James Hill, one of the Commissioners of Fisheries, as to the illegal use of a garfish net in the harbour of Port Jackson on the 26th of March last, together with all letters and minutes upon the subject.
 (2.) Copies of the Report made by Inspector Quinan on the 23rd April, 1885, against an officer belonging to the Museum and others for net-fishing in the closed waters of Port Jackson, after being warned not to do so by the Inspector.
 Question put and passed.
5. NEWCASTLE STEAMSHIP COMPANY'S PREFERENTIAL SHARES BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. G. A. Lloyd moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the issue of Preferential Shares by the Newcastle Steamship Company (Limited).
 Question put and passed.
6. PAPER:—Mr. Burns laid upon the Table,—Estimates of the Ways and Means of the Government of New South Wales for the Year 1886.
 Ordered to be printed.
7. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Garvan moved, That this House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
- Interruption.*
8. MEMBER SWORN:—James Nixon Bruncker, Esquire, having taken and subscribed the Oath, and signed the Roll of the House, took his Seat as Member for the Electoral District of East Maitland.
9. ADJOURNMENT:—The Debate on this subject,—interrupted by the proceedings recorded in entry 8,—resumed.
 And the Honorable Member for St. Leonards, Sir Henry Parkes, proceeding to address the House a second time, and objection being taken to his doing so,—
 Mr. Copeland moved, That Sir Henry Parkes be now heard.
 Question put and passed.
 Sir Henry Parkes heard accordingly.
 And the Honorable Member for Mudgee, Sir John Robertson, intimating his desire to speak again,—
 Mr. Thompson moved, That Sir John Robertson be now heard.
 Question put and passed.
 Sir John Robertson heard accordingly.
 Debate continued.
 Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
10. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS:—
 (1.) *Maturity of Warrant reported*:—Mr. Speaker reported that his Warrant, laid upon the Table on the 28th January last, appointing James Patrick Garvan, Esquire, and Arthur Renwick, Esquire, M.D., to be Members 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. Garvan and Dr. Renwick to be sworn at the Table by the Clerk, in accordance with the 59th section of the Electoral Act of 1880.
 (2.) *Members of Committee Sworn*:—Mr. Garvan and Dr. Renwick came to the Table, and were sworn by the Clerk as Members of the Committee.
11. PAPER:—Mr. Vaughn laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on the 4th February, 1886,—“Forest Branch, Mines Department.”
 Ordered to be printed.
12. CLAIM OF MR. THOMAS HORTON:—Mr. Purves, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this subject was referred on 28th January, 1886.
 Ordered to be printed.

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

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 25.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 11 FEBRUARY, 1886.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Hydraulic Elevator, Lands Office:—*Mr. W. J. Fergusson*, for Mr. Abbott, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has the hydraulic elevator at the Lands Office been constructed and carried out upon the original plans and specifications as approved of by the Minister?

(2.) By whom were these plans and specifications prepared, and by whom approved of?

(3.) What was the estimated cost of the elevator stated to be at the time the plans and specifications were submitted to the Minister?

(4.) What has been the actual cost of the elevator?

Mr. Garrard answered,—

(1.) The elevator has been constructed and carried out according to original plans and specifications.

(2.) The plans were prepared by Mr. Norman Selke, and approved by Colonial Architect.

(3.) Estimated cost of elevator, approved by Minister, £2,300.

(4.) £2,439 8s. 6d.

(2.) Working Hours of Employés in Dredge Service:—*Mr. See*, for Mr. Hyam, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is he aware that the master of the dredge "Charon" compels the crew of the tug belonging to his dredge to work over sixty hours per week; that he does not allow the men any time for meals; and that they are not paid for overtime?

(2.) Does any other dredgemaster enforce similar hours; and if so, to what extent?

(3.) Will he give instructions that this practice shall at once cease, or that all necessary overtime worked in the dredge service be paid for at the rates allowed to other employés in the Harbours and Rivers Department?

(4.) Is he aware that one of his predecessors, the Hon. F. A. Wright, granted the eight hours system to the dredge service?

(5.) Will he kindly furnish the name of the master of the dredge "Charon"?

Mr. Garrard answered,—

(1.) On inquiry into the matter, I find that the men employed on the attendant tug do work longer than is usual in other cases. It appears that the dredge "Charon" is working in a part of the Lane Cove River, which is a long distance from Sydney, consequently the tug is employed the extra time in taking the crew to and from the dredge. The work, however, is about finished.

(2.) No, because no other dredge is exactly similarly situated; the dredges employed in river work elsewhere being supplied with sufficient sleeping accommodation for the men on board.

(3.) It will cease about the end of next week.

(4.) Yes, subject to such modifications as the exceptional circumstances of floating property demand.

(5.) Mr. Henry Orr is the master of the dredge "Charon," but he has no responsibility in this matter as he simply acts under orders.

(3.) Telephone between Parliament House and Lands Office:—*Mr. O'Sullivan* asked the Secretary for Lands,—Bearing in mind the large number of persons who daily wait upon the Secretary for Lands,—Is he prepared to affix a telephone at the Parliament House, by which members can communicate with the officials of the Lands Department without losing several hours in the effort to do so?

Mr. Spring answered,—No. I consider that the person who wants to communicate on business with either a Minister or an official should do so personally or by letter.

(4.)

- (4.) **Friendly Societies** :—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Secretary,—Do the Government propose to introduce during this Session of Parliament a Bill for the better government of Friendly Societies?

Sir John Robertson answered,—The Government are not determined on a decision on the matter.

- (5.) **University Scholarships** :—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—Does he propose to introduce a Bill this Session with the object of founding scholarships at the University, by means of which that Institution may be utilised for the benefit of the sons and daughters of all classes?

Mr. James Henry Young answered,—The Government have not yet considered this matter.

- (6.) **Court of Petty Sessions for Eastern Suburbs** :—Mr. Garrett, for Mr. Neild, asked the Minister of Justice,—When is it likely that a decision will be arrived at with reference to the question of renting premises for a Court of Petty Sessions for the Eastern Suburbs, submitted to him last December in writing by Mr. Neild?

Sir John Robertson answered,—A decision will be arrived at without unnecessary delay.

- (7.) **Mr. James Courneen, late of Prisons Department** :—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Was Mr. James Courneen engaged in the Government Service in the Department of Prisons for a period of over twenty-two years?

(2.) Was any application from Mr. Courneen received by the Comptroller of Prisons for his approval in August, 1884, to allow him to retire from the Service upon the usual retiring allowance of one month's pay for each year of service on account of failing health?

(3.) Is he aware that through continued ill health he was compelled to resign?

(4.) Will he cause an inquiry to be made, and give him such relief as he may have been entitled to previous to the Civil Service Act coming into force?

Mr. Burns answered,—On behalf of my Honorable Colleague, I desire to say,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes; a medical report was obtained showing that by age Warder Curnane was becoming incapacitated for the effective performance of his duties. His name, with those of others, was submitted by the Comptroller-General, on a list of officers becoming incapacitated, who have now been ordered for retirement on gratuities or pensions in terms of the Civil Service Act.

(3.) He has not been compelled to resign, but was retained in his position, and his retirement on a pension has now been authorized.

(4.) No vote for retiring officers on a gratuity of one month's pay for each year of service was taken subsequently to Warder Curnane's case being brought under the notice of the Comptroller-General.

2. **NEWCASTLE STEAMSHIP COMPANY'S PREFERENTIAL SHARES BILL** :—Mr. G. A. Lloyd 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 issue of Preferential Shares by the Newcastle Steamship Company (Limited)*,"—read a first time.
3. **NEW SOUTH WALES TRUSTEES EXECUTORS AND AGENCY COMPANY'S BILL** :—Mr. Thompson 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 confer power upon the New South Wales Trustees Executors and Agency Company (Limited)*,"—read a first time.
4. **PAPER** :—Mr. James Henry Young laid upon the Table,—Notifications of Resumptions of Land for Public School Purposes, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, at Bellinger South, Cavan, Fisher's Creek, Marshall Mount, Mount Rivers, Murrumboola, Noonbar Creek, and Whian Whian.
Ordered to be printed.
5. **WYATT ESTATE LEASING BILL** :—Mr. W. J. Fergusson, 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 4th December, 1885; together with a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Fergusson then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday, 19th February.
Question put and passed.
6. **POSTPONEMENTS** :—The Orders of the Day Nos. 1 to 5 of Government Business postponed until Wednesday next.
7. **POLICY OF THE GOVERNMENT—VOTE OF CENSURE** :—Mr. Garvan moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That the Policy of the Government is unsatisfactory to this House.
(2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
Debate ensued.
Mr. O'Sullivan moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday next, and (*with the unanimous consent of the House*) take precedence of other Business.
8. **COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS** :—Dr. Renwick (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Committee of Elections and Qualifications have leave to sit during any adjournment of this House.
Question put and passed.

9. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir John Robertson moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
10. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:—Sir John Robertson (*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 Eleven o'clock, until *Tuesday next* at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 26.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 16 FEBRUARY, 1886.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Land Boards :—Mr. W. J. Fergusson asked the Secretary for Lands,—
 (1.) Is it his intention to take steps to have applications for Conditional Purchases and Conditional Leases dealt with more speedily by the Land Boards?
 (2.) Is there any valid objection to Land Boards meeting once a week and dealing with applications of previous week, and giving instructions to survey, &c.?

Mr. Spring answered,—

- (1.) Yes, the matter of the alleged delay is being inquired into. Provision to lessen this delay is also being made in the Amended Land Bill, notice of which has been given.
 (2.) Yes, the law requires that at least fourteen days notice should be given to the parties, and also permits caveats to be lodged within fourteen days. The question of alleged delay is, as already stated, receiving attention.

- (2.) Railway Station, Bowral :—Mr. Kidd asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 (1.) How long have the plans for the Railway Station improvements at Bowral been ready?
 (2.) Is it the intention of the Department to call for tenders for the work; if so, when; if not, when will the work be commenced by the Department?

Mr. Garrard answered,—

- (1.) It was proposed at one time to erect a new residence for the Station-master at Bowral, and a plan was prepared and completed about six months ago.
 (2.) It was decided when the plan was submitted that there was no pressing necessity for a new residence.

- (3.) Parramatta Road Trust :—Mr. Barbour, for Mr. Bull, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 (1.) What are the names of the Parramatta Road Trust?
 (2.) What is the name of the Secretary to such Trust?
 (3.) Does he receive a salary for acting in such capacity; if so, what amount does he receive annually?
 (4.) What amount has been received by the Government for sale of toll-bar, Broken Back Bridge, during the years 1884, 1885, 1886?
 (5.) What amount has been expended on road, Parramatta to Rouse Hill, during the years 1884, 1885, 1886?
 (6.) Will he have prepared a detailed statement showing the amount of receipts and disbursements for the same period?

Mr. Garrard answered,—

- (1.) Jas. Byrnes, A. Payten, N. Stewart, Wm. Goodin.
 (2.) Sydney Wickham.
 (3.) Road Trusts Accounts for 1884 show that a sum of £50 was paid as salary for that year to clerk and treasurer.
 (4.) Toll-bar has been sold and amounts received by the Commissioners of the Parramatta Road Trust. Amount received for 1884, £539 15s.; for 1885, £540; for 1886, toll-bar sold for £538—rent paid for one month.

(5.)

(5.) 1884, vote of £110, expended and adjusted; 1885, vote of £110, expended and adjusted; 1886, estimates not yet passed.

(6.) Road Trusts Accounts for 1883 and 1884, laid before Parliament, 9th December, 1885, give details for all Roads under the Trust. Statement for 1885 has not yet been received.

(4.) Sale of Site of Old Public School, Wollongong :—Mr. Suttor asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—

(1.) Is it true that the old Public School, and its site, in Crown-street, Wollongong, have been sold by private bargain?

(2.) If so, when, to whom, and for what sum?

Mr. James Henry Young answered,—A promise was made by my predecessor to sell to the Borough Council of Wollongong lots 1 to 7 of this site, comprising an area of 1 rood 14½ perches and including the site of the school building, for the sum of £55, and that amount was received by this Department on the 17th December, 1885. In view of the nature of the title, I have taken steps to obtain the opinion of the Attorney General as to whether, on the passing of a Bill such as that introduced during the last session of Parliament, the Minister would be able to carry out the sale contemplated.

(5.) Mr. Midelton, Locomotive Overseer :—Mr. Davies, for Mr. Henry Clarke, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has Mr. Midelton, locomotive overseer, been suspended from the performance of his duties; if so, how long has he been under suspension?

(2.) For what cause was Mr. Midelton suspended, and has he been paid his salary during such suspension?

(3.) In the event of Mr. Midelton being allowed to resume duty, will he be paid the salary he would have been entitled to during his suspension?

Mr. Garrard answered,—

(1.) Yes; six months.

(2.) It would hardly seem to be desirable to furnish this information at present, the matter being still *sub judice*. Mr. Midelton has not been paid salary during the time he has been under suspension.

(3.) It is usual to pay salary if the officer reinstated is acquitted of the charges upon which he was suspended.

(6.) Crown Lands Act—Appraisalment of Runs :—Mr. Davies, for Mr. Henry Clarke, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) What are the Government doing in the matter of appraising runs, the leases of which terminated since the Land Act of 1884 came into operation?

(2.) How many runs have been appraised since that period?

(3.) What is the average rent the various appraisers have recommended should be paid by the lessees of runs appraised since the Land Act of 1884 came into operation?

Mr. Spring answered,—

(1.) Preparations, which are necessarily of an extensive character, are now being made, with a view to securing an efficient appraisalment of the runs held under the new tenures. The undertaking is one of exceptional magnitude, as upwards of 4,200 runs will come under revision.

(2.) None.

(3.) Replied to by No. 2.

(7.) Poll-tax on Chinese :—Mr. Thompson asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What number of Chinese paid the Poll-tax in the year 1883?

(2.) What number in 1884?

(3.) What number in 1885?

(4.) What number in 1886?

(5.) Is there any reason to believe that false papers have been used by any Chinese coming into this Colony?

(6.) Have any false papers been detected?

(7.) If so, have steps been taken to punish the offenders?

(8.) Have the Government any intention of increasing the Poll-tax on Chinese?

(9.) How many instances have occurred in each of the above years in which papers offered by Chinese have been refused?

(10.) The names of the ships or steamers by which Chinese have been introduced in these years into this Colony, and the numbers by each?

(11.) Is any record kept at the Custom House, or elsewhere, of the names of Chinamen introduced into this Colony, and as to whether they pay the poll-tax or claim exemption?

(12.) If exemption is claimed is any separate record kept of the grounds of exemption?

(13.) Are the papers submitted by Chinese claiming exemption kept by the Customs officials, or returned to the Chinese?

(14.) Has any case occurred in these years in which any ship or steamer has carried over the number of Chinese passengers allowed by law?

(15.) If any such case has occurred, what was done in the matter?

Mr. Burns answered,—

(1.) 1,220.

(2.) 1,074.

(3.) 1,060.

(4.) 160.

(5.) Yes.

(6.) Yes.

(7.) Yes.

(8.) The Government have not yet considered this question.

(9.)

- (9.) In all, eighty-six papers have been rejected—sixty-three naturalization certificates, and twenty-three return exemption certificates.
- (10.) A return is in course of preparation.
- (11.) A record is kept.
- (12.) Yes.
- (13.) Naturalization papers are returned if found satisfactory. All exemption certificates are retained.
- (14.) Yes, in nine instances. Thirty-seven in excess came with false papers, two stowaways, seven in excess.
- (15.) Poll-tax was paid in some instances, and in others the men were returned to the ships.
- (8.) Water Frontages, Port Jackson:—Mr. Reid asked the Secretary for Lands,—Referring to a Bill before the House proposing to provide against the alienation of certain frontages to tidal waters on Crown Lands,—Will he consider the propriety of abstaining from approving of applications for such water frontages, especially in the harbour of Port Jackson, pending the consideration by this House of the said Bill?
- Mr. Spring answered,—Further action in any case which has not yet been finally dealt with will be suspended for the present.
2. SETTLED ESTATES BILL (*Formal Motion*):—
- (1.) Mr. Septimus Stephen moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill for facilitating Sales, Leases, and other Dispositions of Settled Land.
- Question put and passed.
- (2.) Mr. Stephen presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill for facilitating Sales Leases and other Dispositions of Settled Land*,”—which was read a first time.
- Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 5th March.
3. STATISTICS OF SCHOOLS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Kidd moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—
- (1.) The following particulars regarding the principal Teachers in charge of 5th and 6th class Schools:—(a) Name of Teacher. (b) Name of School. (c) Average attendance of the department under the direct control of the Teacher for last quarter of 1885. (d) Age of Teacher. (e) Salary. (f) Classification (by examination). (g) Length of service (omitting pupil teacher-ship and training). An average to be struck of particulars c, d, e, and g.
- (2.) Similar particulars regarding Mistresses in charge of Girls’ Departments in 2nd, 3rd, and 4th class Schools, with averages.
- (3.) Similar particulars regarding Mistresses in charge of Infants’ Departments in 2nd, 3rd, and 4th class Schools, with averages.
- (4.) Similar particulars regarding Mistresses of Departments in 5th class Schools, with averages.
- Question put and passed.
4. WORKING CLASSES (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. O’Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, 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 it is expedient that a Commission should be appointed by the Government to inquire into the hours of labour practised by indoor workers, and into the condition of the shops, warehouses, and factories of the Colony, with a view to legislation for the prevention of the overworking of females and children, and the proper sanitation of premises wherein labour is carried on.
- (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
- Question put and passed.
5. NEWCASTLE STEAMSHIP COMPANY’S PREFERENTIAL SHARES BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. G. A. Lloyd moved, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) That the Newcastle Steamship Company’s Preferential Shares 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. Day, Dr. Renwick, Mr. Abigail, Mr. Teece, and the Mover.
- Question put and passed.
6. NEW SOUTH WALES TRUSTEES EXECUTORS AND AGENCY COMPANY’S BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Thompson moved, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) That the New South Wales Trustees Executors and Agency 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. Lee, Mr. Jones, Mr. Moore, Mr. Scott, Mr. Olliffe, Mr. Gould, Mr. Abbott, and the Mover.
- Question put and passed.
7. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Abolition of Punishment by Whipping Bill postponed until Friday, 12th March.
8. PAPER:—Sir John Robertson laid upon the Table,—Report of Dr. Tucker on the Hospitals for the Insane, visited by him under the circular letter of the Colonial Secretary of New South Wales.
- Ordered to be printed.
9. MARYVILLE COLLIERY COMPANY RAILWAY BILL:—Mr. G. A. Lloyd presented a Petition from the Maryville Colliery Company (Limited), praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Maryville Colliery Company (Limited) to construct a Railway or Tramway from land at Wickham, near Newcastle, to and connect the same with the Government Railway to Bullock Island, Newcastle.
- And Mr. Lloyd 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.

10. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Henson moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

11. PAPER:—Mr. O'Connor laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 24th September, 1885,—
“Mr. John Dain, Mail Contractor.”

12. POLICY OF THE GOVERNMENT—VOTE OF CENSURE:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Garvan,—

“(1.) That the Policy of the Government is unsatisfactory to this House.

“(2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.”

And the Question being again proposed,—the House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 52.

Sir Patrick Jennings,	Mr. Russell Barton,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Want,	Mr. Olliffe,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Hugh Taylor,
Mr. Trickett,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Thompson,	Mr. Lewis Lloyd,
Mr. Cass,	Mr. Bull,
Mr. Day,	Mr. Williamson,
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Abigail,
Mr. Sawers,	Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Macgregor,
Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,	Mr. Quin,
Mr. Forsyth,	Dr. Renwick,
Mr. Hammond,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Butcher,	Mr. Septimus Stephen,
Mr. Toohy,	Mr. J. D. Young,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Rytic,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Foster,
Mr. Fitzgerald,	Mr. Reid,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Coonan,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Bolton.
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	
Mr. Henry Clarke,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hogan,	Mr. William Clarke,
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Humphery.

Noes, 44.

Sir John Robertson,	Dr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. J. F. Smith,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Vaughn,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. James Henry Young,	Mr. Proctor,
Mr. Harold Stephen,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. Spring,	Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Gould,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Shepherd,	Mr. Tait,
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Baker,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Hyam,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Kethel,
Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Lysaght,
Mr. Creer,	Mr. Ives.
Mr. Garland,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Wisdom,	Mr. Neild,
Mr. Heydon,	Mr. Burdekin.
Mr. Gibbs,	
Mr. H. H. Brown,	
Mr. Judd,	
Mr. Meeks,	
Mr. Henson,	
Mr. Inglis,	
Mr. Kidd,	
Mr. De Courcy Browne,	
Mr. Melville,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The House adjourned at Twenty-one minutes before Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 27.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 17 FEBRUARY, 1886.

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

MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—ADJOURNMENT:—Sir John Robertson stated that in consequence of the determination of the House last night, he had put himself in communication with His Excellency the Governor, but had not yet received any reply,—

Sir John Robertson then moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 25.

Sir John Robertson,
Mr. Burns,
Mr. Garrard,
Mr. James Henry Young,
Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Heydon,
Mr. Creer,
Mr. Baker,
Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Burdekin,
Mr. Roberts,
Mr. Harold Stephen,
Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Garland,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Neild,
Mr. J. F. Smith,
Dr. Ross,
Mr. Inglis,
Mr. Hyam,
Mr. Chanter,
Mr. De Courcy Browne,
Mr. Proctor.

Tellers,

Mr. Shepherd,
Mr. Gould.

Noes, 65.

Mr. Lyne,
Sir Patrick Jennings,
Mr. Want,
Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Abbott,
Mr. See,
Mr. Trickett,
Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Toohy,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. Sawers,
Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Coonan,
Mr. T. R. Smith,
Mr. Leven,
Mr. Olliffe,
Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
Mr. Fitzgerald,
Mr. Cass,
Sir Henry Parkes,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Hammond,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,
Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. William Clarke,
Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Collins,
Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Day,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. W. J. Fergusson,
Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Fletcher,

Mr. Bull,
Mr. Macgregor,
Mr. Lewis Lloyd,
Mr. D. A. Ferguson,
Mr. Meeks,
Mr. Foster,
Mr. Reid,
Mr. Bolton,
Mr. Abigail,
Mr. Brunker,
Dr. Ronwick,
Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Ives,
Mr. Tait,
Mr. Henson,
Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Judd,
Mr. Moore,
Mr. J. D. Young,
Mr. Forsyth,
Mr. Hogan,
Mr. Septimus Stephen,
Mr. Teece,
Mr. White,
Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Davies,
Mr. Williamson,
Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Copeland.

Tellers,

Mr. Russell Barton,
Mr. Quin.

And so it passed in the negative.

2. MINISTERIAL ADVICE TO THE GOVERNOR:—Sir Henry Parkes proceeding to move, as a matter of *Privilege*,—

(1.) That any advice tendered to the Crown to dissolve Parliament at the present time would be unjustifiable, and deserving of the censure of this House.

(2.) That this House declines to grant Supply for the purpose of facilitating any such dissolution.

(3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor. And objection being taken to his doing so, on the ground that the motion was not entitled to be regarded as *Privilege*,—

Debate—on the Point of Order—ensued.

Mr. Speaker ruled that the motion could not be put without notice, inasmuch as the support or resistance of a dissolution is not a question of any of the privileges of the House.

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

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 28.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 18 FEBRUARY, 1886.

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

PAPERS:—

Sir John Robertson laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return of Applications for Oyster Leases, George's River.

(2.) Further Return to an Address adopted 6th July, 1877,—Immigration—Steamer "Parthia."

(3.) Correspondence respecting Ministerial Advice to the Governor, and Resignation of the Ministry,—and, on motion of Sir John Robertson, the Correspondence was, by direction of Mr. Speaker, read by the Clerk.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Burns laid upon the Table,—Return respecting Chinese Immigration.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Vaughn laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 9th February, 1886,—"Privilege—Seat of Mr. Cramsie, a Member for Balranald."

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. James Henry Young laid upon the Table,—Report on Sydney Grammar School for the year 1884.

Ordered to be printed.

Sir John Robertson laid upon the Table,—Paper respecting assumed state of Parties in the House.

2. VOTE OF CREDIT:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Burns, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

CARRINGTON,

Governor.

Message No. 6.

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, 1886, together with provision for other Services of an urgent nature, and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan.

Government House,

Sydney, 18th February, 1886.

Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of Supply.

3. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES:—Mr. Burns (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That Albert John Gould, Esquire, do take the Chair in Committee of the Whole House for this day only. Question put and passed.

4. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Electric Light for Hyde and Belmore Parks:—Mr. Olliffe asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he take into consideration the advisableness of causing Hyde and Belmore Parks to be lighted by electricity, for the better convenience and safety of the public?

Sir John Robertson answered,—The Honorable Member must know that under present circumstances the matter will not require very much of my attention.

(2.) Bathurst Volunteer Corps:—Mr. Suttor asked the Colonial Secretary,—Are there any sums of money due to the members of the Bathurst Volunteer Corps; if so, how long has the money been due, and what is the cause of the delay in making the payments due to the men?

Sir John Robertson answered,—I am informed by Major-General Richardson that sums are due for the December quarter of 1885, and have been due since the first of January last, and that the cause is the delay in the rendering of Returns by the 3rd Regiment.

- (3.) Loan of £5,500,000 :—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Treasurer :—How much of the last loan of £5,500,000 remains unexpended at the present date?
Mr. Burns answered,—£3,072,148 13s. 6d.
- (4.) Free Public Library :—Mr. Copeland asked the Minister of Justice,—Has any action been taken by the Trustees of the Public Library with reference to removing the embargo on issuing works of prose fiction from the Lending Branch during the open hours of Sunday?
Mr. James Henry Young answered,—Yes; the Trustees have passed a resolution that in future there will be no restriction to the class of books issued from the Lending Branch during the open hours of Sunday.
- (5.) Mineral Conditional Purchases on Gold Fields :—Mr. W. J. Fergusson asked the Secretary for Lands,—If it is the intention of the Government to bring in a Bill to validate mineral conditional purchases on gold fields, as promised and introduced by late Government?
Mr. Spring answered,—This question has not yet received the consideration of the Government.
- (6.) Public Park, Bronte Bay, Waverley :—Mr. Neild to ask the Secretary for Mines,—Is it a fact, as publicly stated by a Minister of the Crown during the last General Elections, that the late Government resumed land for recreation purposes at Bronte Bay, Waverley?
Mr. Vaughn answered,—The late Minister for Mines decided that land at Bronte, Waverley, should be acquired for a Public Park. It is the intention of the Government to resume or purchase about 7 acres of land at Nelson's Bay for that purpose.
- (7.) Stamp Sellers :—Mr. Abigail asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) What is the total amount owing to the Government by stamp sellers, and have the Government any guarantee for the payments of the sums due by each person indebted?
(2.) Has any one person or firm a credit limit up to £500?
(3.) Have the Government sustained any loss by people failing to pay; if so, what is the amount?
Mr. Burns answered,—
(1.) £3,883 8s. 9d. This amount is guaranteed with the exception of £43 19s. 2d., due by Police Magistrates and Clerks of Petty Sessions.
(2.) No.
(3.) To the extent of £47 1s. 1d. since the commencement of the Act in July, 1880.
- (8.) Civil Service :—Mr. Abigail asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Are Civil Servants allowed to hold positions at a salary in connection with Suburban Municipalities, such as Council Clerk or Valuator of Property, and the like?
(2.) In granting such permission, has regard been had to the minute of the Honorable Mr. Dalley, issued while he was Acting Colonial Secretary?
Sir John Robertson answered,—I have not had time to give attention to this question, which involves the action of the Government and the action of Municipalities,—always a difficult thing to combine.
5. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Burns 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 1886, and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan" 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 were come to by the said Committees respectively.
Question put and passed.
6. MARYVILLE COLLIERY COMPANY RAILWAY BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. G. A. Lloyd moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Maryville Colliery Company (Limited), to construct a Railway or Tramway from land at Wickham, near Newcastle, to and connect the same with the Government Railway to Bullock Island, Newcastle.
Question put and passed.
7. SALE OF SITE OF OLD PUBLIC SCHOOL, WOLLONGONG (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Suttor moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all letters, minutes papers, and other documents having reference to the sale of the Site of the Public School in Crown-street, Wollongong, by the Government to the Borough Council of that town.
Question put and passed.
8. RAILWAY FROM LAWRENCE TO TENTERFIELD :—Mr. Purves presented a Petition from J. H. Jagers, as Chairman of a Public Meeting held at Lawrence, setting forth the advantages of constructing a line of Railway between Lawrence and Tenterfield; and praying the favourable consideration of the House.
Petition received.
9. CHURCH AND SCHOOL LANDS DEDICATION ACT :—Mr. Baker presented a Petition from certain Ratepayers and Residents of the Municipal District of Blayney and the immediate surrounding District, praying for an amendment of the Church and School Lands Dedication Act, so that the Government may dedicate portions of Church and School Land for Commons and other public purposes.
Petition received.
10. MOOREBANK ESTATE BILL :—Mr. McCulloch presented a Petition from the Most Reverend Alfred Barry, D.D., Bishop of Sydney, Primate of Australia, and President of the Synod of the Diocese of Sydney, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Bishop of Sydney to lease or sell the lands known as the Moorebank Estate, and to convey portions of the said lands to the Commissioner for Railways, and for the other purposes therein mentioned.

And Mr. McCulloch having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald*, and the *Liverpool Mercury* newspapers, containing the Notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—

Petition received.

11. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply having been read,—Mr. Burns 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.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and *Mr. Gould* reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

Mr. Gould also reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, on motion of *Mr. Gould*, that the report be now received.

Mr. Gould 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 £1,020,000 being £567,000 to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of February, 1886, at the rates which have been sanctioned for 1885, inclusive of the annual increases on salaries for that year provided for by the Civil Service Act of 1884, subject to the rate of any reduction that may hereafter be made in the expenditure of the year 1886; £150,000 to meet Wages to become due to Railway Employés during the month of March, 1886, and to cover the expenditure in February, 1886, 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 March, 1886, and to cover the expenditure in February, 1886, in excess of the monthly allowance at the rate of last year's appropriations, and for other Services of an urgent nature; and £293,000 for Railways in anticipation of Loan Votes towards completion of certain Lines.

On motion of Mr. Burns, 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. Burns, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and *Mr. Gould* reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

Mr. Gould also reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, on motion of *Mr. Gould*, that the report be now received.

Mr. Gould then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—

(2.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Services of the Year 1886, the sum of £1,020,000 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.

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

13. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 2):—

(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Burns, that a Bill be brought in, founded on Resolution of Ways and Means (No. 2), to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Year 1886, and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan.

(2.) Mr. Burns 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 1886 and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan*,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and now read a second time.

(3.) Bill read a second time.

Mr. Burns 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 *Mr. Gould* reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Burns, the report was adopted.

Ordered (after debate), that the Bill be now read a third time.

(4.) Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Burns, passed.

Mr. Burns 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 1886 and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan*."

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 1886 and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 18th February, 1886.*

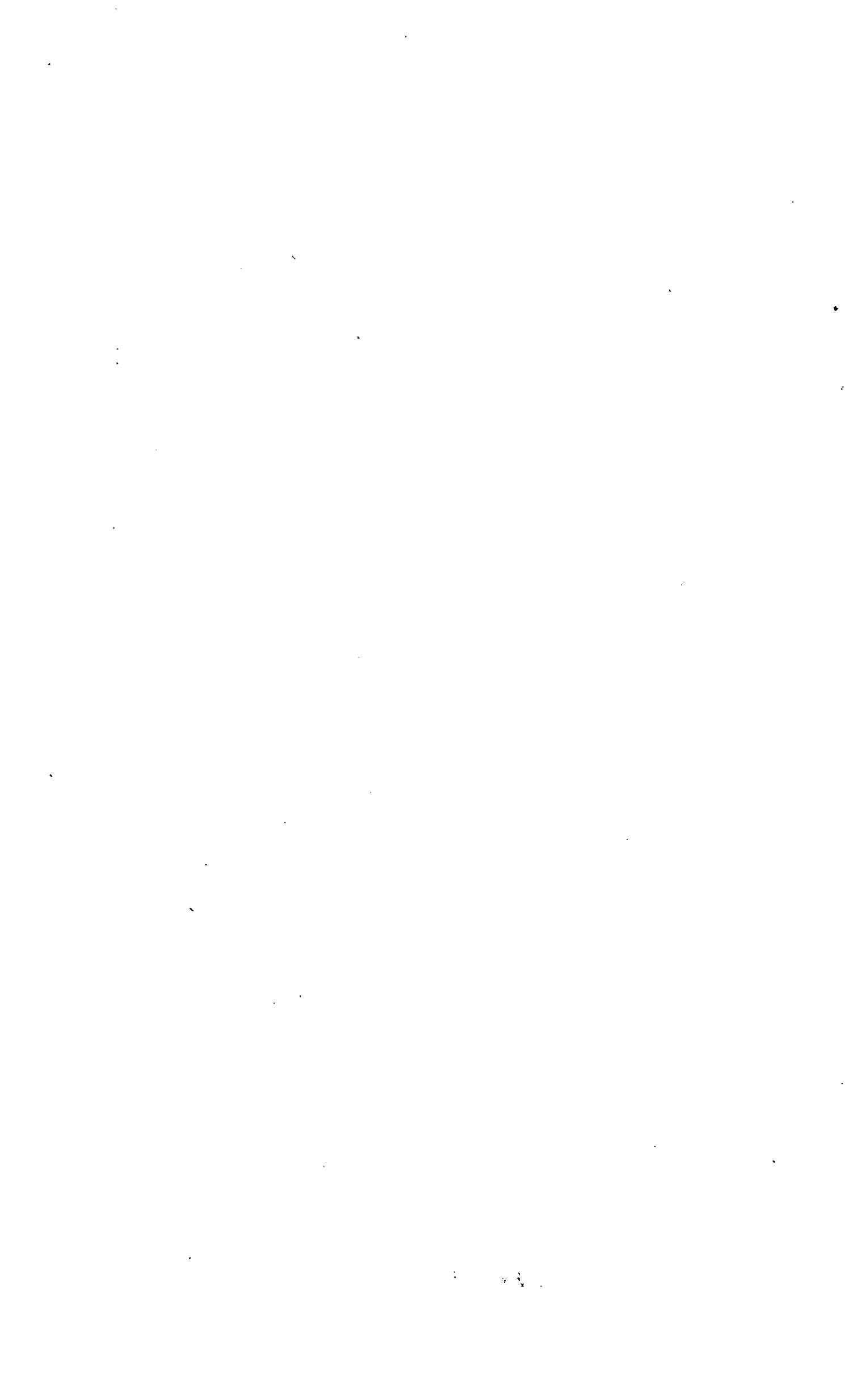
14. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir John Robertson moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 29.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 19 FEBRUARY, 1886.

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

BODALLA ESTATE BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Burns, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

CARRINGTON,

Message No. 7.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Trustees of the Will of the late Thomas Sutcliffe Mort to join with certain of the beneficiaries under the said Will in floating the pastoral property known as 'Bodalla' in the county of Dampier as a Company to be called the 'Bodalla Company (Limited)' and for that purpose to transfer the said property to the said Company and accept and hold fully paid up shares in the said Company,*"—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 February, 1886.

2. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:—Sir John Robertson stated that he had been honored by a communication from the Governor, informing him that His Excellency had sent for Sir Patrick Jennings, with a view to his forming a Government; and that he had also received a communication from Sir Patrick Jennings requesting an adjournment of the House until Tuesday next, which adjournment he (Sir John Robertson) would presently move.
3. QUESTIONS:—
- (1.) Arbitration Clause in Railway Contracts:—Mr. W. J. Fergusson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—If his attention has been called to the report of the case *O'Rourke v. McSharry*, reported in *Herald* of 13th February; if so, is it his intention to insert in future contracts of the kind a clause referring all disputes between the Engineer-in-Chief and contractor to arbitration; if not, will he state grounds of refusing to do so?
- Mr. Garrard answered,—The matter is under consideration.
- (2.) Road Superintendents, Muswellbrook:—*Mr. Trickett*, for Mr. Fitzgerald, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What decision, if any, has been arrived at in the case of the gentlemen at present stationed at Muswellbrook as Road Superintendents?
- Mr. Garrard answered,—The question is now under the consideration of the Civil Service Commissioners with respect to one officer. On the decision in his case depends that with respect to the other.
- (3.) Conveyance of Mails between Railway Station and Post Office, Parramatta:—Mr. Davies asked the Postmaster General,—
- (1.) The names of the tenderers for the conveyance of mails between the Railway Station and the Post Office at Parramatta for the present year?
- (2.) Were the tenders all received at the same date; if not, on what date was each tender received, and the name of the tenderer?
- (3.) Would it be allowable for any information to be given by the Post Office officials at Parramatta to any person not connected with the Post Office as to the number of tenders which had been sent in, and the amounts, before the acceptance of any of such tenders had been decided upon?
- Mr. O'Connor answered,—
- (1.) Thomas Hill, John Paul, and James M'Mahon.
- (2.) No record is kept of the date of receipt of tenders, as they are at once placed in the tender box, where they remain until the last day appointed for receipt, when all are opened in presence of the Tender Board.
- (3.) No; and the officials would not be in a position to give the information, as they do not see the tenders unless the tenderers choose to show them before sending them in. 4.

4. PATENTS LAW AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Targett moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Law of Patents.
Question put and passed.
5. SITE FOR COURT-HOUSE, PARRAMATTA (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Davies moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers and minutes having reference to the purchase of a piece of land, adjacent to the Railway Station at Parramatta, for the site of a Court-house.
Question put and passed.
6. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
(1.) Wyatt Estate Leasing Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—*until Friday, 12th March.*
(2.) Working Classes; consideration in Committee of the Whole of certain Resolutions;—*until Tuesday next.*
(3.) Barristers Bill; second reading;—*until Friday, 5th March.*
(4.) Uther Estate Leasing Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;
(5.) St. Mary's Waverley Church of England Land Sale Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;
(6.) Barker's Estate Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading; } *until Friday, 12th March.*
7. PAPERS:—
Mr. Burns laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Minute embodying the recommendations of the Civil Service Board for certain Amendments in the "Civil Service Act of 1884."
(2.) Further Return (*in part*) to an Order, made on 15th February, 1884,—“Spirits, Wines, and Beer,—Convictions under the Licensing Act.”
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Garrard laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order, made on 3rd December, 1885,—“Terminal Point of Great Northern Railway at Queensland Border.”
Ordered to be printed.
8. MARYVILLE COLLIERY COMPANY RAILWAY BILL:—Mr. G. A. Lloyd 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 ‘Maryville Colliery Company (Limited)’ to construct a Railway or Tramway from land at Wickham near Newcastle to and connect the same with the Government Railway to Bullock Island Newcastle.*”—read a first time.
9. RANDWICK CHURCH LAND SALE BILL:—Mr. Day presented a Petition from Aston James Watkins, one of the Trustees of certain lands containing in all one acre one rood and thirty-seven perches, situate at Randwick, being the lands comprised in two grants from the Crown, both dated the first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-one, and which is vested in Patrick Francis Moran, James Peter Hanrahan, and Aston James Watkins, upon trust as sites for a Roman Catholic Church and Clergyman's residence, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Most Reverend Patrick Francis Moran, the Reverend James Peter Hanrahan, and Aston James Watkins, as Trustees of certain lands situated at Randwick, to sell the said land and to provide for the appropriation of the proceeds thereof.
And Mr. Day having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* and the *Freeman's Journal* newspapers, containing the Notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.
10. SISTERS OF CHARITY ESTATE BILL:—Mr. Day presented a Petition from Bridget McGuigan and Georgina Russell, Trustees of certain land situated in Charlotte-place, in the City of Sydney, which is vested in them upon trust for the religious establishment known as the Sisters of Mercy, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable Bridget McGuigan and Georgina Russell, Trustees of certain land situate in Charlotte-place, in the City of Sydney, held by them upon trust for the religious establishment known as the Sisters of Charity, to let the said land on building leases or otherwise, or to sell the said land, and to provide for the application of the proceeds thereof.
And Mr. Day having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* and the *Freeman's Journal* newspapers, containing the Notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.
11. BELL'S ESTATE BILL:—Mr. Trickett presented a Petition from Elizabeth Bell and Richard Holdsworth, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable Elizabeth Bell and Richard Holdsworth, or other the Trustees or Trustee for the time being of the Will of the late Henry Bell, to make leases of certain hereditaments devised by the said Will.
And Mr. Trickett 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.
12. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir John Robertson moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
The House adjourned accordingly at two minutes before Five o'clock, until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 30.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 23 FEBRUARY, 1886.

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

QUESTION:—North Coast Line of Railway:—*Mr. Levien*, for Mr. Thompson, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Have all the surveys for the proposed coast line of Railway been completed?
- (2.) Has the Engineer-in-Chief recommended any one of the lines surveyed; if so, which?
- (3.) If any one of these lines is not yet surveyed, will he please name it?
- (4.) Has the Engineer-in-Chief made any estimates of the costs of the various coast lines?
- (5.) If so, is there any objection to state what the estimates are?

Mr. Garrard answered,—

- (1.) No.
- (2.) No.
- (3.) Morpeth to the Manning River.
- (4 and 5.) Estimates have not yet been made.

2. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—

- (1.) Working Classes, consideration in Committee of the Whole of certain Resolutions;—*until Tuesday next.*
 - (2.) Defamation Act Amendment Bill; second reading;—
 - (3.) Water Frontages Reservation Bill; second reading;—
- } *until Friday, 26th March.*

3. ASHFIELD CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL BILL:—*Mr. Hammond* presented a Petition from *Frederic King*, *James Christian Corlette*, *John Allum*, and *Edward Henry Rogers*, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable *Frederic King*, *James Christian Corlette*, *John Allum*, and *Edward Henry Rogers*, or other the Trustees for the time being of certain land situate at Ashfield, to sell the same, and to make provision for the proceeds thereof.

And *Mr. Hammond* having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* newspaper, containing the Notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.

4. BOARD'S SETTLEMENT BILL:—*Mr. Hyam* presented a Petition from *Harriet Fahey*, of *Castloreagh-street*, widow of the late *Francis Fahey*, deceased, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable *Harriet Fahey* to demise certain hereditaments settled by *Gregory Board* on the said *Harriet Fahey* her testamentary appointees and children.

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

5. PAPER:—*Mr. O'Connor* laid upon the Table,—Further Correspondence respecting future Mail Communication between Great Britain and Australia *via Suez*.
Ordered to be printed.

6. NEWCASTLE STEAMSHIP COMPANY'S PREFERENTIAL SHARES BILL:—*Mr. G. A. Lloyd*, 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 16th February, 1886; together with Appendix, and a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Lloyd then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday, 12th March.

Question put and passed.

7. WEST WALLSEND AND MONK-WEARMOUTH RAILWAY BILL:—Mr. G. A. Lloyd presented a Petition from the West Wallsend Coal Company (Limited) and the Monk-Wearmouth Colliery Estate Company of Australia (Limited), praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the West Wallsend Coal Company (Limited) and the Monk-Wearmouth Colliery Estate Company of Australia (Limited), to construct a Railway from the West Wallsend Coal Fields to the Sydney and Waratah Railway.

And Mr. Lloyd having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* and the *Newcastle Morning Herald and Miners' Advocate* newspapers, containing the Notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.

8. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—ADJOURNMENT:—Sir John Robertson stated that since he had been in the House he had received a letter from Sir Patrick Jennings requesting him to ask the House to consent to an adjournment until to-morrow, as he, Sir Patrick Jennings, had not yet completed his arrangements for the formation of a Government.

Sir John Robertson then 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.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker

New South Wales.

No. 31.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 24 FEBRUARY, 1886.

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

QUESTION:—Clerk of Petty Sessions, Gunning:—*Mr. Targett*, for Mr. Fitzgerald, asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that Mr. Kenyon, Clerk of Petty Sessions at Gunning, has lately been appointed Police Magistrate at Yass?
- (2.) Was Mr. Kenyon entitled by seniority to such promotion?
- (3.) Is it a fact that a Mr. Sel. Pembroke has been appointed Clerk of Petty Sessions at Gunning?
- (4.) If so, was this gentleman in the Government service at the date of such appointment, and in what capacity?
- (5.) If not, what were the qualifications entitling him to such appointment?

Sir John Robertson answered,—

(1.) No; Mr. Kenyon has not yet been appointed Police Magistrate at Yass, Captain Fisher, Police Magistrate at Yass, having been summoned to Sydney to act in the place of Mr. Buchanan, Stipendiary Magistrate, absent on six months' sick leave, Mr. Kenyon, Clerk of Petty Sessions at Gunning, on the recommendation of the Police Magistrate, and with the concurrence of the Bench, performs the Police Magistrate's duties temporarily at Yass, and will return to Gunning when Captain Fisher has returned to Yass from Sydney, on Mr. Buchanan's restoration to his duty.

(2.) This is answered by No. 1.

(3.) No; Mr. Pembroke has not been appointed Clerk of Petty Sessions at Gunning. During Mr. Kenyon's absence at Yass he temporarily performs Mr. Kenyon's duties at Gunning, which employment will terminate on Mr. Kenyon's return to duty. He was employed on the recommendation of the Police Magistrate as being a thoroughly qualified person to act as Clerk of Petty Sessions and Crown Lands Agent; and under the circumstances of the case, the local Bench concurring, the proposal was deemed a satisfactory and convenient arrangement.

(4.) No.

(5.) This is answered by No. 3.

2. ASHFIELD CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

(1.) Mr. Hammond moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable Frederic King, James Christian Corlette, John Allum, and Edward Henry Rogers, or other the Trustees for the time being of certain land situate at Ashfield, to sell the same, and to make provision for the proceeds thereof.

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 Frederic King James Christian Corlette John Allum and Edward Henry Rogers or other the Trustees for the time being of certain land situate at Ashfield to sell the same and to make provision for the proceeds thereof*,"—read a first time.

3. MARYVILLE COLLIERY COMPANY RAILWAY BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. G. A. Lloyd moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That the Maryville Colliery Company Railway 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. Day, Dr. Renwick, Mr. Teece, Mr. Suttor, Mr. Abigail, Mr. Neild, Mr. Fletcher, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

4. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—(*Dangar v. Robert Burdett Smith*):—

(1.) Dr. Renwick, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table, the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, and Appendix handed in to, the Committee of Elections and Qualifications, to whom was referred, on 27th January, 1886, the Petition of Otho Orde Dangar against the return of Robert Burdett Smith as Member for the Electoral District of The Macleay.

And the said Report was read at length by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, as follows:—

“ The Committee of Elections and Qualifications, duly appointed on the 20th November 1885, to whom was referred, on the 27th January, 1886, a Petition from Otho Orde Dangar, alleging that Robert Burdett Smith was before, at, and during the Election for the Electoral District of The Macleay, guilty of certain corrupt practices within the meaning of the provisions of the Electoral Act of 1880, and praying that the Petition may be dealt with according to law, and that for the reasons therein stated, the return of the said Robert Burdett Smith may be declared null and void, and that it may be further declared that the said Robert Burdett Smith was not duly elected, and that Petitioner was duly elected as Member for the said Electoral District, have determined and do hereby accordingly declare,—

“ (1.) That the said Robert Burdett Smith, Esquire, did not commit acts of bribery and corruption within the meaning of the Electoral Act, at the late Election for The Macleay, and that therefore the said Robert Burdett Smith was duly elected as Member for The Macleay.

“ (2.) That the Petition is not frivolous or vexatious.

“ (3.) That the sum of £100 already lodged by the Petitioner be awarded to the sitting Member towards his costs and expenses.

“ No. 2 Committee Room,

“ Legislative Assembly, 24th February, 1886.

“ ARTHUR RENWICK,

“ Chairman.”

Ordered, on motion of Dr. Renwick, that the Report and Minutes of the Proceedings and Evidence together with Appendix, be printed.

(2.) Dr. Renwick moved, that the Committee of Elections and Qualifications have leave to adjourn *sine die*, the matter referred to them having been disposed of.
Question put and passed.

5. MUDGEES GASLIGHT AND COKE COMPANY'S BILL:—Mr. De Courcy Browne presented a Petition from Walter William Millett, of Mudgee, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Mudgee Gaslight and Coke Company (Limited) praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Mudgee Gaslight and Coke Company (Limited) to construct Gasworks within the town of Mudgee and the suburbs of the said town.

And Mr. Browne having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* and the *Western Post and Mudgee Newspaper*, newspapers, containing the Notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.

6. RAILWAY EXTENSION, GLEN INNES TO INVERELL:—Mr. Proctor presented a Petition from certain Residents in the New England District, representing that the line from Newcastle to Inverell by Glen Innes would be 50 miles longer than by Uralla, and for that and other reasons praying the House to adopt the short and direct route from Newcastle to Inverell *via* Uralla.
Petition received.

7. PAPERS:—Sir John Robertson laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Statement of receipts and Expenditure in connection with Protectorate of New Guinea.

(2.) By-law Borough of Bathurst.

(3.) By-laws, Municipal District of Deniliquin, under Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act of 1880.

(4.) Correspondence relating to Naval Defence of Australia.

(5.) Correspondence respecting the promotion of Lieutenant Henry Park Airey to rank of Captain in New South Wales Artillery.

Ordered to be printed.

8. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—ADJOURNMENT:—Sir John Robertson intimated that he had received a communication from Sir Patrick Jennings informing him that although he, Sir Patrick Jennings, had got his Government together, he had not yet been able to arrange departments, and requesting him, Sir John Robertson, to move the adjournment of the House until to-morrow.

Sir John Robertson then moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

9. POSTPONEMENTS:—The Orders of the Day Nos. 1 to 5 of Government Business postponed until Wednesday next.

10. PRIVILEGE—MR. MELVILLE, M.P.:—Mr. Abigail moved, pursuant to Notice, That the report of the Select Committee appointed to inquire into certain charges concerning the Honorable Member for Northumberland, Mr. N. Melville, brought up on 28th January, 1886, “be now adopted.”

Debate ensued.

Mr. Abbott moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the words “be now adopted,” with a view to the insertion in their place of the words “is not satisfactory, therefore this House refers the question back to the Committee for further inquiry and report.”

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 be so inserted,—put and passed.

Question then,—That the report of the Select Committee appointed to inquire into certain charges concerning the Honorable Member for Northumberland, Mr. N. Melville, brought up on 28th January, 1886, is not satisfactory, therefore this House refers the question back to the Committee for further inquiry and report,—put and passed.

11. 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 1886 and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 24th February, 1886.*

JOHN HAY,
President.

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

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 32.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 25 FEBRUARY, 1886.

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

CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 2):—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Burns, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

CARRINGTON,

Message No. 8.

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 1886 and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan*,"—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, 25th February, 1886.

2. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:—Sir Patrick Jennings, with the indulgence of the House, made a statement of the circumstances under which he undertook the formation of a Ministry, and the steps taken by him in relation thereto; and (*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 at twenty-five minutes before Nine o'clock, until *Tuesday next* at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 33.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 2 MARCH, 1886.

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

THE ACTING-CLERK SUMMONED:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that the Acting-Clerk had received a Summons to appear before the Court of General Quarter Sessions at Deniliquin, on Thursday, the fourth day of March instant, in the case "The Queen v. Strudwick," personating at an Election; to produce "the Writ issued for the Election of two Members to represent the Electoral District of The Murray in the Legislative Assembly, together with the certified copy of the Electoral Roll for Coverdale,"—

And having reminded the House that the Acting-Clerk could not comply with such Summons without leave of the House,—Put a Question, That the Acting-Clerk have leave to comply with the said Summons personally, or by one of the Officers of his Department, as may be most convenient to the business of this House,—which passed in the affirmative.

2. CROWN LANDS ACT:—Dr. Ross presented a Petition from certain Farmers of Molong and surrounding District, representing that owing to the all but complete failure of crops in their district, many farmers are unable to meet the annual instalments on their selections; and praying the House to legislate so as either to postpone payment, or extend the period of forfeiture for non-payment, of such instalments.

Petition received.

3. NEW ADMINISTRATION:—Mr. Abbott informed the House that Sir Patrick Jennings had formed a New Administration, consisting of,—

Sir Patrick Alfred Jennings, as Colonial Treasurer and Premier.

Mr. George Richard Dibbs, as Colonial Secretary.

Mr. Henry Copeland, as Secretary for Lands.

Mr. William John Lyne, as Secretary for Public Works.

Dr. Arthur Renwick, as Minister of Public Instruction.

Mr. James Patrick Garvan, as Minister of Justice.

Mr. James Fletcher, as Secretary for Mines.

Mr. Francis Bathurst Suttor, as Postmaster General.

Mr. John Henry Want, as Attorney General.

4. VACANT SEATS:—Mr. Abbott moved,—

(1.) That the Seat of Sir Patrick Alfred Jennings hath become and is now vacant, by reason of his acceptance of the office of Colonial Treasurer since his Election and Return to serve in this House as a Member for the Electoral District of The Bogan.

Question put and passed.

(2.) That the Seat of George Richard Dibbs, Esquire, hath become and is now vacant, by reason of his acceptance of the office of Colonial Secretary since his Election and Return to serve in this House as a Member for the Electoral District of The Murrumbidgee.

Question put and passed.

(3.) That the Seat of Henry Copeland, Esquire, hath become and is now vacant, by reason of his acceptance of the office of Secretary for Lands since his Election and Return to serve in this House as a Member for the Electoral District of East Sydney.

Question put and passed.

(4.) That the Seat of William John Lyne, Esquire, hath become and is now vacant, by reason of his acceptance of the office of Secretary for Public Works since his Election and Return to serve in this House as a Member for the Electoral District of The Hume.

Question put and passed.

(5.)

(5.) That the Seat of Arthur Renwick, Esquire, M.D., hath become and is now vacant, by reason of his acceptance of the office of Minister of Public Instruction since his Election and Return to serve in this House as a Member for the Electoral District of Redfern.

Question put and passed.

(6.) That the Seat of James Patrick Garvan, Esquire, hath become and is now vacant, by reason of his acceptance of the office of Minister of Justice since his Election and Return to serve in this House as a Member for the Electoral District of Eden.

Question put and passed.

(7.) That the Seat of James Fletcher, Esquire, hath become and is now vacant, by reason of his acceptance of the office of Secretary for Mines since his Election and Return to serve in this House as a Member for the Electoral District of Newcastle.

Question put and passed.

(8.) That the Seat of Francis Bathurst Suttor, Esquire, hath become and is now vacant, by reason of his acceptance of the office of Postmaster General since his Election and Return to serve in this House as Member for the Electoral District of Bathurst.

Question put and passed.

(9.) That the Seat of John Henry Want, Esquire, hath become and is now vacant, by reason of his acceptance of the office of Attorney General since his Election and Return to serve in this House as Member for the Electoral District of Gundagai.

Question put and passed.

5. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Abbott (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That this House at its rising this day do adjourn until Wednesday, 24th March.
Question put and passed.

6. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Abbott moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly at a quarter before Five o'clock, until *Wednesday, the 24th March*, at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 34.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 24 MARCH, 1886.

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

WRITS OF ELECTION:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that, in accordance with the direction of the 17th clause of the Electoral Act of 1880, and upon Resolutions passed by the House, he had issued Writs for the election of Members to serve in the Legislative Assembly in the room of the undermentioned gentlemen, whose Seats had been declared vacant by reason of their acceptance of office, viz. :—

Sir Patrick Alfred Jennings,—a Member for The Bogan.
 George Richard Dibbs, Esquire,—a Member for The Murrumbidgee.
 Henry Copeland, Esquire,—a Member for East Sydney.
 William John Lyne, Esquire,—a Member for The Hume.
 Arthur Renwick, Esquire, M.D.,—a Member for Redfern.
 James Patrick Garvan, Esquire,—a Member for Eden.
 James Fletcher, Esquire,—a Member for Newcastle.
 Francis Bathurst Suttor, Esquire,—Member for Bathurst.
 John Henry Want, Esquire,—Member for Gundagai.

And that the said Writs had been duly returned to him, with certificates endorsed thereon by the several Returning Officers of the election of the following gentlemen to serve as Members for the Electoral Districts mentioned in connection with their names :—

Sir Patrick Alfred Jennings,—for The Bogan.
 George Richards Dibbs, Esquire,—for The Murrumbidgee.
 Henry Copeland, Esquire,—for East Sydney.
 William John Lyne, Esquire,—for The Hume.
 Arthur Renwick, Esquire, M.D.,—for Redfern.
 James Patrick Garvan, Esquire,—for Eden.
 James Fletcher, Esquire,—for Newcastle.
 Francis Bathurst Suttor, Esquire,—for Bathurst.
 John Henry Want, Esquire,—for Gundagai.

Mr. Speaker added that in the case of the election for Eden the Writ prescribed the 9th of March as the date of nomination. It appeared from the return endorsed on the Writ that the Returning Officer had not received the Writ until the 11th of March; a telegram had, however, been sent to him on the 4th of March, informing him of the dates prescribed in the Writ for nomination and polling, and the election had been conducted in all respects as if the Writ, which was posted on the 3rd of March, had been received before the nomination, the Returning Officer having been in due time officially informed of the duties laid upon him.

2. MEMBERS SWORN :—The undermentioned gentlemen having each taken and subscribed the Oath, and signed the Roll of the House, took their Seats as Members for the Electoral Districts respectively named :—

The Honorable Sir Patrick Alfred Jennings,—for The Bogan.
 The Honorable George Richard Dibbs,—for The Murrumbidgee.
 The Honorable Henry Copeland,—for East Sydney.
 The Honorable William John Lyne,—for The Hume.
 The Honorable Arthur Renwick, M.D.,—for Redfern.
 The Honorable James Patrick Garvan,—for Eden.
 The Honorable James Fletcher,—for Newcastle.
 The Honorable Francis Bathurst Suttor,—for Bathurst.
 The Honorable John Henry Want,—for Gundagai.

3. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT :—Sir Patrick Jennings informed the House of the steps taken by him in forming the present Administration, and that within the last few days the Honorable Charles Kinnaird Mackellar had been appointed a Member of the Executive Council, and had undertaken to represent the Government in the Legislative Council.

Sir Patrick Jennings then indicated what public business the Government proposed to proceed with during the present Session.

4. CROWN LANDS ACT :—

(1.) Mr. Abbott presented a Petition from certain landholders and members of the Wentworth Land and Industrial Association, representing the disadvantages and injustice under which the Petitioners labour from the administration of the Crown Lands Act in the Western Division; and praying redress.

Petition received.

(2.) Mr. W. J. Fergusson presented a Petition from the members of the Glen Innes Land League and certain residents of the district of Glen Innes, stating that certain provisions of the Crown Lands Act operate prejudicially to the interests of the Petitioners and of the Colony generally; and praying the House to amend the Act in accordance with the principles specified in their Petition.

Petition received.

5. MUSWELLBROOK CATTLE SALE-YARDS BILL:—Mr. Trickett, 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 February, 1886; together with Appendix and a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Trickett then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday, 2nd April.

Question put and passed.

6. CAPTAIN ARMSTRONG:—Mr. O'Sullivan presented a Petition from Richard Ramsay Armstrong, retired Cominander Royal Navy, late resident Magistrate at Lord Howe Island, setting forth the circumstances of his case, stating that the recommendation of the Select Committee has never been acted upon; and praying that, in furtherance of the said recommendation, he may be heard by Counsel on his behalf at the Bar of this House.

Petition received.

7. PAPERS :—

Dr. Renwick laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Amended By-laws, University of Sydney.

(2.) Notifications of Resumptions of Land for Public School Purposes under Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act at Blue-gum Flat, Fountaindale, and Smith-street, Balmain.

(3.) Report of Trustees on Sydney Free Public Library for 1885-6.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table,—

(1.) First Report of Civil Service Board for 1885.

(2.) Report from Immigration Agent for 1885.

(3.) By-laws, Borough of Newcastle, under Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act.

(4.) Return to an Order made on 24th September, 1885,—“Municipality of Merewether.”

(5.) Regulations, Wagga Wagga Fire Brigades Board, under Fire Brigades Act, 1884.

(6.) By-laws, Borough of Alexandria, under Municipalities Act of 1867.

(7.) By-laws, Borough of Wagga Wagga, under Nuisances Prevention Act of 1875.

(8.) Report on Vaccination for 1885.

(9.) Return to an Order made on 28th January, 1886,—“Fisheries Inspector Quinan.”

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Copeland laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Abstract of Alterations of Designs of Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the 107th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

(2.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 101st section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

(3.) Copies of *Gazette* Notices setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the dedication of certain Lands, under the provisions of the 105th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

(4.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Religious Purposes in accordance with the 5th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.

(5.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from sale until surveyed for the Preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, in accordance with the 101st, 103rd, 109th, and 112th sections of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

(6.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Public Purposes, in accordance with the 104th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table,—Returns relating to certain charges against Loan Account.

Ordered to be printed.

Sir Patrick Jennings laid upon the Table,—Report of Board of Audit on Public Accounts.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Suttor laid upon the Table,—Statement of Accounts of Government Savings Bank, for the year 1885.

Ordered to be printed.

8. QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Messrs. Stevens and Co.'s Railway Contract:—Mr. Collins asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is he aware that Stevens & Co., the lowest tenderers for the Queensland Border Railway contract, have been offering this contract for sale?

(2.) Is it his intention to sanction this mode of dealing with public contracts, and has this transaction taken place with his knowledge?

(3.) Will he have any objection to lay upon the Table of this House all correspondence relative to the tendering, acceptance of tender, and transfer asked for by Stevens & Co. from them to others?

(4.) Has there been, up to present date, a deposit receipt lodged in the Treasury for £5,000 in the name of Stevens & Co., as required in the conditions of contract?

Mr.

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) I believe they did, and they asked permission to transfer their contract, which request, however, was not complied with.
 - (2.) It has certainly not taken place with my knowledge and consent, and I have very strongly reprehended such practices.
 - (3.) There will be no objection to this.
 - (4.) The deposit was made in favour of the Commissioner for Railways on the 3rd ultimo.
- (2.) Wallerawang and Mudgee Railway :—Mr. Collins asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) The name of the officer who first prepared the estimates of the Wallerawang and Mudgee Railway?
 - (2.) What was the amount of the first estimate?
 - (3.) What is the total cost of such line, including compensation, up to date?
 - (4.) Is the officer who drew up the estimate still in office?
 - (5.) What amount of salary is he receiving?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) Mr. Palmer.
 - (2.) £892,000, without land.
 - (3.) £925,503, including £17,373 paid for land and compensation, and £10,706 for work not contemplated in the original estimate.
 - (4.) Yes.
 - (5.) £725 salary, and £150 allowance, per annum.
- (3.) Gulgong Bench of Magistrates :—Mr. Jones asked the Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) Has he received a letter, signed by one Robert Rutherford, of Lahey's Creek, complaining of a decision of the Gulgong Bench of Magistrates in sentencing one George Bassett, on insufficient evidence, to six months imprisonment for stealing a gun?
 - (2.) Has he been informed that no such person as Robert Rutherford is residing or known in that locality?
 - (3.) Has Mr. J. F. Plunkett, a member of the Gulgong Bench of Magistrates, been charged with writing the said letter bearing the signature of Robert Rutherford?
 - (4.) If this is true, will he cause a judicial inquiry to be held into the whole of the circumstances?

Mr. Garvan answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) Yes.
 - (3.) Yes.
 - (4.) Inquiry has already been made in this matter, but as no sufficient evidence was produced to prove that Mr. Plunkett was the writer of the communication referred to, the Department has been unable to take any definite action in the matter. Further inquiry will, however, be made without delay into the whole of the circumstances connected with this subject, so far as they concern the Administration of Justice at Gulgong.
- (4.) Forfeited Selections :—Mr. Garrard, for Mr. O'Sullivan, asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is he prepared to have posted up outside every Country Post Office a list of all selections forfeited within a week of the declaration of such forfeitures?
- Mr. Copeland answered,—I see no reason to depart from the present practice of the Department in this respect. The selector in each instance is notified by letter of the intention to forfeit; and a copy of Government Gazette containing notice of forfeiture can be seen at the different Land Offices, and also at the Offices of the Clerks of Petty Sessions.
- (5.) Reclamation of Snails' Bay, White Bay, Roselle Bay, and Long Cove Bay :—Mr. Hawthorne asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government to take steps, at an early date, to reclaim and set apart for public recreation, Snails' Bay, White Bay, Roselle Bay, and Long Cove Bay?

Mr. Lyne answered,—This matter is under consideration.

- (6.) Bridge from Glebe Point to Balmain :—Mr. Hawthorne asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will the Government take steps for improving communication with Balmain by the erection of a Bridge from Glebe Point to Balmain?

Mr. Lyne answered,—This matter has not been under the consideration of the present Government.

- (7.) Mr. E. C. Merewether's Mineral Lease, Kahibah :—Mr. Neild asked the Secretary for Mines,—Will he have any objection to lay upon the Table of this House copies of all letters and papers connected with Mr. E. C. Merewether's mineral lease No. 617, parish of Kahibah, county of Northumberland, including all papers connected with Mr. Alexander Lindsay's application to have a Government township laid out on said leasehold?

Mr. Fletcher answered,—No objection, provided the Honorable Member move, in the usual course, for the production of the papers.

- (8.) City Police Courts :—Mr. Neild asked the Minister of Justice,—Who discharge the duties of Chamber Magistrates at the Central and Water Police Courts?

Mr. Garvan answered,—There is no official at the Central or Water Police Offices bearing the title of "Chamber Magistrate." It being impossible for the Magistrates, whilst sitting on the Bench, to take informations and issue summonses, &c., and as it is considered that they should not in any way be cognizant of matters to be subsequently brought before them for adjudication, it has been the practice for the Clerks of Petty Sessions, who have been specially appointed Justices of the Peace for that purpose, to initiate the cases and sign the processes of the Court. It simply amounts to their being permitted to sign the papers which it is their duty as Clerks of Petty Sessions to fill up.

- (9.) Illawarra Railway :—Mr. Humphery, for Mr. Tarrant, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) When will the contract time expire for the construction of the 3rd section Illawarra Railway?
 - (2.) Will the Government insist on the condition of the contract being fulfilled? Mr.

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) June 30th, 1886.

(2.) Yes, unless good cause can be shown to the contrary.

(10.) Millers' Railway Accounts :—Mr. Abigail asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it true that country millers are allowed to run monthly accounts with the Railway authorities, some of them up to £2,000 per month?

(2.) Is it true that the same is not allowed to Sydney millers; if so, will he state the reasons for the different actions in the matter?

(3.) What amounts are due to the Government by country millers, also by town millers, at the present time?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) Not unless they give security to cover the amount of credit they require.

(2.) The Sydney millers are allowed the same accommodation on similar terms.

(3.) If required, the information will be obtained and furnished to the Honorable Member.

(11.) Resumption of Land, Illawarra and Homebush and Waratah Lines :—Mr. Abigail asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to accept the award of arbitrators in the cases of the owners of land on the Illawarra Railway line, or do they intend to insist upon the claimants making good their claims in a court of law, the same as was done in the Darling Harbour cases?

(2.) The same question in regard to similar claims upon the Government on the Homebush-Waratah line?

(3.) Will he have any objection to lay upon the Table of the House a Return showing the names of the claimants in each case, the quantity of land taken, the amount demanded, and the Government Valuator's estimate of the values in each case?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) At present there are only two awards to be dealt with; they both correspond with the valuation made by the Department; one has been accepted, and the other was referred to the Supreme Court by the claimant, and the award upheld. The course to be taken in the remainder of the cases will depend upon the character of the award in each case.

(2.) The same course will be taken in regard to the awards made in respect to claims in connection with the Homebush and Waratah Line.

(3.) There will be no objection to lay this information upon the Table of the House.

(12.) Reserves on Resumed Areas :—Mr. Collins asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is it his intention to appoint caretakers or rangers for reserves on the resumed areas?

Mr. Copeland answered,—It is not my intention to make any such appointments. I can see no necessity for them.

9. ASHFIELD CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Hammond moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That the Ashfield Church of England School 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. Lee, Mr. Garrard, Mr. Shepherd, Mr. Judd, Mr. Henson, Mr. Moore, Mr. James Henry Young, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

10. UNAUTHORIZED EXPENDITURE INDEMNITY BILL :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill discharged, and Bill withdrawn, on motion of Sir Patrick Jennings.

11. CROWN LANDS ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—The Order of the Day in reference to this Bill discharged, on motion of Sir Patrick Jennings.

12. COMMONS REGULATION BILL :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill discharged, and Bill withdrawn, on motion of Sir Patrick Jennings.

13. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—

(1.) Abolition of Punishment by Whipping Bill; second reading;—

(2.) Wyatt Estate Leasing Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—

(3.) Uther Estate Leasing Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—

(4.) St. Mary's Waverley Church of England Land Sale Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—

(5.) Barker's Estate Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—

(6.) Newcastle Steamship Company's Preferential Shares Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—*until Friday next.*

(7.) Settled Estates Bill; second reading.

(8.) Barristers Bill; second reading.

(9.) Working Classes; consideration in Committee of the Whole of certain Resolutions :—

(10.) Sydney Corporation Act Amendment Bill; second reading;—*until Friday, 9th April.*

(11.) Regulation of Factories and Workshops Bill; second reading;—*until Friday next.*

(12.) Balmain Tramway Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.

(13.) Employers Liability Bill; second reading.

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

EDMUND BARTON,

Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 35.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 25 MARCH, 1886.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Endowment of Municipalities:—Mr. Trickett asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he cause to be placed on the Estimates a sum of money to provide for the endowment of Municipalities at the same rate as voted on the last Estimates?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—Presuming that the Honorable Member's question refers to the bonus which has been given during the last few years to Municipalities, I reply that the matter will be considered by the Government.

(2.) Court of Petty Sessions for Eastern Suburbs:—Mr. Neild asked the Minister of Justice,—Is it his intention to carry into effect the proposition submitted last December by Mr. Neild, relative to leasing temporary accommodation for a Court of Petty Sessions at Paddington?

Mr. Garvan answered,—This matter is receiving consideration, but there appears to be considerable difficulty in regard to the establishment of an additional Suburban Court without increasing the present staff of Stipendiary Magistrates. The Magistrates at the Water Police Court have reported that it will be impracticable for them to attend without public inconvenience being caused in the transaction of Court business at Balmain and St. Leonards. It is now possible to hold Courts only every second day at these places; but if a third Court be established at Paddington, they could only be held twice a week, and as all persons arrested for drunkenness and other petty offences might have to remain in custody for three days, it would make these Courts more inconvenient than useful, and probably give just ground for complaint as to the length of time that persons would be necessarily detained awaiting trial. It appears to me, therefore, that before any steps can be taken by the Department to lease premises, or establish additional Courts, it will be necessary to consider the expediency at present of appointing additional Stipendiary Magistrates; and I find that the Metropolitan Magistrates Act 1881, 45 Vic. No. 17, provides for the appointment of not more than six persons as Stipendiary Magistrates for the purposes of the Act, from which it would seem that further legislation may be required. But the subject is now engaging my attention.

(3.) Free Passes to Railway Officials:—Mr. Neild asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Are the officers of the Railway Department permitted to travel to and from their homes and places of employment at half fares?

(2.) Are the other employés of the Railway Department permitted to travel in a similar manner free?

(3.) Is such permission accorded to only officers and employés living in the vicinity of the metropolis, or to such officials and workmen throughout the Colony?

(4.) How many of such persons are entitled to travel for half fares?

(5.) How many of such persons are entitled to travel free?

(6.) What is the annual value of such half fares and full fares respectively?

(7.) From what date or dates have the foregoing privileges been granted?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) No, only those connected with the train staff.

(3.) It is generally applicable to all Railway servants.

(4, 5, and 6.) This information (which of necessity is continually varying) will be compiled.

(7.) The system of half fares to Railway employés was sanctioned on the 2nd July, 1884, in the following minute of the Commissioner for Railways:—"I recommend that the concession made to the Railway employés on the Victorian lines be extended to our employés, viz., that they be allowed to obtain season tickets at half rates. In New Zealand and in England quarter rates are charged."

“ charged. In Queensland free passes are given. South Australia follows the rule of Victoria in this respect, and I propose we should do so also.” As regards the train staff, they had previously to the date of that minute, and up to a recent date travelled free; but an order was issued by the Traffic Manager that they were to be included in the half fare system, and a proposal was made to collect the back fares, which resulted in the re-establishment of the original practice.

(4.) Wood's Flat :—Mr. Baker asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Have arrangements been made for the survey and laying out a town at Wood's Flat, near Cowra; and if so, when is it probable the survey will be made and the town laid out?

(2.) Has a decision been come to respecting the revocation of the Reserve at Wood's Flat, asked for by the people there a few weeks since?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1.) Yes; the survey will be proceeded with at once.

(2.) Yes; that portion of the Reserve which is not included in the village site will be revoked after survey and declared a special area, in terms of section 24 of the Crown Lands Act of 1884.

(5.) Water Supply for Cowra :—Mr. Baker asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Have instructions been given to an officer to report on the question of a water supply for the town of Cowra; and if so, when will he be sent to make the examination?

Mr. Copeland answered,—Yes; and an officer has been despatched to make the necessary examination.

(6.) Railway from Cooma to Bombala :—Mr. Harold Stephen asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to include in their scheme for Railway Extension the Railway from Cooma to Bombala?

(2.) Will he issue instructions for the re-survey of that portion of the line near Nimitybelle with a view to bringing the Railway nearer to that township?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) The Railway policy of the Government has not yet been determined upon.

(2.) The question will receive consideration at an early date.

(7.) Public Well, Cudal :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the money for sinking a public well at Cudal be available?

Mr. Lyne answered,—The matter is under consideration.

(8.) Selections of Land, Molong Land Office :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—The number of selections that have been taken up in the Land Office at Molong since the Crown Lands Act of 1884 came into operation, the area taken up, and the amount received?

Mr. Copeland answered,—117 conditional purchases have been applied for, covering an area of 16,305 acres 2 roods of land, the amount of deposit received being £1,632 5s.

(9.) Railway from Orange or Borenore to Forbes *via* Cudal :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it true that the levels, final survey, spit-locking trial holes, staking, maps, plans, and book of reference of the Railway from Orange or Borenore to Forbes *via* Cudal are completed; if so, will he state who authorized such work to be done?

Mr. Lyne answered,—Yes; under the authority of Parliament.

(10.) Wood-paving, Crown-street and Newtown Road :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it true that tenders have been accepted for paving Crown-street with wooden blocks?

(2.) Will he state the amount of the tender?

(3.) The distance?

(4.) When the works are to be finished?

(5.) Out of what fund or vote is the money to be paid?

(6.) Will he state the amount paid for paving the Newtown Road, and out of what vote the money was paid?

(7.) Are Crown-street and Newtown Road within the bounds of any Municipality?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) £23,158.

(3.) 67 chains.

(4.) On 22nd August, 1886.

(5.) Three-fifths by the Sydney Corporation, and two-fifths from the vote for Tramways.

(6.) £27,367. Vote for Construction of Tramways, which is to be recouped by payments from,—Municipal Council, Newtown, £4,000; Roads Department, £17,000—it being one of the main roads of the Colony.

(7.) Crown-street is within the bounds of the Municipality of Sydney, and the portion of Newtown Road paved with wood blocks is within the Municipality of Newtown; but the road is a main road, and has to be maintained at the expense of the Government.

(11.) Crown Lands Act :—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Treasurer,—In view of the Petition presented by Dr. Ross to this House, on the 2nd March last, from farmers in the district of Molong,—Is it the intention of the Government to take any steps for ameliorating the distress now prevailing amongst the settlers in the interior owing to the failure of crops, either by way of postponing the annual payments of interest and instalment on their selections for the present year, or else of amending the 38th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1884 in regard to forfeiture for non-payment, viz., by substituting a fine for absolute forfeiture; if so, will he state what action (if any) is being taken in the matter?

Sir

Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—In consequence of the pressure of Financial business the Government have been unable to give their attention to the matter referred to by the Honorable Member.

- (12.) John Roche Ardill :—Dr. Ross asked the Minister of Justice,—Will he take steps to obtain the depositions or make an inquiry into the case of one John Roche Ardill, who was convicted by the Bench of Magistrates at Orange, on or about the 5th March last, for having, as alleged, maliciously destroyed a fence on a public road, and sentenced to two months' imprisonment.

Mr. Garvan answered,—Yes; the Police Magistrate at Orange has been requested by telegram to forward the depositions, and to report in reference to the circumstances of the above case for my information.

2. **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS (Formal Motion)** :—Sir Patrick Jennings 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 years 1885 and 1886 and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan" 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.
3. **CIVIL SERVICE ACT AMENDMENT 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 Civil Service Act of 1884.
Question put and passed.
4. **AMOUNTS PAID AS ENDOWMENTS TO MUNICIPALITIES (Formal Motion)** :—Mr. Burns moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—
(1.) The amounts paid as endowments to Municipalities, whether ordinary or special, in each year from 1867 to 1885 inclusive.
(2.) The payments from the Treasury during the same period for the preliminary expenses of Municipal Institutions.
Question put and passed.
5. **AMOUNTS AUTHORIZED AS ENDOWMENTS TO MUNICIPALITIES (Formal Motion)** :—Mr. Burns moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return, in tabular form, showing the amount authorized to be appropriated for endowments to Municipalities in each year from 1867 to 1885 inclusive, and distinguishing the special from the ordinary endowments under the Municipalities Act.
Question put and passed.
6. **GOVERNMENT BANKING ACCOUNT WITH BANK OF ENGLAND (Formal Motion)** :—Mr. Burns moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a copy of the Banking Account of the Government of New South Wales with the Bank of England from the floating of the Loan for £5,500,000 to date of Return.
Question put and passed.
7. **TRUSTEES WOLSELEY PARK, GUNNEDAH (Formal Motion)** :—Mr. Abigail moved, pursuant to Notice That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
(1.) Copies of all letters, minutes, petitions, papers, or other documents having reference to the appointment of the Trustees of Wolseley Park and other reserves in and around Gunnedah.
(2.) A statement of amounts, in detail, received and disbursed by the said Trustees.
(3.) A statement of number of meetings held since the appointment, the names of those attending each meeting, and copies of the minutes of such meetings authorizing the carrying out of works, and the payments of the moneys for the same.
Question put and passed.
8. **EMPLOYEES RAILWAY DEPARTMENT (Formal Motion)** :—Mr. Olliffe moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing the number and occupations of the employes in the Railway Department who receive remuneration in the form of night expenses when absent from home.
Question put and passed.
9. **PAPERS** :—
Mr. Copeland laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Return to an Order made on 24th September, 1885,—“Reserves, Glen Innes Land District.”
(2.) Amended Regulation No. 41 under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.
(3.) Further Amended Regulation No. 28 under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.
Ordered to be printed.
(4.) Return to an Order made on 28th January, 1886,—“Expenses in Administration of Crown Lands Act.”
(5.) Circular sent to the District Surveyors to report on various Reserves in the Colony.
- Mr. Fletcher laid upon the Table,—Regulations relating to Mining Leases under the Mining Act further Amendment Act of 1884.
Ordered to be printed.
10. **BISHOPSCOURT SALE AND LEASING BILL** :—Mr. R. B. Smith presented a Petition from the Church of England Property Trust Diocese of Sydney, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to empower the Church of England Property Trust Diocese of Sydney to sell and lease portions of the Bishopscourt Estate and to provide for the application of the moneys to arise from such sales and leases. And Mr. Smith having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* newspaper, containing the Notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.

11. **REGULATION OF FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS BILL**:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Dr. Renwick, and read by Mr. Speaker:—
CARRINGTON, *Message No. 9.*
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 regulation and supervision of females, young persons, and children, employed in factories and workshops.
Government House,
Sydney, 25th March 1886.
 Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.
12. **KITE'S LEASING 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 enable the Trustees for the time being of the Will of the late Thomas Kite to grant building and other leases of certain lands specifically devised by the said Will for longer periods than are provided for by the said Will,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.
Legislative Council Chamber, **JOHN HAY,**
Sydney, 25th March, 1886. President.
13. **VOTE OF CREDIT**:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Sir Patrick Jennings, and read by Mr. Speaker:—
CARRINGTON, *Message No. 10.*
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, 1886, together with provision for certain Services of the year 1885, and other Services of an urgent nature, and also for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan.
Government House,
Sydney, 25th March, 1886.
 Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of Supply.
14. **DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES**:—Sir Patrick Jennings (*by consent*), moved, without Notice,—That William Joseph Trickett, Esquire, do take the Chair in Committee of the Whole House for this day only.
 Question put and passed.
15. **CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES**:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received from Sir John Robertson a letter relating to the resignation by Mr. Garrett of the office of Chairman of Committees,—which letter Mr. Speaker read as follows:—
 "Sir, *Legislative Assembly, 26th March, 1886.*
 "I do myself the honor to inform you, that on Mr. Garrett leaving the Colony, he left
 "with me an open letter addressed to you, in which he resigned the Chairmanship of this House.
 "He at the same time requested me to hand it to you so soon as the House met.
 "Yesterday I missed the letter, and since then I have diligently searched for it without
 "finding it.
 "I do not know whether or not this statement of mine will be sufficient to enable you to act
 "in the matter, but if you think it necessary I will make a statutory declaration to the above effect.
"Your obedient Servant,
JOHN ROBERTSON.
 "The Honorable the Speaker.
16. **BREACH OF PRIVILEGE**:—Mr. Chanter brought under notice, as a breach of privilege, the conduct of Mr. Levien, which he felt to be insulting towards him, and moved,—That the conduct of Mr. Levien, the Honorable Member for Tamworth, as detailed to this Honorable House, is a breach of its privilege, and should be dealt with accordingly.
 Whereupon Mr. Levien was heard in his place, and withdrew.
 Debate ensued.
 And an Honorable Member intimating that Mr. Levien was desirous of offering an apology,—Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
 Mr. Levien, having re-entered the Chamber, apologised to the House, and to the Honorable Member, Mr. Chanter.
17. **FULL LOCAL OPTION**:—Mr. Kethel presented a Petition from Roger M'Kinnon, Moderator, on behalf of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of New South Wales, in favour of the principle of Local Option being extended so as to enable the residents of each district to decide whether they will have any Public Houses or not.
 Petition received.
18. **PRIVATE BILLS—SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**:—Sir Patrick Jennings moved, pursuant to Notice, That the 62nd Standing Order be suspended to admit of the introduction of the following Private Bills:—
 (1.) Moorebank Estate;
 (2.) Randwick Church Land Sale;
 (3.) Sisters of Charity Estate;
 (4.) Bell's Estate;
 (5.) Board's Settlement;
 (6.) West Wallsend and Monk-Wearmouth Railway;
 (7.) Mudgee Gaslight and Coke Company's;—
 Petitions for which have been received but since the reception of such Petitions, the interval has exceeded thirty days in consequence of the recent adjournment of the House. Mr.

Mr. Abigail moved, That the Question be amended by the addition of the following paragraph:—
 “(2.) That the 61st Standing Order be suspended to admit of the presentation of a Petition for the introduction of the McLaughlin Estate Bill, the recent adjournment having prevented such Petition from being presented within three months from the date of the notices for such Bill.”

Question,—That the words proposed to be added be so added,—put and passed.

Question then,—

(1.) That the 62nd Standing Order be suspended to admit of the introduction of the following Private Bills:—

- (1.) Moorebank Estate;
- (2.) Randwick Church Land Sale;
- (3.) Sisters of Charity Estate;
- (4.) Bell's Estate;
- (5.) Board's Settlement;
- (6.) West Wallsend and Monk-Wearmouth Railway;
- (7.) Mudgee Gaslight and Coke Company's;—

Petitions for which have been received but since the reception of such Petitions, the interval has exceeded thirty days in consequence of the recent adjournment of the House.

(2.) That the 61st Standing Order be suspended to admit of the presentation of a Petition for the introduction of the McLaughlin Estate Bill, the recent adjournment having prevented such Petition from being presented within three months from the date of the notices for such Bill,—put and passed.

19. MUDGEE GAS-LIGHT AND COKE COMPANY'S BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. De Courcy Browne moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable the Mudgee Gaslight and Coke Company (Limited) to construct Gasworks within the town of Mudgee and the suburbs of the said town.

Question put and passed.

20. MOOREBANK ESTATE BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

(1.) Mr. McCulloch moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Bishop of Sydney to lease or sell the lands known as the Moorebank Estate, and to convey portions of the said land to the Commissioner for Railways, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. McCulloch 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 Bishop of Sydney to lease or sell the lands known as the Moorebank Estate and to convey portions of the said lands to the Commissioner for Railways and for the other purposes therein mentioned,*”—read a first time.

21. BELL'S ESTATE BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

(1.) Mr. Trickett moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable Elizabeth Bell and Richard Holdsworth, or other the Trustees or Trustee for the time being of the Will of the late Henry Bell, to make leases of certain hereditaments devised by the said Will.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Trickett 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 Elizabeth Bell and Richard Holdsworth or other the Trustees or Trustee for the time being of the Will of the late Henry Bell to make leases of certain hereditaments devised by the said Will,*”—read a first time.

22. SISTERS OF CHARITY ESTATE BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

(1.) Mr. Day moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable Bridget McGuigan and Georgina Russell, Trustees of certain land situate in Charlotte-place, in the City of Sydney, held by them upon trust for the religious establishment known as the Sisters of Charity, to let the said land on building leases or otherwise, or to sell the said land, and to provide for the application of the proceeds thereof.

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 enable Bridget McGuigan and Georgina Russell Trustees of certain land situate in Charlotte-place in the City of Sydney held by them upon trust for the religious establishment known as the Sisters of Charity to let the said land on building leases or otherwise or to sell the said land and to provide for the application of the proceeds thereof,*”—read a first time.

23. RANDWICK CHURCH LAND SALE BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

(1.) Mr. Day moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Most Reverend Patrick Francis Moran, the Reverend James Peter Hanrahan, and Aston James Watkins, as Trustees of certain lands situated at Randwick, to sell the said land, and to provide for the appropriation of the proceeds thereof.

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 enable the most Reverend Patrick Francis Moran the Reverend James Peter Hanrahan and Aston James Watkins as Trustees of certain lands situated at Randwick to sell the said land and to provide for the appropriation of the proceeds thereof,*”—read a first time.

24. BOARD'S SETTLEMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

(1.) Mr. Hyam moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable Harriet Fahey to demise certain hereditaments settled by Gregory Board on the said Harriet Fahey, her testamentary appointees and children.

Question put and passed.

(2.)

- (2.) Mr. Hyam 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 Harriet Fahey to demise certain hereditaments settled by Gregory Board on the said Harriet Fahey her testamentary appointees and children,*"—read a first time.
25. SUPPLY :—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 the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and *Mr. Trickett* reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.
Mr. Trickett also reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
Ordered, on motion of *Mr. Trickett*, that the report be now received.
Mr. Trickett 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 £765,200 being £567,000 to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of March, 1886, at the rates which have been sanctioned for 1885, inclusive of the annual increases on salaries for that year provided for by the Civil Service Act of 1884, subject to the rate of any reduction that may hereafter be made in the expenditure of the year 1886; £30,000 for fees to Licensed Surveyors for 1885; £150,000 to meet Wages to become due to Railway Employés during the month of April, 1886, and to cover the expenditure in March, 1886, 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 April, 1886, and to cover the expenditure in March, 1886, in excess of the monthly allowance at the rate of last year's appropriations, and for other Services of an urgent nature; and £8,200 for Harbours and Rivers in anticipation of Loan Votes.
- On motion of Sir Patrick Jennings, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
26. WAYS AND MEANS :—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 the Committee of Ways and Means.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and *Mr. Trickett* reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.
Mr. Trickett also reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
Ordered, on motion of *Mr. Trickett*, 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 1886, the sum of £765,200 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.
- On motion of Sir Patrick Jennings, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
27. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 3) :—
- (1.) Ordered, on motion of Sir Patrick Jennings, 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 Years 1885 and 1886, and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan.
- (2.) Sir Patrick Jennings 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 1885 and 1886 and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan,*"—which was read a first time.
Sir Patrick Jennings then moved, That the Bill be printed, and now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
- (3.) Bill read a second time.
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 Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and *Mr. Trickett* reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Sir Patrick Jennings, the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be now read a third time.
- (4.) Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Sir Patrick Jennings, *passed*.
Sir Patrick Jennings 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 1885 and 1886 and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan.*"
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 1885 and 1886 and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
- Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 25th March, 1886.*
28. RAILWAY LOAN VOTES :—Mr. Neild moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—
- (1.) The amounts borrowed but not expended for Railway construction on the 31st December in each year, 1860 to 1885 inclusive.
(2.) The amount disbursed for Railway lines not open for traffic on the 31st December in each year, 1860 to 1885 inclusive.
(3.) The amount of interest accrued on moneys so borrowed and expended in each year, 1860 to 1885 inclusive.
Question put and passed.

29. **GOVERNMENT CABLEGRAMS**:—Mr. Neild moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing the amounts paid in each year for the transmission of Cablegrams to and from the Government and the Agent-General from 1880 to 1885 inclusive.
Question put and passed.
30. **RAILWAY FREE PASSES—SPECIAL TRAINS**:—Mr. Neild 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 issue of free Railway passes and the running of special trains.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Lyne, Mr. Garrard, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Hyam, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Bull, Mr. Burdekin, Mr. Abigail, Mr. Hogan, and the Mover.
Question put and passed.
31. **CLAIM OF NEW LAMBTON COLLIERY COMPANY**:—Mr. Shepherd moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all minutes, documents, and correspondence having reference to the claim of the proprietors of the New Lambton Colliery Company against the Crown for the sum of £28,000, and the offer of the Government of £500 in respect of the resumption of certain land near Newcastle.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Garrard moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Debate continued.
Motion, for the adjournment of the Debate, by leave withdrawn.
Question put and passed.
32. **WEST WALLSEND AND MONK-WEARMOUTH RAILWAY BILL**:—
(1.) Mr. G. A. Lloyd moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the West Wallsend Coal Company (Limited) and the Monk-Wearmouth Colliery Estate Company of Australia (Limited) to construct a Railway from the West Wallsend Coal-fields to the Sydney and Waratah Railway.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
(2.) Mr. Lloyd 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, intitled "*A Bill to enable the West Wallsend Coal Company (Limited) and the Monk-Wearmouth Colliery Estate Company of Australia (Limited) to construct a Railway from the West Wallsend Coal-fields to the Sydney and Waratah Railway,*"—read a first time.
33. **LICENSING ACTS AMENDMENT BILL**:—Mr. Olliffe 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 Licensing Acts of 1882-1883.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 41.

Mr. Targett,	Mr. J. F. Smith,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. Want,	Mr. De Courcy Browne,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. James Henry Young,
Sir Patrick Jennings,	Mr. Vaughn,
Dr. Renwick,	Mr. Reid,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. Hammond,	Mr. Neild,
Mr. T. R. Smith,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Harold Stephen,	Mr. Hyam,
Mr. Forsyth,	Mr. Suttor,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
Mr. Olliffe,	Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Foster,	Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Stokes,	Sir John Robertson,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Wisdom.
Dr. Wilkinson,	
Mr. Burdekin,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Kethel,	Mr. Shepherd,
Mr. Bolton,	Mr. Gould.
Mr. Sutherland,	

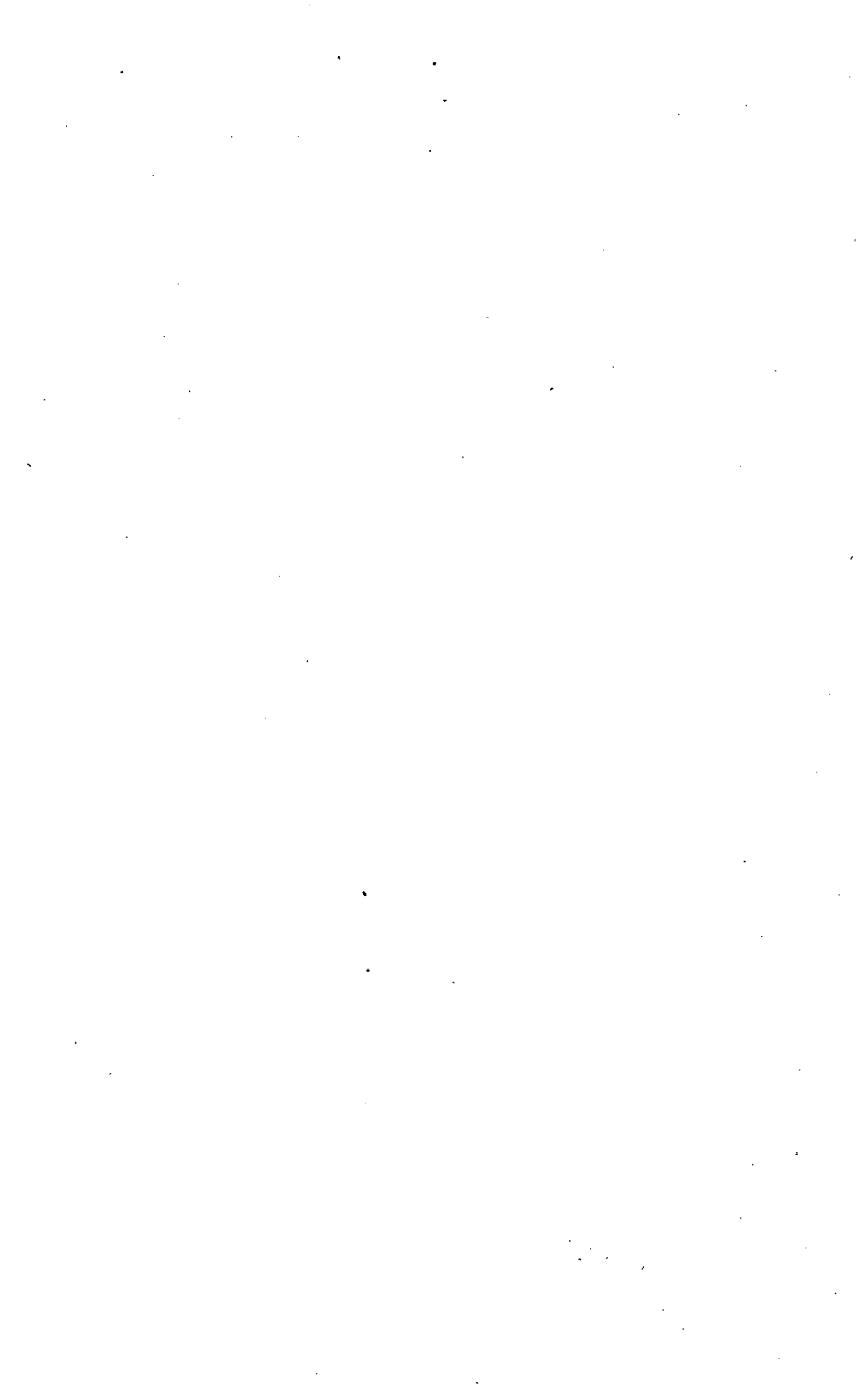
Noes, 3.

Mr. Garrard.
Tellers,
Mr. Garland,
Mr. Melville.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

34. **ADMINISTRATION OF THE RABBIT NUISANCE ACT**:—Mr. Neild 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 administration of the Rabbit Nuisance Act of 1883.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Vaughn, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Garland, Mr. Teece, Mr. Sawers, Mr. Hawthorne, Mr. Fletcher, Mr. Lee, Mr. Hungerford, and the Mover.
Debate ensued.
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
35. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Sir Patrick Jennings moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
36. **SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT**:—Sir Patrick Jennings (*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 at four minutes after Eleven o'clock, until *Tuesday next* at Four o'clock.EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 36.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 30 MARCH, 1886.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) High Schools:—Mr. Septimus Stephen asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
- (1.) What was the actual cost of each of the High Schools for the year 1885, taken separately?
 - (2.) What was the amount of fees received in each?
 - (3.) What number of boys and of girls are attending each such School?

Dr. Renwick answered,—

(1.) Bathurst, £1,175 0s. 1d.; Goulburn, £898 11s. 9d.; West Maitland, £1,343 5s. 1d.; Sydney, £3,289 6s. 9d. Total, £6,706 3s. 8d.

(2.) Bathurst	...	Boys—	£141	19	0	...	Girls—	£116	2	5	...	Total—	£258	1	5
Goulburn	...	Do	75	0	4	...	do	62	10	8	...	do	137	11	0
West Maitland..	...	Do	350	13	3	...	do	80	15	11	...	do	431	9	2
Sydney	...	Do	1,293	12	0	...	do	909	6	0	...	do	2,202	18	0
(3.) Bathurst	...	Boys—	30	...	...	Girls—	24	...	...	...	Total—	54	...	...	...
Goulburn	...	Do	12	...	...	do	11	...	...	...	do	23	...	...	...
West Maitland..	...	Do	46	...	...	do	20	...	...	...	do	66	...	...	...
Sydney	...	Do	187	...	...	do	147	...	...	...	do	334	...	...	...

- (2.) City of Sydney Improvement Act:—Mr. Henson asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is he aware that the City of Sydney Improvement Act has not given express power to the Board to deal with certain cases of undesirable tenements?
- (2.) Is it his intention to ask Parliament to amend the Act, with a view to the architectural and sanitary improvement of the City?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The expression "certain cases of undesirable tenements" is somewhat vague; but I may observe that under the 6th section of the City of Sydney Improvement Act the Board have power to determine any questions concerning the execution of the Act which may be brought before them by complaint, report, or otherwise. Under the 27th and 29th clauses express powers are conferred upon them to deal with tenements not constructed in conformity with the provisions of the Act, or which are in a ruinous state and dangerous, provided, however, that they are brought under the notice of the Board by the City Building Surveyor, who is an officer of the City Corporation.

- (3.) Road, Warialda
- via*
- Yetman to Goondiwindi:—Mr. Campbell asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What amount has been voted for the repairs, &c., of the road Warialda
- via*
- Yetman to Goondiwindi, and what has been the amount expended on the same for the past five years?

Mr. Lyne answered,—Road, Warialda to Yetman (57 miles) 1881, £570 voted, £570 expended; 1882, £570 voted, £570 expended; 1883, £570 voted, £569 9s. 8d. expended; 1884, £570 voted, £570 expended; 1885, £570 voted, £569 14s. 11d. expended. Total voted, £2,850; total expended, £2,849 4s. 7d.

- (4.) Custom-house, Bogabilla:—Mr. Campbell asked the Colonial Treasurer,—How much has been collected at the Custom-house, Bogabilla (Queensland Border), as revenue, and what has been the cost for collection during the last five years from 1880 to 1885?

Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—

Amount of revenue collected	1881	...	£221	Cost of collection (officers' salary and allowances)...	...	...	...	£300
Do.	1882	...	169	Do.	do.	...	...	300
Do.	1883	...	152	Do.	do.	...	...	300
Do.	1884	...	263	Do.	do.	...	...	300
Do.	1885	...	140	Do.	do.	...	...	320
			£945					£1,520

(5.)

- (5.) Yetman Telegraph Office:—Mr. Campbell asked the Postmaster General,—What has been the expenditure, cost to the country, and receipts of the Yetman Telegraph Office for the last five years?

Mr. Garvan answered,—Expenditure, 1881 to 1885, £1,274 16s. 5d.; revenue, 1881 to 1885 £304 11s. 9d.

- (6.) Road Inverell to Yetman:—Mr. Campbell asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What amount has been voted for the repairs, &c. of the road Inverell to Yetman, and what has been expended on the same for the past five years?

Mr. Lyne answered,—Inverell to Bannockburn, *via* Gramen (30 miles) 1881, £450 voted, £450 expended. Inverell *via* Gramen and Bannockburn to Yetman (80 miles) 1882, £800 voted, £746 19s. 1d. expended; 1883, £800 voted, £800 expended. Inverell to Gramen, Yetman, and Goondiwindi (120 miles) 1884, £1,200 voted, £1,200 expended; 1885, 1,200 voted, £1,165 15s. expended. Total voted, £4,450; total expended, £4,362 14s. 1d.

- (7.) Penrith Railway Station:—Mr. T. R. Smith asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) If the hours of labour at the Penrith Railway Station have been reduced to eight hours per day?

(2.) Has he received a Return stating the number of hours each Railway employé work at Penrith, Emu Plains, and St. Mary's, as promised by the late Secretary for Public Works?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) Yes, in all cases where it can consistently be done, and the nature of the employment requires it.

(2.) The inquiry extended to Penrith only, and the Return referred to has been furnished to the Honorable Member to-day.

- (8.) Government Inspection of Scholastic, Religious, and Educational Establishments:—Mr. Henson asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he introduce to this Parliament a Bill to authorize, by the Government, the inspection of all Scholastic, Religious, and Educational establishments throughout the Colony?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—It is not the intention of the Government to introduce such a Bill this Session.

- (9.) Patent Right Fees:—Mr. Abigail asked the Attorney General,—

(1.) What amount was received as Patent Right Fees during 1885, and how was it distributed?

(2.) Will he issue an order that only nominal fees will be demanded until the question is dealt with by an Amended Patent Rights Bill?

Mr. Want answered,—

(1.) £3,380, the sum of £20 being deposited on each application, which is distributed as follows:—£5 each case, Attorney General; £5 10s. 6d. each case, Crown Solicitor; £1 each case, Secretary; £3 3s. each case, Board appointed to examine and report, consisting of two members; the balance, £2 3s. 6d., remains in the Treasury.

(2.) No; I cannot by any order of mine override the Act of Parliament (16 Vic. No. 24), which compels the payment of a fixed amount, and has done so for the last thirty-four years.

- (10.) Friendly Societies Bill:—Mr. Abigail asked the Colonial Secretary,—What progress has been made in the matter of a new Friendly Societies Bill, so often promised by Sir Alexander Stuart while he was Premier and Colonial Secretary?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The Parliamentary Draftsman, in reply to my inquiry on this matter, reports that this Bill cannot be completed until the Government decides whether certain recommendations contained in the report of the Royal Commission on Friendly Societies shall be adopted. The report of the Commission is a very bulky document, and the recommendations themselves are of such a comprehensive, technical, and important character, that more time must be devoted to their consideration than has yet been at the disposal of any member of the present Government. It was hoped that the final dealing with this measure might have been facilitated when the proposed office of Government Statist should have been established. It would be of no use to pass an elaborate Act, based on the existing English Friendly Societies Act, unless a competent administrative machinery can be secured at a reasonable cost to carry out and enforce such an Act. I may add that the Parliamentary Draftsman has informed me that the adoptable portion of the English Act is already in draft, and that officer has suggested the expediency of a personal conference by himself, or some other gentleman acquainted with the subject, with the Government Statist of Victoria, in order to ascertain how the Victorian Act, which is largely modelled on the English, is working in Victoria, and how far the benefits expected from it have been actually realized during the eight years it has been in operation. Inasmuch as Friendly Society legislation directly concerns about 36,000 people in this Colony, and indirectly nearly five times that number, I am inclined to adopt that suggestion, for the legislature cannot act with too much circumspection in a matter of such deep and extensive interest as this unquestionably is.

- (11.) Typhoid Fever:—Mr. Abigail asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) How many typhoid fever cases have been sent from the Inspector of Charities Office to Little Bay from 1st October to date?

(2.) How many cases have been sent by him to the Sydney and Prince Alfred Hospitals from 1st October last to date?

(3.) What convenience have the friends of patients to see them; and how is information of their state of health or death communicated to their friends?

(4.) What medical attendance do they get?

(5.) How many nurses (trained) are employed to nurse them?

(6.) What is the weekly consumption of milk for typhoid patients?

(7.) What is the rate of mortality at the Coast Hospital?

Mr.

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Medical Adviser to the Government :—

- (1.) Eighty-four (84).
 - (2.) Prince Alfred, thirty-eight (38); Sydney, thirty-six (36).
 - (3.) Patients can be seen daily. In cases of immediate danger or death, by special or telegraphic message.
 - (4.) Prince Alfred, three resident medical officers, and four visiting physicians; Sydney, one resident and four honorary physicians; Coast, one physician.
 - (5.) Sydney, fifteen; Coast, fourteen; Prince Alfred, five.
 - (6.) Each typhoid fever patient receives at the Sydney, twenty-eight pints; Coast, twenty-four and a-half pints; Prince Alfred, twenty-one pints.
 - (7.) Seven decimal sixty-five (7·65) per centum.
2. GENERAL ELECTIONS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Abigail moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—
- (1.) The cost to the country of the last three General Elections, giving separately the amount spent in each Electorate.
 - (2.) The cost of the last five Ministerial Elections, showing separately the amount spent in each Electorate.
- Question put and passed.
3. CASE OF BLAKENEY *v.* PEGUS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Melville moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all telegrams, memoranda, and correspondence between the Superintendent of Telegraphs, or Acting Superintendent of Telegraphs, and Mrs. Pegus, relating to the case of Blakeney *v.* Pegus, respecting a mis-sent telegram; as also copies of all correspondence from Mrs. Pegus to Superintendent of Telegraphs or Acting Superintendent of Telegraphs.
- Question put and passed.
4. MR. E. C. MEREWETHER'S MINERAL LEASE, KAHIBAH (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Neild moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all letters and papers connected with Mr. E. C. Merewether's mineral lease No. 617, parish of Kahibah, county of Northumberland, including all papers connected with Mr. Alexander Lindsay's application to have a Government township laid out on said leasehold.
- Question put and passed.
5. VOLUNTEER INFANTRY (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Neild 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 all letters, papers, and other documents relating to the application of Mr. A. S. Board for a Commission in the Volunteer Infantry.
- Question put and passed.
6. BISHOPSCOURT SALE AND LEASING BILL (*Formal Motion*):—
- (1.) Mr. R. B. Smith moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to empower the Church of England Property Trust Diocese of Sydney to sell and lease portions of the Bishopscourt Estate and to provide for the application of the moneys to arise from such sales and leases.
- 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 empower the Church of England Property Trust Diocese of Sydney to sell and lease portions of the Bishopscourt Estate and to provide for the application of the moneys to arise from such sales and leases,*"—read a first time.
7. BELL'S ESTATE BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Trickett moved, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) That Bell's Estate Bill be referred to a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, for consideration and report.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. William Clarke, Mr. Humphery, Mr. Scott, Mr. R. B. Wilkinson, Mr. Butcher, Mr. Purves, Mr. Melville, Mr. Russell Barton, Mr. Levien and the Mover.
- Question put and passed.
8. BOARD'S SETTLEMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Hyam moved, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) That Board's Settlement Bill be referred to a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, for consideration and report.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Toohey, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Williamson, Mr. Neild, Mr. Olliffe, Mr. Lysaght, and the Mover.
- Question put and passed.
9. SISTERS OF CHARITY ESTATE BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Day moved, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) That the Sisters of Charity 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. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Burns, Mr. Hayes, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Gould, Mr. Proctor, Mr. Hammond, Mr. Slattery, and the Mover.
- Question put and passed.
10. RANDWICK CHURCH LAND SALE BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Day moved, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) That the Randwick 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. Hayes, Mr. Burns, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Gould, Mr. Proctor, Mr. Slattery, Mr. Hammond, and the Mover.
- Question put and passed.
11. STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE (*Formal Motion*):—Sir Patrick Jennings moved, pursuant to Notice, That the names of Sir Patrick Jennings, Dr. Renwick, and Mr. Dibbs be added to the Standing Orders Committee.
- Question put and passed.

12. **LIBRARY COMMITTEE (Formal Motion)**:—Sir Patrick Jennings moved, pursuant to Notice, That the names of Mr. Burns, Mr. Spring, Mr. Garvan, and Mr. Dibbs be added to the Library Committee. Question put and passed.
13. **REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE (Formal Motion)**:—Sir Patrick Jennings moved, pursuant to Notice, That the names of Mr. Lyne, Mr. Garrard, and Mr. Dibbs be added to the Refreshment Committee. Question put and passed.
14. **POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE**:—Mr. Neild (*by consent*) moved, That his notice of motion on the subject of Suburban Railways be postponed, and stand on the Notice Paper next after Mr. Shepherd's notice respecting position held by the Honorable James Fletcher as Secretary for Mines. Question put and passed.
15. **TARIFF**:—Mr. Melville presented a Petition from Thomas Caddy, for and on behalf of Fellow Citizens following the occupation of bootmakers and saddlers in public meeting assembled, alleging that a depression now exists in the boot and saddlery trades, and advocating the imposition of a twenty per cent. duty on all goods imported of such industries. Petition received.
16. **FREE RAILWAY PASSES TO SCHOOL CHILDREN**:—Mr. T. R. Smith presented a Petition from certain Electors of The Nepean Electorate, praying the House not to pass any resolution for conveying children free on our Railways to schools other than those constituted by the State. And the Petition having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker,—Petition received.
17. **PAPERS**:—Mr. Suttor laid upon the Table,—
 (1.) Amended Regulations of the Government Savings Bank.
 (2.) Further Papers respecting Mail Service between Sydney and San Francisco,—New mail contract between the Colonies of New South Wales and New Zealand.
 Ordered to be printed.

18. **MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR**:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Mr. Suttor, and read by the Speaker:—

- (1.) Postal Contract with the Orient Steam Navigation Company:—

CARRINGTON,

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 the contract with the Orient Steam Navigation Company (Limited), providing for a Mail Service once a fortnight to and from Sydney and England, sanctioned by this House on the 25th October, 1883, being extended so as to terminate in February, 1888, concurrently with the contract held by the Government of Victoria with the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company.

Government House,

Sydney, 27th March, 1886.

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

- (2.) Postal Communication between Sydney and San Francisco *via* Auckland and Honolulu:—

CARRINGTON,

Message No. 12.

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 contract entered into jointly with New Zealand with the owners of steamships of not less tonnage than those employed in the late contract with the Pacific Mail Company for a line of mail communication between Sydney and San Francisco *via* Auckland and Honolulu, Sydney being the terminal port on this side.

Government House,

Sydney, 30th March, 1886.

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

19. **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, and William John Foster, Esquire, to be Members 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, and
 William John Foster, Esquire.*

*“ being Members of the said Assembly, to be Members of the Committee of Elections and Qualifi-
 “ cations in the said Act referred to during the present Session of the Assembly aforesaid, in the
 “ room of James Patrick Garvan, Esquire, and Arthur Renwick, Esquire, M.D., whose seats in the
 “ said Assembly were declared vacant on the 2nd March instant by reason of their acceptance
 “ of the offices of Minister of Justice and Minister of Public Instruction respectively.*

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

“ EDMUND BARTON,

“ Speaker.”

20. CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES:—

- (1.) Mr. Tarrant moved, pursuant to Notice, That Mr. Walter Scott Targett be Chairman of Committees of this Honorable House during the present Session.
- (2.) Mr. J. F. Smith moved, pursuant to Notice, That Jacob Garrard, Esquire, be Chairman of Committees of the Whole House during the present Session.
- (3.) Mr. Thompson moved, pursuant to Notice, That Robert Barbour, Esquire, Member for The Murray, be Chairman of Committees for the present Session.
- (4.) Mr. Abbott moved, pursuant to Notice, That William Clarke, Esquire, be Chairman of Committees of the Whole House during the present Session.
- (5.) Mr. Burdekin moved, pursuant to Notice, That Gerald Spring, Esquire, be Chairman of Committees of the Whole House during the present Session.

Debate ensued.

Question put, That Mr. Walter Scott Targett be Chairman of Committees of this Honorable House during the present Session.

The House divided.

Ayes, 33.

Sir Patrick Jennings,	Mr. Bull,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Lewis Lloyd,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Hyam,
Mr. Want,	Mr. Humphery,
Dr. Renwick,	Mr. Tarrant,
Mr. Levion,	Mr. Russell Barton,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Lysaght,
Mr. Coonan,	Mr. J. D. Young,
Mr. Septimus Stephen,	Mr. Toohey.
Mr. Henry Clarke,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hogan,	
Mr. Bowman,	Mr. Purves,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Hammond.
Mr. Olliffe,	
Mr. Williamson,	
Mr. Dibbs,	
Mr. T. R. Smith,	
Mr. B. B. Wilkinson,	
Mr. See,	
Mr. Butcher,	
Mr. Sawers,	
Mr. Burke,	

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Mr. Wisdom,	Mr. Proctor,
Sir John Robertson,	Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Shepherd,
Mr. Trickett,	Mr. Abigail,
Mr. James Henry Young,	Mr. Henson,
Mr. Burdekin,	Mr. Foster,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Creer,	Mr. J. F. Smith,
Mr. Fitzgerald,	Mr. Day,
Mr. Baker,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Harold Stephen,	Mr. Ives,
Mr. Garland,	Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Forsyth,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Gibbes,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Chanter,	Dr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Davies,	Mr. Reid.
Mr. Heydon,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Sir Henry Parkes,	
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. W. J. Fergusson,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Dawson.

And so it passed in the negative.

Question put, That Jacob Garrard, Esquire, be Chairman of Committees of the Whole House during the present Session.

The House divided.

Ayes, 19.

Mr. Davies,
Mr. T. R. Smith,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Hyam,
Mr. Inglis,
Mr. Proctor,
Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. J. F. Smith,
Mr. Abigail,
Mr. Henson,
Mr. Reid,
Dr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Creer,
Mr. James Henry Young.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Garland.

Noes, 58.

Mr. Wisdom,	Mr. Shepherd,
Sir John Robertson,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Hammond,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. Trickett,	Mr. Baker,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Burko,
Mr. Burdekin,	Mr. Harold Stephen,
Mr. Want,	Dr. Renwick,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Forsyth,
Mr. Levion,	Mr. Gibbes,
Mr. Coonan,	Mr. Vaughn,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Lyne,
Mr. W. J. Fergusson,	Mr. Heydon,
Mr. Olliffe,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Ives,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Lewis Lloyd,	Mr. Lysaght,
Mr. Tarrant,	Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Sawers,	Mr. J. D. Young,
Mr. Russell Barton,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. See,	Mr. Purves,
Mr. Day,	Mr. Bull,
Mr. Humphery,	Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Butcher,	Mr. Toohey,
Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,	Mr. Williamson.
Mr. Teece,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Foster,	
Mr. Bowman,	Mr. Fitzgerald,
Mr. Hogan,	Mr. Septimus Stephen.

And so it passed in the negative.

Question,—That Robert Barbour, Esquire, Member for The Murray, be Chairman of Committees for the present Session,—put and negatived.

Question put, That William Clarke, Esquire, be Chairman of Committees of the Whole House during the present Session.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 30.

Sir Patrick Jennings,	Mr. G. A. Lloyd.
Mr. Fletcher,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Trickett,	
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Hugh Taylor.
Mr. Wisdom,	
Mr. Tait,	
Mr. Gibbes,	
Sir Henry Parkes,	
Mr. Teece,	
Mr. Proctor,	
Mr. O'Sullivan,	
Mr. J. F. Smith,	
Mr. Abigail,	
Mr. Henson,	
Mr. See,	
Mr. Henry Clarke,	
Mr. Foster,	
Mr. Reid,	
Mr. Ewing,	
Mr. Ives,	
Mr. Stokes,	
Dr. Wilkinson,	
Mr. Holborow,	
Mr. Sydney Smith,	
Mr. Shepherd,	
Mr. W. J. Fergusson,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Question put, That Gerald Spring, Esquire, be Chairman of Committees of the Whole House during the present Session.

The House divided.

Ayes, 37.

Sir Patrick Jennings,	Mr. Fitzgevald,
Mr. Neild,	Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Vaughn,	Mr. Forsyth,
Mr. Garland,	Mr. Harold Stephen,
Sir John Robertson,	Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. James Henry Young,	Mr. Gibbes,
Mr. Baker,	Mr. Heydon,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Davies,
Mr. Creer,	Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. T. R. Smith.
Mr. Sydney Smith,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Inglis,	
Mr. W. J. Fergusson,	Mr. Roberts,
Mr. Hungerford,	Mr. Burdekin.
Mr. Dawson,	
Mr. Thompson,	
Mr. Bowman,	
Dr. Wilkinson,	
Mr. Henson,	
Mr. J. F. Smith,	
Mr. O'Sullivan,	
Mr. Proctor,	
Mr. Teece,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Mr. Abbott moved, That William Joseph Trickett, Esquire, be Chairman of Committees of the Whole House during the present Session.

Mr. Vaughan moved, That Albert John Gould, Esquire, be Chairman of Committees of the Whole House during the present Session.

Question put,—That William Joseph Trickett, Esquire, be Chairman of Committees of the Whole House during the present Session.

The House divided.

Ayes, 52.

Sir Patrick Jennings,	Mr. Abbott,
Mr. Purves,	Mr. Barbour,
Dr. Renwick,	Mr. Fitzgerald,
Mr. Targett,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Lewis Lloyd,
Mr. Humphery,	Mr. Hyam,
Mr. Tarrant,	Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Butcher,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. Reid,
Mr. Wisdom,	Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Coonan,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Sawers,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Russell Barton,
Mr. W. J. Fergusson,	Mr. J. D. Young,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Lysaght,
Mr. Day,	Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Forsyth,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Proctor,	Mr. Bull,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Ives,
Mr. Tait,	Mr. Hogan,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Toohey,
Mr. Olliffe,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Want,	
Mr. See,	Mr. Gibbes,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. T. R. Smith,

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Whereupon Mr. Trickett made his acknowledgments to the House.

Noes, 52.

Sir John Robertson,	Mr. Septimus Stephen,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Hyam,
Mr. James Henry Young,	Mr. Inglis,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Creer,
Mr. Burdekin,	Mr. Hammond,
Mr. Want,	Mr. Hogan,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Coonan,	Mr. Butcher,
Mr. Fitzgerald,	Mr. Humphery,
Mr. Baker,	Mr. Day,
Mr. Garland,	Mr. Russell Barton,
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Burke,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Harold Stephen,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Dr. Renwick,	Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Forsyth,	Mr. Lysaght,
Mr. Vaughn,	Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Davies,	Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
Mr. T. R. Smith,	Mr. J. D. Young,
Mr. Heydon,	Mr. Williamson,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Toohey,
Mr. Hungerford,	Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Lewis Lloyd,	Mr. Bull.
Mr. Tarrant,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Purves,	
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Sawers,
Mr. Olliffe,	Mr. Levien.

Noes, 46.

Mr. Abbott,	Mr. See,
Dr. Renwick,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Want,	Mr. J. D. Young,
Mr. Tarrant,	Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
Mr. Trickett,	Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Abigail,
Mr. Purves,	Mr. Lysaght,
Mr. Burke,	Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Septimus Stephen,	Mr. Lewis Lloyd,
Mr. Olliffe,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Bull,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Toohey,
Mr. Sawers,	Mr. Williamson,
Mr. Shepherd,	Mr. Ives,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Hammond,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Foster,	Mr. Reid,
Mr. Hogan,	Mr. Melville.
Mr. Butcher,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Humphery,	
Mr. Day,	Mr. Hyam,
Mr. Russell Barton,	Mr. Coonan.

Noes, 33.

Sir John Robertson,	Mr. Hammond,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. Vaughn,	Mr. Shepherd,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Parkes.
Mr. James Henry Young,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Burdekin,	
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Garland,
Mr. Heydon,	Dr. Wilkinson.
Mr. Davies,	
Mr. Chanter,	
Mr. Harold Stephen,	
Mr. Sydney Smith,	
Mr. Garrard,	
Mr. Creer,	
Mr. Neild,	
Mr. Holborow,	
Mr. Inglis,	
Mr. Hungerford,	
Mr. Abigail,	
Sir Henry Parkes,	
Mr. Dawson,	
Mr. J. F. Smith,	
Mr. Moore,	
Mr. Henson,	
Mr. Hawthorne,	
Mr. Foster,	

21. **GEORGE DOUGHERTY'S CONDITIONAL PURCHASE**:—*Mr. Burns*, for *Mr. Gould*, 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 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. Copeland*, *Mr. Spring*, *Mr. Barbour*, *Mr. Abigail*, *Mr. Day*, *Dr. Ross*, *Mr. Fitzgerald*, and the Mover.
 - (3.) That the Report from the Select Committee of Session 1883-4, in reference to this matter be referred to such Committee.
- Question put and passed.
22. **CEMETERIES REGULATION BILL**:—*Mr. Melville* moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to regulate the interment of the dead in the Colony of New South Wales.
Question put and passed.
23. **SUBURBAN RAILWAYS**:—*Mr. Neild* moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the following Resolutions:—
- (1.) That the construction of a system of Suburban Railways is urgently required.
 - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
- Debate ensued.
Mr. James Henry Young moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Debate continued.
Question put, That this Debate be now adjourned.
The House divided.

Ayes, 12.

Mr. Burns,
Mr. James Henry Young,
Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Parkes,
Dr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Hyam,
Mr. Henson,
Mr. Trickett,
Mr. Gibbs.

Tellers,
Mr. Neild,
Mr. Hawthorne.

Noes, 41.

Sir Patrick Jennings, *Mr. Harold Stephen*,
Mr. Fletcher, *Mr. Chanter*,
Mr. Vaughn, *Mr. Teece*,
Dr. Renwick, *Mr. G. A. Lloyd*,
Mr. Suttor, *Mr. Butcher*,
Mr. William Clarke, *Mr. Thompson*,
Mr. Dibbs, *Mr. Lysaght*,
Mr. Lyne, *Mr. Sawers*,
Mr. Want, *Mr. Proctor*,
Mr. Toohey, *Mr. Bowman*,
Mr. Ewing, *Mr. R. B. Wilkinson*,
Mr. Hayes, *Mr. Copeland*,
Mr. Jones, *Mr. Creer*,
Mr. H. H. Brown, *Mr. Davies*,
Mr. Foster, *Mr. Shepherd*,
Mr. Day, *Mr. Abbott*,
Mr. Barbour, *Mr. Garland*.

Tellers,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Melville.

And so it passed in the negative.

Debate continued.

Original Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 19.

Mr. Burns,
Mr. James Henry Young,
Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Neild,
Mr. Butcher,
Mr. Shepherd,
Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Foster,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Dr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Hyam,
Mr. Trickett,
Sir Henry Parkes,
Mr. Henson,
Mr. William Clarke,
Mr. Gibbs,
Mr. Davies.

Tellers,
Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Parkes.

Noes, 33.

Mr. Fletcher, *Mr. Melville*,
Mr. Lyne, *Mr. Campbell*,
Mr. Vaughn, *Mr. Thompson*,
Dr. Renwick, *Mr. Teece*,
Mr. Suttor, *Mr. Chanter*,
Sir Patrick Jennings, *Mr. Harold Stephen*,
Mr. Dibbs, *Mr. O'Sullivan*,
Mr. Want, *Mr. Burke*,
Mr. Toohey, *Mr. Sawers*,
Mr. Garland, *Mr. Lysaght*.

Tellers,
Mr. Hungorford,
Mr. R. B. Wilkinson.

And so it passed in the negative.

- 24.
- MINISTERIAL ELECTION BILL**
- :—

(1.) *Mr. Abbott* moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the "Constitution Act Amendment Act of 1884."
Question put and passed.

(2.) *Mr. Abbott* presented a Bill, intituled "A Bill to amend the 'Constitution Act Amendment Act of 1884,'"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 16th April.

25. CIVIL SERVICE ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Dibbs, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

CARRINGTON,
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 amend the Civil Service Act, 1884.

Government House,
Sydney, 30th March, 1886.

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

26. PUNISHMENT BY WHIPPING:—Mr. Harold Stephen 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 shewing,—

(1.) All cases in which the punishment of whipping has been awarded since the passing of the Criminal Law Amendment Act of 1883 (1st July, 1883) up to the end of last year, giving in each instance the nature of the offence, the sentence, the authority by whom the sentence was awarded, age, and previous and subsequent convictions (if any) of the offender, nature of offence or offences (if any) of which he was so convicted, whether the sentence was carried out or not, and if not (or any part thereof remitted) at whose order it was so remitted.

(2.) All convictions for garotting during the last ten years, with particulars as above (names of criminals to be omitted in every instance and replaced by numbers).

(3.) By what "official" the punishment was inflicted in each instance, and the fee paid for his services.

Mr. Garrard moved, That the Question be amended in paragraph (3) by the insertion after the word "official" of the words "(omitting the name.)"

Question,—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted,—put and passed.

Question then,—That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that his His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—

(1.) All cases in which the punishment of whipping has been awarded since the passing of the Criminal Law Amendment Act of 1883 (1st July, 1883) up to the end of last year, giving in each instance the nature of the offence, the sentence, the authority by whom the sentence was awarded, age, and previous and subsequent convictions (if any) of the offender, nature of offence or offences (if any) of which he was so convicted, whether the sentence was carried out or not, and if not (or any part thereof remitted) at whose order it was so remitted.

(2.) All convictions for garotting during the last ten years, with particulars as above (names of criminals to be omitted in every instance and replaced by numbers).

(3.) By what official (omitting the name), the punishment was inflicted in each instance, and the fee paid for his services,—put and passed.

27. MARYVILLE COLLIERY COMPANY RAILWAY BILL:—Mr. G. A. Lloyd moved, pursuant to Notice, That the names of Mr. Hugh Taylor, Mr. Sydney Smith, and Mr. Kidd, be added to the Select Committee on the Maryville Colliery Company Railway Bill.

Question put and passed.

28. MOOREBANK ESTATE BILL:—Mr. Suttor, for Mr. McCulloch, moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That the Moorebank 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. Bull, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Trickett, Mr. Day, Mr. Jones, Mr. Burdekin, Mr. Parkes, and Mr. McCulloch.

Question put and passed.

29. MOOREBANK ESTATE BILL:—Mr. Sydney Smith presented a Petition from certain persons who have been tenants of the Moorebank Estate, praying for compensation for improvements made by them during their tenancy.

Petition received, and referred to the Select Committee on the Bill.

30. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—

(1.) Defamation Act Amendment Bill; second reading;—until Friday, 30th April.

(2.) Water Frontages Reservation Bill; second reading;—until Friday, 7th May.

(3.) Newcastle Steamship Company's Preferential Shares Bill (as amended and agreed to in Select Committee); second reading;—until Friday next.

(4.) Regulation of Factories and Workshops Bill; second reading.

(5.) Licensing Acts Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of Resolution. } until Friday, 16th April.

31. CIVIL SERVICE ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Dibbs moved, That Mr. Speaker 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 Civil Service Act of 1884.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Whereupon 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,—

WEDNESDAY, 31 MARCH, 1886, A.M.

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 Civil Service Act of 1884.

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 Civil Service Act 1884*,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

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. 37.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 31 MARCH, 1886.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Mining on Church and School Lands:—Mr. Baker asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Referring to the questions and answers given to Mr. Baker, the Member for Carcoar, by Mr. Trickett and Mr. Young, the two previous Ministers of Public Instruction, in respect to the Government introducing at an early period a Bill to deal with mining on Church and School Lands,—Is it the intention of the present Government to introduce such a measure during the present Session?

Dr. Renwick answered,—This subject is under consideration, and will be dealt with at the earliest possible date.

- (2.) Benevolent Asylum:—*Mr. Abigail*, for Dr. Ross, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) The number of indigent persons relieved weekly by the Benevolent Asylum during the year?
 - (2.) The nature and cost of such relief?
 - (3.) The average number of persons relieved each week?
 - (4.) The number of loaves or other necessaries that are distributed weekly?
 - (5.) The average amount paid or advanced for house rent weekly or monthly?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—I will lay the information upon the Table in the form of a Return.

- (3.) The New Hebrides:—*Mr. Abigail* asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is it true that a communication has been sent to the Home Authorities expressing the Government's approval of the French Government annexing the New Hebrides?
 - (2.) If so, will he have any objection to lay upon the Table of this House a copy of the same?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—I will lay upon the Table a copy of the telegram sent.

- (4.) Royal Commission on Railway Bridges:—*Mr. Abigail* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) The total cost of the Commission appointed to inquire into the stability of Railway Bridges?
 - (2.) The names and amounts received by each gentleman acting on the Commission?
 - (3.) The date when they presented their report?
 - (4.) Has any action been taken upon the report; if not, can the Minister say when the question will be dealt with?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) £5,210.
 - (2.) G. A. Morrell, £768 12s.; W. C. Kernot, £267 15s.; W. M. D. Courtney, £762 6s.; W. H. Warren, £815 17s.; Owen Blackett, £574 7s.
 - (3.) 25th March, 1885.
 - (4.) No action has been taken, and cannot be taken in the absence of the evidence, which has not yet been furnished by the Commission, although applications have been made for it. Further application will at once be made.
- (5.) Delay in Delivery of Telegrams:—*Mr. W. J. Fergusson* asked the Postmaster General,—Has his attention been called to the great delay in delivery of telegrams; if so, will he take steps to expedite the delivery?

Mr. Garvan answered,—The Superintendent of Telegraphs reports that the first thing which engaged his attention on his return from England was the Delivery Staff, and he is still prosecuting inquiries and perfecting arrangements for quicker despatch of telegrams. A number of boys have already been dismissed for irregularities in connection with the delivery of telegrams, and all lads not found up to the standard will be weeded out, their places being filled by none but the best obtainable. Most of the delays complained of are the result of indifferent writing on the part of senders, or imperfect addresses; but circulars are now being issued directing the attention of the public to the matter, and requesting that they be more careful in this respect.

(6.)

- (6.) Appraisers of Runs:—Mr. Burke asked the Secretary for Lands,—Have Appraisers of Runs been appointed; if so, how many, by whom appointed, and the dates upon which they were appointed?

Mr. Copeland answered,—The appointment of fourteen Inspectors in connection with the appraisement of runs was approved of by Mr. Abbott on the 15th December, and confirmed by me on the 8th instant.

- (7.) Mr. S. G. Bowler, Forbes:—Mr. Burke asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it a fact that squatters are in the habit of ringbarking pre-leases applied for as conditional leases held by selectors?

(2.) Is it a fact that Mr. S. G. Bowler, of Forbes, has done this?

(3.) Has he, or any person in his Department, given permission to the said Mr. Bowler to do so?

(4.) Has he, or any person in his Department, refused to allow the selector to do so?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1.) The Department is not in possession of any information on this subject.

(2.) Mr. Bowler was reported for unauthorized ringbarking, and the matter is being inquired into.

(3 and 4.) Not that I am aware of. Inquiry will be made.

- (8.) Fidelity Bonds, Telegraph Department:—Mr. J. F. Smith asked the Postmaster General,—

(1.) Is there any reason why telegraph operators, book-keepers, and messengers employed in the Chief Office should continue to contribute towards the Fidelity Bond, made some time since with various Insurance Companies, the said officials having nothing whatever to do with the handling of money?

(2.) What are the names of such Insurance Companies, and the percentage charged?

Mr. Garvan answered,—

(1.) The Superintendent of Telegraphs reports that telegraph operators, book-keepers, and messengers employed in the Chief Office should not be compelled to contribute towards the Fidelity Bond, as these officials in the performance of their duties do not handle moneys. The operators at Country Stations should contribute, as they are sometimes in charge of an office and become responsible for the collections.

(2.) The Victoria Life and General Insurance Company, the London Guarantee and Accident Company, the Colonial Mutual Insurance Company, the Mercantile Mutual Insurance Company. The charge is 7s. 6d. per centum. The arrangement will terminate at the end of the year.

- (9.) Season Tickets, Tramways:—Mr. Hawthorne asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that season tickets are granted on Tramways in England?

(2.) Is it a fact that they are granted in this Colony on the Camden Tramway?

(3.) Is it his intention to give the system a trial on the Trams running to all the suburbs of Sydney?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) So far as can be ascertained it is not the practice in England.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) The officers of the Department see great difficulty in adequately checking season or periodical tickets; but I am prepared to consider any practical suggestion for obviating this difficulty.

2. BISHOPSCOURT SALE AND LEASING BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. R. B. Smith moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That the Bishopscourt Sale and Leasing Bill be referred to a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, for consideration and report.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Septimus Stephen, Mr. Tait, Mr. William Clarke, Mr. Hammond, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Burns, Mr. Trickett, Mr. Abbott, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

3. WEST WALLSEND AND MONK-WEARMOUTH RAILWAY BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. G. A. Lloyd moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That the West Wallsend and Monk-Wearmouth Railway Bill be referred to a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, for consideration and report.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Barbour, Mr. Day, Mr. Tecce, Mr. Hugh Taylor, Mr. Kidd, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Henson, Mr. Humphery, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

4. PRIVATE BILLS—SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER (*Formal Motions*):—

- (1.) Mr. Abigail moved, pursuant to Notice, That the 61st Standing Order be suspended, to admit of the presentation of a Petition for the introduction of a Bill to empower the Trustees of certain lands in Elizabeth-street, Sydney, on which is erected the Christian Chapel, to sell such lands,—the recent adjournment having prevented such Petition from being presented within three months of the notices of such Bill, as prescribed by the 61st Standing Order.

Question put and passed.

- (2.) Mr. W. J. Fergusson moved, pursuant to Notice, That the 61st Standing Order be suspended to admit of the presentation of a Petition for the introduction of a Bill to enable the Glen Innes Municipal Council to erect Markets and Offices on land within the Municipality,—the recent adjournment having prevented such Petition from being presented within three months from date of notices for such Bill.

Question put and passed.

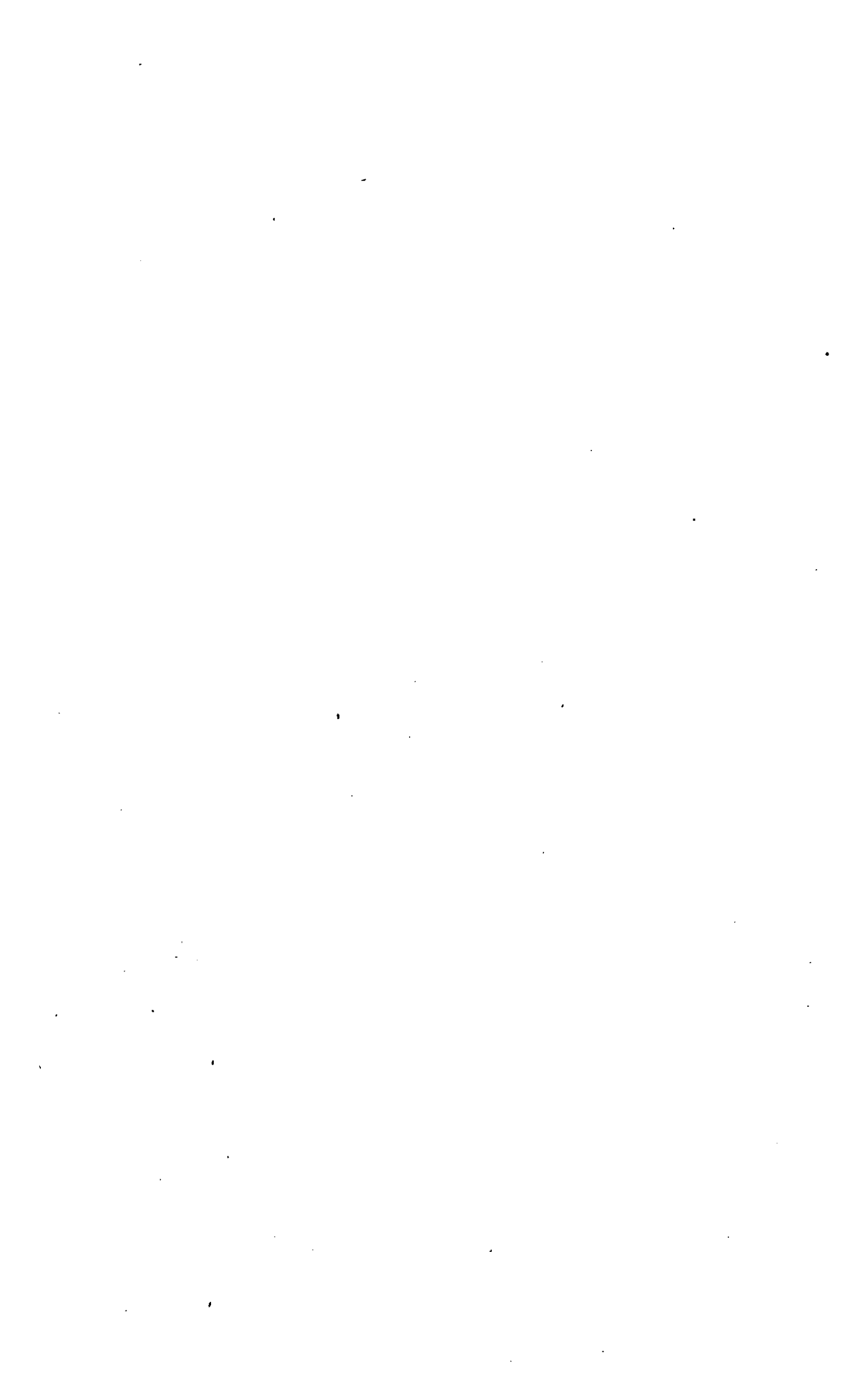
5. PRE-LEASE OF WILLIAM SKEENE, CONARGO (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Chanter moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers and documents, from 28th September, 1877, to the present date, relating to the pre-lease of 320 acres, selected by William Skeene, at Conargo, near Demiliquin, and gazetted on the 28th September, 1877.

Question put and passed.

6. SELECTIONS OF CHARLES HENRY THATCHER, FORBES (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Burke moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers and minutes, or other documents, having reference to the forfeiture of selections in the name of Charles Henry Thatcher, of Forbes, conditional purchase 80-40, 1st April, 1880, 100 acres, and all additional thereto.
Question put and passed.
7. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of Barker's Estate Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*) postponed until Friday, 9th April.
8. PAPERS:—
Dr. Renwick laid upon the Table,—Report of the Minister of Public Instruction on Education for the year 1885.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Copeland laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 5th February, 1886,—“Water Frontages, Port Jackson.”
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Copy of Telegram to Agent-General respecting New Hebrides.
(2.) Statement respecting relief afforded to indigent persons by the Benevolent Asylum.
Ordered to be printed.
9. CEMETERIES REGULATION BILL:—Mr. McVilvie presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to regulate the Interment of the Dead in the Colony of New South Wales*,”—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 23rd April.
10. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. William Clarke moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
11. 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 Years 1885 and 1886 and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan*,”—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.
Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 31st March, 1886.
JOHN HAY,
President.
12. POSTPONEMENTS:—The Orders of the Day of Government Business, Nos. 1 to 3, postponed until to-morrow.
13. UTHUR ESTATE LEASING 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 to-morrow.
14. ST. MARY'S WAVERLEY CHURCH OF ENGLAND LAND 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 to-morrow.

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

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 38.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 1 APRIL, 1886.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Railway Station, Borenore:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Did he make a promise in November last to a Deputation that he would make a personal inspection of the site for the Railway Station at Borenore, on Molong Railway, before any final decision was arrived at in the matter?

(2.) Has he made that personal inspection of the site as promised; if so, will he state what final decision has been arrived at in the matter?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) No. Soon after the promise was made, the Government, of which I was a member, vacated office, and I was unable to give effect to it.

- (2.) Homebush and Waratah Railway:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Will he state the amount of money that has been expended in the construction of the Homebush and Waratah Railway up to the present date, and when approximately is the line likely to be opened?

(2.) When was the first contract for this line let?

(3.) The name of the contractor and amount of tender that has been accepted for the Hawkesbury Bridge, and when the Bridge will be finished?

(4.) What was the original estimated cost of erection of the Hawkesbury Bridge made by the responsible officers in the Works Department?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) £1,034,157. Sections of the line will probably be ready to be opened for public traffic during this year.

(2.) May, 1883.

(3.) Union Bridge Company of New York, amount of tender being £327,000; but an additional sum not exceeding £15,000 will have to be paid for alterations to the Bridge. The time for completion of the work is two and a half years.

(4.) The Engineer-in-Chief states £600,000.

- (3.) Boring for Water between Bourke and Wanaaring:—Mr. R. B. Wilkinson asked the Secretary for Mines,—What is the total cost for boring between Bourke and Wanaaring since commencement in 1882; what length of road is watered by the bores, and what is the quality and quantity of water in each bore?

Mr. Fletcher answered,—I will lay the information upon the Table, and move that it be printed.

- (4.) Approaches to Tempe Railway Station:—Mr. W. J. Ferguson, for Mr. Septimus Stephen, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that one of the main approaches to the Tempe Railway Station, viz., the Unwin's Bridge Road, together with the Bridge over Cook's River, known as Unwin's Bridge, are in an impassable and dangerous state; if so, is it his intention to place a sum on the Estimates to repair the said Road and Bridge?

(2.) If the Minister is unaware of the condition of the said Road and Bridge, will he call for a report on the matter.

Mr. Lyne answered,—The Road and Bridge are within Municipal limits; but as it is suggested the Road forms an approach to a Station on the Illawarra Railway, a report will be obtained.

(5.)

- (5.) Electric Light for Hyde and Belmore Parks :—*Mr. Abigail*, for *Mr. Olliffe*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he take into consideration the advisableness of causing Hyde and Belmore Parks to be lighted by electricity, for the better convenience and safety of the public?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—I understand that no application has been received by the Department of Mines on this subject; but should such application be made, it will receive due consideration.

- (6.) Position of Coroner's Office :—*Mr. Abigail* asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is he aware that the position of the Coroner's Office on Flag-staff Hill is at a distance from the business centres, the Police Offices, and the Newspaper Offices?

(2.) Will he take steps to have it removed to some more central position?

Mr. Garvan answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) I find that a letter was addressed to the Honorable Member by the Department on 19th November, 1885, informing him that inquiry had been made on this subject, but no complaint of any inconvenience to the public or Police had been made, nor had *Mr. Shiell* received any complaint in reference to the position of the Coroner's temporary office, which he thinks central enough for all practical purposes in connection with the discharge of his duties. I am informed that ample provision has been made for a Coroner's Court and Offices in the plans of the new Central Police Court to be erected in Liverpool-street.

- (7.) Patent Rights Bill :—*Mr. Abigail* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it his intention to introduce, during the present Session, the new Patent Rights Bill so often promised during the last three years?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The matter shall receive the early consideration of the Government.

- (8.) Loan Vote for Railway Trial Surveys :—*Mr. Neild* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What amount of the Loan Vote for Railway Surveys remains unexpended?

Mr. Lyne answered,—The whole of the Loan Vote for Railway Trial Surveys has been expended. In February last a Vote of £5,000 was taken in anticipation of a Loan Vote; of this £1,862 remains unexpended.

2. COMMONS REGULATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Fletcher* 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 Commons Regulation Act of 1873.
Question put and passed.

3. OPENING OF ROAD, THE ISLANDS TO COWRA (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Baker* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers and correspondence and other documents relating to the application of the people of Cowra respecting the opening of the road, The Islands to Cowra, through the Binnie Estate.
Question put and passed.

4. UThER ESTATE LEASING 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 Walter Iredale Uther and Hulton Smyth King or other the Trustee or Trustees for the time being of the Will of Reuben Uther late of Sydney deceased to lease portion of the real estate of the said Reuben Uther.*"

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 Walter Iredale Uther and Hulton Smyth King or other the Trustee or Trustees for the time being of the Will of Reuben Uther late of Sydney deceased to lease portion of the real estate of the said Reuben Uther,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of each of the two Reports from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committees on this Bill, together with copy of the Will of the late Reuben Uther.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 1st April, 1886.

5. ST. MARY'S WAVERLEY CHURCH OF ENGLAND LAND 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 enable William Henry Simpson James Vickery and William Ransome Gullick as Trustees of certain land in the parish of St. Mary Waverley to sell the said land and to provide for the appropriation of the proceeds thereof and to vest in the said Trustees certain other land in the said parish and to provide for the sale of the same and 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 William Henry Simpson James Vickery and William Ransome Gullick as Trustees of certain land in the parish of St. Mary Waverley to sell the said land and to provide for the appropriation of the proceeds thereof and to vest in the said Trustees certain other land in the said parish and to provide for the sale of the same and the appropriation of the proceeds thereof,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of each of the two Reports from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committees on this Bill.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 1st April, 1886.

6. **PRINGLE'S ESTATE MORTGAGING BILL**:—Mr. Levien presented a Petition from John McDonald and David Williamson Irving, the surviving Executors and Trustees of the Will of Robert Pringle, late of Beetive, near Tamworth, deceased, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Trustees of the Will of the late Robert Pringle, of Tamworth, in the Colony of New South Wales, to borrow money by mortgage and pledge of certain real and personal estate devised and bequeathed by the said Will for the purpose of improving the same.
And Mr. Levien having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* and *Tamworth Observer* newspapers, containing the Notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.
7. **PAPERS**:—Mr. Fletcher laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Further Return to an Order made on 9th February, 1886,—“Privilege—Seat of Mr. Cramsie, a Member for Balranald.”
(2.) Statement showing the cost of Boring for Water, between Bourke and Wanaaring.
Ordered to be printed.
8. **CHRISTIAN CHAPEL LANDS SALE BILL**:—Mr. Abigail presented a Petition from George W. Logan, John Halliday, Joseph Stimson, junior, George Parker Jones, and Charles Woollams, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to empower the Trustees of certain lands situated in Elizabeth-street, Sydney, on which is erected the Christian Chapel to sell such land.
And Mr. Abigail having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* newspaper, containing the Notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.
9. **PRECEDENCE OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**:—Mr. Dibbs moved, pursuant to Notice, That Government Business take precedence of General Business to-morrow.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
10. **CIVIL SERVICE ACT AMENDMENT BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Dibbs moved, That the Order be postponed until Wednesday next.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
11. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The Orders of the Day, Nos. 2 and 3, for the resumption of the Committees of Supply and Ways and Means, postponed until to-morrow.
12. **PAYMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**:—Mr. Heydon moved, pursuant to *amended* Notice, That this House will, on Friday week, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause the necessary steps to be taken to make provision in the Estimates for the payment of Members of the Legislative Assembly.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 42.

Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Kethel,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Harold Stephen,
Dr. Renwick,	Mr. James Henry Young,
Mr. Hyam,	Mr. Henson,
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Creer,
Mr. Thompson,	Mr. T. R. Smith,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Targett,	Mr. Garland,
Mr. Sawers,	Mr. Heydon,
Mr. Baker,	Mr. Gould,
Mr. Day,	Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Forsyth,
Mr. Stokes,	Mr. Hogan,
Mr. Gormly,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Vaughn,	Mr. Toohey.
Mr. Neild,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Melville,	
Mr. J. D. Young,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Lysaght,	Mr. Moore.

Noes, 19.

Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Tarrant,
Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Want,
Mr. Burdekin,
Mr. Roberts,
Mr. Williamson,
Mr. Gibbes,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Foster,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,
Sir Henry Purkes,
Mr. Hungerford,
Mr. Ryrie.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Inglis,
Mr. Humphery.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

13. **RANDWICK CHURCH LAND SALE 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 30th March, 1886; together with 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, 9th April.
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. 39.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 2 APRIL, 1886.

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 2nd April, 1886, and signed by His Excellency the Governor, empowering William Joseph Trickett, 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 Charles Robert, Baron Carrington, a Member of Her Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of New South Wales and its Dependencies.

“To all to whom these presents shall come,

“Greeting:

“In pursuance of the authority in me vested in that behalf, I, CHARLES ROBERT, BARON CARRINGTON, as Governor of the Colony of New South Wales, do hereby authorize WILLIAM JOSEPH TRICKETT, 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 second day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-six, and in the forty-ninth year of the Reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria.

CARRINGTON.

*“By His Excellency's Command,
“GEORGE R. DIBBS.”*

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

- (1.) Consolidated Revenue Fund Bill (No. 3.)

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 14.

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 1885 and 1886 and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan,”*—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, 1886.

(2.) Kite's Leasing Bill :—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 15.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Trustees for the time being of the Will of the late Thomas Kite to grant building and other leases of certain lands specifically devised by the said Will for longer periods than are provided for by the said Will*,"—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 April, 1886.

3. QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Extension of Railway into the City :—Mr. Davies asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government to take the necessary steps during the present session of Parliament to provide for the Extension of the Railway from Redfern to the Circular Quay?

Mr. Lyne answered,—Yes.

(2.) Messrs. Robertson and Wagner, Mail Contractors :—Mr. Neild, for Mr. Chanter, asked the Postmaster General,—

(1.) Under what conditions are grazing paddocks granted to Messrs. Robertson and Wagner, mail contractors, at the following places between Deniliquin and Hay, viz., Pretty Pine, Black Swamp, and Sixteen-mile Gums?

(2.) Have the said mail contractors charge (if so, under what conditions) of the following tanks and wells :—Well at Pretty Pine, tank at Black Swamp, tank at Sixteen-mile Gums, wells or tanks at One-Tree, Tom's Lake, the Jumping Sand Hills, and Lignum Hut?

(3.) In nearly all the foregoing cases have not the said contractors also grazing paddocks granted to them?

Mr. Garvan answered,—I have received the following information from the Department of Mines :—

(1.) They occupy 200 acres at Pretty Pine and 2 acres at Black Swamp, under special lease; the watering-places are under public caretakers in charge of the local overseer.

(2.) The Tom's Lake tank, with 640 acres, is under lease to Messrs. Robertson, Wagner, & Co. for five years from 1st December, 1885, to 30th November, 1890, at an annual rental of £51, subject to compliance with the Act and conditions of lease. They have no charge of either of the other watering-places.

(3.) At none, with the exceptions mentioned.

(3.) Fees for Patents of Inventions :—Mr. Abigail asked the Attorney General,—

(1.) The total amount paid out of the £3,380 received from persons wishing to patent their Inventions to each of the following gentlemen :—Attorney General, Crown Solicitor, Secretary to the Attorney General?

(2.) The names of the Members of the Board, and the amounts received by each out of the 169 cases from which £3 3s. per case has been paid, according to answer given by the Honorable the Attorney General on Tuesday last?

Mr. Want answered,—I thought that I had given the Honorable Member the information required by him on this subject when replying to his question of Tuesday last. The detailed particulars now asked for by him can be better supplied in the shape of a Return, which I will lay upon the Table.

(4.) Royal Commission on Railway Bridges :—Mr. Melville, for Mr. Purves, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Have the Commission on Railway Bridges furnished the evidence and diagrams upon which their report is said to be based?

(2.) If so, is it in the hands of the Printer; and when will it be laid upon the Table of the House?

(3.) Has he had an opportunity of considering the report of the Commission?

(4.) Has any member of the Commission opposed the publication of the evidence?

(5.) Is he aware that the repairs recommended as urgent in the report have not yet been commenced, and until the decision of the Minister for Works is given these repairs cannot be carried out?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) I am not aware.

(3.) Not in conjunction with the evidence.

(4.) I am not aware.

(5.) The Commission has repeatedly been requested to complete their inquiry and make it effective by sending in the evidence, diagrams, &c.; and they were again, yesterday only, urged to do this. The report does not show that any risk will be run in delaying for a time the repairs which the Commission report to be necessary.

(5.) Maps for Colonial and Indian Exhibition :—Mr. Davies, for Dr. Ross, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) The amount incurred for expenses by the Survey Department in preparing the series of maps which the Government have had prepared as exhibits for transmission to the Colonial and Indian Exhibition in London?

(2.) The number of men that were engaged in preparing the maps, the time they were so employed, and the wages each received respectively; also the cost of the survey?

(3.)

- (3.) If any such work was done by tender or private enterprise, and the cost of the same?
 (4.) Did the preparation of the plans referred to necessitate the Survey Department employing private enterprise (either by tender or otherwise) for the purpose of preparing parish and county maps which are in arrears; if so, at what cost?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1.) The gross cost was £650, but of this £267 at least would have been expended upon the production of the maps in the ordinary office routine.

(2.) Nine (9) draftsmen have been employed in preparing the maps at different times: They were employed, and their salaries were as follows:—One draftsman for 56 days, at 12s. per day; one draftsman for 167½ days, at 14s. per day; one draftsman for 31½ days, at 14s. per day; one draftsman for 64 days, at 16s. per day; one draftsman for 129 days, at 16s. per day; one draftsman for 145 days, at 16s. per day; one draftsman for 25 days, at 20s. per day; one draftsman for 23 days, at 22s. per day; one draftsman for 138 days, at 22s. per day. The maps being compiled, &c., from information in possession of the office, no special survey was required or made.

(3.) None.

(4.) No.

- (6.) Railway from Grafton to Glen Innes:—*Mr. Davies*, for Mr. Proctor, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that further expense is being incurred in surveying and lock-spitting the proposed Railway Line from Grafton to Glen Innes?

(2.) Is it his intention to order that no further expenditure be incurred in connection with this Railway?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) The Engineer-in-Chief informs me that this work is being proceeded with in the usual way.

(2.) Parliament having voted the money for this Railway, the question whether it is to be proceeded with must be left to the decision of Parliament, and it will have an opportunity of deciding when the plans, &c., are submitted for its approval in terms of the Railway Act.

- (7.) Public Wharf at Putney, Parramatta River:—*Mr. Davies*, for Mr. Proctor, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Upon whose recommendation was a new Public Wharf erected at Putney, Parramatta River, and at what cost?

(2.) Who are the owners of the adjoining lands?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) It appears the work was undertaken on the representation of Mr. McCulloch, one of the Members for Central Cumberland. The cost of the wharf, including the approach, was £998 19s. 3d.

(2.) I am not in a position to give this information to-day, as it is not to be obtained in my office, but I am causing the necessary inquiries to be made, and will give the Honorable Member the result thereof if he will kindly put the question again, say next week.

- (8.) Removal of Land Office from Armidale to Glen Innes:—*Mr. Davies*, for Mr. Proctor, asked the Secretary for Lands.—

(1.) What circumstance has prevented the following information, required pursuant to Order of this House, dated 24th September last, from being furnished to this House? :—

(a) The cost of repairs to and rent of Lands Office at Glen Innes, and from whom rented.

(b) The total revenue received from sale or lease of Crown Lands at Armidale, Glen Innes, Tenterfield, Inverell, and Walcha respectively.

(c) The number of selections made at each of the above Offices since the passing of the Crown Lands Act to 1st September.

(d) The number of cases dealt with by the Local Boards in each district to 1st September.

(e) The number of applications for conditional leases, and for conversion of pre-leases, to 1st September in each district.

(f) The estimated area of Crown Lands within each of the above districts.

(g) A plan of the Land Districts of Armidale, Glen Innes, Inverell, Walcha, and Tenterfield.

(2.) When will he cause the complete Return "Removal of Land Office from Armidale to Glen Innes," ordered by this House on 24th September, 1885, to be laid upon the Table, particularly that portion referring to the expense of establishing and retaining Land Office at Glen Innes?

Mr. Copeland answered,—Pressure of business has prevented the Returns being compiled; they will be completed without any unnecessary delay. The matter of the Glen Innes Office is now receiving my consideration.

- (9.) Loans Acts:—*Mr. Davies*, for Dr. Ross, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) In the event of the Government having occasion to go to the English money market for a fresh Loan, will he state under what Loan Bill the Government have power to borrow?

(2.) To what extent or to what amount do the present existing Loan Acts empower the Government to borrow?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

(1.) 48 Victoria No. 26.

(2.) £13,175,003.

- (10.) Police Quarters, Tingha:—*Mr. Moore* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Have any steps been taken towards providing Police Quarters in connection with new Court-house, Lockup, &c., at Tingha, recently completed?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—I can only repeat what was stated by the late Minister of Justice, in answer to a similar question asked by the Honorable Member on the 28th of January last:—"That when funds are available the Quarters will no doubt be erected."

4. PRINGLE'S ESTATE MORTGAGING BILL (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Melville*, for Mr. Levison, moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Trustees of the Will of the late Robert Pringle, of Tamworth, in the Colony of New South Wales, to borrow money by mortgage and pledge of certain real and personal estate devised and bequeathed by the said Will for the purpose of improving the same.

Question put and passed.

5. CHRISTIAN CHAPEL LANDS SALE BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

(1.) Mr. Abigail moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to empower the Trustees of certain lands, situated in Elizabeth-street, Sydney, on which is erected the Christian Chapel, to sell such lands.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Abigail having *presented* this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of Twenty-five Pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to empower the Trustees of certain lands situated in Elizabeth-street Sydney on which is erected the Christian Chapel to sell such lands,*"—read a first time.

6. PAPERS:—

Mr. Want laid upon the Table,—Return showing the distribution of the sum of £3,380 received as Patent Fees during the year 1885.

Ordered to be printed.

Dr. Renwick laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 18th February, 1886,—"*Sale of Site of Old Public School, Wollongong.*"

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table,—Further Return to an Order made on 24th September, 1885,—"*Road from Felltimber Creek to Carcoar.*"

Ordered to be printed.

7. PRIVILEGE—SEAT OF MR. CRAMISIE, A MEMBER FOR BALRANALD:—Mr. Neild moved, That it be referred to the Committee of Elections and Qualifications to inquire and report to this House,—

(1.) Whether John Cramsie, Esquire, one of the Honorable Members for Balranald, has not, since the date of his election, as a member of the firm of Cramsie, Bowden and Company, undertaken or become interested in a contract or agreement for or on account of the Public Service, and whether he has not thereby become incapable of sitting as such Member.

(2.) Whether the said John Cramsie, Esquire, did not since the date of his election, in conjunction with other persons, enter into such a contract or agreement, and whether his seat as such Member has not thereby become void.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 5.

Mr. Garland,
Mr. James Henry Young,
Mr. Garrard.

Tellers,

Mr. Neild,
Mr. Shepherd.

Noes, 49.

Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Butcher,
Mr. Hyam,	Mr. Moore,
Dr. Renwick,	Mr. Bull,
Sir Patrick Jennings,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Trickett,	Mr. Ives,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Rwing,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Kethel,	Mr. Cass,
Mr. Forsyth,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Gornly,
Mr. Scott,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Davies,	Mr. Judd,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. Humphery,	Mr. Tait,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. William Clarke,
Mr. Want,	Mr. Proctor,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. See,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Toohey,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Hungerford.
Mr. Targett,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Creer,	Mr. Williamson,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Hogan.
Mr. Hawthorne,	
Mr. Gould,	

And so it passed in the negative.

8. PRINGLE'S ESTATE MORTGAGING BILL:—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 Trustees of the Will of the late Robert Pringle of Tamworth in the Colony of New South Wales to borrow money by mortgage and pledge of certain real and personal estate devised and bequeathed by the said Will for the purpose of improving the same,*"—read a first time.

9. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—ADJOURNMENT:—Sir Patrick Jennings, referring to his promise to make the Financial Statement to-night, stated that he was quite prepared to fulfil that promise, but that, in the face of the Notice of Motion given by Sir Henry Parkes for Tuesday next, which Notice the Government regarded as an intended censure, the Government would not go on with their business.

Sir Patrick Jennings then 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 *Noes*, no Division could be had, and Mr. Speaker declared the Question to have been passed in the *affirmative*.

The House adjourned accordingly at Eleven o'clock, until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 40.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 6 APRIL, 1886.

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 30th March last, appointing John Fitzgerald Burns, Esquire, and William John Foster, Esquire, to be Members 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 and Mr. Foster to be sworn at the Table by the Clerk, in accordance with the 59th section of the Electoral Act of 1880.
- (2.) *Members of Committee Sworn*:—Mr. Burns and Mr. Foster came to the Table, and were sworn by the Clerk as Members of the Committee.

2. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) *Prison Buildings at Trial Bay*:—*Mr. Sydney Smith*, for Mr. Sutherland, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) What amount of money has already been voted for Prison Buildings at Trial Bay, and date of such votes?
 (2.) What further amount will be required to complete the buildings, with furniture, and all other requisites for the convenience and comfort of prisoners?
 (3.) How many prisoners will it accommodate?

Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—

- (1.) 1874, £10,000; 1876, £10,000; 1877, £10,000; 1879, £30,000; 1883, £10,000; 1885, £700; 1886, £5,000; total, £75,700.

(2.) I am informed that the surrounding wall, with first wing of cells and necessary internal attached buildings, together with outside quarters having been erected, the further additional wing contemplated is all that is required for completion. This additional wing will be built by prison labour, so that the cost is not estimated to exceed £6,000. The cost of necessary furniture, which will consist chiefly of plain timber work to be done in prison, cannot accurately be stated, but it will be immaterial.

(3.) I am also informed that the present accommodation is for 64 prisoners in separation, or 192 in association. The latter mode may have for a time to be adopted. The second wing mentioned will be of the same capacity. There is a space within the walls for a third similar wing, which may be built according to the necessities of future years.

- (2.) *Suburban Railways*:—*Mr. Sydney Smith*, for Mr. Sutherland, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Have instructions been given to the Engineer-in-Chief to make Trial Surveys for Suburban Railways, and when?
 (2.) Have any Trial Surveys been made; if so, when and where?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) Yes, but not recently.

(2.) Trial Surveys were made about eight years ago from Redfern, through Waterloo, to Randwick, Waverley, Woollahra, Paddington, Darlinghurst, and Woolloomooloo, to a junction with different proposed termini of the City Extension in Hyde Park and at Port Macquarie. The whole of the plans, sections, and field books of these Surveys were destroyed in the Garden Palace fire.

(3.)

- (3.) Tramways:—*Mr. Sydney Smith*, for *Mr. Sutherland*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) What has been the total expenditure on the permanent ways of the Tramways, including that which is in course of expenditure?
 - (2.) The same for all rolling stock, buildings, machinery, &c., &c., paid out of capital?
 - (3.) The total amount paid for land, and where situated?
 - (4.) Total miles opened, and average cost per mile?
- Mr. Lyne* answered,—This information will be prepared and laid upon the Table of the House in the form of a Return as early as possible.
- (4.) Civil Service Act:—*Mr. Davies*, for *Mr. J. F. Smith*, asked the Postmaster General,—
- (1.) Did *Mr. Attorney-General Simpson* give an opinion that it was optional with persons coming under Section 7 of the Civil Service Act of 1884 whether they should subscribe to the Superannuation Fund or not?
 - (2.) If so, are any arrangements being made to refund the amounts deducted from the salaries of telegraph operators who have protested against subscribing to the Fund?
- Mr. Garvan* answered,—I have received the following replies from the Colonial Secretary's Department:—
- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) No arrangements have been made, as under the Amending Bill now before Parliament all permanent salaried officials brought under departmental rules and regulations shall be deemed to be officers for the purposes of Parts 5 and 6 of the Act, and therefore compelled to contribute to the fund.
- (5.) Water Reserve, Brewarranna:—*Mr. Olliffe*, for *Mr. Purves*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that Water Reserve No. 354, in the parish of Brewarranna, county of Mitchell, is to be opened for selection early in April?
 - (2.) Have any measures been taken for appraising the value of this valuable portion of land, with a view to fixing an upset price?
- Mr. Copeland* answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) The land has been declared a special area at a price of £2 per acre.
- (6.) Harbour Trust for Newcastle:—*Mr. G. A. Lloyd* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will the Government bring in a Bill during the present Session to establish a Harbour Trust for Newcastle?
- Sir Patrick Jennings* answered,—The Government will deal with the question of Harbour Trusts for Sydney and Newcastle, and generally for the whole Colony, at the earliest possible time next Session.
- (7.) Crown Lands Act:—*Mr. Harold Stephen* asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is it his intention to suspend the further measurement of pre-emptive leases converted into conditional leases pending further legislation in reference to the amendment of 52nd section of the Crown Lands Act of 1884?
- Mr. Copeland* answered,—I have no present intention of doing so. In the majority of cases the conversions are being permitted in the form previously held under pre-lease.
- (8.) Easter Encampment, National Park:—*Mr. Ryrie* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to call in any of the Reserve Forces for the Easter Encampment Instruction at the National Park?
- Mr. Dibbs* answered,—It is intended that the Sydney Lancers shall go into camp as representing one of the three arms of the Service, and for instructional purposes on an extended scale. Sufficient tent accommodation does not exist to allow of reserve corps generally going into camp at Easter.
- (9.) Importation of Farm Produce from other Colonies:—*Dr. Ross* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he state what quantity of produce in the shape of flour, wheat, oats, hay, chaff, and potatoes, has been imported into the Colony from other Colonies during the last six months, and the value of the same?
- Sir Patrick Jennings* answered,—The returns not being complete for the last six months, the following information is given for the six months ending 31st December, 1885:—
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| Flour—quantity imported ... | ... | ... | 26,522 tons ... | ... | ... | value—£261,512 |
| Wheat | „ | ... | 241,715 bushels | ... | ... | 41,608 |
| Oats | „ | ... | 932,964 „ | ... | ... | 111,814 |
| Hay and Chaff | „ | ... | 12,466 tons | ... | ... | 59,276 |
| Potatoes | „ | ... | 26,098 „ | ... | ... | 102,729 |
- (10.) Sydney Sewerage and Water Supply:—*Dr. Ross* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) The amount of money that has been expended to the present date on the Sydney Sewerage Works?
 - (2.) The same with regard to the Sydney Water Scheme; the date when the first contract was let; the amount that has been expended on the Water Works to this date; the amount that will be required to complete the Works; and when (approximately) the work is likely to be completed?
- Mr. Lyne* answered,—
- (1.) £519,571 16s. 6d.
 - (2.) The sum of £1,537,721 1s. 9d. has been expended. The first contract was let on the 28th November, 1879. In addition to the sums which have been voted, amounting to £1,639,768, it is estimated that a further sum of about £400,000 will be required to complete the work, but this includes the additional cost of raising the capacity of the scheme from a twelve-million gallon, as proposed by *Mr. Clark*, to an eighteen-million gallon daily service from Potts' Hill to Sydney, and from an eighty to a one-hundred and fifty-million gallon above Prospect, together with additional cost of land and engineering expenses, which were not included in the votes taken. The work will not be completed until the Prospect dam is finished, the contract time for which terminates on the 31st July, 1887, but the laying of the permanent pipes connecting the basin at Potts' Hill with the Crown-street reservoir will be ready for use by the end of this year, when the Nepean water will flow by gravitation into Crown-street, and thus do away with the present difficulty arising out of deficient pumping power.
- (11.)

(11.) Indian and Colonial Exhibition :—Mr. William Clarke asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) How many salaried officials are employed in London in connection with the Indian and Colonial Exhibition, the names of such officials, the date of their appointment, and the amount of salary of each official?

(2.) How many Commissioners have been appointed to represent this Colony in London in connection with the Indian and Colonial Exhibition?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

(1.) Three, viz., Sir Alexander Stuart, Executive Commissioner, appointed 1st December, 1885. No salary, but £100 per month expenses, with passage money and allowance for a clerk. Captain A. P. B. Loftus, Secretary to the Executive Commissioner, appointed 25th September, 1885; £600 per annum, and £1 per day travelling expenses. Mr. R. S. Pryce, caretaker of exhibits, appointed 31st December, 1885; £200 per annum and £12 10s. per month for expenses.

(2.) Seventy-five.

(12.) Sir John Fowler's Reports on Prospect Dam and Light Railways :—Mr. Barns asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has he received reports from Sir John Fowler on the Prospect Dam and on the system of light Railways for the Colony?

(2.) If so; will he lay those reports upon the Table of the House?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes.

(13.) Railway Trial Surveys :—Mr. Neild asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What was the amount of the last vote for Railway Trial Surveys?

(2.) The date of such vote?

(3.) Upon what Surveys has the vote been expended?

(4.) The sums paid for each Survey?

Mr. Lyne answered,—The information will be prepared in the form of a Return and laid upon the Table of the House on an early date.

(14.) Map of Sydney and Suburbs for Indian and Colonial Exhibition :—Mr. Abbott asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the map of Sydney and the Suburbs, prepared for the Indian and Colonial Exhibition, as stated in the *Herald* of the 4th March, 1886, "will be lithographed on the same scale, "in six sheets, for sale to the public"?

(2.) Is it a fact that the photo. negatives of that map have been destroyed?

(3.) If so, by whose authority were they destroyed, and on what date?

(4.) Had Ministerial authority been given for such destruction?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1.) Yes. A map will be published on the same scale for sale, but it will not be a *fac simile* of the Exhibition Commissioners map, because that map contained privileged contributions.

(2.) The photo. negatives of the Commissioners map have been destroyed, but this in no way interferes with the reproduction of the map of Sydney and Suburbs.

(3.) By the authority of the Surveyor General on the 23rd ultimo.

(4.) The Minister was not consulted in the matter, as the Surveyor General considered it a question of technical detail, not of sufficient importance to consult the Minister, the whole matter being a question of only a few shillings value.

(15.) Noxious Trades :—Mr. Olliffe asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to take any action in reference to the Bill, laid upon the Table of this House by Sir Alexander Stuart, treating with Noxious Trades?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—A Bill to deal with Noxious Trades was introduced by a former Government, but the dissolution prevented it from being dealt with. The subject will receive early consideration.

(16.) Farmers' Trains :—Mr. William Clarke asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the Return promised to Mr. Tecco, in reply to his question on 9th February last, *re* Farmers Excursion Trains, be laid upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Lyne answered,—I will lay this Return upon the Table of the House in the course of a few days.

3. PRIVATE SCHOOLS (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Abigail moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of those portions of the reports of the School Attendance Officers having reference to Private Schools in their different districts, the number of such Schools, and dealing with the sanitary conditions of the same, and any other particulars referring to such Schools.

Question put and passed.

4. ARBITRATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL, (*Formal Motion*) :—

(1.) Mr. Forsyth moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Arbitration Act 31 Victoria No. 15.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Forsyth presented a Bill, intituled "A Bill to amend the Arbitration Act (31 Victoria No. 15),"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 16th April.

5. SUBWAY UNDER RAILWAY LINE AT ALT-STREET, ASHFIELD (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Henson moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House forthwith all the correspondence having reference to the Subway under the Railway line at Alt-street, Ashfield.

Question put and passed.

6. BUILDING SOCIETIES BILL (*Formal Motion*):—
 (1.) Mr. William Clarke moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill for the better regulation of Building Societies.
 Question put and passed.
 (2.) Mr. Clarke presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to make better provision for the regulation and management of Building Societies*,”—which was read a first time.
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 30th April.
7. PRINGLE'S ESTATE MORTGAGING BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Melville, for Mr. Lovien, moved, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) That Pringle's Estate Mortgaging Bill be referred to a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, for consideration and report.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Barbour, Mr. Day, Mr. Scott, Mr. Burke, Mr. Moore, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Hawthorne, Mr. Olliffe, and Mr. Lovien.
 Question put and passed.
8. CRIMINAL LAW FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—
 (1.) Mr. Want moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the 300th section of the Criminal Law Amendment Act?
 Question put and passed.
 (2.) Mr. Want presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to amend the 300th section of the Criminal Law Amendment Act of 1883*,”—which was read a first time.
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday next.
9. SISTERS OF CHARITY ESTATE 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 30th March, 1886; together with Appendix and 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, 16th April.
 Question put and passed.
10. TARIFF:—Mr. Dibbs presented a Petition from certain Residents in the Murrumbidgee Electorate, alleging that the taxation in this Colony falls unduly on the poor man; and praying the House to tax all City, Suburban, and Country Lands according to their respective rent value.
 Petition received.
11. PAPERS:—
 Sir Patrick Jennings laid upon the Table,—Copy of Letter from the Agent-General, covering Despatch from the Colonial Office, notifying the German Annexation of the Marshall, Brown, and Providence Islands, in the Pacific.
 Ordered to be printed.
 Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table,—Return (*in part*) to an Order made on 25th March, 1886,—“*Claim of New Lambton Colliery Company*.”
 Ordered to be printed.
12. RABBIT NUISANCE ACT:—Mr. Neild 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 working of the Rabbit Nuisance Act of 1883.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Fletcher, Mr. Vaughn, Mr. R. B. Wilkinson, Mr. Garland, Mr. Teece, Mr. Sawers, Mr. Hawthorne, Mr. Lee, Mr. Hungerford, and the Mover.
 Debate ensued.
 Mr. Melville moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
 Question put.
 The House divided.

Ayes, 54.

Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Coonan,
Mr. Trickett,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Want,	Mr. Lysaght,
Mr. Fletcher,	Sir Henry Parkes,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Barbour,
Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,	Mr. J. F. Smith,
Mr. Wisdom,	Mr. Bull,
Mr. James Henry Young,	Mr. Ryrie,
Mr. Neild,	Mr. De Courey Browne,
Mr. Garland,	Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Sir John Robertson,	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Davies,	Mr. Inglis,
Mr. Roberts,	Dr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Harold Stephen,	Mr. Fitzgerald,
Mr. Dawson,	Mr. D. A. Ferguson,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Hogan,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Holborow,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. See,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Ives,
Mr. Day,	Mr. Scott,
Mr. Shepherd,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Foster,
Mr. Toohey,	Mr. Brunker.
Mr. Bolton,	
Mr. Humphery,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. McCulloch,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. T. R. Smith,	Mr. Melville.

Noes, 5.

Mr. Purves,
Mr. Hungerford,
Mr. Parkes.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Sawers,
Mr. Kethel.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday, 20th April.

13. WITHDRAWAL OF ESTIMATES FOR 1885-6:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Dibbs, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 16.

A change having taken place in the Administration since the transmission of the Estimates of Expenditure for the present year, and the Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for the year 1885 and previous years, which accompanied His Excellency's Message No. 5, of 4th February last, the Governor requests that those documents may be returned to him with a view to the substitution of other Estimates, which have been prepared under the present Administration.

Government House,
Sydney, 30th March, 1886.

Mr. Dibbs then moved, That His Excellency's Message No. 16 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. 16 be complied with, and that an Address be accordingly presented to His Excellency, returning the Estimates which accompanied His Excellency's Message No. 5 of 4th February last; and that the Message No. 16 be printed.

Question put and passed.

14. ESTIMATES FOR 1886, AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR 1885 AND PREVIOUS YEARS:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Dibbs, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 17.

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 Estimates of the Expenditure of the Government of New South Wales for the year 1886, together with Supplementary Estimates for the year 1885 and previous years, in substitution for those submitted with His Excellency's Message No. 5, of 4th February, 1886.

Government House,
Sydney 30th March, 1886.

Ordered to be printed, together with the accompanying Estimates, and referred to the Committee of Supply.

15. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—

General Business:—

(1.) Muswellbrook Cattle Sale-yards Bill (as amended and agreed to in Select Committee); second reading;—until Friday next.

(2.) Newcastle Steamship Company's Preferential Shares Bill (as amended and agreed to in Select Committee); second reading; until to-morrow.

Government Business:—

(1.) Commons Regulation Act Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of Resolution;—until to-morrow.

16. SUPPLY:—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 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:—

(4.) Resolved,—That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £2,114 to defray the expenses of the establishment of His Excellency the Governor for the year 1886.

On motion of Sir Patrick Jennings, the Resolution was read a second time and agreed to.

17. WAYS AND MEANS (*Financial Statement*):—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 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 twenty-two minutes after Ten o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 41.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 7 APRIL, 1886.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Temporary Draftsmen, Survey Department:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Under what conditions are temporary draftsmen employed in the Survey Department?
 - (2.) Is it a fact that over forty temporary draftsmen were recommended since September, 1884, for increases due to them under the terms of their engagement, and that only four have been paid them?
 - (3.) Will he state the causes of the non-payment of the remaining thirty-six temporary draftsmen?
 - (4.) What is the amount of arrears due to the temporary draftsmen, and has he made any provision on the Estimates for paying them?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

- (1.) Temporary draftsmen are paid for six days per week; salaries range from 5s. to 16s. per diem; promotion to be obtained on reports of increased efficiency. One day's leave per month, with pay, is allowed.
- (2.) Yes. The four who have been paid were treated by the Secretary for Lands as specially exceptional cases, and the increases approved.
- (3.) The vote is exhausted.
- (4.) The amount of arrears cannot at present be stated. Provision will be made in Supplementary Estimate for 1885 for meeting the claims of the draftsmen mentioned.

- (2.) Temporary Draftsmen, Survey Department:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) What circumstance led to a general increase being given to both the permanent and temporary staff of draftsmen in the Survey Department in the year 1883?
 - (2.) Will he state the causes of the discontinuance of the increase so far as it applied to the temporary draftsmen during 1885 and 1886?
 - (3.) Does he intend to place a sum on the Estimates to pay the temporary staff this general increase?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

- (1.) Many draftsmen were resigning in the year 1883, and it was deemed advisable to give them a general increase of 12½ per cent.
- (2.) The sum of £4,000 was proposed in Estimates for 1885 to continue the increase to the temporary draftsmen; but the item was disallowed by Mr. Secretary Farnell, and has not again been proposed.
- (3.) No.

- (3.) Forfeited Crown Lands:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Will he state the number of acres that have been forfeited, and the amount of money that has been exacted by way of penalties in punishing people who have been discovered dummying under the Land Act?
- (2.) The number of cases in which persons have been convicted of dummyism?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

- (1.) Area forfeited from 1864 to the 5th February, 1886, 1,434,591 acres 2 roods 31 perches. Deposits forfeited, £358,647 18s. 6d.
- (2.) Not any.

- (4.) School Buildings:—Dr. Ross asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—The amount of money that has been spent in the erection of School Buildings since the Public Instruction Act came into operation, distinguishing the amount spent in Sydney and Suburbs from Country Buildings?

Dr. Renwick answered,—From the 1st May, 1880, the date on which the Public Instruction Act came into operation, to 31st December, 1885, the expenditure on School Buildings was as follows:—Schools in Sydney and Suburbs, £181,499 4s. 8d.; Schools in the Country, £482,887 13s. 2d.; total, £664,386 17s. 10d. (5.)

- (5.) Prospect Camp :—Mr. Foster asked the Colonial Secretary,—
 (1.) Has his attention been drawn to the existence of public gambling on Sundays at Prospect Camp?
 (2.) Does he purpose taking any steps in the matter?
 Mr. Dibbs answered,—
 (1.) Yes.
 (2.) A report has been called for, in which the Police explain that they have prosecuted to conviction in four cases; and they have been instructed to vigorously enforce the law.
- (6.) North Coast Line of Railway :—Mr. Thompson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 (1.) Have the Surveys of all the proposed Coast lines of Railway been completed?
 (2.) If not, which line is incomplete as to survey?
 (3.) If all are completed as to survey, has the Engineer-in-Chief for Railways recommended any one line; if so, which?
 (4.) Has any estimate been made of the cost of any one of these lines?
 Mr. Lyne answered,—
 (1.) Yes.
 (2, 3, & 4.) The plotting of all plans and sections of these Trail Surveys is nearly completed. Diagrams are also being prepared to show generally what has been done on these lines, and when these have been finished, estimates can be proceeded with?
- (7.) Crown-street Tramway :—Mr. Davies asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government to duplicate the Tram-line, Crown-street, between Oxford and Cleveland Streets, prior to the paving with wooden blocks of Crown-street?
 Mr. Lyne answered,—No; there would seem to be no necessity for this outlay.
- (8.) Waiting-room for Tram Passengers, Park-street :—Mr. Davies asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government to cause to be erected a Waiting-room for passengers travelling by the Tram at the corner of Park and Elizabeth Streets?
 Mr. Lyne answered,—There is no present intention of placing a Waiting-shed at this place.
- (9.) Coroner's Court and Offices :—Mr. Abigail asked the Minister of Justice,—
 (1.) When will tenders be called for the new Central Police Courts, at the corner of Liverpool and Pitt Streets, in which it is stated ample accommodation will be made for the Coroner's Court and Offices?
 (2.) Has any estimate been made of the time it will take to complete these buildings, and are the public to wait for their completion before the Coroner's Offices are moved?
 (3.) What is the amount paid for the present buildings, and the term for which they are taken?
 Mr. Garvan answered,—
 (1.) Plans have been prepared and are now under consideration, but tenders cannot be invited until specifications and working drawings are completed, which will take some time.
 (2.) No, the time is generally named by the parties tendering for the work.
 (3.) £144 per annum, and the premises are held upon a yearly tenancy.
- (10.) Steamers "Tomki" and "Star of the South" :—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Secretary,—
 (1.) Is he aware that the steamers "Tomki" and "Star of the South," which are not mail carriers or rescue boats, are in the habit of leaving ports in the Macleay River on Sunday mornings, thus depriving their crews of their Sabbath rest, as well as interfering with the performance of divine service by their noise?
 (2.) Will he cause the Police to inquire into the matter, and stop the practice if it is found to exist?
 Mr. Dibbs answered,—I do not think it is a matter in which the Police should be called upon to interfere.
- (11.) Electric Light for Woolloomooloo Bay :—Mr. Davies, for Mr. Burdekin, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Whether an estimate has yet been received of the cost of lighting Woolloomooloo Bay with the electric light?
 Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—An estimate will be ready in a few days.
- (12.) Conditional Purchases Legalizing Bill :—Mr. Barbour asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he shortly introduce the Bill, long promised, for legalizing certain conditional purchases?
 Mr. Lyne answered,—I will do so at the earliest possible date.
- (13.) Inverell-Glen Innes Railway :—Mr. Moore asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the plans, sections, and books of reference of the Inverell-Glen Innes Railway be laid upon the Table of this House for approval?
 Mr. Lyne answered,—As soon as the pressure of public business will permit.
2. CHURCH AND SCHOOL LANDS DEDICATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Dr. Renwick moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act 44 Victoria No. 19.
 Question put and passed.
3. PRICKLY PEAR DESTRUCTION BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Fletcher 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.
4. PAPERS :—
 Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table,—
 (1.) A copy of Sir John Fowler's Report on Prospect Dam, Sydney Water Supply.
 (2.) A copy of Sir John Fowler's Report on Light Railways.
 Ordered to be printed.

Dr. Renwick laid upon the Table,—A Return respecting Expenditure under the Public Instruction Act.

Ordered to be printed.

Sir Patrick Jennings laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Estimates of Ways and Means for 1886.

(2.) Correspondence respecting Naval Defences of Australasia.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Notification respecting Pre-payment of Telegrams by cash.

(2.) Additional By-laws under Municipalities Act of 1867,—For the Borough of Paddington.

(3.) By-law under Municipalities Act of 1867,—For the Municipal District of Leichhardt.

(4.) By-law under Municipalities Act of 1867,—For the Borough of Waverley.

(5.) Amended Regulations for the Government Domains, Botanic Gardens, and Garden Palace Grounds.

(6.) Further Return to an Address adopted on 6th July, 1877,—“Immigration,”—Steamship “Cuzco.”

Ordered to be printed.

5. **McLAUGHLIN ESTATE BILL**:—Mr. Abigail presented a Petition from Mary Ann McLaughlin, and Thomas Michael O'Brien, Trustees of the last Will and Testament of John McLaughlin, late of George-street, Sydney, boot and shoe manufacturer, deceased, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Trustees of the Will of John McLaughlin to sell certain land situate in the village of Longbottom, near Sydney, and to provide for the investment of the proceeds of such sale. And Mr. Abigail having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* newspaper, containing the Notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.

6. **BANK OF NEW SOUTH WALES ACTS 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 an Act intituled ‘An Act to incorporate the Proprietors of a certain Banking Company called the Bank of New South Wales’ and for other purposes therein mentioned and to extend the provisions of the ‘Bank of New South Wales Act of 1870,’*”—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, 7th April, 1886.*

JOHN HAY,
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Burns, read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 16th April.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Sir Patrick Jennings moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. Dibbs moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

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

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 42.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 8 APRIL, 1886.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Patent Fees:—*Mr. Davies*, for *Mr. Hawthorne*, asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) By what authority does he order the payment of £5 to the Attorney-General, £5 10s. 6d to the Crown Solicitor, and £1 to the Secretary of the Attorney-General respectively, out of the fee deposited on application for a Patent?

(2.) Is it a fact that the Secretary of the Attorney-General has received £1 per case out of the Patent fees since 1st January, 1885, and is it the intention of the Minister to call the attention of the Auditor-General to the estimate for the year 1885 referring to this officer's salary?

(3.) Is he aware that in answer to *Mr. Garrard*, *Sir Alexander Stuart*, the then Colonial Secretary, on 22nd April, 1884, gave an assurance to Parliament that the State would benefit to the extent of £1 more than previously? (*See Hansard*, 22nd April, 1884, page 2,893.)

(4.) Is it not in his prerogative to fix the fees payable to the Crown Solicitor and Attorney-General for approving Patent grants; and if so, is it his intention to reduce the present payment?

Mr. Garvan answered,—

(1.) The mode of distribution was determined, with the Governor's approval, on a recommendation (based upon the English practice) made by *Sir William Manning*, who was at the time Solicitor-General, and to whom the matter was referred.

(2.) Yes, but it is not a matter coming within the province of the Auditor-General. As a matter of fact, the amount made payable in each case to the Attorney-General is £6, out of which the Secretary receives his fee of £1.

(3.) I find that in answer to *Mr. Garrard's* question referred to, which was in the course of debate (and not a question of which notice had been given), *Sir A. Stuart* said "Of course;" but some time afterwards, on inquiry into the matter, he decided that Patent fees, having nothing to do with revenue, and the Auditor-General having therefore no official cognizance of them, the Government could hardly interfere with them. The Secretary to the Attorney-General has therefore, with the written approval of the Attorney-General (*Mr. Dalley*), the Colonial Secretary (*Sir A. Stuart*), and the Colonial Treasurer (*Mr. Dibbs*), members of the then existing Government, been allowed to continue to receive the £1 pending the settlement of the whole question by legislation.

(4.) The allotment of fees having been fixed, as stated in answer to question No. 1, and as it is the intention of the Government to deal in a comprehensive manner with the matter as soon as practicable, I do not propose to interfere with existing arrangements at present.

- (2.) Expenditure under the Public Instruction Act:—*Mr. Trickett*, for *Mr. Reid*, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Referring to a Question asked on 24th June, 1884, by the Honorable Member for East Sydney, *Mr. Copeland*, upon which certain information, with reference to expenditure under the Public Instruction Act, was promised by the then Minister,—Will he be good enough to say when a Return embodying that information will be laid upon the Table of the House?

Dr. Renwick answered,—These papers were laid upon the Table yesterday.

(3.)

- (3.) Recreation Ground at Emmaville:—Mr. W. J. Fergusson asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) What is the cause of delay in issuing the proclamation resuming the land applied for as Recreation Ground at Emmaville?
 - (2.) Can he say, approximately, when this land will be available for the purposes required?
 - (3.) Will he allow the proposed Trustees to fence the land, and sanction their getting their proportionate part of last year's vote for Recreation Grounds?
- Mr. Fletcher answered,—
- (1.) The land was dedicated in *Gazette* of 15th January last, page 311.
 - (2.) Steps are now being taken to appoint Trustees.
 - (3.) It is not desirable that the proposed Trustees should take any action in the meantime. £75 is available for the improvement of the ground in question.
- (4.) Mineral Leases:—Mr. W. J. Fergusson asked the Secretary for Mines,—Is it his intention to appoint Inspectors to ascertain if the labour conditions are being carried out on mineral leases, gold leases, and land held under mineral licenses; if so, when?
- Mr. Fletcher answered,—Steps have already been taken to ascertain if the labour conditions are being carried out on all leases.
- (5.) Report of Commissioner for Railways for 1885:—Mr. Garland asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he say when the Annual Report of the Commissioner for Railways for the year 1885 will be ready for distribution?
- Mr. Lyne answered,—Many of the returns upon which the Report is based have not yet been completed, and cannot be completed, until the end of May. The Report will, in all probability, be issued for distribution in July next. A Progress Report, however, showing the result of the Railway transactions, in brief, for 1885, viz., the gross expenditure, the net revenue, and the percentage which the net revenue gives upon the capital invested, will be ready for publication in three weeks from this date.
- (6.) Cattle Stealing in Jindera Mountains and Queanbeyan District:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is he aware that cattle stealing is prevalent in the neighbourhood of the Jindera Mountains (the haunt of the Clarks and other bushrangers), and also in portions of the Queanbeyan District, bordering on the Monaro country?
 - (2.) If not, will he cause inquiries to be made, and if the reports are found to be true, station a few Mounted Police and black trackers in the localities referred to?
- Mr. Dibbs answered,—Steps are being taken with a view to affording better Police protection in the localities referred to.
- (7.) Temporary Draftsmen, Survey Department:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Lands,—What is his intention with regard to the temporary draftsmen of the Survey Department who had served three years up to 1st January, 1885; are they to go out of the Service after having served two years, or are they to be placed upon the staff when they have served that term?
- Mr. Copeland answered,—This question will be dealt with by the Civil Service Act Amendment Act.
- (8.) Temporary Draftsmen, Railway and Colonial Architect's Departments:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Did the temporary draftsmen of the Railway and Colonial Architect's Departments receive an increase of salary in 1883, and do they still receive it?
- Mr. Lyne answered,—No increases in salary have been granted in either of the Departments mentioned by the Honorable Member during 1883.
2. POSTPONEMENTS:—The Orders of the Day of Government Business Nos. 1 to 5 postponed to follow after Sir Henry Parkes' Notice of Motion of General Business, relative to the New Hebrides.
3. NEW HEBRIDES:—Mr. Abigail presented a Petition from the Mayor of Sydney, on behalf of the Citizens of Sydney, in Public Meeting assembled, praying the House,—in view of the fact that negotiations are now proceeding in London and Paris, which in the next three or four days may result in the cession of New Hebrides to France,—to cause such representations to be made to Her Majesty's Imperial Government as may tend to avert the disastrous occurrence, which they contemplate, from a National point of view, with so much concern, apprehension, and alarm.
Petition received.
4. GLEN INNES MARKETS LEASING BILL:—Mr. W. J. Fergusson presented a Petition from the Mayor and Aldermen of Glen Innes, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Municipal Council of Glen Innes to erect Offices upon certain land granted for a Town Hall and Public Markets, and to mortgage such land and the buildings to be erected thereon, and to lease such Offices for terms not exceeding five years.
And Mr. Fergusson having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald*, the *Glen Innes Guardian*, and the *Glen Innes Examiner*, newspapers, containing the Notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.
5. McLAUGHLIN ESTATE BILL:—
- (1.) Mr. Abigail moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Trustees of the Will of John McLaughlin to sell certain lands situate in the village of Longbottom, near Sydney, and to provide for the investment of the proceeds of such sale.
Question put and passed.
 - (2.) Mr. Abigail 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 the Will of John McLaughlin to sell certain land situate in the village of Longbottom near Sydney and to provide for the investment of the proceeds of such sale,*"—
read a first time. 6.

6. NEW HEBRIDES :—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That any expression of acquiescence on the part of this Government in the annexation of the New Hebrides by France is opposed to the true interest of New South Wales and the other Australian Colonies.

(2.) That it is the duty of this Colony to convey to the Imperial Government its disapproval of the colonization of the New Hebrides by any Power other than Great Britain, whose subjects have been settled and have laboured in the cause of civilization in those islands for nearly half a century.

(3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor, with a request that His Excellency will forward them by cable to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Debate ensued.

Mr. O'Connor moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday next, and (*with the unanimous consent of the House*) take precedence of other Business.

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

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 43.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 9 APRIL, 1886.

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

POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—

General Business:—

- (1.) Abolition of Punishment by Whipping Bill; second reading;—*until Friday, 7th May.*
- (2.) Sydney Corporation Act Amendment Bill; second reading;—*until Friday, 30th April.*
- (3.) Barker's Estate Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—*until Friday next.*
- (4.) Payment of Members of the Legislative Assembly; consideration in Committee of the Whole of Resolution;—*until Thursday next.*
- (5.) Randwick Church Land Sale Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—*until Friday, 23rd April.*
- (6.) Wyatt Estate Leasing Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—*until Friday next.*

Government Business:—

Orders of the Day Nos. 1 to 6, until Tuesday next.

2. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Neild moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Question put and negatived.

BOARD'S SETTLEMENT BILL:—Mr. Hyam, 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 March, 1886, together with a copy of the Bill as agreed to by the Committee.

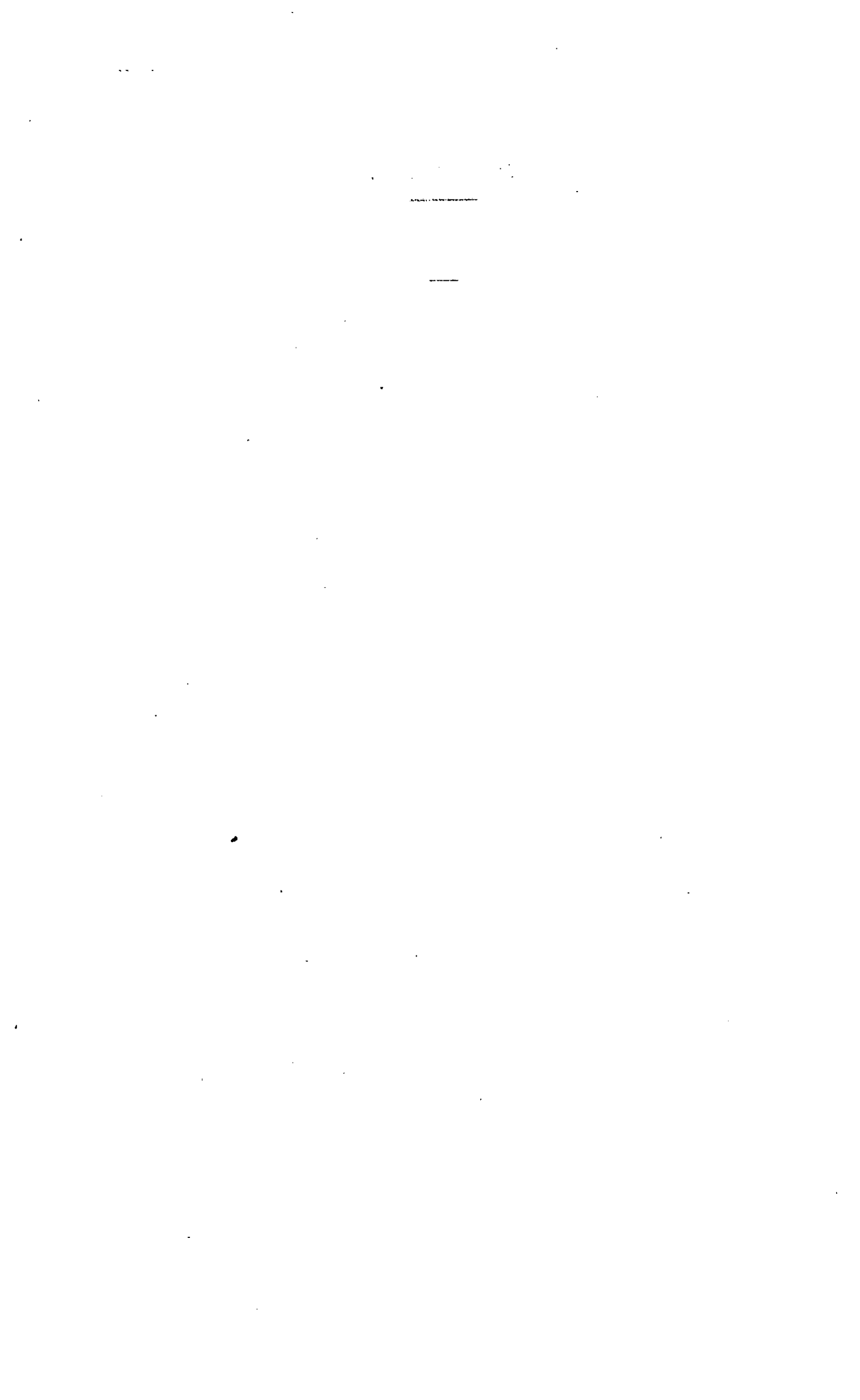
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Hyam then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday, 30th April, 1886.

Question put and passed.

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

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 44.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 13 APRIL, 1886.

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

POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—

General Business:—

- (1.) Barristers Bill; second reading;—*until Tuesday, 27th April.*
- (2.) Working Classes; consideration in Committee of the Whole of Resolutions;—*until Tuesday next.*
- (3.) Newcastle Steamship Company's Preferential Shares Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—*until Tuesday next.*

Government Business:—

- (1.) Criminal Law Further Amendment Bill; second reading;—
 - (2.) Prickly Pear Destruction Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of Resolution;—
 - (3.) Civil Service Act Amendment Bill; second reading;—
- } *until to-morrow.*

2. NEW HEBRIDES:—Mr. Garrard presented a Petition from J. G. Punch, Mayor of Balmain, and Chairman of a Meeting of certain inhabitants of Balmain, praying the House to cause every effort to be made to secure the New Hebrides Islands either as a British Colony or under a British Protectorate.

And the Petition having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker,—
Petition received.

3. TARIFF:—Mr. William Clarke presented a Petition from George Davies (Honorary General Secretary of the New South Wales Farmers' Union) on behalf of the Farmers and Agriculturalists of New South Wales, representing that they disapprove of the financial policy of the Government; and praying that the House will take the premises into earnest consideration, with a view of assisting Petitioners, by imposing a duty upon all agricultural products imported into New South Wales from any Country or Colony which taxes ours.

And the Petition having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker,—
Petition received.

4. FAILURE OF CROPS:—Mr. Stokes presented a Petition from certain Farmers of Eugoura and surrounding district, alleging that Petitioners have sustained heavy losses through the disastrous drought, and consequent failure of crops; and praying favourable consideration and a grant of seed wheat for the coming season.
Petition received.

5. NEW HEBRIDES:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Sir Henry Parkes,—

“(1.) ‘That’ any expression of acquiescence on the part of this Government in the annexation of the New Hebrides by France is opposed to the true interest of New South Wales and the other Australian Colonies.

“(2.) That it is the duty of this Colony to convey to the Imperial Government its disapproval of the colonization of the New Hebrides by any Power other than Great Britain, whose subjects have been settled and have laboured in the cause of civilization in those islands for nearly half a century.

“(3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor, with a request that His Excellency will forward them by cable to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.”

And the Question being again proposed,—the House resumed the said adjourned Debate,

Mr.

Mr. O'Sullivan moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the first word "That," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "this House is of opinion" "that the New Hebrides should not be conceded to any Foreign Power."

Debate continued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 14 APRIL, 1886, A.M.

Mr. Sydney Smith moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Debate ensued.

Question put, That this Debate be now adjourned.

The House divided.

Ayes, 42.

Sir John Robertson,	Mr. James Henry Young,
Mr. Garland,	Mr. Humphery,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Henson,
Mr. Wisdom,	Mr. Lysaght,
Mr. Vaughn,	Mr. J. F. Smith,
Mr. Baker,	Mr. Moore,
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Neild,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Davies,	Mr. Abigail,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Proctor,
Mr. Holborow,	Mr. De Courcy Browne,
Mr. Spring,	Mr. Inglis,
Mr. Gibbes,	Mr. Harold Stephen.
Mr. O'Connor,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Keithel,	
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Dr. Wilkinson,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Burdekin.
Mr. William Clarke,	
Mr. Hawthorne,	
Mr. Shepherd,	
Mr. Tait,	
Mr. W. J. Fergusson,	
Mr. Foster,	

Noes, 47.

Sir Patrick Jennings,	Mr. Scott,
Dr. Renwick,	Mr. Hyam,
Mr. Want,	Mr. Sawers,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Williamson,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. D. A. Ferguson,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Hungerford,	Mr. Ives,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Russell Barton,
Mr. Cramsie,	Mr. Reid,
Mr. Cass,	Mr. Olliffe,
Mr. Trickett,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Purves,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Fitzgerald,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Tarrant,
Mr. Butcher,	Mr. Hogan,
Mr. Burke,	Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Toohey,	Mr. J. D. Young,
Mr. Bull,	Mr. Forsyth.
Mr. Hayes,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Jones,	
Mr. Day,	Mr. T. R. Smith,
Mr. Leven,	Mr. Melville.
Mr. Hammond,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Main Question again proposed.

Mr. William Clarke moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Motion by leave withdrawn.

Main Question again proposed.

Mr. Shepherd moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow, and (*with the unanimous consent of the House*) take precedence of other Business.

6. HAY GAS BILL:—Mr. R. B. Wilkinson, 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 4th February, 1886; together with a copy of the Bill as agreed to by the Committee.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Wilkinson then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday, 7th May.

Question put and passed.

7. ASHFIELD CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL BILL:—Mr. Hammond, 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 March, 1886; together with Appendix and a copy of the Bill as agreed to by the Committee.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Hammond then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday, 7th May.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned at fifteen minutes after One o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m., This Day.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 45.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 14 APRIL, 1886.

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

POSTPONEMENTS:—The Orders of the Day of Government Business Nos. 1 to 6 postponed until to-morrow

2. NEW HEBRIDES:—Mr. Neild presented a Petition from John See, Chairman of a Meeting held at Randwick, of certain Residents of that Municipality, stating that Petitioners believe that every effort should be made by the Government of this Colony, in conjunction with the other Australian Governments, to secure the New Hebrides either as a British Colony or under a British Protectorate; and praying the House to take such measures as may secure the carrying out of the Petitioners views.
And the Petition having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker,—
Petition received.

3. NEW HEBRIDES:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Sir Henry Parkes,—

“(1.) ‘That’ any expression of acquiescence on the part of this Government in the annexation of the New Hebrides by France is opposed to the true interest of New South Wales and the other Australian Colonies.

“(2.) That it is the duty of this Colony to convey to the Imperial Government its disapproval of the colonization of the New Hebrides by any Power other than Great Britain, whose subjects have been settled and have laboured in the cause of civilization in those islands for nearly half a century.

“(3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor, with a request that His Excellency will forward them by cable to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.”

Upon which Mr. O’Sullivan had moved, That all the words after the first word “That” be omitted, with a view to the insertion in their place of the following words: “this House is of opinion that the New Hebrides should not be conceded to any Foreign Power.”

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, 15 APRIL, 1886, A.M.

Question,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—put and passed.
Original Question put,—

(1.)

(1.) That any expression of acquiescence on the part of this Government in the annexation of the New Hebrides by France is opposed to the true interest of New South Wales and the other Australian Colonies.

(2.) That it is the duty of this Colony to convey to the Imperial Government its disapproval of the colonization of the New Hebrides by any Power other than Great Britain, whose subjects have been settled and have laboured in the cause of civilization in those islands for nearly half a century.

(3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor, with a request that His Excellency will forward them by cable to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

The House divided.

Ayes, 31.

Mr. Vaughn,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Roberts,	
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Garland,	Mr. Sydney Smith.
Mr. Kethel,	
Mr. James Henry Young,	
Sir Henry Parkes,	
Mr. Foster,	
Mr. Hawthorne,	
Mr. Shepherd,	
Mr. Hammond,	
Dr. Wilkinson,	
Mr. Burdekin,	
Mr. W. J. Fergusson,	
Mr. Inglis,	
Mr. Abigail,	
Mr. Henson,	
Mr. Proctor,	
Mr. J. F. Smith,	
Mr. Parkes,	
Mr. Gibbes,	
Mr. Neild,	
Mr. William Clarke,	
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	
Mr. Henry Clarke,	
Mr. T. R. Smith,	
Dr. Ross,	
Mr. Davies,	
Mr. Sutherland.	

Noes, 56.

Sir Patrick Jennings,	Mr. Gornly,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Tarrant,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
Mr. Want,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Kidd,
Dr. Renwick,	Mr. Ives,
Sir John Robertson,	Mr. Williamson,
Mr. Wisdom,	Mr. Targett,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Hyam,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. Sawers,	Mr. Spring,
Mr. See,	Mr. Fitzgerald,
Mr. Trickett,	Mr. Scott,
Mr. Purves,	Mr. Butcher,
Mr. Day,	Mr. Forsyth,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Bull,
Mr. Cramsie,	Mr. Baker,
Mr. D. A. Ferguson,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Harold Stephen,	Mr. Lysaght,
Mr. Cass,	Mr. Reid,
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Hogan,
Mr. Jones,	Mr. J. D. Young,
Mr. Toohey,	Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Olliffe.
Mr. Burke,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Russell Barton,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. Hungerford,	Mr. Moore.
Mr. Humphery,	

And so it passed in the negative.

The House adjourned at seventeen minutes after Twelve o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 46.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 15 APRIL, 1886.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Duties of Surveyor General, Deputy Surveyor General, and Chief Draftsman:—Mr. Abigail asked the Secretary for Lands,—What is the nature of the duties appertaining to the offices of Surveyor General, Deputy Surveyor General, and chief draftsman, under the provisions of the Crown Lands Act of 1884?

Mr. Copeland answered,—Their duties are not defined by the Crown Lands Act of 1884. They have been to the present time chiefly engaged upon the work in connection with the repealed Acts.

- (2.) Sydney University:—Mr. William Clarke asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) What are the titles of the various professorships and tutorships of the University?
- (2.) The names of the present occupants of each office?
- (3.) The remuneration of each?
- (4.) The number of students at present attending each class?
- (5.) Whether any record is kept of the daily absences through illness or otherwise of professors and tutors?
- (6.) The details of such absences since 1st January of this year?

Dr. Kenwick answered,—I will lay a Return upon the Table this afternoon or to-morrow showing the information asked for in the Honorable Member's questions.

- (3.) Real Property Act:—Mr. W. J. Fergusson asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) The amounts paid to each Commissioner under the Real Property Act for the months of January, February, and March, 1886, respectively; the duration of each sitting?
- (2.) The duties and responsibilities of the Commissioners?
- (3.) The like information as to Examiners of Titles?
- (4.) Is it the intention of the Government to bring in a Bill to amend the above Act this Session?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

(1, 2, and 3.) I will lay upon the Table a statement supplied by the Registrar General in answer to these questions.

(4.) A Draft Bill has been prepared, but the matter has not yet engaged the attention of the Government.

- (4.) Easter Military Encampments:—Mr. Davies asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) What was the total cost of the Easter Military Encampments, including all expenses for forage, ammunition, wages, salaries, &c., held last year at Windsor and Middle Head, &c.?
- (2.) What is the probable cost of the proposed Easter Encampment to be held at the National Park?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The following information has been supplied by Major-General Richardson, Commanding the Military Forces:—

(1.) Salaries and daily pay (of which a great proportion would be uninfluenced by the camp), £6,900; contingent expenditure, £2,300; total, £9,200.

(2.) Salaries and daily pay (of which a great proportion would be uninfluenced by the camp), £13,000; contingent expenditure, £4,600; total, £17,600. These sums include the ordinary salaries which would be paid whether the men were in camp or not.

(5.)

(5.) Railway Extensions :—Mr. Hammond asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Whether the usual preliminary work in connection with all Railway Extensions, sanctioned by Parliament under the Public Works Loan Act of 1884, is being carried out?
- (2.) If not, on what Extensions has such work been carried out?
- (3.) What is the estimated cost for this preliminary work for each proposed Extension?
- (4.) What is the amount already expended on each separately?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1 and 2.) The permanent staking and the preparation of the working plans and sections, and the plans and sections for submission to Parliament of all the Extensions sanctioned under the Loan Act of 1884, are either now completed, being proceeded with, or will be proceeded with forthwith. (3 and 4.) This information is being prepared, and will be laid upon the Table of the House in the form of a Return in a few days.

(6.) Want of Water at Canowindra :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is he aware of the great hardships and deprivations the inhabitants of Canowindra are at present enduring owing to the want of water for domestic purposes?
- (2.) Will he state if any steps are to be taken to alleviate their distress; if so, when?

Mr. Lyne answered,—The Honorable Member has represented such to be the case, and has been informed by letter that I consider the small amount asked for, viz., £30, should be contributed by the inhabitants themselves, especially as the Department has already assisted to the extent of over £100.

(7.) Closing of Waters against Net Fishing :—Mr. Henson asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he cause the following waters enumerated below to be permanently closed against net fishing:—Parramatta River, above the bridge; Iron Cove, above the bridge; Port Hacking; west of the north-west arm; George's River, above Tom Ugly's Point?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—I am advised that this cannot legally be done.

(8.) Sydney Hospital Buildings :—Mr. Davies, for Mr. James Henry Young, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Did the Deputation introduced by the Honorable Dr. Renwick, which waited on him on 19th March last, state that they had already expended the sum of £68,000 in the erection of the new Hospital Buildings in Macquarie-street?
- (2.) Did this Deputation then ask the Minister to provide the sum of £50,000 to enable them to complete the Building?
- (3.) For this proposed total expenditure of £118,000, how many patients are intended to be provided for?
- (4.) Is it known that any other Hospital in the World has been erected at such an expense relative to the accommodation provided?
- (5.) Does he intend to invite Parliament to vote the sum of £50,000?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) The Deputation asked that £25,000 might be placed on Estimates, with a view to the amount being increased to £50,000.
- (3.) One hundred and forty.
- (4.) I am not aware.
- (5.) The whole subject has not yet been decided by the Cabinet.

(9.) Lennox Bridge, Parramatta :—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When is it likely that tenders will be invited for widening Lennox Bridge, in the centre of the town of Parramatta, to accommodate the increased traffic over it, Parliament having voted the sum of £4,000 to pay for the work?

Mr. Lyne answered,—This vote (£4,000) was originally taken for widening stone bridge; then a cantilever widening was proposed and assented to by those interested. As the cantilevers would spoil appearance of bridge, which is to a certain extent monumental, and as the traffic is decreased materially by the Gas Works Bridge, it is considered in the present state of the finances that this matter can stand over, and the £4,000 be saved.

(10.) Railway Station, Parramatta :—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is he aware that persons using the Railway to and from Parramatta are obliged to walk in the centre of the road from Church-street to the Station on account of the state of the footpath, the fact that it is the property of the Government preventing the Borough Council from repairing it?
- (2.) Is it his intention to give instructions to have the approach for foot passengers asphalted on the south side as early as possible?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) I am informed that the footpath is muddy in wet weather, but at no time is it impassable.
- (2.) Something will be done to improve this approach at once.

(11.) Railway Station, Parramatta :—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Has he received numerous complaints alleging that the Overhead Bridge at the Parramatta Railway Station is inconvenient, unsuitable, and dangerous?
- (2.) If it is not considered desirable to remove the said structure, will he give instructions for the erection of a Sub-way on the northern side of the Station, so as to enable persons to reach the Station who are at present prevented from doing so?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) Some complaints have been made, but they have been far from numerous.
- (2.) No persons are prevented from reaching the Station, and though a Sub-way might give greater facilities for some of them to do so, it is not considered either necessary or desirable to have a Sub-way in addition to the Bridge.

- (12.) Parramatta River :—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—With reference to Mr. Taylor's question on 22nd September last, respecting the filling up of the Parramatta River from Newington to Queen's Wharf, Parramatta, and Mr. Secretary Wright's answer,—Will the Minister say if the promised report has been received; if not, will he cause an inquiry to be made into the matter at once?

Mr. Lyne answered,—The original survey of this part of the Parramatta River was burnt in the Garden Palace fire. This necessitated a fresh survey and soundings being made, which are not yet quite completed; they have been taken since September last, when the Honorable Member's question was asked.

- (13.) Cook's River :—*Mr. Hammond*, for Mr. Judd, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Do the Government intend to dredge Cook's River and make it navigable; if so, when will the work be commenced?

Mr. Lyne answered,—Before deciding this question, I should like to inspect the place myself, which I have not had an opportunity of doing yet.

- (14.) Government Oriental Interpreter :—Mr. W. J. Fergusson asked the Minister of Justice,—
(1.) How many languages can the Government Oriental Interpreter speak, and what languages are they?
(2.) Have any complaints been received of his want of proficiency in any, and which of the languages?

Mr. Garvan answered,—

(1.) Five; Pharsee, Ordoe, Arabic, Hindoostanee, Bengalee.

(2.) Yes. In the Hindoostanee language, and the matter is now under consideration.

- (15.) Tramway from Castle Hill and Baulkham Hills to Parramatta :—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—With regard to my questions of 19th March and 8th April, 1884, and the answers thereto, wherein it was promised that an inquiry should be made as to the advisableness of having a cheap single Tramline 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,—Has the inquiry been completed; and if so, what steps do the Government intend to take?

Mr. Lyne answered,—I replied to a somewhat similar question asked by the Honorable Member on 24th November last, by stating that the inquiry promised had been made, and it was found that the present and prospective amount of traffic which the line of Tramway would command would not justify the outlay required for making the line.

- (16.) Asphaltting in front of Government Buildings, Parramatta :—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—The two previous Governments, after receiving reports from their officers, having placed upon their Estimates the sum of £1,000 for the purpose of asphaltting and kerbing and guttering in front of the different Government establishments in the town of Parramatta,—Will the Minister state if it is the intention of the present Government to place the amount on the Additional Estimates to carry out this work?

Mr. Lyne answered,—This matter will be considered when the Additional Estimates are being prepared.

- (17.) Police Protection, Prospect, and Water Works :—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Minister of Justice,—Is he aware that a great necessity exists for further Police protection of property and persons at Prospect and Water Works; if so, will he cause an immediate inquiry to be made, and give instructions to have it carried out by having more Policemen stationed there?

Mr. Garvan answered,—The Inspector General of Police informs me that the Police protection provided (two constables) is reported to be adequate, but that it is considered that the constables should reside nearer the dam, and that inquiries are being made with a view to obtain accommodation there. He adds, that on pay days, and other occasions when necessary, extra Police are sent to Prospect.

- (18.) Private Letter-boxes, General Post Office :—Mr. Hugh Taylor 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 1885?

Mr. Suttor answered,—Number of letter-boxes, 934; revenue, £1,397 Os. 6d.

- (19.) Post Office, Yass :—Mr. Abigail asked the Postmaster General,—When will tenders be called for the additions to the Post Office, Yass?

Mr. Suttor answered,—I am informed by the Colonial Architect that tenders will be invited in about a week.

- (20.) Telegraph Cable between America and Australia :—Mr. Abigail asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has Sir Alexander Stuart any authority to negotiate for a Telegraph Cable between America and these Colonies; and if so, from whom?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—Sir Alexander Stuart has no authority to act for this Government in the matter.

- (21.) Tamworth Railway Station :—Mr. Burke asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When is it likely tenders will be invited for the erection of suitable buildings for proper storage of goods at Tamworth Railway Station?

Mr. Lyne answered,—Directly the necessary land has been acquired, arrangements for the purpose of which are now being made.

- (22.) Clerk of Petty Sessions, Orange:—Mr. William Clarke asked the Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) Is he aware that the office of Clerk of Petty Sessions at Orange, rendered vacant by the death of the late Mr. Evans on the 17th November, has not yet been filled?
 - (2.) Will he state if any, and if so what, steps are being taken to fill the vacancy?
- Mr. Garvan answered,—
- (1.) Yes, but I find that the duties are being satisfactorily performed by a most efficient officer, who has been very highly recommended for the permanent position, and that no representations have been made that any inconvenience has resulted from existing arrangements.
 - (2.) Yes; the subject is under consideration.
- (23.) Easter Military Encampment—Subsidy to Rifle Team:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to hold the usual Easter Encampment of Volunteers; if so, will he state what the probable cost will be?
 - (2.) Has the Government any intention to send or subsidise a New South Wales Rifle Team to England during the present year at a cost of £1,000, or at the rate of £200 per man?
- Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—The first portion of this question has been answered by my Honorable Friend the Colonial Secretary. With regard to the second, I may say that this matter is under the consideration of the Government.
- (24.) Rent paid by Government for Buildings used as Offices:—Mr. Davies asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) What is the total amount of rental paid by the Government for private property situated within the City and used as offices in connection with the various Public Departments?
 - (2.) What are the names of the owners, and where are such properties situated?
 - (3.) What is the amount of rental paid for each office?
- Mr. Dibbs answered,—It will require time to collect this information. When collected it will be laid upon the Table in the shape of a Return.
- (25.) Iron Columns for Telegraph Lines:—Mr. Davies asked the Postmaster General,—
- (1.) Has the Government authorized the erection of iron columns and lattice work for carrying the telegraph lines in George-street?
 - (2.) Were tenders called for the performance of this work; what is the amount of the contract; and was there more than one tender received?
 - (3.) Is it proposed to use the ironwork for shop awnings?
 - (4.) Has an arrangement been made with the property holders whose awnings have been removed to replace the same?
- Mr. Suttor answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) Yes, and a contract was taken for the supply of the material for the sum of £4,000. £1,500, in addition, has been authorized for the erection of the columns and alteration to awnings, which is being done by the Sydney line repairing gang; but it is anticipated that the whole of this amount will not be expended. Four tenders for the supply of material were received.
 - (3.) Yes.
 - (4.) Yes.
- (26.) Head Inspector of Fisheries:—Mr. William Clarke asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the Head Inspector of Fisheries is drawing a salary of £220 per annum, and that the Fisheries Commissioners refuse to employ his services?
 - (2.) Is it a fact that the Head Inspector of Fisheries was dismissed for irregularities, which dismissal was reversed by the Colonial Treasurer, Sir Patrick Jennings?
- Mr. Dibbs answered,—The following report, in answer to the Honorable Member's questions, has been sent to me by the Commissioners of Fisheries:—
- (1.) If this question is intended to refer to Mr. Thompson, the Chief Inspector of Fisheries, it is not a fact that he is now drawing any salary as such; but if to Mr. J. Quinan, the Inspector for the Home Division of Fisheries, it is a fact that the Commissioners have declined to entrust him with the performance of any official duties, being of opinion that the retention of his services would prove injurious to the Fisheries Department. Mr. Quinan is in receipt of his salary of £220 per annum.
 - (2.) No. Mr. Quinan was suspended in September last by the Colonial Secretary for irregularities reported by the Commissioners, but the Executive Council removed the suspension in the early part of December last, imposing a fine of £25 under the provisions of the Civil Service Act, 1884.
2. CIVIL SERVICE (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Hungerford moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—
- (1.) All Civil Servants on the Permanent Staff who receive a salary of £200 per annum and under.
 - (2.) All Civil Servants on the Temporary Staff who receive a salary of £200 per annum and under, with the number of each class at each rate.
- Question put and passed.
3. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Humphery moved, pursuant to Notice, That the 61st Standing Order be suspended to admit of the presentation of a Petition for the introduction of a Bill to enable John Bennett, of Sydney, Esquire, to construct and maintain a Railway from and connecting the line of Railway from Sydney to Parramatta, near the Clyde Railway Station, to and with the Parramatta River, at a point on the southern side of the said River, opposite old Rod Bank,—the three months allowed for the presentation of the Petition, as prescribed by the 61st Standing Order, having elapsed.
- Question put and passed.

4. **GLEN INNES MARKETS LEASING BILL** (*Formal Motion*):—
 (1.) Mr. W. J. Fergusson moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Glen Innes Municipal Council to erect Offices upon certain land granted for a Town Hall and Public Markets, and to mortgage such land and the buildings to be erected thereon, and to lease such Offices for terms not exceeding five years.
 Question put and passed.
 (2.) Mr. Fergusson 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 Municipal Council of Glen Innes to erect Offices upon certain land granted for a Town Hall and Public Markets and to mortgage such land and the buildings to be erected thereon and to lease such Offices for terms not exceeding five years,*"—read a first time.
5. **MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS BILL** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Tarrant 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 laws relating to Medical Practitioners.
 Question put and passed.
6. **MR. J. C. CROMMELIN** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. W. J. Fergusson, for Mr. Abbott, 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, minutes, and reports relating to the suspension and removal from the position of Superintending Inspector of Rabbits of Mr. J. C. Crommelin.
 Question put and passed.
7. **RAILWAY BRIDGE OVER THE HAWKESBURY RIVER** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Abbott 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 minutes, letters, reports, tenders, contracts, plans, and documents relating to the Railway Bridge over the Hawkesbury River.
 Question put and passed.
8. **DR. CALLAGHAN, J.P.** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Bowman moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all minutes and correspondence relating to the appointment of Dr. Callaghan, J.P., as Licensing Magistrate, Windsor, in the room of Mr. M'Quade.
 Question put and passed.
9. **TRIAL SURVEY FOR RAILWAY, URALLA TO INVERELL** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Inglis moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House all papers, reports, and other documents, correspondence, &c., relative to the Trial Survey for a Railway, Uralla to Inverell.
 Question put and passed.
10. **REGISTRARS OF BIRTHS DEATHS AND MARRIAGES, COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Bowman moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing the names of the Registrars of Births, Deaths, and Marriages in the county of Cumberland, the amount paid as fees or salary to such Registrars for the year 1885, and specifying whether such Registrars hold any and what public offices.
 Question put and passed.
11. **McLAUGHLIN ESTATE BILL** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Abigail moved, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) That the McLaughlin Estate Bill be referred to a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, for inquiry and report.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Vaughn, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Levien, Mr. Toohy, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Teece, Dr. Ross, Mr. Gould, and the Mover.
 Question put and passed.
12. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The Orders of the Day of Government Business Nos. 1 to 6 postponed until to-morrow.
13. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and negatived.
14. **PAPERS**:—
 Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table,—
 (1.) Particulars respecting the responsibilities and duties of the Commissioners and Examiners of Titles under the Real Property Act.
 (2.) By-laws—Borough of Wallsend, under the Nuisances Prevention Act of 1875.
 (3.) By-laws—Borough of Victoria, under the Municipalities Act of 1867.
 (4.) By-laws—Borough of Queanbeyan, under the Nuisances Prevention Act of 1875.
 Ordered to be printed.
 Mr. Sutor laid upon the Table,—Appendices to the Report of the Minister of Public Instruction for the year 1885.
 Ordered to be printed.
 Mr. Garvan laid upon the Table,—
 (1.) Return showing result of Local Option Vote taken in the Metropolitan District in 1885.
 (2.) Return showing result of Local Option Vote taken in Metropolitan Suburban Municipalities in 1885.
 Ordered to be printed.
15. **PAYMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Heydon, 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 the necessary steps to be taken to make provision in the Estimates for the payment of Members of the Legislative Assembly.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress and asked leave to sit again on Tuesday next.
 Question

Question proposed,—That the Committee have leave to sit again on "Tuesday" next.
Debate ensued.

Mr. Wisdom moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the word "Tuesday," with a view to the insertion in its place of the word "Wednesday."

Question proposed,—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
Debate continued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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Question,—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—put and passed.
Question then,—That the Committee have leave to sit again on Tuesday next,—put and passed.

The House adjourned at seventeen minutes after Twelve o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m.
This Day.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 47.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 16 APRIL, 1886.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Railway Employés:—*Mr. Purves*, for Mr. Thompson, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has he come to any decision in favour of the objects of the Railway employés who desire to amalgamate themselves into a Society or Union for the protection of their interests as such employés?

Mr. Lyne answered,—I have not yet given the employés an answer, but shall do so in a few days.

(2.) Mining Regulations—*Wright v. Bonnor*:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. W. J. Fergusson, asked the Secretary for Mines,—Has his attention been called to the decision of Mr. District Court Judge Forbes in appeal case *Wright v. Bonnor* and others, in which the Judge decided that the regulations made under the Mining Act were *ultra vires*; if so, is it his intention to take any and what action in the matter?

Mr. Fletcher answered,—Yes. The papers have been referred to the Crown Law Officers, and if the regulations are as stated by Judge Forbes, the matter will be at once dealt with by Bill.

(3.) The Unemployed:—*Mr. Purves*, for Mr. See, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) How many of the so-called unemployed are employed by the Government?

(2.) What are the respective works upon which they are employed, and the number upon each different work?

(3.) What are the wages they average per week, and whether employed at day wages or piece-work?

(4.) For what period is it the intention of the Government to find work for the unemployed?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

(1.) 735.

(2.) Prince Alfred Hospital, 13; University, 58; Rookwood, 140; Little Bay, 120; North Shore, 45; Field of Mars, 140; Harbord (Manly) 50; Heathcote, 38; Maroubra, 19; Prospect, 35; Bourke, 82.

(3.) At Prince Alfred Hospital, University, and Rookwood, 5s. per day; at Little Bay, from 14s. to 24s. per week, according to ability; Field of Mars, Harbord, and Heathcote, 25s. to 30s. per week; Maroubra, 6s. per day; Prospect and Bourke, piece-work at current rates; at North Shore, contracts pending,—out of 115 men sent only 45 now remain, others left of their own accord; and some dismissed from all the works.

(4.) Inspector of Public Schools, Molong:—*Dr. Ross* asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Has any School Inspector or Truant Officer visited the Public School at Molong during the past week?

(2.) Is it true that at such visit the Inspector or Officer was in a state of intoxication, and was ordered by the Teacher to leave the School?

(3.) Will he cause a thorough inquiry to be made into the matter?

Dr. Renwick answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) The Teacher reports that he has not ordered anybody out of School.

(3.) Answered in 1 and 2.

(5.) Removal of Land Offices from Glen Innes to Armidale:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. W. J. Fergusson, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Has he taken any steps to remove the Land Offices from Glen Innes to Armidale?

(2.) Has any request been made to remove these offices; if so, by whom?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

(1.) No; but I have called for a report on the general working under present arrangements.

(2.) The two Members for New England and Mr. John Moore, of Armidale, waited upon me to ask if I would reconsider the question.

2. **MESSRS. HAYES AND MCFADDEN'S CONTRACT, NYNGAN** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Abigail moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
- (1.) Copy of contract with Hayes & McFadden to chop down trees and clear ground in Nymagee-street, Nyngan, in process of execution in June, 1884.
 - (2.) Copy of report by Mr. Fraser, District Inspector of Roads, on the accident which happened to John Livingstone McCallum on or about 11th June, 1884, through the burning instead of chopping down of aforesaid trees.
 - (3.) Copy of report on same by officer supervising Mr. Fraser.
 - (4.) Copy of letter by Edward Barker, an eye-witness of the accident, dated on or about 21st June, 1884.
- Question put and passed.
3. **GLEN INNES MARKETS LEASING BILL** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Hugh Taylor, for Mr. W. J. Fergusson, moved, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) That the Glen Innes Markets Leasing Bill be referred to a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, for inquiry and report.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Hugh Taylor, Mr. Hammond, Mr. Moore, Mr. Chanter, Mr. Henson, Mr. Hyam, Mr. Burke, and Mr. W. J. Fergusson.
- Question put and passed.
4. **FISHERIES COMMISSION** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. William Clarke moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—
- (1.) The amount of revenue and expenditure of the Fisheries Commission from its establishment to the end of the year 1885.
 - (2.) The number of officers and men employed by the Commission, and the nature of their duties.
 - (3.) How many Commissioners have been appointed since the Fisheries Act was passed; and their names.
 - (4.) How many resignations have been sent in and accepted; the names to be given, and the reasons assigned for their resignations.
 - (5.) How many meetings of the Commission have been held, the number of meetings called, and the number of times no quorum was present; the attendances of each Commissioner.
- Question put and passed.
5. **THE POLICE v. SAMUEL ARMAGER** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Harold Stephen, for Mr. Neild, 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 the depositions and all other papers in the case of the Police v. Samuel Armager, tried at the Central Police Court on the 10th March, 1886.
- Question put and passed.
6. **WOOLLAHRA VOLUNTEER FIRE BRIGADE** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Harold Stephen, for Mr. Neild, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all letters and other documents connected with the applications made by the Woollahra Volunteer Fire Brigade to the Fire Brigades Board for registration under the Fire Brigades Act.
- Question put and passed.
7. **MR. H. VINDIN, INSPECTOR OF RABBITS** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Purves, for Mr. Abbott, 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 relating to the appointment of Mr. H. Vindin as an Inspector of Rabbits, including his testimonials; and also all papers relating to his appointment as Superintending Inspector of Rabbits.
- Question put and passed.
8. **THE CASE REGINA v. PULVER** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Davies, for Mr. Bowman, 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 the depositions, as also of all official minutes and correspondence relative to the case Regina v. Pulver, who was tried at the late Circuit Court at Tamworth and acquitted.
- Question put and passed.
9. **POSTPONEMENT**:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Ministerial Election Bill postponed until Friday, 14th May.
10. **BIRD ESTATE BILL**:—Mr. Purves presented a Petition from John Humphries, the Trustee for the time being of the Trustees of a certain settlement, and Margaret Emma Wolfskel, Mary Harper Crewe, Trophina Orr, Charlotte Elizabeth Bird, Priscilla Bird, and Maria Louisa Bird, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable John Humphries, or other the Trustee or Trustees for the time being of a settlement bearing date the second day of August, one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight, and made between Thomas Bird, deceased, of the first part, Trophina Bird, his wife, also deceased, of the second part, and Francis Smith and the Reverend John Joseph McEncroe, of the third part, to sell certain land and houses in Oatley-street and Park Road, in the city of Sydney, and to provide for the application of the proceeds thereof.
- And Mr. Purves having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* newspaper, containing the Notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
- Petition received.
11. **BENNETT'S RAILWAY BILL**:—Mr. Humphery presented a Petition from John Bennett, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the construction of a Railway from and connecting the line of Railway from Sydney to Parramatta, near the Clyde Railway Station, to and with the Parramatta River, at a point opposite Old Redbank.
- And Mr. Humphery having produced the *Government Gazette*, the *Sydney Morning Herald*, and the *Granville Express* newspapers, containing the Notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
- Petition received.
12. **PAPER**:—Dr. Renwick laid upon the Table,—Return respecting Professorships and Students, Sydney University.
- Ordered to be printed.

13. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. Kethel moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
14. **BATHMAIN TRAMWAY BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Hyam 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. Hyam, 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. Hyam (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
15. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
(1.) Employers Liability Bill; second reading;—*until Friday, 14th May.*
(2.) Regulation of Factories and Workshops Bill; second reading;—*until Tuesday next.*
(3.) Licensing Acts Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of Resolution;—*until Friday, 14th May.*
(4.) Arbitration Act Amendment Bill; second reading;—*until Friday, 7th May.*
(5.) Sisters of Charity Estate Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—*until Friday, 21st May.*
(6.) Bank of New South Wales Acts Amendment Bill; second reading; *until Friday, 21st May.*
(7.) Barker's Estate Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—*until Tuesday next.*
16. **WYATT ESTATE LEASING BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. W. J. Fergusson moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Garrard moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 17.

Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Kethel,
Dr. Renwick,	Mr. Scott,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. Burdekin,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Gibbes.
Mr. Abigail,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Foster,	Mr. Ewing.
Mr. Sutherland,	
Mr. J. F. Smith,	

Noes, 11.

Mr. Fletcher,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Forsyth,	Mr. Olliffe,
Mr. Hyam,	Mr. W. J. Fergusson.
Mr. Butcher,	
Mr. Harold Stephen,	
Mr. Hammond,	
Mr. William Clarke,	
Mr. Trickett,	
Mr. Tarrant.	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Friday, 30th April.

17. **MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Tarrant 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 amend the laws relating to Medical Practitioners.
Mr. Abigail moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 6.

Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Abigail,
Mr. Kethel,
Mr. Foster.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Teece.

Noes, 14.

Mr. Hammond,	Mr. Trickett,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Forsyth,	Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Hyam,	Mr. W. J. Fergusson.
Mr. Butcher,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Olliffe,	
Mr. Harold Stephen,	Mr. Tarrant,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. William Clarke.

And so it passed in the negative.

Original 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 been resolved in the affirmative.

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 that there was not a Quorum present in the Committee.

Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being only sixteen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, viz., Mr. Butcher, Mr. William Clarke, Mr. Dibbs, Mr. W. J. Fergusson, Mr. Fletcher, Mr. Forsyth, Mr. Garvan, Mr. Gibbes, Mr. Hammond, Mr. Hyam, Mr. Melville, Mr. Olliffe, Mr. Harold Stephen, Mr. Suttor, Mr. Tarrant, and Mr. Trickett,—

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House at fifteen minutes after Nine o'clock, until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 48.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

TUESDAY, 20 APRIL, 1886.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Harris Park Railway Platform:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—The Government having erected a Railway platform and waiting-sheds, at a cost of some hundreds of pounds, at Harris Park,—Will the Minister give instructions to have the street extending about 500 yards leading from the Main Western Road to the platform repaired, so as to enable the public to traverse it with safety?

Mr. Lyne answered,—On the 14th August, 1884, a question by Mr. Taylor, relating to the same Road was answered as follows:—"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."

- (2.) Glen Innes Land Board:—Mr. W. J. Fergusson asked the Secretary for Lands,—
(1.) Has he dealt with appeal cases from the Glen Innes Land Board where conditional leases are applied for under the 54th section of Land Act in the leasehold area; if so, is it his intention to grant these leases?
(2.) How many cases from the Glen Innes Board are now waiting his decision, and can he say when he will give his decision?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

- (1.) No; the cases will be heard at the next Appeal Court.
(2.) Six. The Appeal Court will be held on the 11th proximo.

- (3.) Mr. Quinan, Inspector of Fisheries:—Mr. William Clarke asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Is it the intention of Government to give effect to the recommendation of the Fisheries Commission in regard to Mr. Quinan, Inspector of Fisheries?
(2.) If so, will the Colonial Secretary recommend his discharge from the Public Service?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—Mr. Quinan has been called upon to show cause why he should not be removed from the Public Service.

- (4.) Police Magistrate for Penrith:—Mr. T. R. Smith asked the Minister of Justice,—If he intends appointing a Police Magistrate at Penrith?

Mr. Garvan answered,—No decision has been arrived at, but the subject shall receive early consideration.

- (5.) Land Titles Office:—Mr. T. R. Smith asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Is he aware that great inconvenience is caused to the public by the delay in the Land Titles Office in the registration and delivery of deeds lodged for transfer, or other dealings, when there are a number of deeds to be endorsed?
(2.) If not, will he inquire into the cause of the delay?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—I find upon inquiry from the Registrar-General that delays have occurred in the Land Titles Office through want of additional assistance and extra office accommodation; but the matter is now receiving attention.

- (6.) Charge for Unloading Metal at Railway Stations:—Mr. T. R. Smith asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it a fact that Mr. George Hill, contractor for metal, is charged at the rate of 1s. per ton for unloading metal at the different Railway Stations where his metal is sent to, and that other contractors only pay at the rate of 6d. per ton?

Mr. Lyne answered,—Mr. Hill is charged 6d. a ton under special arrangements with the Permanent Way Department, for the use of which the metal is supplied. (7.)

- (7.) Railway from Narrabri to Walgett:—*Mr. Olliffe*, for *Mr. Collins*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government to have a Permanent Survey made of the proposed Railway from Narrabri to Walgett; if so, when will the Survey be commenced?
Mr. Lyne answered,—This matter will receive attention when the Government are preparing their Railway proposals.
- (8.) Civil Service Act Amendment Bill:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Does he intend to make in the Civil Service Act Amendment Bill such provision as will meet the cases of the overseers and instructors in the erection of new buildings and alterations in gaols, and who have been employed in such work for many years under the instruction and superintendence of the Colonial Architect?
Mr. Dibbs answered,—The whole question will be explained on the second reading of the Civil Service Act Amendment Bill.
- (9.) Windsor Railway Station:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—The Government having caused the different Government establishments in Windsor to be lighted with gas, with the exception of the Railway Station,—Will the Minister give instructions that it be laid on at that Station without delay, as promised by *Mr. Secretary Wright*?
Mr. Lyne answered,—There is only one train arriving at Windsor after nightfall, and as the fittings, &c., for gas would be £90, and the annual outlay for gas three times the present cost of oil lamps, it is not considered justifiable to incur the expense. No trace can be found of any record of *Mr. Secretary Wright's* promise.
- (10.) Revenue from proposed Taxation:—*Mr. Burns* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he lay upon the Table a statement showing the revenue which he estimates will be obtained from each item of the proposed specific duties, and the total value of the imports on which he expects to obtain duties under the *ad valorem* system?
Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—The statement as to the amount of revenue derivable from specific duties will be laid upon the Table to-morrow if possible. The amount of imports on which *ad valorem* duties will be levied, is estimated at about £9,000,000, which, after deducting export of say £1,000,000, would give £8,000,000, which, at 5 per cent., would yield £400,000 per annum, or £300,000 for three quarters of the year.
- (11.) Abattoir Road:—*Mr. Henson*, for *Mr. Hawthorne*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What amount of money has been expended on the road leading from the Main Western Road to Glebe Island (known as Abattoir Road), for a distance of 1 mile 37 chains from the Main Western Road, in metalling or otherwise for the last six years?
Mr. Lyne answered,—The total amount expended on the Abattoir Road during the period stated was £3,642 2s. 8d. It is not possible to state how much was expended on the length (1 mile 37 chains) from Western Road, as accounts are not kept in such detail.
- (12.) Electric Light for Hyde and Belmore Parks:—*Mr. Olliffe* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he take into consideration the desirableness of causing Hyde and Belmore Parks to be lighted by electricity, for the better convenience and safety of the public?
Mr. Dibbs answered,—I have already during the present Session answered a question similar to this, and I may now repeat the answer which I then gave:—"I understand that no application has been received by the Department of Mines on this subject; but should such application be made, it will receive due consideration."
2. FIELD OF MARS COMMON (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Abbott* 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 showing,—
 (1.) The area of land within the Field of Mars Common.
 (2.) The area subdivided for sale up to the 31st December last.
 (3.) The area sold up to that time.
 (4.) The price paid for the same.
 (5.) The cost of the survey of such area, giving the names of the various surveyors employed upon the work from the commencement of the triangulation, the length of time each surveyor was so employed, with the salary, equipment expenses, and wages pertaining to each officer.
 (6.) The period taken to survey the same.
 (7.) The total cost of surveying, aligning and forming, advertising, and offering such land for sale per acre.
 Question put and passed.
3. MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Garland* moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to provide for mining on Private Property.
 Question put and passed.
4. BENNETT'S RAILWAY BILL (*Formal Motion*):—
 (1.) *Mr. Humphery* moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to authorize the construction of a Railway from and connecting the line of Railway from Sydney to Parramatta, near the Clyde Railway Station, to and with the Parramatta River at a point opposite Old Redbank.
 Question put and passed.
 (2.) *Mr. Humphery* 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 of a Railway from and connecting the line of Railway from Sydney to Parramatta near the Clyde Railway Station to and with the Parramatta River at a point opposite Old Redbank,"—read a first time.

5. **POSTPONEMENTS** :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—
- (1.) Rabbit Nuisance Act ; resumption of the adjourned Debate ;—*until Friday, 30th April.*
 - (2.) Working Classes ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of Resolutions ;—*until Tuesday, 4th May.*
 - (3.) Balmain Tramway Bill ; third reading :—*until to-morrow.*
 - (4.) Regulation of Factories and Workshops Bill ; second reading ;—*until Friday, 30th April.*
 - (5.) Muswellbrook Cattle Sale-yards Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*) ; second reading ;—*until Friday, 30th April.*
6. **COMMONS REGULATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)** :—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Commons Regulation Act of 1873,—discharged, on motion of Mr. Fletcher.
7. **LOCAL OPTION** :—Mr. Toohy presented a Petition from certain Residents of Sydney and suburbs, and Newcastle and suburbs, representing that the extension of the principle of Local Option to the renewal of licenses will entail very great injustice to a large section of the community ; and praying the House to decline to accede to the extension of the said principle.
Petition received.
8. **PATENTS BILL** :—Mr. Targett presented a Bill, intituled “ *A Bill to amend the Laws concerning Letters Patent for Inventions,* ”—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 21st May.
9. **PAPERS** :—
- Sir Patrick Jennings laid upon the Table,—Correspondence respecting the United States Wool Duties.
Ordered to be printed.
- Mr. Garvan laid upon the Table,—Return to an Address adopted on 28th January, 1886,—“ *Pierce Fowler.* ”
Ordered to be printed.
- Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table,—Correspondence relative to Messrs. Stevens & Co.’s Contract for Railway to the Queensland Border.
Ordered to be printed.
10. **TARIFF** :—Mr. William Clarke presented a Petition signed by Patrick Flanagan, Chairman, F. O. C. Byrne, Patrick Burke, and F. G. Hawke, on behalf of Residents of Orange, in Public Meeting assembled, in opposition to the Tariff Proposals now under consideration, and in favour of a Tariff which would stimulate Colonial Industry by a Protective tendency.
And the Petition having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker,—
Petition received.
11. **ADJOURNMENT** :—Mr. Targett moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
12. **CLAIM OF THOMAS HORTON** :—Mr. Purves moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Report of the Select Committee on the “ *Claim of Thomas Horton,* ” brought up on the 10th February, 1886, be now adopted.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
13. **CAPTAIN ARMSTRONG** :—
- (1.) Mr. O’Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That the prayer of the Petition of Captain Armstrong, presented on the 24th March, 1886, that he be heard by Counsel at the Bar of this House, be granted.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
 - (2.) Mr. O’Sullivan moved, pursuant to *Contingent* Notice, That Counsel learned in the law be now heard at the Bar of this House in support of the Petition of Captain Armstrong, in accordance with leave granted by this House.
Question put and passed.
David Buchanan, Esquire, Counsel learned in the Law, was then, by direction of Mr. Speaker, conducted by the Sergeant-at-Arms to the Bar of the House, and having been informed by Mr. Speaker of the Resolution of the House, just passed, under which he had been admitted, addressed the House on the subject under consideration,—and withdrew.
14. **ADJOURNMENT** :—Sir John Robertson moved, That this House do now adjourn.
- Papers :—Sir John Robertson laid upon the Table,—Certain letters and other documents, from which he had quoted, relative to the case of Captain Armstrong.
- Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
15. **APPLICATION FOR AMENDED CERTIFICATE OF TITLE** :—Mr. Abbott moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy of the application of the 19th March, 1885, made to the Registrar General for an amended certificate of title of certificate, vol. 70, folio 237, together with a copy of such certificate ; also of all papers, plans, reports, and correspondence in reference to such application.
Question put and passed.
16. **BIRD ESTATE BILL** :—Mr. Trickett, for Mr. Purves, moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable John Humphries or other the Trustee or Trustees for the time being of a settlement, bearing date the second day of August, one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight,

eight, and made between Thomas Bird, deceased, of the first part, Trophina Bird, his wife, also deceased, of the second part, and Francis Smith and the Rev. John Joseph McEncroe, of the third part, to sell certain land and houses in Oatley-strect and Park Road, in the city of Sydney, and to provide for the application of the proceeds thereof.
Question put and passed.

17. NEWCASTLE STEAMSHIP COMPANY'S PREFERENTIAL SHARES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. G. A. Lloyd moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Lloyd, 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. Lloyd, the report was adopted.

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

18. PAYMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole further to consider an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause the necessary steps to be taken to make provision in the Estimates for the payment of Members of the Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Wednesday, 26th May.

The House adjourned at thirteen 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.

WEDNESDAY, 21 APRIL, 1886.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Crown Lands Act:—*Mr. Garland*, for *Mr. Baker*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—The number of proclamations which have been made of special areas under section 24 of the Land Act of 1884, and the number of acres embraced in such proclamations, together with the average price at which the land in such proclaimed special areas can be taken up by the public?

Dr. Benwick answered,—Twenty-nine special areas have been declared, of a total area of 18,346 acres 1 rood, at an average price of £2 0s. 9d. per acre.

- (2.) Patent Fees :—*Mr. Abigail* asked the Attorney-General,—

- (1.) The number of applicants for Patent Rights during January, February, and March of the present year?
(2.) What amount of money has been received on account of the same?
(3.) Has the said sum been divided among certain gentlemen, in accordance with a Government Order made during the time *Sir William Manning* held office as Solicitor General?
(4.) The names and amounts received by each gentleman who has participated in the division of the said amounts?

Mr. Garvan answered,—As stated on the occasion of the Honorable Member's recent questions, on the same subject, the information he requires can be more conveniently furnished in the shape of a Return, which will be laid upon the Table at an early date. The Return, I may say, has been completed, and is in the hands of the Attorney-General, who is out of town.

- (3.) Civil Service Act Amendment Bill :—*Mr. Hugh Taylor* asked the Colonial Secretary,—In view of the proposed amendment in the Civil Service Act, is it the intention of the Government to abolish the 4 per cent. deductions?

Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—In the absence of the Colonial Secretary, I beg to state that the information will be given on a future day.

- (4.) Proposed Reductions in Salaries :—*Mr. T. R. Smith*, for *Mr. Hugh Taylor*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Having regard to the proposed reductions from the salaries of Civil Servants, is it the intention of the Government to reduce their own salaries, as well as those of the Chief Justice, Judges of the Supreme and District Courts; and to abolish the fees received by highly paid officials?

Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—It is not the intention of the Government to propose any reduction in their own salaries, or those of the Chief Justice, and Judges of the Supreme and District Courts. But it is intended to abolish the present patent fees.

- (5.) Post Office Department :—*Mr. T. R. Smith*, for *Mr. Hugh Taylor*, asked the Postmaster General,—

(1.) Is it a fact that, by *Gazette* notice of 1st October last, six temporary clerks were placed on the permanent staff of the Post Office Department, and that subsequently three other temporary clerks petitioned to be placed in a similar position and were refused?

(2.) Again, has not another temporary clerk, whom the Secretary had previously refused, stating that he could not pass the Civil Service examination, been recommended for the staff, to be placed there when the salary is voted?

(4.) Will he have any objection to produce the papers in the cases referred to?

Mr.

Mr. Suttor answered,—

(1.) The first portion of this question relates to the Money Order and Savings Bank Department. The six temporary clerks referred to in *Gazette* notice of 1st October were recommended by the Head of that Department for appointment to the permanent staff, under clause 26 of the Act, but at salaries which would not give them precedence over others already on the permanent staff. Subsequently three temporary clerks in the Post Office petitioned to be transferred to the permanent staff at the salaries they were then receiving, of £157 per annum, a compliance with which request would have placed them above the heads of a large number of efficient clerks already on the staff, and who had passed the necessary examination, which the three in question had not.

(2.) Yes, one clerk, although reported as possessing special qualifications, was refused on his first application for the same reason as in the case of the three before-mentioned. He subsequently, however, expressed his willingness to accept a reduced salary, which would enable him to go on the staff without injustice to those already upon it, and provision has accordingly been made on the Estimates for the present year for his appointment under clause 28 of the Act.

(3.) Certainly not, if the Honorable Member will move for them in the usual way.

(6.) Mr. Thomas Croudace:—*Mr. Barbour*, for Mr. Melville, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has Mr. Thomas Croudace been at any time employed by the Government as land valuer, appraiser, or arbitrator, or as a witness for the Crown in such capacity?

(2.) If so, in what cases, and upon whose recommendation?

(3.) What means were taken to find what qualification Mr. Croudace had for such duties before he was so appointed?

(4.) What was the amount paid Mr. Croudace in each case?

(5.) What is the amount paid, or to be paid Mr. Croudace for superintending the sinking of trial shafts for coal seams in New Lambton Mine?

(6.) How many men were employed, at what rate per day or night, and how many days did they work sinking the aforesaid trial shafts?

(7.) What special qualifications does Mr. Croudace possess which caused his being called as a witness in the case of *Gill v. Commissioner for Railways*?

(8.) Is this Mr. Croudace the manager of the Scottish and Australian Coal Company, or what is known as Lambton Company?

(9.) Is Mr. Croudace paid a fixed or any salary, or does he receive any travelling expenses; and how much per day as remuneration and travelling expenses?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) He has been employed as arbitrator, and has been called as a witness for the Crown in cases submitted to arbitration.

(2.) Arbitrator in the cases of the North Illawarra Coal Mining Company *versus* the Commissioner for Railways, and Mr. John Gill *versus* the Commissioner for Railways, and as witness in the arbitration case of the New Lambton Coal Company *versus* the Commissioner for Railways. On the recommendation of the Railway Land Valuers.

(3.) Mr. Croudace's experience as a mining engineer and colliery manager specially qualifies him to act as arbitrator in coal-mining cases, and he possesses such general knowledge of the value of the pastoral or agricultural capabilities of land as to qualify him to act as arbitrator in such cases as Mr. Gill's.

(4, 5, and 6.) This information will be obtained and supplied to the Honorable Member if desired.

(7.) Mr. Croudace was not called as a witness in this case.

(8.) Yes.

(9.) Mr. Croudace is not paid any fixed salary, nor does he receive travelling expenses; but is paid by award in the usual way when acting as arbitrator, and the recognised expenses of professional men when called upon for evidence.

(7.) Registration of Deaths:—*Mr. Barbour*, for Mr. Melville, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What is the name of the child whose registration of death was refused for want of so-called duly qualified medical man's certificate?

(2.) What was the name of the person who gave the certificate which was refused?

(3.) What law is alleged to give the Registrar power to ask or demand certificates of death from any medical man?

Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—

(1 and 2.) The Registrar-General reports that he has no knowledge of any such case.

(3.) The Registrar-General has no authority to demand certificates of death from medical men or any other person.

(8.) Railway Department Fidelity Guarantee:—*Mr. Davies* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has he any objection to lay upon the Table a Return showing all employes in the Railway Department who are compelled to find a fidelity guarantee, the respective positions of each, the amount of the guarantee, and in which offices are the securities accepted?

(2.) Does the Commissioner for Railways himself assign the amount of the bond to be given by any scale; if so, what is it?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) There is no objection to lay a Return upon the Table of the House. The information will be obtained and submitted in the form of a Return as early as possible.

(2.) Yes; the amount is determined by the responsibilities attaching to the position held.

(9.) Taxation of the Colony:—*Mr. Barbour*, for Mr. Sutherland, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What increase has been made to the taxation of the country for the last four years?

(2.) What amount has been collected each year, and from what sources?

Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—The information asked for by the Honorable Member will be laid upon the Table in the course of the coming week.

- (10.) Agricultural Returns :—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—When will the Agricultural Returns for 1885 be laid upon the Table of the House, or an approximate estimate of the same be obtained ?

Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—The tabulation of the Agricultural Returns was completed a few days since. The summaries are now in hand, and will be ready for Parliament next week.

- (11.) Queen's and Bonded Warehouses :—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) The number of men that are employed, and the salary each receives, in the Queen's warehouses ; also the amount of revenue derived from the same ?
(2.) The same information with regard to our bonded warehouses ?

Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—The information asked for by the Honorable Member will be laid upon the Table in the course of the coming week.

- (12.) Rifle Range for Volunteer Reserves :—Mr. Henson asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he grant permission to the Metropolitan and Western Volunteer Reserves to use for target practice a portion of the Government land situate at Longbottom, Parramatta Road ?

Dr. Renuick answered,—The application is under consideration. Apparently the land desired is within an area which it has already been decided to set apart as a Public Park.

2. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS (*Formal Motion*) :—*Sir Patrick Jennings* 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 1886" 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 were come to by the said Committees respectively.
Question put and passed.
3. CALL OF THE HOUSE (*Formal Motion*) :—*Mr. Abbott* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be a Call of the House on Wednesday, the 26th May next, for the purpose of considering the question of Payment of Members.
Question put and passed.
4. PROSECUTIONS BY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE OFFICERS (*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 convictions obtained by School Attendance Officers in the Metropolitan Districts Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4 respectively ; also the number of dismissals.
(2.) The costs of the prosecutions, and the amount of the fines imposed in each of the districts Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4.
Question put and passed.
5. BENNETT'S RAILWAY BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—*Mr. Humphery* moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That Bennett's Railway Bill be referred to a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, for consideration and report.
(2.) That such Committee consist of *Mr. Burns, Mr. Hugh Taylor, Mr. Russell Barton, Mr. Bull, Mr. Creer, Mr. Tait, Mr. Olliffe, Mr. Inglis, and the Mover.*
Question put and passed.
6. TECHNICAL COLLEGE (*Formal Motion*) :—*Dr. Ross*, for *Dr. Wilkinson*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing the fees required from students in the various classes at the Technical College ; and also the number of students who attended those classes in the year 1885.
Question put and passed.
7. BALMAIN TRAMWAY BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of *Mr. Hyam*, read a third time, and passed.
Mr. Hyam then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to authorize the Borough of Balmain to contract for the construction and maintenance of Tramways within the said Borough.*"
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 Borough of Balmain to contract for the construction and maintenance of Tramways within the said Borough.*"—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 April, 1886.

8. NEWCASTLE STEAMSHIP COMPANY'S PREFERENTIAL SHARES BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of *Mr. G. A. Lloyd*, read a third time, and passed.
Mr. Lloyd then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to authorize the issue of Preferential Shares by the Newcastle Steamship Company Limited.*"
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 issue of Preferential Shares by the Newcastle Steamship Company Limited.*"—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 Memorandum and Articles of Association of the said Company.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 21st April, 1886.

9. VOTE OF CREDIT:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Sir Patrick Jennings, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

CARRINGTON,

Message No. 18.

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 April, 1886, or following month, together with provision for other Services of an urgent nature.

Government House,

Sydney, 21st April, 1886.

Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of Supply.

10. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

- (1.) St. Mary's Waverley Church of England Land Sale Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to enable William Henry Simpson James Vickery and William Ransome Gullick as Trustees of certain land in the parish of St. Mary Waverley to sell the said land and to provide for the appropriation of the proceeds thereof and to vest in the said Trustees certain other land in the said parish and to provide for the sale of the same and the appropriation 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, 21st April, 1886.

JOHN HAY,

President.

ST. MARY'S WAVERLEY CHURCH OF ENGLAND LAND SALE BILL.

Schedule of Amendments referred to in Message of 21st April, 1886.

JOHN J. CALVERT,

Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 2, Preamble, lines 10 and 11. Omit "the said."

Page 2, Preamble, line 19. After "directed" insert "And whereas the land in the fourth schedule hereto described was by an indenture dated the first day of September *anno domini* one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven made between James Heather Atkinson of Waverley aforesaid of the one part and John Dickson and Samuel Raymond both of Waverley of the other part granted in fee to the said John Dickson and Samuel Raymond by the said James Heather Atkinson And whereas by a declaration of trust dated the eighteenth day of November one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven executed by the said John Dickson and Samuel Raymond after reciting the aforesaid indenture and that the said land therein described had been purchased by them the said John Dickson and Samuel Raymond out of church funds and upon trust for the said church it was declared and provided that the said John Dickson and Samuel Raymond should stand possessed and were then possessed of the said lands upon trust to permit and suffer the same to be used and occupied by the master and scholars of the said Church of England school at Waverley as is therein provided subject to the directions and control of the Bishop of Sydney or his successors And whereas the said John Dickson pre-deceased the said Samuel Raymond who died leaving his widow Catherine Sophia Raymond him surviving."

Page 2, Preamble, line 21. After "between" insert "the said."

Examined,—

W. R. PIDDINGTON,

Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the Council's amendments be taken into consideration on Friday, 30th April.

- (2.) Moore Estate Act Amendment Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to extend the powers given by the 'Moore Estate Act of 1879' and to provide for the investment and disposal of the proceeds of the sale of certain lands and in other respects to amend the said Act*,"—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, 21st April, 1886.

JOHN HAY,

President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Davies, read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 30th April.

11. PAPERS:—

Sir Patrick Jennings laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Statement of Estimated Additional Revenue from the proposed Specific Duties.
 - (2.) Statement showing Balances on the Appropriations for 1885 Services on 28th February, 1886, the amounts estimated as likely to be required, and the amounts estimated as not likely to be required.
 - (3.) Return to an Order made on 10th February, 1886,—"*Fisheries Inspector Quinan*."
 - (4.) Annual Report of the Inspector General of the Insane for 1885.
 - (5.) Return to an Order made on 16th April, 1886,—"*Woollahra Volunteer Fire Brigade*."
- Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Suttor laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Further Correspondence respecting future Mail Communication between Great Britain and Australia via Suez.
- (2.) Report of Superintendent of Electric Telegraphs in regard to proposed reduction of Rates for Cablegrams, and Duplication of Submarine Cables.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr.

Mr. Copeland laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Religious Purposes, in accordance with the 5th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.
 - (2.) Abstract of Alterations of Designs of Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the 107th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
 - (3.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 101st section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
 - (4.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Public Purposes, in accordance with the 104th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
 - (5.) Copies of *Gazette* Notices, setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the dedication of certain lands, in accordance with the provisions of the 105th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
 - (6.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from sale until surveyed for the Preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, in accordance with the 101st, 103rd, 109th, and 112th sections of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
- Ordered to be printed.

12. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:—Sir Patrick Jennings moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House at its rising "on Thursday, 22nd instant," do adjourn until Wednesday, 28th instant.
- Mr. See moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the words "on Thursday, 22nd instant," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "this day."
- 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, 16.

Sir Patrick Jennings,
Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Garvan,
Dr. Renwick,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. William Clarke,
Mr. Forsyth,
Mr. Burke,
Mr. Bull,
Mr. Moore,
Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Sawers,
Mr. Lee.

Tellers,

Mr. Abigail,
Mr. McCulloch.

Noes, 42.

Sir John Robertson, Mr. Abbott, Mr. Burns, Mr. Trickett, Mr. Williamson, Mr. Burdekin, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. See, Mr. Hogan, Mr. Hyam, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Slattery, Mr. Vaughn, Mr. Lewis Lloyd, Mr. Hawthorne, Mr. Harold Stephen, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Hammond, Mr. Shepherd, Mr. Davies, Mr. Bowman,	Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. T. R. Smith, Mr. Tarrant, Mr. Garland, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Russell Barton, Mr. Humphery, Mr. James Henry Young, Mr. Bolton, Mr. Gould, Dr. Ross, Mr. Henson, Mr. Jones, Mr. Foster, Mr. Teece, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Inglis.
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Tellers,

Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Hayes.

And so it passed in the negative.

Question,—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words omitted be there inserted,—put and passed.

Main Question as amended, proposed.

Mr. Sydney Smith moved, That the Question be further amended by the addition of the words "at seven o'clock."

Question proposed, That the words proposed to be added be there added.

Debate ensued.

Question put, That the words proposed to be added be there added.

The House divided.

Ayes, 18.

Dr. Ross,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. See,
Mr. T. R. Smith,
Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Bolton,
Mr. Hogan,
Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Hyam,
Mr. Slattery,
Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Burdekin,
Mr. Sutherland.

Tellers,

Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Butcher.

Noes, 48.

Sir Patrick Jennings, Dr. Renwick, Sir John Robertson, Mr. Trickett, Mr. Suttor, Mr. Copeland, Mr. James Henry Young, Mr. Lee, Mr. Garvan, Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Neild, Mr. William Clarke, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Russell Barton, Mr. Humphery, Mr. Inglis, Mr. Davies, Mr. Roberts, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Harold Stephen, Mr. Hawthorne, Mr. Shepherd,	Mr. Burke, Mr. Abigail, Mr. Bull, Mr. Forsyth, Mr. Vaughn, Mr. Moore, Mr. Gould, Mr. Lyne, Mr. Henson, Mr. Gormly, Mr. Teece, Mr. Garland, Mr. Sawers, Mr. J. F. Smith, Mr. Kidd, Mr. McCulloch, Mr. Abbott, Mr. Tait.
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Tellers

Mr. Hammond,
Mr. Williamson.

And so it passed in the negative.

Main Question,—That this House at its rising this day do adjourn until Wednesday, 28th instant,—put and passed.

13. **NEW HEBRIDES**:—Mr. De Courcy Browne presented a Petition from D. Cassin, Mayor of Mudgee, on behalf of Residents of Mudgee and surrounding district, in opposition to the proposed annexation of the New Hebrides Islands by the Government of France; and praying that Parliament will consider their protest in connection with any action it may take in the matter. Petition received.
14. **SUPPLY**:—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 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 £827,000 being £567,000 to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of April, 1886, at the rates which have been sanctioned for 1885, inclusive of the annual increases on salaries for that year provided for by the Civil Service Act of 1884, subject to the rate of any reduction that may hereafter be made in the expenditure of the year 1886; £150,000 to meet Wages to become due to Railway Employés, and for Railway Services generally, during the month of May, 1886; £10,000 to meet Wages to become due to Employés in the Department of Harbours and Rivers, and for other Services of an urgent nature, during the month of May, 1886; and a further sum of £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, 1887.
Sir Patrick Jennings moved, That the Resolution be now read a second time. Debate ensued. Question put and passed. Resolution then read a second time, and agreed to.
15. **WAYS AND MEANS**:—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 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 1886, the sum of £827,000 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.
On motion of Sir Patrick Jennings, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
16. **CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 4)**:—
(1.) Ordered, on motion of Sir Patrick Jennings, 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 1886.
(2.) Sir Patrick Jennings 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 1886*,"—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 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 without amendment. On motion of Sir Patrick Jennings, the report was adopted. Ordered, that the Bill be now read a third time.
(4.) Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Sir Patrick Jennings, *passed*. Sir Patrick Jennings 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 1886*." 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 1886*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 21st April, 1886.*
17. **MCLAUGHLIN ESTATE BILL**:—Mr. Abigail, 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 15th April, 1886; together with a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee. Ordered to be printed. Mr. Abigail then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday, 21st May. Question put and passed.

18. **POSTPONEMENTS** :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—
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| (1.) Criminal Law Further Amendment Bill ; second reading ;— | } until Wednesday next. |
| (2.) Prickly Pear Destruction Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of Resolution ;— | |
| (3.) Civil Service Act Amendment Bill ; second reading ;— | |
19. **SUPPLY** :—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply having been read,—
 Sir Patrick Jennings moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into the Committee of Supply.
 Mr. William Clarke moved, That the Question be amended by adding at the end thereof the words,—
 “ And this House is of opinion that the following articles of imported produce be added to the proposed new list of fixed duties submitted by the Government, and that the following specific duties should be imposed :—Grain and pulse of all kinds not otherwise charged, 6d. per bushel ; beans, peas, barley, and oats, 4d. per bushel ; hay and chaff, 6d. per cwt. ; flour and meal, 20s. per ton ; bran, pollard, and sharps, 2d. per bushel ; potatoes, 10s. per ton.”
 Question proposed, That the words proposed to be added be there added.
 Debate ensued.
 Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
 Question put and passed.
 Sir Henry Parkes moved, That the resumption of the Debate stand an Order of the Day for Wednesday next.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed.
20. **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 1886*,”—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.
- Legislative Council Chamber,
 Sydney, 21st April, 1886.
- JOHN HAY,
 President.

The House adjourned at twenty-three minutes before Twelve o'clock, until *Wednesday next* at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
 Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 50.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 28 APRIL, 1886.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Electric Light for Hyde and Belmore Parks:—*Mr. Barbour*, for *Mr. Olliffe*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he take into consideration the desirableness of causing Hyde and Belmore Parks to be lighted by electricity, for the better convenience and safety of the public?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The lighting of these Parks is a matter that is entirely in the hands of the Trustees, to whom I would suggest the Honorable Member should apply.

- (2.) Railway Employés:—*Mr. O'Sullivan* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has he come to a decision with regard to the application of the Railway employés for recognition of the Association they propose to organise?

(2.) If not, when will he be prepared to give an answer to that request?

Mr. Lyne answered,—In a few days an answer will be given.

- (3.) Government Surveyors:—*Mr. Davies*, for *Mr. Garland*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it true that large sums of money are due to the various Government Surveyors throughout the Colony?

(2.) If so, when are they likely to be paid?

Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—As far as I am aware, all outstanding claims were met by the Supply Bill for March; but if there are further claims they will be paid on presentation at the Treasury.

- (4.) Tramline, Waverley to Randwick:—*Mr. Neild* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has a tender been accepted for the Tramline from Waverley to Randwick?

(2.) Is it the intention of the Government to proceed with the construction of the said line?

(3.) If not, what is the cause of the existing delay?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) Will be decided when the survey is completed.

(3.) A deviation in the route is proposed, and a survey is now being made to effect it.

- (5.) Railway Employés, Penrith:—*Mr. Davies*, for *Mr. T. R. Smith*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Does he intend reducing the hours of labour of the different Railway employés who work over eight hours per day at Penrith?

(2.) Does he intend to ask for another Return from Penrith of the men who work over eight hours per day, as in the Return furnished sometime since the shunters were not included?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) The character of the duties performed does not render it necessary that any alteration should be made in existing arrangements.

(2.) The shunters at Penrith do not work on the average more than eight hours a day.

- (6.) Mamre Road:—*Mr. Davies*, for *Mr. T. R. Smith*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What is the amount of money laid out on road from Western Road, at St. Mary's, towards Liverpool, and known as Mamre Road?

(2.) What are the names of the contractors employed on this road; the amount of money paid to each contractor, and the nature of work performed?

(3.) Is it his intention to give instructions to have this year's vote expended in permanent improvements, such as blue metal and permanent bridges, &c.?

Mr.

Mr. Lync answered,—

(1.) £1,370 18s. 4d.

(2.) 1878, G. Turner, £160 12s. 6d., forming and gravelling; 1879, G. Turner, £102 11s., forming and gravelling; 1880, Garner & Turner, £66 1s. 11d., metal, &c.; 1881, P. Flood, £175 11s. 9d., forming, &c.; 1882, S. Baker, £194 4s., forming and gravelling; 1883, P. Flood, £184 17s. 8d., gravel, &c.; 1884, P. Flood, £166 13s., gravel, &c.; 1885, S. Baker, £118 16s., forming, &c.

(3.) Vote for 1886 will be expended in blue metal. There are no bridges on road.

(7.) Rabbit-proof Fencing:—*Mr. Targett*, for Mr. Sawers, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) What steps do the Government intend taking with the view of carrying out the recommendation of the Rabbit Conference—that a rabbit-proof fence should be erected to divide the infested from the uninfested country?

(2.) Will the matter be treated as of urgent importance, and the necessary tenders invited without delay?

Mr. Fletcher answered,—The Government recognise the urgent importance of the matter, and propose to call for tenders with the least possible delay.

(8.) Railway Employés:—*Mr. Davies*, for Mr. Gould, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Have any Railway employés been discharged from the Railway service since the 1st March (ultimo) for causes other than misconduct; if so, how many from the Great Southern and Western Railway, and from the Great Northern and North-Western Railway respectively, specifying the grade, and whether from the permanent or the temporary staff?

Mr. Lync answered,—This information is being obtained, and will be laid upon the Table of the House in a few days.

(9.) Common for South Singleton:—*Mr. Davies*, for Mr. Gould, asked the Secretary for Mines,—Has any, and if so what, decision been arrived at in respect to the application of the Municipality of South Singleton for the dedication of certain Crown Lands in parish of Darlington as a Common for that Municipality?

Mr. Fletcher answered,—The papers in this case are with the District Surveyor for report, and that officer will be instructed to expedite his action thereon.

(10.) Main North Road, and John and Gouric Streets, Singleton:—*Mr. Davies*, for Mr. Gould, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will steps be taken to reconstruct the culvert on the Main North Road, Singleton, and to place John and Gouric Streets within the Municipality of South Singleton in an efficient state of repair, as promised to the Deputation that recently waited upon his predecessor, Mr. Garrard?

Mr. Lync answered,—The reconstruction of culvert will be undertaken with as little delay as possible. The repair of the roads cannot be taken in hand until its extent is defined, and also until money is voted.

(11.) Orange Fire Brigade:—*Mr. William Clarke* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What is the cause of delay in publishing the rules of the Orange Fire Brigade?

(2.) When will the Government subsidy to the Orange Fire Brigade be payable?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

(1.) The rules referred to have been approved by the Attorney-General, and are now before the Executive Council for the necessary authority to publish them.

(2.) The subsidy due by the Government is now payable, and will be deposited as soon as a Bank has been named.

(12.) Unfinished Government Contracts:—*Mr. Abigail*, for Dr. Ross, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Will he state the probable amount of money that will be required to defray the expense of contracts that have been entered into for public works, but which are at present unfinished?

(2.) Will he specify the nature of such work or contract, and the amount required in each case respectively?

Mr. Lync answered,—The information required by the Honorable Member will be supplied in the shape of a Return.

(13.) Crown Lands Act:—*Mr. Abigail*, for Dr. Ross, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) The number of conditional leases that have been granted under the 18th and 54th sections of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, the area so granted, and the amount of rental received from the same?

(2.) Will he state the minimum and maximum rental per acre recommended by Local Land Boards?

Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—

(1.) The following conditional leases have been granted under the 48th section:—334 for an area of 262,645 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres, at a rental of £2,553 13s. 3d.; under the 54th section, 228 for an area of 115,126 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres, at a rental of £1,015 10s.

(2.) Under the 48th section, minimum rental 2d. per acre, maximum 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. per acre; under the 54th section, minimum rental 2d. per acre, maximum 1s. per acre (the latter only in the case of a small area).

2. MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS BILL (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Trickett*, for Mr. Tarrant, 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 consolidate and amend the Laws relating to Medical Practitioners.

Question put and passed.

3. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Barristers Bill postponed until Friday, 21st May.

4. **TARIFF**:—Dr. Ross presented a Petition from certain Farmers and others of Bowan Park, near Cudal, in Public Meeting assembled, urging their opinion that it would be proper and prudent to include Agricultural Produce in the list of articles for taxation.
Petition received.

5. **CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 4)**:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Sir Patrick Jennings, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

CARRINGTON,

Message No. 19.

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 1886,*"—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 April, 1886.

6. **PAPERS**:—

Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return to an Address adopted on the 30th March, 1886,—“Volunteer Infantry.”
- (2.) Further Return to an Address adopted on 6th July, 1877,—“Immigration,”—Steam-ship “Aberdeen.”
- (3.) Report on Vaccination for 1883.
- (4.) Report on Vaccination for 1884.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return to an Order made on 1st April, 1886,—“Opening of Road, The Islands to Cowra.”
- (2.) Progress Report upon the transactions of the Government Tramways for the year 1885.

Ordered to be printed.

7. **SUPPLY**:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Sir Patrick Jennings, “That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair,”—upon which Mr. William Clarke had moved, That the following words be added:—“And this House is of opinion that the following articles of imported produce be added to the proposed new list of fixed Duties submitted by the Government, and that the following Specific Duties should be imposed:—“Grain and pulse of all kinds not otherwise charged, 6d. per bushel; beans, peas, barley, and oats, 4d. per bushel; hay and chaff, 6d. per cwt.; flour and meal, 20s. per ton; bran, pollard, and sharps, 2d. per bushel; potatoes, 10s. per ton.” And the Question being again proposed,—That the words proposed to be added be there added,—the House resumed the said adjourned Debate.
Question put.—That the words proposed to be added be there added.
The House divided.

Ayes, 22.

Mr. Roberts,
Mr. Tait,
Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Hogan,
Mr. See,
Mr. Forsyth,
Mr. Sawers,
Mr. William Clarke,
Mr. Harold Stephen,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Mackinnon,
Dr. Ross,
Mr. Spring,
Mr. De Courcy Browne,
Mr. D. A. Ferguson,
Mr. Bolton,
Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Lewis Lloyd.

Tellers,

Mr. Ewing,
Mr. O'Sullivan.

Noes, 45.

Sir Patrick Jennings,
Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Creer,
Mr. Want,
Dr. Renwick,
Mr. Williamson,
Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Burdekin,
Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. Burns,
Mr. Purves,
Sir Henry Parkes,
Mr. Olliffe,
Mr. W. J. Fergusson,
Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Lysaght,
Mr. Gibbes,
Mr. Ives,
Mr. Teece,
Mr. J. F. Smith,
Mr. Reid,
Mr. Gould,
Mr. Foster,

Mr. Bull,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Cramsie,
Mr. Henson,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Abbott,
Mr. Day,
Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Davies,
Mr. Trickett,
Mr. Quin,
Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Coonan,
Mr. Fletcher,
Mr. Hammond,
Mr. J. D. Young,
Mr. Targett.

Tellers,
Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Moore.

And so it passed in the negative.

Original Question then 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 ten minutes before Twelve o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 51.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 29 APRIL, 1886.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Iron Columns for Telegraph Lines:—Mr. Davies asked the Postmaster General,—
 (1.) Under whose superintendence is the ironwork for the carriage of telegraph wires in George-street being erected?
 (2.) Is it true that the columns, &c., have been patented; if so, who are the patentees, and what amount of royalty is being paid by the Government for the use of the patent?

Mr. Suttor answered,—

- (1.) Under the immediate superintendence of Mr. W. Humphreys.
 (2.) The columns and ironwork are not patented, and the Government pay no royalty.
 (2.) Railway, Waratah to Homebush:—Mr. Davies asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 (1.) When does the time expire in each case for the completion of the different sections of the Railway, Waratah to Homebush?
 (2.) When so completed, will the line or any portion thereof be opened for traffic?
 (3.) Is it intended to make any temporary provision for crossing the Hawkesbury River (so as to meet the trains) until the permanent bridge over that river is completed?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) For the 1st section (Homebush to Hawkesbury) the time expired on the 31st March last; 3rd section (Hawkesbury to Gosford) time expires 30th September, 1886; and 4th section (Gosford to Waratah) 31st July, 1886.
 (2.) It is intended that the line shall be opened in sections as finished.
 (3.) Yes, it is intended to provide temporary communication by means of a steam ferry.
 (3.) Captain Airey, New South Wales Artillery:—Mr. Abigail asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to lay upon the Table of the House a complete copy of all the papers in connection with the inquiry into the conduct of Captain Airey while in the Soudan?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—These papers have been moved for in the Legislative Council; copies will in due time be distributed to Members of this House.

2. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Randwick Church Land Sale Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*) postponed until Friday, 14th May.
 3. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Lee moved, That this House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and negatived.
 4. MARYVILLE COLLIERY COMPANY RAILWAY BILL:—Mr. G. A. Lloyd, 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 the 24th February, 1886; together with a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee.
 Ordered to be printed.
 Mr. Lloyd then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday, 14th May.
 Question put and passed.
 5. RAILWAYS—CITY EXTENSION:—Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table (*as Exhibits only*) Plan, Section, and Book of Reference of the proposed Railway Extension from the Redfern Terminus through the City of Sydney.
 6. RAILWAY BETWEEN ORANGE AND FORBES *via* CUDAL AND TOOGONG:—Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table (*as Exhibits only*), Plan, Section, and Book of Reference of a proposed Railway from Orange to Forbes *via* Cudal and Toogong, viz., from Borenore to Forbes.

7. RAILWAY FROM NARRABRI TO MOREE:—Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table (*as Exhibits only*) Plan, Section, and Book of Reference of a proposed Railway from Narrabri to Moree.
8. RAILWAY FROM NYNGAN TO COBAR:—Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table (*as Exhibits only*) Plan, Section, and Book of Reference of a proposed Railway Extension between Nyngan and Cobar.
9. RAILWAY FROM GLEN INNES TO INVERELL:—Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table (*as Exhibits only*) Plan, Section, and Book of Reference of a proposed Railway from Glen Innes to Inverell.
10. PAPERS:—Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table,—
 - (1.) Report from Deniliquin Fire Brigades Board under Fire Brigades Act of 1884.
 - (2.) Letter from Assistant Secretary of Fire Brigades Board to Captain of Volunteer Fire Brigade, Woollahra (to be included in the Return to an Order,—“Woollahra Volunteer Fire Brigade,”—laid upon the Table on 21st April, 1886):
Ordered to be printed.
11. WAYS AND MEANS:—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 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 Twelve o'clock, Midnight, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 52.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 30 APRIL, 1886.

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

THE ACTING CLERK SUMMONED:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that the Acting Clerk had received a Summons to appear before the Court of Petty Sessions at the Kempsey Police Office, on Tuesday the 4th day of May, 1886, in the case "Waters v. Sutherland, Perjury; to produce the "Speaker's Warrant for the Elections and Qualifications Committee, and proceedings following "in the case of Dangar v. Smith,"—

And having reminded the House that the Acting Clerk could not comply with such Summons without leave of the House,—Put a Question,—That the Acting Clerk have leave to comply with the Summons personally, or by one of the Officers of his Department, as may be most convenient to the business of this House,—which passed in the affirmative.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Road from John-street, Singleton, to River Hunter:—Mr. Davies, for Mr. Gould, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Referring to Mr. Gould's Questions of 30th September last, in reference to certain obstructions erected, or sanctioned by the Railway Department on portion of the road leading from John-street, Singleton, to the River Hunter, and the claim of that Department to the portion of the road so obstructed,—Will he be pleased to say whether the opinion of the Attorney-General as to the legality of this claim was obtained; and if so, what that opinion was?

(2.) Does he now intend to cause the obstructions complained of to be removed at once, so that the road may be rendered available for public traffic and access to the River Hunter, as desired by the Municipality of South Singleton, within whose boundary it is situate?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) The opinion of the Attorney-General was adverse to the claim of the Department to the road in question.

(2.) This question is under consideration.

(2.) *Ad valorem* Duties:—Mr. Abigail asked the Colonial Treasurer,—The amount received at the Custom House under the *ad valorem* duties from 1st to 30th April inclusive?

Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—The *ad valorem* duties were only collected on the 7th instant. I cannot of course state the amount received to-day from this source, but I will presently lay upon the Table a Return showing the sum received from the 7th to the 29th instant inclusive.

(3.) Streets leading to Blackfriar's Public School:—Mr. Hawthorne asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Is he aware of the wretched condition of the streets leading to the Blackfriar Public School?

(2.) Have any communications passed between the Government and the City Council in reference to the above?

(3.) Have the City Council declined to take over the said streets, or to put them in repair?

(4.) Is it his intention to take steps to put the said streets into a proper state of repair, or compel the City Council to do so?

(5.) Is he aware that in wet weather the children attending this School have to walk through several feet of water in going to and leaving the said School?

Dr. Renwick answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes, several letters have been written on the subject.

(3.) Yes.

(4.) This Department has no power to effect these objects; but the subject will be brought under the consideration of the Government.

(5.) I am aware that the children are seriously inconvenienced in this respect.

(4.)

- (4.) Report of Department of Mines:—Mr. W. J. Fergusson asked the Secretary for Mines,—When will the Report of the Department of Mines for the year 1885 be laid upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Suttor answered,—It is now in hand, and will probably be ready to lay upon the Table of the House in one week from this date.

- (5.) Railway Station at Lyndhurst:—*Mr. Barbour*, for Mr. Baker, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What is the cause of the suspension of work in the construction of the Railway Station at Lyndhurst, on the Murrumburrah and Blayney Railway?

(2.) Do the Government propose to resume the construction of the Railway Station at Lyndhurst; and if so, when?

Mr. Lynch answered,—

(1.) On the representation of a Deputation from Mandurama, it was arranged to place a small Station at 187½ miles, in lieu of the Station proposed to be placed at Lyndhurst at 191 miles 10 chains.

(2.) It is not considered that there will be sufficient traffic to justify the erection of Stations at both places.

- (6.) Public Tanks:—*Dr. Ross* asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Is it true that the services of caretakers of public tanks in the interior are being dispensed with, and that the tanks are now being leased to squatters; if so, for what reason?

(2.) Is it true that one squatter has leased two of these tanks at Roto, and one at Corella; if so, will he state at what rental, and the name of the occupier?

(3.) Is it not a rule of the Department to forbid the leasing of these tanks to squatters; and for what reason has the change been made?

(4.) Is he aware that drovers and the travelling public will be put to serious inconvenience by the leasing to squatters of tanks situated on their own runs?

Mr. Suttor answered,—

(1.) Services of caretakers are dispensed with as soon as the public watering place can be leased, with the intention of making the work self-supporting. The leases are disposed of by auction or tender, and anyone complying with the provisions is eligible under the Public Watering Places Act.

(2.) Yes, the Roto and North Roto wells have been leased to Mr. Evans, at £23 and £21 per annum. The Corella tank to Mr. Hatton, at £40 per annum.

(3.) No; anyone complying with its provisions is eligible as a tenant under the Public Watering Places Act.

(4.) No difference is made to drovers or travellers who receive water on the same terms; the tenant being prohibited from watering more than thirty head of his own stock.

3. RESERVES, MARRAR RUN, AND COUNTY OF MITCHELL (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Gormly* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all reports, minutes, and papers having reference to a Reserve on the Marrar Run, and situated on the Railway line between Junee and Marrar Platform, such Reserve having been withdrawn from sale on or about the 18th March; and copies of all reports, minutes, and papers having reference to a Reserve in the county of Mitchell, parish of Brewarranna, proclaimed a special area on the 6th of April.

Question put and passed.

4. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Building Societies Bill postponed until Friday next.

5. BOWENFELS COAL-MINING AND COPPER SMELTING COMPANY'S RAILWAY (SALE AND VESTING) BILL:—*Mr. Teece* presented a Petition from Lewis Potter Bain, a Director of the Bowenfels Coal-mining and Copper Smelting Company (Limited), praying for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize and empower the Directors for the time being of the Bowenfels Coal-mining and Copper Smelting Company (Limited) to carry out an agreement for the sale of the land on which the railway of the Company is constructed, and to vest such land in the purchaser.

And *Mr. Teece* having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* and the *Lithgow Mercury* newspapers, containing the Notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—Petition received.

6. PAPER:—*Sir Patrick Jennings* laid upon the Table,—A Return of *Ad valorem* Duties collected from the 7th to the 29th April, 1886, inclusive.

Ordered to be printed.

7. DEFAMATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—*Mr. Reid* 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. Reid*, *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. Reid*, the report was adopted.

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.

8. 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 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.

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 on Tuesday next.

9. **BOARD'S SETTLEMENT BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Hyam moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Hyam, 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. Hyam (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted. Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
10. **WYATT ESTATE LEASING BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read for the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. W. J. Fergusson, "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 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 the Bill without amendment. On motion of Mr. Fergusson, the report was adopted. Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
11. **RABBIT NUISANCE ACT**:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Neild,—
" (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the working of the Rabbit Nuisance Act of 1883.
" (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Fletcher, Mr. Vaughn, Mr. R. B. Wilkinson, Mr. Garland, Mr. Teece, Mr. Sawers, Mr. Hawthorne, Mr. Lee, Mr. Ilungerford, and the Mover."
And the Question being again proposed,—
Mr. Burdekin moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday, 1st June.
12. **POSTPONEMENT**:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Regulation of Factories and Workshops Bill postponed until Tuesday next.
13. **MUSWELLBROOK CATTLE SALE-YARDS 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 Tuesday next.
14. **ST. MARY'S WAVERLEY CHURCH OF ENGLAND LAND SALE BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—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 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. Teece, 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 Henry Simpson James Vickery and William Ransome Gullick as Trustees of certain land in the parish of St. Mary Waverley to sell the said land and to provide for the appropriation of the proceeds thereof and to vest in the said Trustees certain other land in the said parish and to provide for the sale of the same and the appropriation of the proceeds thereof.*"
Legislative Assembly Chamber.
Sydney, 30th April, 1886.
15. **MOORE ESTATE ACT AMENDMENT BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—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 without amendment. On motion of Mr. Abbott, the report was adopted. Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
16. **MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS 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 to amend and consolidate the Laws relating to Medical Practitioners.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
Ordered,

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 and consolidate the Laws relating to Medical Practitioners.

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

(2.) Mr. Tarrant *presented* a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to Medical Practitioners*,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 28th May.

17. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Cemeteries Regulation Bill postponed until Friday next.

18. BARKER'S 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 with amendments.

On motion of Mr. Teece (*with the concurrence of the House*), 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 Settled Estates Bill postponed until Friday next.

The House adjourned at nineteen minutes after Ten o'clock until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 53.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

TUESDAY, 4 MAY, 1886.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Lands Department:—Mr. Abigail asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) How many draftsmen, both permanently and temporarily appointed, are at the present time employed in the Lands Department, Sydney?

(2.) How many clerks, both permanently and temporarily appointed, are at present employed in the Lands Department, Sydney?

(3.) How many of both the above classes were employed in April, 1884, in Lands Department, Sydney?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1.) Permanent draftsmen, 81; temporary draftsmen, 154.

(2.) Permanent clerks—administrative, 64; survey, 16; total, 80. Temporary clerks; administrative, 60; survey, 48; total, 108.

(3.) Permanent clerks—administrative, 92; survey, 24; total, 116. Temporary clerks—administrative, 48; survey, 64; total, 112. Permanent draftsmen, 135; temporary draftsmen, 257.

- (2.) Post Office Carvings:—Mr. Olliffe asked the Secretary for Public Works,—With what do the Government intend to replace the Carvings on the east front of the Post Office; and when are they to be removed?

Mr. Lyne answered,—A report has been received by the Government from the Colonial Architect, which will be considered, and a decision arrived at as to these Carvings.

- (3.) Trains from Granville:—Mr. T. R. Smith asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it his intention to give instructions to have an extra carriage attached to the passenger train that leaves Granville every Wednesday at 9:30 a.m.?

(2.) Is he aware that ladies are compelled to stand during the greater part of the journey from Granville by the above train?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) Yes, when necessary.

(2.) I am not aware that this is the case, and am assured by the Traffic Manager that he is unaware of the circumstance. It is certainly not generally the case, and every effort will be made to prevent any such inconvenience.

- (4.) Wharfage Rates:—Mr. T. R. Smith asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that wharfage rates are charged at the Government wharfs in Sydney at the rate of sixpence per ton?

(2.) How much money has been expended at Newcastle, Kiama, and Wollongong for wharfage accommodation?

(3.) The amount of wharfage rates received at each port?

(4.) Do the Government intend fixing a rate that will pay interest on the amount expended?

Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—

(1.) No; the wharfage charge is collected under a table of rates varying according to the nature of the merchandise or package, as shown in the 2nd Schedule to the Act 44 Vic. No. 8.

(2 and 3.) A Return will be prepared giving the information which the Honorable Member requires under these heads.

(4.) This is a matter which requires careful consideration, and cannot now be determined.

(5.)

- (5.) Customs Duties :—Mr. Burdekin asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
 (1.) What amount has been received from the new Customs duties up to 30th April, showing the amount drawn from specific duties, and the amount from *ad valorem* ?
 (2.) What amount did the Treasurer estimate receiving for the said duties within that period ?
 Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—The estimate for the duties, specific and at value, was for twelve months' collection. The average of collections has so far exceeded the estimate in proportion. I will lay a Return upon the Table of the House later on.
- (6.) Iron Columns for Telegraph Lines :—Mr. Davies asked the Postmaster General,—
 (1.) Is Mr. Humphreys, who is supervising the erection of the ironwork in George-street for the Telegraph Department, a member of the firm of Cracknell and Humphreys ?
 (2.) What amount is he to receive for his supervision ?
 Mr. Suttor answered,—
 (1.) Yes ; and this was explained to the late Postmaster General at the time the appointment was made.
 (2.) £300. This includes the preparation of working plans and specifications.
- (7.) Extension of Tramline to Helsarmel Estate :—Mr. Hawthorne asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What was the estimated cost of the proposed extension of the Leichhardt Tramline to the Helsarmel Estate, which he has recently declined to carry out ?
 Mr. Lyne answered,—It was estimated that the extension of the Leichhardt Tramline as far as the Helsarmel Estate (end of Norton-street) would cost £4,550.
- (8.) Trustees, Wolseley Park, Gunnedah :—Mr. Abigail asked the Colonial Secretary,—When will the papers in connection with the Trustees, Wolseley Park, Gunnedah, be laid upon the Table, in accordance with the resolution carried some time ago ?
 Mr. Dibbs answered,—The papers are being prepared, and will be laid upon the Table in the course of a few days.
2. "VERNON" BOYS, MEREWETHER (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Olliffe moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House all papers and correspondence relative to the case of the "Vernon" boys (Merewether), in respect to property to which it is stated they are entitled, as the children of the deceased Mrs. Merewether, who died about the 27th April, 1876, the deeds of which were impounded by Mr. Coroner Shiell, at the inquest held on the body of the deceased Mrs. Merewether, at Sydney, on Saturday, 29th April, 1876.
 Question put and passed.
3. BOWENFELS COAL-MINING AND COPPER SMELTING COMPANY'S RAILWAY (SALE AND VESTING) BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—
 (1.) Mr. T. R. Smith, for Mr. Teece, moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize and empower the Directors for the time being of the Bowenfels Coal-mining and Copper Smelting Company (Limited) to carry out an agreement for the sale of the land on which the railway of the Company is constructed, and to vest such land in the purchaser.
 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 and empower the Directors for the time being of the Bowenfels Coal-mining and Copper Smelting Company (Limited) to carry out an agreement for the sale of the land on which the Railway of the Company is constructed and to vest such land in the purchaser,*"—read a first time.
4. DEFAMATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—On motion of Mr. William Clarke, read a third time, and passed.
 Mr. Clarke then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the Law relating to Libel and Slander.*"
 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 Libel and Slander,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
 Sydney, 4th May, 1886.*
5. SYDNEY CORPORATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*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 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, 4th May, 1886.*

6. BOARD'S SETTLEMENT BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*).—On motion of Mr. Hyam, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Hyam then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to enable Harriet Fahey to demise certain hereditaments settled by Gregory Board on the said Harriet Fahey her testamentary appointees and children.*"

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 Harriet Fahey to demise certain hereditaments settled by Gregory Board on the said Harriet Fahey her testamentary appointees and children,*"—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 Indenture referred to in the Preamble of the Bill.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 4th May, 1886.*

7. WYATT 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 enable Joseph Wyatt and John Moring or other the Trustees or Trustee of a Settlement dated the eighth day of June one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three and made between Eleanor Dorothy Wyatt the wife of Joseph Wyatt then Eleanor Dorothy Foreman spinster of the one part and Richard Driver senior and Richard Driver junior of the other part to grant building repairing or improving leases of the real estate comprised in such 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 Joseph Wyatt and John Moring or other the Trustees or Trustee of a Settlement dated the eighth day of June one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three and made between Eleanor Dorothy Wyatt the wife of Joseph Wyatt then Eleanor Dorothy Foreman spinster of the one part and Richard Driver senior and Richard Driver junior of the other part to grant building repairing or improving leases of the real estate comprised in such 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 Indentures referred to in the Preamble of the Bill.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 4th May, 1886.*

8. MUSWELLBROOK CATTLE SALE-YARDS BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*).—On motion of Mr. Abbott, read a third, and *passed*.

Mr. Abbott 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 Muswellbrook within the Municipality of Muswellbrook.*"

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 Muswellbrook within the Municipality of Muswellbrook,*"—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, 4th May, 1886.*

9. MOORE ESTATE ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*).—On motion of Mr. Purves, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Purves then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to extend the powers given by the 'Moore Estate Act of 1879' and to provide for the investment and disposal of the proceeds of the sale of certain lands and in other respects to amend the said Act.*"

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 extend the powers given by the 'Moore Estate Act of 1879' and to provide for the investment and disposal of the proceeds of the sale of certain lands and in other respects to amend the said Act,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council, without amendment.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 4th May, 1886.*

10. BARKER'S ESTATE BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*).—On motion of Mr. T. R. Smith, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Smith then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to enable the Trustees of the Will of Mr. William Barker deceased to sell certain land and hereditaments in Pitt-street Redfern in the Colony of New South Wales and to make provision for the investment 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 the Trustees of the Will of Mr. William Barker deceased to sell certain land and hereditaments in Pitt-street Rodfern in the Colony of New South Wales 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 each of the two Reports from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committees on this Bill, together with a copy of the Will of the late William Barker.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 4th May, 1886.*

11. **POSTPONEMENT** :—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of Resolutions relative to the Working Classes, postponed until Tuesday, 1st June.

12. **PAPERS** :—

Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return of the Cost of the Tramways, including rolling stock, buildings, machinery, and land.
- (2.) Return showing the Surveys upon which the Vote for Railway Trial Surveys has been expended, and the sums paid for each Survey.
Ordered to be printed.
- (3.) Return to an Order made on 16th April, 1886,—“Messrs. Hayes and M’Fadden’s Contract, Nyngan.”

Dr. Renwick laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return to an Order made on 16th February, 1886,—“Statistics of Schools.”
- (2.) Return to an Order made on 21st April, 1886,—“Prosecutions by School Attendance Officers.”
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return to an Order made on 16th April, 1886,—“Fisheries Commission.”
- (2.) Correspondence respecting the selection of the proposed Rifle Team for Wimbledon Rifle Matches.
Ordered to be printed.

Sir Patrick Jennings laid upon the Table,—A Return showing the amount of duty collected on *ad valorem* and new Specific Duties from the 7th to the 30th April inclusive.
Ordered to be printed.

13. **BIRD ESTATE BILL** :—Mr. Purves 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 John Humphries or other the Trustee or Trustees for the time being of a Settlement bearing date the second day of August one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight and made between Thomas Bird deceased of the first part Trophina Bird his wife also deceased of the second part and Francis Smith and the Reverend John Joseph M’Encroc of the third part to sell certain land and houses in Oatley-street and Park Road in the City of Sydney and to provide for the application of the proceeds thereof*,"—read a first time.

14. **MAIL COMMUNICATION BETWEEN GREAT BRITAIN AND AUSTRALIA via SUEZ** :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Suttor, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

CARRINGTON,

Governor.

Message No. 20.

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 Agreement, dated 21st August, 1885, made between the respective Postmasters General of the Colonies of New South Wales, Victoria, and South Australia, providing mail communication between Great Britain and Australia *via Suez*, on the termination of the existing Mail Contracts with the Orient Steam Navigation Company and the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company, in January, 1888.

*Government House,
Sydney, 4th May, 1886.*

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

15. **ADJOURNMENT** :—Mr. O’Sullivan moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

16. **CENTENARY OF THE COLONY** :—Mr. Harold Stephen moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this “House,” steps should at once be taken for the celebration of the Centenary of the Colony.

(2.) That, in the opinion of this House, the holding of an International Exhibition should be part of such celebration.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Septimus Stephen moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word “House,” in the first paragraph, with a view to the insertion in their place of the words “a Commission be appointed to consider the best mode of celebrating the Centenary of the “Colony.”

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

Debate continued.

Proposed amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question put and negatived.

17. SERVICES OF MAJOR PARROTT, C.E., IN THE SOUDAN :—Mr. Neild 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.) Copy of a letter written by Captain (now Major) Parrott, C.E., applying for permission to serve in the Soudan.

(2.) Copies of despatches and letters from the Secretary of State for War, the Secretary of State for the Colonies, the Agent General, His Excellency Lord Carrington, and all memoranda on such despatches, having reference to the Hydrological and Geological Reports furnished to the British Government by Major Parrott, C.E., late Engineer Officer to the Soudan Contingent.

Question put and passed.

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

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 54.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 5 MAY, 1886.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Railway Passengers to National Park :—*Mr. Davies*, for Mr. Gould, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) How many first and second class passengers respectively travelled from Sydney and Suburban Stations to the National Park on each of the following days, namely, Sunday, 25th April, Monday, 26th April, Tuesday, 27th April?

(2.) What were the gross and net receipts respectively on each of these days?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) The following are the numbers of passengers who travelled from Sydney and Suburban Stations to the National Park on the days named :—25th April, 680 first class, and 1,248 second class; 26th April, 2,326 first class, and 7,189 second class; 27th April, 542 first class, and 881 second class.

(2.) The receipts were as follows :—25th April, gross receipts, £259 Os. 11d., net receipts, £215 16s. 11d.; 26th April, gross receipts, £1,205 Os. 10d., net receipts, £1,029 16s. 10d.; 27th April, gross receipts, £188 3s. 4d., net receipts, £144 19s. 4d. This does not include the cost of taking the Volunteers to and from the Encampment, nor the cost of carriage of the tents, &c.

- (2.) Net-fishing in Port Hacking :—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. W. J. Fergusson, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) The number of permits or licenses to haul nets in Port Hacking?

(2.) When will the leases or licenses expire?

(3.) Will he, in view of the National Park having been granted for public recreation, &c., put a stop to net-fishing in Port Hacking, and refuse any fresh licenses to fish in that port?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

(1.) 748, viz., fishermen's licenses, 512; fishing boat licenses, 236.

(2.) 31st December, 1886.

(3.) Net-fishing in Port Hacking cannot be permanently stopped by the laws in force. During six months of the year (April to September) tidal waters may be closed against the use of fishing nets, only when the supply of fish has been exhausted to such a degree as to require rest for the recovery thereof, and the maximum term of such closure is for three years. The North-west Arm of Port Hacking has been closed till September next, and a proposal is now under consideration to close the whole of Port Hacking till the same date.

- (3.) Allowance to Aborigines :—*Mr. Davies*, for Mr. Gould, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has a letter, addressed to the Secretary of the Aborigines Board, signed by Messrs. Gould, M.P.,—Brooks, P.M., Revs. Dr. White and Shaw, Drs. Read and Bowman, and Mr. G. T. Loder, J.P., recommending the weekly allowance of rations to certain infirm and diseased Aborigines, been recently received?

(2.) Is it his intention to direct a compliance with such recommendation?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Authority has been given for the issue of rations to all aged, sick, or infirm Aborigines unable to work for a livelihood, and also to children.

- (4.) Lockup for Leichhardt :—*Mr. Garrard*, for Mr. Hawthorne, asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Have the Government purchased land in Leichhardt for the purpose of building a lockup?

(2.) If so, when is it his intention to commence the erection of the building?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) The erection of a lockup has been applied for, but the work is not of a very urgent character.

- (5.) Charge for Water from Government Tank, Mount Hope:—Mr. Burdokin asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) Is the Government aware that the publicans at Mount Hope are charged at the rate of 1s. per 100 gallons for water taken from the Government tank situated on the main stock route, half-way between Mount Hope and South Mount Hope?
 - (2.) Is the same charge made to other classes of the community?
 - (3.) Is the said tank a stock tank or a township tank?
 - (4.) Under whose instructions is said charge imposed?
- Mr. Fletcher answered,—
- (1.) Yes, because it was found that publicans were drawing very large quantities of water from the Government tanks, and selling at a profit.
 - (2.) No charges are made for water for purely domestic purposes.
 - (3.) A stock tank.
 - (4.) The late Secretary for Mines.
- (6.) Recreation Reserve, Bronte Bay:—Mr. Neild asked the Secretary for Mines,—Is it the intention of the Government to take steps to purchase or resume land at Bronte Bay for the purpose of public recreation?
- Mr. Fletcher answered,—Yes, it is the intention of the Government to purchase or resume the land in question, in accordance with the promise of the Stuart Government.
2. NET-FISHING IN PORT HACKING PROHIBITION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Sir John Robertson moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to prohibit net-fishing or other wholesale destruction of fish in the waters of Port Hacking.
- Question put and passed.
3. SYDNEY CORPORATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2) (*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," by providing for the election, annually, of the Mayor by the Citizens.
- Question put and passed.
4. BIRD ESTATE BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Trickett, for Mr. Purves, moved, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) That the Bird 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 Mr. Bull, Mr. Day, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Gibbes, Mr. Hayes, Mr. Mackinnon, Mr. Moore, Mr. Targett, and Mr. Purves.
- Question put and passed.
5. BOWENFELS COAL-MINING AND COPPER SMELTING COMPANY'S RAILWAY (SALE AND VESTING) BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. T. R. Smith, for Mr. Teece, moved, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) That the Bowenfels Coal-mining and Copper Smelting Company's Railway (Sale and Vesting) Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. T. R. Smith, Mr. Trickett, Mr. Purves, Mr. Day, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Leven, Mr. Scott, Mr. Olliffe, and Mr. Teece.
- Question put and passed.
6. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Regulation of Factories and Workshops Bill postponed until Friday, 28th May.
7. PAPERS:—
- Dr. Renwick laid upon the Table,—Notifications of Resumptions of Land for Public School Purposes, under Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, at Kangaroo Flat and Milbrulong.
- Ordered to be printed.
- Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 15th April, 1886,—“Registrars of Births, Deaths, and Marriages, County of Cumberland.”
- Ordered to be printed.
8. CIVIL SERVICE ACT:—Mr. Thompson presented a Petition from certain Teachers in the various Public Schools of the Colony, representing that the Petitioners are dissatisfied with the Civil Service Act and its operation with regard to them; suggesting certain amendments, should the House see fit to amend the Act; and praying favourable consideration of the premises, with a view to relief.
- Petition received.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 55.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 6 MAY, 1886.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Platform between Minto and Campbelltown:—Mr. Olliffe asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) At whose instigation was the Platform between Minto and Campbelltown erected?
 (2.) How far is this Platform from the Campbelltown Station, and what was the cost of the same?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) On the representations made in a Petition signed by fifty-three persons, supported by Mr. Kidd, M.P., and Mr. Davies, M.P.

- (2.) The Platform is distant 1 mile 29 chains from Campbelltown; the cost has been £152.

- (2.) Bridge across Parramatta River for Homebush-Waratah Railway:—Mr. Bull asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the Bridge across the Parramatta River for the Homebush-Waratah Railway, be completed?

Mr. Lyne answered,—The contractors say that they will have the Bridge finished by the end of July.

- (3.) Indian and Colonial Exhibition:—Mr. William Clarke asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) What is the name of the Clerk to the Executive Commissioner to the Indian and Colonial Exhibition?

- (2.) What is the amount of his allowance?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—An allowance of £200 per annum as Clerk has been given, and the appointment will be made by the Executive Commissioner, and not by the Government.

- (4.) Selection of Rifle Team to Represent the Colony:—Mr. Abigail asked the Colonial Secretary,—The names of the gentlemen who represented the New South Wales Rifle Association at the selecting of the five men chosen to represent New South Wales at the shooting matches in England?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—Lieutenant-Colonel Jaques (Chairman), Lieutenant Cohen, Mr. G. Douglas, Captain A. Fraser, Mr. D. Gee, Lieutenant Hammand, Mr. M. Hagney, Lieutenant Keating, Commander Lewington, Major Longfield, Lieutenant J. Stuart Mason, Mr. Jas. Mitchell, Lieutenant Oldershaw, Mr. R. J. Sheridan, Mr. A. P. Wood. Mr. Gee, being an interested party, retired previous to the decision being arrived at.

- (5.) Site for Court-house, Parramatta:—Mr. Toohy asked the Minister of Justice,—Whether any land has been purchased in Parramatta as a site for a Court-house; and if so, from whom was the said land purchased, and at what price?

Mr. Garvan answered,—Yes; a site for a Court-house has been purchased from Mr. George Thomas Suttor, of Baulkham Hills, for the sum of £5,000.

- (6.) Penny Postage System:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Postmaster General,—Have the Government taken into consideration, as promised by two former Governments, the advisableness of extending the Penny Postage system throughout New South Wales, or at least to all places accessible by Railway?

Mr. Suttor answered,—The Government will be prepared to give the subject consideration.

- (7.) Post Office Department:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Postmaster General,—

- (1.) The names of the two temporary clerks in the General Post Office who applied to be placed on the staff, and were refused?

- (2.) The number of years each has been employed in the Post Office?

- (3.) The names of the two temporary clerks whom it is proposed to place on the staff?

- (4.) The number of years each has been employed in the Post Office?

- (5.) Is it his intention to allow the two temporary clerks, who formerly applied, to be put on the staff on the same terms at a reduced salary?

Mr.

Mr. Suttor answered,—

- (1.) There were three, namely, Messrs. B. C. Lloyd, John Reynolds, and Martin White.
- (2.) Seven years, seven years, and six years respectively.
- (3.) Alexander E. Blackmore and Nicholas E. H. Ehrenstrom.
- (4.) Two years and nine months, and six years and eight months respectively.
- (5.) Mr. Lloyd has resigned, and there is no intention at present of placing Messrs. Reynolds and White on the staff. They have not passed the necessary examinations. They have not expressed any desire to go on the staff at a reduced salary, nor are they reported as possessing special qualifications under the 28th clause of the Civil Service Act.

- (8.) Site for Benevolent Asylum, North Parramatta :—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he give instructions, as promised by a late Minister for Lands (Mr. Abbott), for the issue of the deed for 2 acres 2 roods 30 perches of land fronting Grose, Ross, and Ballard Streets, North Parramatta, and which was dedicated some time ago as a site for a Benevolent Asylum?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—I am not aware of any promise having been made as to the issue of the deed of grant, nor am I aware to whom the deed could be legally issued.

2. COMMONS REGULATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2) (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Fletcher 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 amend the Commons Regulation Act of 1873, and to validate certain appointments of Trustees purporting to have been made thereunder.

Question put and passed.

3. NET-FISHING IN PORT JACKING PROHIBITION BILL :—Sir John Robertson presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to prohibit Net-fishing or other wholesale destruction of Fish in the Waters of Port Jacking*,”—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 21st May.

4. PAPERS :—

Mr. Garvan laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return to an Order made on 15th April, 1886,—“*Dr. Callaghan, J.P.*”

(2.) Return (in part) to an Address adopted on 30th March, 1886,—“*Punishment by Whipping.*”

Mr. Fletcher laid upon the Table,—Annual Report of the Department of Mines for the year 1885.

Ordered to be printed.

Dr. Renwick laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 6th April, 1886,—“*Private Schools.*”

Ordered to be printed.

5. WEST WALLSEND AND MONK-WEARMOUTH RAILWAY BILL :—Mr. G. A. Lloyd, 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 31st March, 1886; together with a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Lloyd then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday next.

Question put and passed.

6. MOOREBANK ESTATE BILL :—Mr. Trickett, on behalf of Mr. McCulloch, 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 March, 1886; together with a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Trickett then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday, 4th June.

Question put and passed.

7. PRECEDENCE OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS ON TUESDAYS (*Sessional Order*):—Sir Patrick Jennings moved, pursuant to amended Notice, That, unless otherwise ordered, Government Business take precedence over General Business on Tuesday of each week for the remainder of the present Session.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 44.

Noes, 34.

Sir Patrick Jennings,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Kethel,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Reid,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Hyam,
Dr. Renwick,	Mr. Burke,
Mr. Targett,	Mr. Bull,
Mr. Want,	Mr. Forsyth,
Mr. Butcher,	Mr. Rytic,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Toohy,
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Hogan,
Mr. Thompson,	Mr. Scott,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Gormly,	Mr. See,
Mr. Brunner,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. Creer,	Mr. Harold Stephen,
Mr. Baker,	Mr. Abbott,
Mr. Hungerford,	Mr. Gibbes,
Mr. Tarrant,	Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
Mr. Russell Barton,	Mr. Teece.
Mr. Judd,	
Mr. Purves,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Bolton,	Mr. Moore,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Melville.

Sir John Robertson,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Gould,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Vaughn,	Mr. Abigail,
Mr. Burdekin,	Dr. Ross,
Mr. James Henry Young,	Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Neild,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Garland,	Mr. Ives.
Sir Henry Parkes,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	
Mr. Shepherd,	Mr. Tait,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. McCulloch
Mr. Henson,	
Mr. Foster,	
Mr. Slattery,	
Mr. Heydon,	
Mr. Roberts,	
Mr. Davies,	
Mr. Chanter,	
Mr. Wisdom,	
Mr. O'Sullivan,	
Mr. Inglis,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

8. **ADJOURNMENT** :—Mr. Shepherd moved, That this House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and negatived.
9. **PAPERS** :—Sir Patrick Jennings laid upon the Table,—
 (1.) Report of the Board of Health upon an outbreak of Typhoid Fever in the Municipal District of Leichhardt.
 (2.) Further Correspondence and Papers respecting Administration of British New Guinea.
 (3.) Papers and Correspondence relative to Colonial Naval Defences, laid before a meeting held on board Her Majesty's ship "Nelson," at Sydney, on 26th and 27th April, 1886, when the Premiers of Victoria, Queensland, and New South Wales, and the Naval Commander-in-Chief, were present.
 Ordered to be printed.
10. **WAYS AND MEANS** :—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 the Committee of Ways and Means.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 7 MAY, 1886, A.M.

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

11. **ADJOURNMENT** :—Sir Patrick Jennings moved, That this House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly at twenty-five minutes after Twelve 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.

FRIDAY, 7 MAY, 1886.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Postal Notes:—Mr. Harold Stephen asked the Postmaster General,—Is it his intention to take into consideration the advisableness of issuing postal notes on the principle in vogue in Victoria? Mr. Suttor answered,—I had this matter under consideration when in office about five years since, but it was found that the system could not be adopted without legislation. As I understand that it is in operation in one or two of the neighbouring Colonies, I purpose obtaining some information as to whether the system is successful in those Colonies, and will then determine whether it is desirable to issue these notes or not.

(2.) Land and Income Taxes:—Mr. Burdekin asked the Colonial Treasurer,—In the taxation schemes of the Government, does the wording in Resolutions 3 and 4—the 3rd having reference to the land tax, the 4th the income tax—mean that in the City of Sydney and Country and Suburban Municipalities a tax shall be collected on the land in its capital value on which a house or shop is erected, as well as the tax upon the income derived from such house or shop;—To make the question perfectly clear, suppose a shop in George-street to stand on 30 feet of land valued at £1,000 per foot, would a land tax be levied on the capital value of such land, say £30,000, as well as a tax of 4d. in the £ on the income derived from the house or shop erected thereon? Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—As it is not clear from the wording of this question whether the word “income” is meant to be construed as rent, or as an income derived from the carrying on of a trade or business in “the house or shop,” I shall be glad if the Honorable Member will re-state his question in such a way as to place his meaning on this point beyond doubt.

(3.) Electric Light for Woolloomooloo Bay:—Mr. Burdekin asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Has he yet received a report relative to the lighting of Cowper Wharf, Woolloomooloo Bay, with electric light?

Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—Yes; a report has been received favourable to the project of lighting Cowper Wharf with the electric light. The Government have approved of the work, and instructions have been given to carry it out as early as possible.

2. BOWENFELS COAL-MINING AND COPPER SMELTING COMPANY'S RAILWAY (SALE AND VESTING) BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Day, for Mr. Teece, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the name of Mr. Lyne be added to the Select Committee on the Bowenfels Coal-mining and Copper Smelting Company's Railway (Sale and Vesting) Bill.
Question put and passed.

3. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed until Friday, 4th June:—

(1.) Water Frontages Reservation Bill; second reading.

(2.) Building Societies Bill; second reading.

4. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Neild moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

5. ABOLITION OF PUNISHMENT BY WHIPPING BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—and Mr. Harold Stephen proceeding to move the postponement of the Order of the Day for 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, viz., Mr. Bull, Mr. Burns, Mr. Copeland, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Fletcher, Mr. Forsyth, Mr. Gould, Mr. Hammond, Mr. Hungerford, Sir Patrick Jennings, Mr. Judd, Mr. J. F. Smith, Mr. Harold Stephen, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Suttor, Mr. Teece, Mr. Trickett, and Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,—

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House at nine minutes before Nine o'clock, until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 57.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

TUESDAY, 11 MAY, 1886.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Township at Doodle-Cooma:—Mr. Abigail asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Has he received a Petition from about eighty residents of Doodle-Cooma, requesting that a township be surveyed and town allotments sold?
- (2.) Is he aware that for the purpose of forming such township most of the petitioners are ready and desirous of purchasing town lots, if the request be granted?
- (3.) If the above be true, will he state if he has arrived at any decision; and will he have any objection to lay the papers and correspondence upon the Table?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

- (1.) A Petition was received.
- (2. and 3.) The instructions to survey the site are now in the hands of the District Surveyor. I have no objection to lay the papers upon the Table if moved for.

- (2.) Mr. Coman, J.P.:—Mr. Abigail asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) The date of the appointment of E. J. Coman, Esq., as a Justice of the Peace for the Colony?
- (2.) Is it true that he has been appointed Acting Police Magistrate for the Moruya portion of the Eden Electorate?
- (3.) The names and dates of appointments of other Justices of the Peace in this part of the Colony?
- (4.) What particular qualification does Mr. Coman possess that has led to his appointment over many who have been doing active magisterial duties for years before his appointment to the Commission of the Peace?

Mr. Garvan answered,—

- (1.) 2nd August, 1885.
- (2.) Yes; Mr. Coman has been appointed Acting Police Magistrate, on the recommendation of the Police Magistrate, Moruya, who has been summoned to Sydney to act as Deputy Stipendiary Magistrate during Mr. Abbott's absence on official duty at Kempsey.
- (3.) The following Justices of the Peace, resident in Moruya portion of the district, usually attend the Moruya Bench, viz.:—T. T. Gannon, 1st July, 1865; W. H. Simpson, 11th September, 1875; Charles Brice, 5th October, 1883; Laidley Mort, 29th July, 1885; George Guy, 29th July, 1885; Francis Guy, senr., 18th June, 1877; George Webber, 1st August, 1871; Fred. W. Osborne, 2nd August, 1883; Dr. King, 2nd October, 1876.
- (4.) Mr. Coman was recommended chiefly on account of his not being engaged in business pursuits, as he was willing to undertake the travelling requirements connected with the office; and I may add, from my own knowledge of Mr. Coman's high character, and the fact of his being a resident and native of the district, I considered him in every respect qualified for the position during the temporary absence of the present Police Magistrate.

- (3.) Payments to Orange Volunteer Corps:—Mr. Melville asked the Colonial Secretary,—By whose authority were the Orange Corps paid their money at "Webb's Hotel," Parramatta-street, after the last Encampment?

Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—The officer commanding the Orange Corps.

- (4.) "Australian Portrait Gallery":—Mr. William Clarke asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) What number of copies of a book called the "Australian Portrait Gallery" was purchased by this or previous Governments, and by whose authority?
- (2.) What was the total amount, and from what fund was the money paid?

Sir

Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—

- (1.) 500 copies, in sheets, were purchased in July, 1885, by the authority of the Stuart Government.
 (2.) £600, paid in the first instance, from Treasurer's Advance Account, but eventually to form a charge upon the contemplated Vote for the Colonial and Indian Exhibition. (£7,000, Supplementary Estimates for 1885.)

(5.) Lands and Survey Office, Bourke:—Mr. Abigail asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) What was the cost to the country of the Lands and Survey Office, Bourke, for the quarter ended 31st March last, inclusive of all salaries, extra allowances, rent of office, &c.?
 (2.) What was the revenue taken at that office during the same period?

Mr. Copeland answered,—I will during the week lay a Return upon the Table of the House giving the information the Honorable Member has asked for.

(6.) Site for Court-house, Parramatta:—Mr. Toohey asked the Minister of Justice,—Is it the intention of the present Ministry to erect a Court-house on the site purchased from Mr. Suttor in Farramatta?

Mr. Garvan answered,—The subject of erecting a new Court-house at Parramatta on the site referred to has not yet been considered by the Government; but I find that the late Government decided that the cost of the site and proposed new building are intended to be ultimately met by the sale of the present site and buildings. Before any steps are taken towards erecting a new building, it will, in my opinion, be necessary that a vote should be obtained in the regular manner.

(7.) Road through Bolwarra Estate:—Mr. Burns asked the Secretary for Mines,—What steps have the Government taken, or do they intend taking, for opening for public traffic the whole of the road through the Bolwarra Estate, near Maitland, in accordance with the survey made some time ago by a Government officer?

Mr. Fletcher answered,—The road which was proclaimed in 1864, and formally opened in 1865, has recently been conspicuously re-marked on the ground; the encroachment of 25 links on the western side of the road was, in terms of sale of the recent subdivision of the Bolwarra Estate, thrown into the road to make it the proper width of 75 links as surveyed. It now devolves upon the public to assert and maintain its right to the full width of the road.

(8.) Blayney-Murrumburrah Railway:—Mr. Garland asked the Secretary for Public Works,—In view of the early completion of the third section of the Blayney-Murrumburrah Line, between Blayney and Cowra, is it his intention to cause tenders to be called for the erection of the various Stations at and between those points without delay?

Mr. Garvan answered,—Tenders will be invited as early as practicable.

(9.) Land and Income Taxes:—Mr. Burdekin asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Does Resolution No. 3 of the Government taxation proposals, viz.,—

“That, towards raising the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty, there shall be charged, levied, and paid yearly,—

“(a) On and in respect of all lands in New South Wales (with such exemptions as may be prescribed);—For every 20s. of the unimproved capital value, where such value shall exceed the sum of £1,000, from the 1st day of July, 1886, the sum of $\frac{1}{4}$ d. in every £1.”—

apply to improved as well as to unimproved freehold land throughout the whole Colony, including the City of Sydney and all other Municipalities?

(2.) If all lands in the Colony, improved as well as unimproved, are liable to the above proposed land tax, are the improvements also liable to taxation under the following proposed Resolution:—

“(4.) Resolved,—That towards raising the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty there shall be charged, levied, and paid yearly,—

“(b) On and in respect of all interest of money, annuities, shares of annuities, dividends, and debentures, arising or accruing from investments in the said Colony, payable to any person or persons, bodies politic, or corporate Companies, or Societies (whether corporate or not), and whether resident or carrying on business in the said Colony or not,—on and in respect of the annual profits or gains derived by any person or persons resident in the said Colony from any kind of property whatever, whether situate in the said Colony or elsewhere, or from any annuities, allowances, or stipends, or from the exercise of any profession, trade, or vocation, or from any other source whatever; and on and in respect of every public office or employment of profit, and upon every annuity, pension, salary, or stipend payable to any person out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund or the Superannuation Account, or any other Fund (with such exemptions, qualifications, adjustment, and deductions as may be prescribed);—For every 20s. of the annual value or amount thereof, where such value or amount exceeds the sum of £300 from the 1st day of April, 1886, the sum of 4d.”

To make the matter perfectly clear to the Treasurer;—Suppose a block of land in George-street 30 feet frontage, valued at £1,000 per foot, total capital value £30,000, to have a shop erected upon it, bringing in a rental of £1,000 per annum in the shape of rent, would the land and the erection upon it each be liable to taxation, the one under the land tax the other under the income tax?

Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—

- (1.) Yes.

(2.) It is proposed to tax land at its unimproved value, which means actual value of the fee simple, less the value of the improvements (if any) on the land. As to income tax, all losses, outgoings, and expenses actually incurred by the taxpayer in producing the income are deducted from the gross amount, and he pays only on the net amount. For instance, where property produces income, the taxpayer (taxed already for land tax at the unimproved value of the land) only pays as for income the excess of such income over and above 5 per cent. of the unimproved capital value of the land. The Honorable Member will be able, I trust, to see how his example works out from this explanation. It seems a possible but certainly not a probable case, and would leave no margin for taxable income.

2. **IRON COLUMNS FOR TELEGRAPH LINES** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Davies moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers, minutes, letters, and tenders, having reference to the erection of iron columns and lattice-work in George-street for the carriage of Telegraph Lines.
Question put and passed.
3. **SYDNEY TECHNICAL COLLEGE** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Melville, for Mr. Abbott, 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, Executive minutes, and other documents relating to the appointment of Mr. W. T. Wiley as Secretary of the Sydney Technical College; and also all correspondence and minutes in reference to his proposed removal from that position.
Question put and passed.
4. **DISTRICT SURVEYORS UNDER CROWN LANDS ACT** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Melville, for Mr. Fitzgerald, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a copy of the minute by Mr. Secretary Farnell, and approved by the Cabinet, defining the position of the District Surveyors under the Crown Lands Act of 1854; and also the subsequent minute by Mr. Secretary Abbott upon the same subject.
Question put and passed.
5. **ACTIONS FOR LOSS BY FIRES AGAINST COMMISSIONER FOR RAILWAYS** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Thompson moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—
(1.) The number of cases for loss by fires, occurring through negligence, which have been brought or threatened against the Commissioner for Railways during the past ten years.
(2.) The number of cases which have gone to trial in which the Commissioner has been successful.
(3.) The number of cases in which he has been unsuccessful.
(4.) The number of cases which have been settled.
(5.) The amount paid in damages, and the amount in costs.
(6.) The amount in costs which has been recovered by the Commissioner.
(7.) The amount paid for settled cases.
(8.) The number of cases in which settlements have been offered to the Commissioner and refused, and what were the offers, showing which cases the Commissioner has lost, after an offer of settlement has been refused.
Question put and passed.
6. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
(1.) West Wallsend and Monk-Wearmouth Railway Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—
(2.) Hay Gas Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—
(3.) Ashfield Church of England School Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—
(4.) Arbitration Act Amendment Bill; second reading;—*until Friday, 18th June.*
(5.) Cemeteries Regulation Bill; second reading;—*until Friday, 25th June.*
7. **PARRAMATTA PUBLIC BATHS BILL**:—Mr. Hugh Taylor presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Borough of Parramatta, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Council of the Borough of Parramatta to construct, establish, and maintain Public Baths within the Borough of Parramatta upon part of a portion of land originally granted to the said Council as a site for a Market in Parramatta North, and in the Parramatta River adjacent thereto, and to excavate the said land and river, and to erect buildings and fences thereon, and lay pipes therein, and use the water from the reservoir in the said river for the purpose of such Baths, and to borrow money for the purposes aforesaid, and to make such regulations and by-laws, and appoint such officers and servants as may be necessary for the maintenance, regulation, and management of such Baths, and the fees and charges to be made and demanded in respect of the use thereof, and to empower the said Council to grant leases of the fees or tolls to be collected at the said Baths.
And Mr. Taylor having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* and *The Cumberland Mercury* newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—Petition received.
8. **NEW SOUTH WALES TRUSTEES EXECUTORS AND AGENCY COMPANY'S BILL**:—Mr. Thompson, 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 16th February, 1886; together with Appendix, and a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Thompson then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday, 21st May.
Question put and passed.
9. **PRINGLE'S ESTATE MORTGAGING BILL**:—Mr. Levien, 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 6th April, 1886; together with a copy of the Bill as agreed to by the Committee.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Levien then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday, 21st May.
Question put and passed.
10. **PAPERS**:—
Mr. Fletcher laid upon the Table,—Return to an Address adopted on 15th April, 1886,—“Mr. J. C. Crommelin.”
Ordered to be printed.
Sir Patrick Jennings laid upon the Table,—Particulars of applications for Oyster Leases on the George's River.
Ordered to be printed.

11. MOORE ESTATE ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Sir Patrick Jennings, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

CARRINGTON,

Message No. 21.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to extend the powers given by the 'Moore Estate Act of 1879' and to provide for the investment and disposal of the proceeds of the sale of certain lands and in other respects to amend the said 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 forwarded to the proper officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,

Sydney, 7th May, 1886.

12. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Abigail moved, That this House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and negatived.
13. PAPER:—Mr. Suttor laid upon the Table,—Regulation regarding "Collect" Telegrams.
 Ordered to be printed.
14. WAYS AND MEANS:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means having been read,—
 Motion made (*Sir Patrick Jennings*), and Question proposed, "That" Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.
 Sir Henry Parkes 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 following words:—
 " (1.) It is inexpedient at the present time to impose fresh taxation upon the people of this country beyond what is absolutely necessary to meet the public engagements, and to carry on the Public Service, after the enforcement of a rigid scheme of retrenchment.
 " (2.) That the greater part of the taxation found to be absolutely necessary should be raised upon property, and by an amendment of the Stamp Act?
 " (3.) That the balance should be raised through the Custom House upon articles not exceeding in number the articles included in the present tariff, or by excise duties; and that the *ad valorem* duties proposed by the Government ought not to receive the approval of this House."
 Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
 Debate ensued.
 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 fifteen minutes before Twelve o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
 Speaker

New South Wales.

No. 58.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 12 MAY, 1886.

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

PRODUCTION OF RECORDS IN A COURT OF LAW:—Mr. Speaker reported that in compliance with the leave granted by the House to the Acting Clerk on the 30th April, 1886, that officer had, by deputy, attended the Police Court, Kempsey, and produced the documents required by the summons in the case "Waters v. Sutherland, Perjury," and that the same Officer had, while at Kempsey aforesaid, been summoned to give evidence in the case "Dangar and ors. ats. Sutherland, Conspiracy," and had, by direction of Mr. Speaker, given evidence and produced documents in obedience to that summons, the leave already granted by the House in the previous case being considered sufficient to enable him to do so.

2. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Public School Cadet Corps:—Mr. Gould asked the Colonial Secretary,—Have the Government applied to the Home Authorities for Snider carbines for the Public School Cadet Corps; if so, when, and what number, and when are they likely to arrive?

Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—Yes, on 6th July, 1885, for 1,000. On 1st February last a telegram was received by the Colonial Secretary from the Agent General, stating that the Snider carbines could not be delivered by the War Office before the 10th of that month.

- (2.) Bridge over Johnston's Creek, Parramatta Road:—Mr. Gibbes asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the widening of the bridge at the intersection of the Parramatta Road with Johnston's Creek be commenced?

Mr. Garvan answered,—As soon as money is available.

- (3.) Town Lots at Conerang or Rock Flat, near Cooma:—Mr. Dawson asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is it his intention to offer for sale by auction the town lots at Conerang or Rock Flat, near Cooma, which have been surveyed sometime; and if so, when?

Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—It is intended to offer the land for sale by auction. The plan is now being dealt with in the Survey Office, and it is expected that the land will be advertised for sale within a very short time.

- (4.) Proposed Tramways to Silverton:—Mr. Garland asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that certain Companies have applied to the Government for the right to construct Tramways from the borders of South Australia to Silverton; if so, have their applications been refused?

(2.) If the Government will not grant the right to construct Tramways to Silverton by private enterprise, is it the intention of the Government to construct such lines on behalf of the State?

Mr. Garvan answered,—Certain proposals have been made to the Government, and the matter is under consideration of the Honorable the Secretary for Lands.

- (5.) "Australian Portrait Gallery":—Mr. William Clarke asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What has been done with the 500 copies of the book called the "Australian Portrait Gallery"?

(2.) If distributed, on what date were they distributed, and where?

(3.) Before distribution, were the 500 copies bound; if so, who did the work of binding, and at what expense to the country?

Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—

(1.) 495 out of the 500 copies of the book are not yet forwarded to London for distribution by the Executive Commissioner of the Indian and Colonial Exhibition.

(2.) Five copies have been distributed as under:—Two copies forwarded as part of exhibit to the Indian and Colonial Exhibition; two copies forwarded to the Under Secretary for Finance and Trade; one copy retained by Government Printer.

(3.) Twenty-seven copies only have been bound, at a total cost of £8 2s.

(6.)

(6.) Suburban Railway Passenger Traffic:—Mr. Foster asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) What is about the average number of tickets issued daily between the Stations of Sydney and Croydon at each Station?

(2.) What number of season tickets are now current between those Stations?

Mr. Garvan answered,—

Station	Average daily issue	Number of season tickets current
Sydney Station	4,227	45
Èveleigh Station	509	nil
Macdonaldtown Station	337	43
Newtown Station	968	227
Stanmore Station	274	151
Petersham Station	1,359	873
Summer Hill Station	678	516
Ashfield Station	717	563
Croydon Station	395	263

(7.) Railway Station at Lyndhurst:—Mr. Baker asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What is the cause of the delay in the construction of the Railway Station at Lyndhurst, on the Murrumburrah and Blayney Railway?

(2.) Do the Government intend to resume the construction of the Station; and if so, when?

Mr. Garvan answered,—A considerable difference of opinion exists as to the best position and the number of Stations to be erected on this line. Instructions have been given for an officer to inquire and report on this subject.

(8.) "Australian Portrait Gallery"—"History of the Soudan Contingent":—Mr. Sydney Smith asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) The cost of the book called the "History of the Soudan Contingent"?

(2.) The amount paid to Messrs. Hutchinson and Myers respectively for editing the said history?

(3.) The cost of printing, and all other expenses connected with the publication of the said book?

(4.) Is it true that copies of the work called the "Australian Portrait Gallery" are now being bound up at the Government Printing Office with the "History of the Soudan Contingent"?

(5.) In view of the character of these works, will the Government prohibit their issue at the Indian and Colonial Exhibition?

Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—

(1.) The cost of printing 1,050 copies and binding 336 copies of the "History of the Soudan Contingent" was £241 13s. 4d.

(2.) £100 was paid to each of the gentlemen named. £20 was subsequently paid to Mr. Hutchinson for writing a concluding chapter.

(3.) Contained in answer to No. 1.

(4.) The two works mentioned (the "Australian Portrait Gallery," and the "History of the Soudan Contingent") are not being bound together.

(5.) The Government see no sufficient reason to prohibit their issue.

(9.) Site for Court-house, Parramatta:—Mr. Toohey asked the Minister of Justice,—When will there be laid upon the Table of this House the papers ordered on the 19th February respecting the purchase of a site for a Court-house in Parramatta?

Mr. Garvan answered,—I will lay the Papers referred to upon the Table of the House on Tuesday next.

3. COLONIAL STEAMERS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Burns moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—

(1.) The number of Colonial steamers which have shipped their crews through the Government Shipping Office, Sydney, from the 1st April, 1879, to the 31st March, 1886.

(2.) The gross and net tonnage of the said steamers, the shipping fees paid for them respectively, the date of each set of articles, and the names of the owners of the steamers.

Question put and passed.

4. PARRAMATTA PUBLIC BATHS BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Abigail, for Mr. Hugh Taylor, moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Council of the Borough of Parramatta to construct, establish, and maintain Public Baths within the Borough of Parramatta upon part of a portion of land originally granted to the said Council as a site for a Market in Parramatta North, and in the Parramatta River adjacent thereto, and to excavate the said land and river, and to erect buildings and fences thereon, and lay pipes therein, and use the water from the reservoir in the said river for the purpose of such Baths, and to borrow money for the purposes aforesaid, and to make such regulations and by-laws and appoint such officers and servants as may be necessary for the maintenance, regulation, and management of such Baths, and the fees and charges to be made and demanded in respect of the use thereof, and to empower the said Council to grant leases of the fees or tolls to be collected at the said Baths.

Question put and passed.

5. TARIFF:—Dr. Ross presented a Petition from John Black, Mayor and Chairman of a Public Meeting held at Molong, submitting certain Resolutions adopted at that Meeting, in opposition to the present Tariff, and advocating a judiciously arranged system of Protection as the only remedy for the present general depression of the Colony.
Petition received.

6. WAYS AND MEANS:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Sir Patrick Jennings "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair,"—upon which Sir Henry Parkes had moved, That all the words after the word 'That' be omitted with a view to the insertion in their place of the following words:—

"(1.) It is inexpedient at the present time to impose fresh taxation upon the people of this country beyond what is absolutely necessary to meet the public engagements, and to carry on the Public Service, after the enforcement of a rigid scheme of retrenchment."
"(2.)

" (2.) That the greater part of the taxation found to be absolutely necessary should be raised upon property, and by an amendment of the Stamp Act.
 " (3.) That the balance should be raised through the Custom House upon articles not exceeding in number the articles included in the present tariff, or by excise duties; and that the *ad valorem* duties proposed by the Government ought not to receive the approval of this House."
 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, 13 MAY, 1886, A.M.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 66.

Mr. Davies,	Mr. Judd,
Sir Patrick Jennings,	Mr. Harold Stephen,
Mr. Want,	Mr. Spring,
Dr. Renwick,	Mr. Macgregor,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Reid,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Hyam,	Mr. Ives,
Mr. Cass,	Mr. Cramsie,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. D. A. Ferguson,
Sir John Robertson,	Mr. Roberts,
Mr. Thompson,	Mr. Olliffe,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Forsyth,	Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Gormly,	Mr. Hammond,
Mr. Sawers,	Mr. Toobey,
Mr. Baker,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. Humphery,	Mr. Day,
Mr. Russell Barton,	Mr. Creer,
Mr. Hogan,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Williamson,
Mr. Septimus Stephen,	Mr. Coonan,
Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,	Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Trickott,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Scott,
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Bull,
Mr. Butcher,	Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Lewis Lloyd,	Mr. Wisdom.
Mr. Mackinnon,	
Mr. J. D. Young,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Dawson,	Mr. Targett,
Mr. Burke,	Mr. Melville.

Noes, 22.

Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Shepherd,
Mr. James Henry Young,
Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Inglis,
Mr. Kethel,
Mr. Garland,
Mr. Sutherland,
Dr. Ross,
Mr. Hawthorne,
Sir Henry Parkes,
Mr. Foster,
Mr. Tait,
Mr. Holborow,
Mr. J. F. Smith,
Mr. Abigail,
Mr. Henson,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Gibbes,
Mr. William Clarke.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Burdekin.

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.

7. PAPERS :—

Sir Patrick Jennings laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return to an Order made on 20th April, 1886,—“Application for Amended Certificate of Title.”

(2.) Returns of Live Stock and Agriculture for the year ended 31st March, 1886.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Copeland laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Public Purposes, in accordance with the 104th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

(2.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 101st section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

(3.) Abstract of Alterations of Designs of Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the 107th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

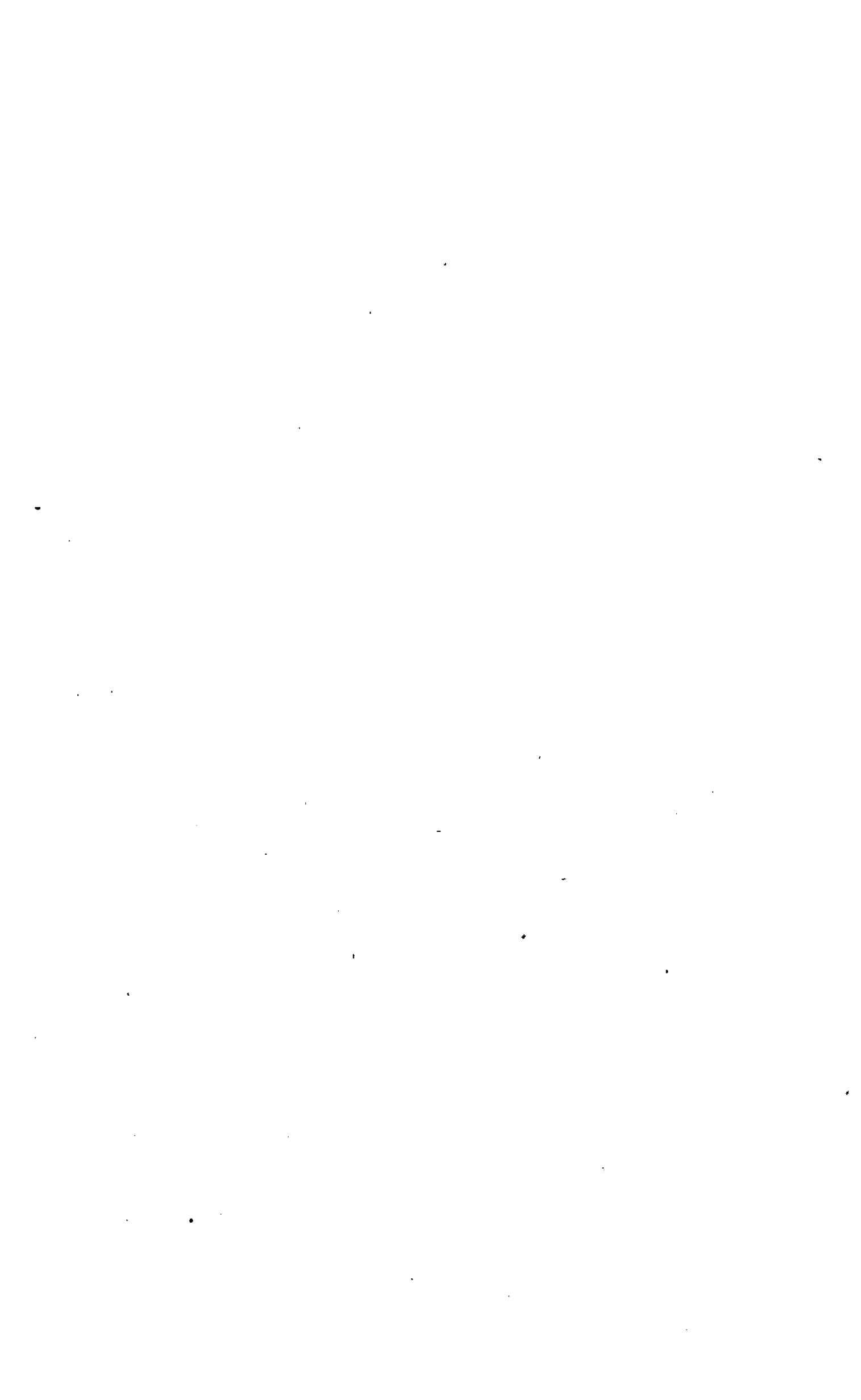
(4.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from sale until surveyed for the Preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, in accordance with the 101st, 103rd, 109th, and 112th sections of the Act 48 Victoria, No. 18.

(5.) Copy of *Gazette* notice setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the dedication of certain land, in accordance with the provisions of the 105th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

Ordered to be printed.

The House adjourned at fifteen minutes before Three 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.

THURSDAY, 13 MAY, 1886.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Pyrmont Bridge Road:—Mr. Gibbes asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Of the £3,000 appropriated under the Act 48 Vic. No. 25 for "Pyrmont Bridge Road through the Municipalities of Sydney, Glebe, and Camperdown," how much has been spent in each of the Municipalities named?

(2.) Of the £3,000 appropriated under the Act 48 Vic. No. 27 for "Pyrmont Bridge Road," how much has been spent in each of the Municipalities named?

Mr. Want answered,—

(1.) Expended in Sydney Municipality, £525 4s.; Glebe Municipality, £1,719 16s.; Camperdown Municipality, £755.

(2.) Expended in Sydney Municipality, £781 9s.; Glebe Municipality, £1,818 15s.; Camperdown Municipality, £390 17s.

- (2.) Australian Combination Railway Trucks:—*Mr. Sydney Smith*, for Mr. Sutherland, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What amount of merchandise and freight have the fourteen Australian combination trucks carried and earned during the six months ending 31st December, 1885?

(2.) Did these trucks on all occasions, when loaded with goods for the country, return with live stock loading?

(3.) Is it usual for the ordinary sheep vans to convey goods under any circumstances, or have they not in all cases to be hauled empty to the Stations at which they load stock?

Mr. Want answered,—

(1.) From the time they began to run in June till the end of December, 1885, they conveyed 999 tons 9 cwt. 3 qrs. of merchandise on the "down" journey, and earned £5,864 5s. 6d.; on the "up" journey the earnings were, £1,375 9s. 6d.; total, £7,239 15s. 300 cattle trucks, which are also suitable for the conveyance of merchandise on the "down" journey, only earned £4,224 8s. 7d. during the same period. While the combination trucks were carrying merchandise, empty open trucks were being sent to the country to bring back wool.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) Sheep vans cannot be availed of for merchandise traffic, and are therefore sent empty when not loaded with sheep on the "down" journey; but even if there had been no other live stock vehicles than the combination trucks, the exigencies of the traffic would very often necessitate their running empty on the "down" journey to bring back stock.

- (3.) Standard Paint Company:—*Mr. Sydney Smith* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he have any objection to lay upon the Table of this House the original papers having reference to orders given to the Standard Paint Company for the supply of paints?

Mr. Want answered,—Copies of the original papers will be laid upon the Table as soon as they are prepared.

- (4.) Australian Barb Wire Company:—*Mr. Sydney Smith* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he have any objection to lay upon the Table of this House to-morrow (for exhibit only), the original Papers having reference to orders given to the Australian Barb Wire Company for the supply and erection of barbed wire fencing?

Mr. Want answered,—Copies of the original papers will be laid upon the Table as soon as they are prepared.

(5.)

(5.) Spirits, Wine, &c., consumed in Hospitals, Asylums, and Benevolent Institutions:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) The number of gallons respectively of brandy (pale and dark), rum, whisky, gin, wine, port and sherry, ale and porter, that were consumed in the Hospitals, Asylums, and Benevolent Institutions in the Colony for the year ending 1st May, 1886, specifying the value of each article respectively, and the name of the Institution?
- (2.) The value and amount allowed for officials as distinguished from that used for invalids?
- (3.) The average annual number of invalids to each Institution respectively?
- (4.) If more convenient, will he cause a Return of the above to be laid upon the Table of this House?

Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—It would be impossible to answer these questions at once, as it will take some time to furnish the information desired by the Honorable Member. I will, however, cause a Return to be prepared giving the information required, and lay it upon the Table without delay.

(6.) Volunteer Reserve Corps:—Mr. Gibbes asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Has the full-dress uniform for the Infantry Reserves been ordered from England; if so, when was the order sent; and who are the contractors?
- (2.) When is the issue of the uniform to take place?
- (3.) Does the Government purpose allowing the Captains commanding Reserve Corps any money for the expense of armouries and offices, or other contingent expenses incidental to the working of the Corps; if so, when will such allowance be paid?
- (4.) Is any sum available for the formation of a rifle range for the use of the Metropolitan Reserve Corps; and what (if any) steps have been taken to supply the same?

Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—

- (1.) Yes, on the 4th August, 1885. The tunics, trousers, &c., are to be obtained from the War Department, and the helmets from Messrs. W. Jones and Co., 236, Regent-street, London.
- (2.) On receipt of same from England.
- (3.) Officers commanding Reserve Corps can draw against capitation grant for their expenses, under clause 136 of the Volunteer Regulations, which can be paid on application.
- (4.) No; such is not necessary, as the Corps are expected to make use of the Paddington Range.

(7.) "Australian Portrait Gallery":—Mr. William Clarke asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) What is the name of the Minister or person who authorized the purchase of 500 copies of the publication entitled "The Australian Portrait Gallery" on behalf of the Government, and who approved of the payment of £600 for the same being made?
- (2.) Did the Colonial Treasurer for the time being sanction the payment of this £600?
- (3.) Was any portion of the work of printing this book performed at the Government Printing Office; if so, state cost of labour and material?
- (4.) What is the estimated cost of binding the unbound copies of the "Australian Portrait Gallery"?

Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—

- (1.) The Honorable G. R. Dibbs, the then Colonial Treasurer.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) No.
- (4.) £150.

(8.) Volunteer Reserve Corps:—Mr. Barbour asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) When was the uniform for Reserve Volunteers ordered?
- (2.) Who were the contractors?
- (3.) Has the order been cancelled; if not, what is the cause of the delay in executing the order?
- (4.) When will the uniforms be distributed to the various Corps?

Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—

- (1.) 4th August, 1885.
- (2.) The tunics, trousers, &c., are to be obtained from the War Department, and the helmets from Messrs. W. Jones & Co., 236, Regent-street, London.
- (3.) No; cannot say.
- (4.) On receipt of same from England.

(9.) Short-sentence Prisoners:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Minister of Justice,—Is it a fact that in the prisons of the Colony it is the practice to shave off the beards and whiskers of men sentenced to brief terms of imprisonment for drunkenness and other trivial offences?

Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—I am informed by the Comptroller General of Prisons that according to Regulation No. 21 all male prisoners sentenced with hard labour are shaved. In the case of prisoners sentenced to imprisonment only and supporting themselves, there is a modification not requiring the shaving under sentences of seven days.

(10.) Report of the Commissioner for Railways for 1885:—Mr. Garland asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will he lay upon the Table of this House the Progress Report of the Commissioner for Railways, as promised in answer to a question by Mr. Garland over a month ago?

Mr. Want answered,—I hope to be able to lay the Report upon the Table on Tuesday next.

2. TARIFF:—Mr. Foster presented a Petition from George Peacock, of Hobart, and Sydney, complaining that the Fiscal Proposals of the present Government include a definite duty of one penny per pound on all Pulp Fruit imported into this Colony, and that such a proposal, if carried, will have the effect of practically closing the large and important industry carried on by Petitioner, sacrificing his manufactory, machinery, and appliances, and throwing a large number of workmen out of employment; and praying the House not to consent to the imposition of a duty thereon, and that he, or Counsel learned in the Law on his behalf, be heard at the Bar of the House on the subject.

And the Petition having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker,—
Petition received.

3. **PARRAMATTA PUBLIC BATHS BILL**:—Mr. Hugh 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 enable the Council of the Borough of Parramatta to construct establish and maintain Public Baths within the Borough of Parramatta upon part of a portion of land originally granted to the said Council as a site for a Market in Parramatta North and in the Parramatta River adjacent thereto and to excavate the said land and river and to erect buildings and fences thereon and lay pipes therein and use the water from the reservoir in the said river for the purpose of such Baths and to borrow money for the purposes aforesaid and to make such regulations and by-laws and appoint such officers and servants as may be necessary for the maintenance regulation and management of such Baths and the fees and charges to be made and demanded in respect of the use thereof and to empower the said Council to grant leases of the fees or tolls to be collected at the said Baths,*”—read a first time.
4. **NEWCASTLE STEAMSHIP COMPANY'S PREFERENTIAL SHARES 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 authorize the issue of Preferential Shares by the Newcastle Steamship Company (Limited),*”—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.
Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 13th May, 1886.
JOHN HAY,
 President.
5. **GEORGE DOUGHERTY'S CONDITIONAL PURCHASE**:—Mr. Gould, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of the Select Committee for whose consideration and Report this subject was referred on 30th March, 1886.
 Ordered to be printed.
6. **WAYS AND MEANS**:—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 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:—
- (5.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Service of the year 1886 there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales the sum of £2,114 for the expenses of the establishment of His Excellency the Governor for the year 1886.
- (6.) *Resolved*,—That towards raising the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty there shall be paid, from and after the first day of July, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-six, upon or in respect of the several instruments, matters, and things hereinafter described, the Stamp Duties specified against each respectively in lieu of those now existing, namely,—

SCHEDULE I.

Bills of Exchange or Promissory Note—	£	s.	d.
For every £50, and also for any fractional part of £50 ...	...	0	1 0

SCHEDULE II.

THE ESTATES OF DECEASED PERSONS.

Part I.

1. On the Probate or Letters of Administration to be granted in respect of any estate, real or personal, of deceased persons:—
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| Where the value of such estate is under £5,000 ... | 1 | per cent. |
| Where the value is £5,000 and under £12,500 ... | 2 | " |
| Where the value is £12,500 and under £25,000 ... | 3 | " |
| Where the value is £25,000 and under £50,000 ... | 4 | " |
| Where the value is £50,000 and over that amount... | 5 | " |

Part II.

2. Settlement of property taking effect after death of settlor. Same duties as under Part I.

On motion of Sir Patrick Jennings, the Resolutions were read a second time, and agreed to.

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

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 60.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 14 MAY, 1886.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Civil Service Act:—Mr. J. F. Smith asked the Postmaster General,—Having regard to Mr. Attorney-General Simpson's opinion, is it the intention of the Government to cause the 4 per cent. deducted from those persons in the Electric Telegraph Department, coming under section 7 of the Civil Service Act, to be refunded if applied for?

Mr. Suttor answered,—The present Attorney-General has, I understand, given to the Minister for Mines an opinion somewhat different from that given by Mr. Simpson. I will refer the papers to him for his opinion on the subject.

(2.) Licensing Board, Port Macquarie:—Mr. Henson asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) The names of the gentlemen who formed the Licensing Board which sat at Port Macquarie on Wednesday the 28th day of April last?

(2.) Has any inquiry been made in regard to the conduct of the Licensing Board on the above-named date?

(3.) Have the certificates been issued from the Treasury for the licenses granted by the above-named Licensing Board?

Mr. Garvan answered,—

(1.) The Police Magistrate, R. Maunsell, Esq., Lieutenant-Colonel, and George Litchfield.

(2.) Yes; the local Bench have been invited to report, but their report has not yet been received.

(3.) The following colonial wine licenses have been issued upon certificates granted by the Licensing Bench on above date, viz.:—William Lee, William Rosenbaum, and John Condon.

(3.) Subway under Railway Line at Alt-street, Ashfield:—Mr. Henson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has an estimate of the cost of forming a Subway under the Railway line at Alt-street, Ashfield, been made; if so, what is the amount?

Mr. Garvan answered,—Yes; the amount has been estimated at £5,650, but this does not include claims for compensation.

(4.) Mineral Leases:—Mr. Vaughn, for Dr. Ross, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) The area of land leased for gold-mining and mineral purposes?

(2.) The number of leases, and the amount of rental annually derived from the same?

Dr. Renwick answered,—

(1.) 40,141 acres.

(2.) 1,573 leases; amount of rental, £12,144 17s. for the year 1885.

(5.) Homebush and Waratah Railway:—Mr. Davies asked the Secretary for Public Works,—The time having expired on the 31st March last for the completion of the first section of the Railway Line from Homebush to Waratah, namely, from Homebush to the Hawkesbury River, and it being resolved to open the same to the public in sections as completed,—When will this section be so opened?

Mr. Garvan answered,—The section from Homebush to the Hawkesbury will probably be opened for public traffic by August next.

2. PARRAMATTA PUBLIC BATHS BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Hugh Taylor moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That the Parramatta Public Baths Bill be referred to a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, for inquiry and report.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Abigail, Mr. Olliffe, Mr. Bull, Mr. Collins, Mr. Hammond, Mr. Teece, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Melville, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

3. SYDNEY CORPORATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. O'Connor moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That a Committee be appointed to inspect the Journals of the Legislative Council, with relation to any proceedings upon the Sydney Corporation Act Amendment Bill, and to make report thereof to the House.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Sir Patrick Jennings, Sir John Robertson, Mr. Burns, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Abbott, Mr. Want, Mr. Reid, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

And the Committee retired to inspect the Journals of the Legislative Council accordingly.

Mr. O'Connor reported from the Committee appointed to inspect the Journals of the Legislative Council with relation to any proceedings upon the Sydney Corporation Act Amendment Bill, and to make Report thereof to the House,—That they had inspected the said Journals accordingly, and had found the following entry:—

“ WEDNESDAY, 12 MAY, 1886.

“ 6. SYDNEY CORPORATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—

“ Mr. Thornton moved, That this Bill be ‘now’ read a second time.

“ Mr. Piddington moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the word ‘now,’ with a view to add at the end the words ‘this day six months.’

“ Debate ensued.

“ Question put,—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.

“ The House divided.

“ Ayes, 3.

“ Mr. Ryan.

“ Tellers,

“ Mr. Thornton,

“ Mr. Macintosh.

Noes, 27.

Mr. Charles Moore,	Mr. Webb,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Charles,
Mr. Stewart,	Mr. Flood,
Mr. Mort,	Mr. W. H. Suttor,
Mr. Simpson,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Rundle,
Mr. Neale,	Mr. Dodds,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Knox,
Mr. Hill,	Mr. Norton,
Sir Alfred Stephen,	Mr. Jacob.
Dr. Mackellar,	Tellers,
Mr. Smith,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Creed.
Mr. Terry,	
Mr. Moses,	

“ Question,—That the words proposed to be added be so added,—put and passed.

“ Question then,—That this Bill be read a second time this day six months,—put and passed.”

Parliamentary Reading Room,
Sydney, 14th May, 1886.

DANIEL O'CONNOR,
Chairman.

And the same having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker,—

Mr. O'Connor moved, That the Report be now received.

Question put and passed.

4. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Ministerial Election Bill postponed until Friday, 18th June.

5. MR. HENRY ARTHUR HOUGH:—Mr. Barbour, for Mr. McCulloch, presented a Petition from Henry Arthur Hough, alleging that Petitioner has been put to grievous trouble, litigation, and expense during the past ten years through having to defend two Supreme Court actions for trespassing upon land which he had selected on Tarramah Run, which land had been surveyed before selection; and praying the House to take his case into merciful consideration, and cause justice to be done in the premises.
Petition received.

6. NEW HEBRIDES:—Mr. Lysaght presented a Petition from William Wiley, as Chairman of a Public Meeting of the Residents of the Borough of Wollongong, praying the House to receive the Resolutions carried at the said Meeting as an expression of the opinion of the Meeting that the annexation of the New Hebrides by France is not calculated to promote the best interests of the Australian Colonies.

And the Petition having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker,—
Petition received.

7. PAPER:—Mr. Garvan laid upon the Table,—Return to an Address adopted on the 16th April, 1886,—
“The Police v. Samuel Armager.”

8. EMPLOYERS LIABILITY BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Garrard 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. Garrard, 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. Garrard (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.

9. LICENSING ACTS AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Licensing Acts of 1882–1883, discharged, on motion of Mr. Olliffe.

10. **POSTPONEMENT** :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Randwick Church Land Sale Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*) postponed until Friday next.
11. **MARYVILLE COLLIERY COMPANY RAILWAY BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. G. A. Lloyd moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Lloyd, 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. Lloyd, the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
12. **WEST WALLSEND AND MONK-WEARMOUTH RAILWAY BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. G. A. Lloyd 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. Lloyd, 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. Lloyd, the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
13. **HAY GAS BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. R. B. Wilkinson moved, That this Bill be now a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Wilkinson, 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. Wilkinson, the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
14. **AHSFIELD CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Hammond moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Hammond, 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. Hammond, the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
15. **SETTLED ESTATES BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Septimus Stephen moved, "That" this Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Burns moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Debate ensued.
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
Mr. Abbott 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.) this 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. Burns, Mr. Foster, Mr. Garrard, Mr. Want, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Septimus Stephen, Mr. Trickett, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, 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 consideration and report, with power to send for persons and papers.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Day, Mr. Burns, Mr. Foster, Mr. Garrard, Mr. Want, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Septimus Stephen, Mr. Trickett, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, and the Mover,—put and passed.
16. **POSTPONEMENT** :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Abolition of Punishment by Whipping Bill postponed until Friday, 11th June.

The House adjourned at twenty minutes before Ten o'clock, until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 61.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 18 MAY, 1886.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Lands Department :—Mr. Abigail asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) How many clerks and draftsmen, both permanently and temporarily appointed, are at present employed in the various District Land Board Offices throughout the Colony?

(2.) How many Conditional Purchase Inspectors, both permanently and temporarily appointed were employed by the Department of Lands in 1883, and also in April, 1886, respectively?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1.) Permanently—clerical, 46; draftsmen, 60; total, 106. Temporarily—clerical, 30; draftsmen, 75; total, 105. Grand total, 211.

(2.) In 1883, 22; in April, 1886, 38. Of this latter number, 17 temporary Inspectors were specially appointed to work off the cases under the repealed Acts.

- (2.) Cavalry Reserves :—Mr. Ewing asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has the equipment for Cavalry Reserves been yet ordered?

(2.) Of what does the equipment consist?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Carbines, swords, belts, sword-knots, bridles, buckets for carbines, numnahs or saddle-cloths, and spurs.

- (3.) Post Office, Ballina :—Mr. Ewing asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the Post Office at Ballina be completed?

Mr. Lyne answered,—The plans are in progress, and tenders for the work will be invited in three weeks.

- (4.) Civil Service Act :—Mr. Trickett asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the statutory increases of salaries made payable to the Civil Servants under the Civil Service Act have not been paid from the 1st January, 1886, to the present time?

(2.) Is it a fact that the deductions for the Superannuation Fund have been made under the powers of the Civil Service Act from salaries of Civil Servants during the same period?

(3.) If the replies to the above are in the affirmative, will the Government direct the arrears of such statutory increases to be at once paid to the Civil Servants?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) Provision will be made to meet these claims in the amended Civil Service Act.

- (5.) Lands Department :—Mr. Abigail asked the Secretary for Lands,—In reference to the replies to his questions on the 4th May, relative to the number of draftsmen and clerks at present employed in the Department of Lands,—Are the sixteen permanent and forty-eight temporary survey clerks employed under the Surveyor General and in the branches of the Department of Lands over which that gentleman has charge; if so, what is the nature of the duties which they are required to perform?

Mr. Copeland answered,—I will presently lay upon the Table of the House a Return giving the information the Honorable Member desires.

(6.)

- (6.) Dubbo Land Board :—Mr. Abigail asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is it true that the Chairman of the Dubbo Land Board has been suspended from the performance of his duties; if so, will the Minister state how long it is since such suspension took place, and when will his case be decided?

Mr. Copeland answered,—Mr. Marsh has been suspended, and such suspension dates from 15th December, 1885. The matter is at present under reference to the Civil Service Board as to the holding an inquiry, as desired by Mr. Marsh, in terms of 33rd section of the Civil Service Act. It cannot be definitely stated when the case will be decided, but it is anticipated that it will be shortly.

- (7.) Lands Department :—Mr. Abigail asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) What amount of money (if any) was paid from the Consolidated Revenue Fund to permanent officers in the Lands Department during the year 1885 over and above the amount voted by Parliament as salaries to such officers?

(2.) What amount of money (if any) has been paid to the same officers or others up to the end of April of the present year, including the four months over and above the amount they would be entitled to as the monthly proportion of the salary which has been voted by Parliament to such officers?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1.) £3,467 7s. 10d.

(2.) £591 1s. 5d. The above sums represent payments made for special services and for overtime-work, as well as for allowances to officers located in the country districts to cover extra cost of living.

- (8.) Destruction of Dogs :—Mr. Henson, for Mr. Judd, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) The number of dogs seized and destroyed by the Police from 1st January, 1885, to 30th April, 1886?

(2.) What amount of remuneration has been paid during the period stated in respect of such destruction?

(3.) Is he aware that in many cases valuable dogs have been destroyed, and will he in future direct that the Police use more discretion in carrying out the destruction clause of the Dog Act?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

(1.) 4,941.

(2.) £617 12s. 6d.

(3.) Instructions have been given to the Police, and observed, that valuable dogs are not to be destroyed. 205 dogs, being apparently well-bred and valuable, were detained, 72 of which were claimed and 133 released.

- (9.) Rifle Range for Volunteer Reserves :—Mr. Hammond asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) It being stated that no rifle range for the use of the Metropolitan Reserves was necessary,—Will he kindly state whether instructions were given to the Captains commanding the Ashfield and Burwood Corps to report upon a suitable range in the Longbottom Paddock, and whether they caused a survey of the said range to be made, and what was the cause for the giving of such instructions?

(2.) Will he also state the reason that the formation of this rifle range has not been proceeded with?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Major-General commanding the Military Forces :—

(1.) Instructions were given by the Officer commanding the Metropolitan and Western Reserves for these Officers to report if proposed range would be dangerous. It is understood that the Captains commanding these Corps did, on their own responsibility, cause a survey to be made—it is presumed in consequence of protest received from Mr. Billyard, Solicitor, acting for client having property in the neighbourhood.

(2.) The formation of proposed range has been referred to the Lands Department, it being a portion of Longbottom Recreation Reserve.

- (10.) Surveyors Corner-pegs :—Mr. Levien, for Mr. Thompson, asked the Secretary for Lands,—What expense has been caused to his Department during the last five years in the search for corner-pegs of surveys which may have been lost or removed?

Mr. Copeland answered,—No account has been kept. When a corner which has been fixed requires to be found, the Licensed Surveyor has to find it without extra fee. If the service is performed by a salaried surveyor, it is covered by the salary paid to him.

- (11.) Croydon Railway Station :—Mr. Henson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the Swing-gates be erected at the level crossing at the Croydon Railway Station?

Mr. Lync answered,—It is presumed that reference is being made to the proposal to interlock the gates. The machinery has been ordered from England, and it is expected that the work will be completed in three or four months.

2. EMPLOYERS LIABILITY 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 extend and regulate the Liability of Employers to make Compensation for Personal Injuries suffered by Workmen in their service.*"

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 and regulate the Liability of Employers to make Compensation for Personal Injuries suffered by Workmen in their service,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 18th May, 1886.

3. **MARYVILLE COLLIERY COMPANY RAILWAY BILL** (*Formal Order of the Day*),—On motion of Mr. G. A. Lloyd, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Lloyd then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to enable the 'Maryville Colliery Company (Limited)' to construct a Railway or Tramway from land at Wickham near Newcastle to and connect the same with the Government Railway to Bullock Island Newcastle.*"

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 'Maryville Colliery Company (Limited)' to construct a Railway or Tramway from land at Wickham near Newcastle to and connect the same with the Government Railway to Bullock Island Newcastle,*"—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 Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company, and a Plan of the proposed Railway.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 18th May, 1886.*

4. **WEST WALLSEND AND MONK-WEARMOUTH RAILWAY BILL** (*Formal Order of the Day*),—On motion of Mr. G. A. Lloyd, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Lloyd then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to enable the West Wallsend Coal Company (Limited) and the Monk-Wearmouth Colliery Estate Company of Australia (Limited) to construct a Railway from the West Wallsend Coal-fields to the Sydney and Waratah Railway.*"

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 West Wallsend Coal Company (Limited) and the Monk-Wearmouth Colliery Estate Company of Australia (Limited) to construct a Railway from the West Wallsend Coal-fields to the Sydney and Waratah Railway,*"—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 Plan and Section of the proposed Railway.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 18th May, 1886.*

5. **HAY GAS BILL** (*Formal Order of the Day*),—On motion of Mr. R. B. Wilkinson, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Wilkinson then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to enable Alfred George Stanger and Arthur Budden to construct Gas-works within the Municipal District and Suburbs of Hay.*"

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 Alfred George Stanger and Arthur Budden to construct Gas-works within the Municipal District and Suburbs of Hay,*"—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, 18th May, 1886.*

6. **ASHFIELD CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL BILL** (*Formal Order of the Day*),—On motion of Mr. Hammond, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Hammond then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to enable Frederic King James Christian Corlette John Allum and Edward Henry Rogers or other the Trustees for the time being of certain land situate at Ashfield to sell the same and to make provision for 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 Frederic King James Christian Corlette John Allum and Edward Henry Rogers or other the Trustees for the time being of certain land situate at Ashfield to sell the same and to make provision for 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 the Indenture referred to in the Preamble of the Bill.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 18th May, 1886.*

7. **PAPERS:—**

Mr. Copeland laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return of number of Draftsmen and Clerks employed under Surveyor-General on 14th May, 1886.

(2.) Return showing the Expenditure in connection with the Land and Survey Offices at Bourke, and the Revenue received, during the quarter ended 31st March, 1886.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr.

Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table,—Progress Report by the Commissioner for Railways on the Railways of New South Wales for the year 1885.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Garvan laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 19th February, 1886,—“ Site for Court-house, Parramatta.”

Ordered to be printed.

8. **MEMBER SWORN** :—Thomas Dalton, 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 Orange.
9. **TARIFF** :—
- (1.) Mr. McCulloch presented a Petition from certain Fruitgrowers residing at Pennant Hills, and Castle Hill, praying the House to refrain from levying the proposed duty of 1d. per pound upon Pulp Fruit.
And the Petition having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker,—
Petition received.
- (2.) Mr. McCulloch presented a similar Petition from certain Fruitgrowers residing at Ryde and Gladesville.
Petition received.
10. **ADJOURNMENT** :—Mr. Kethel moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
11. **BISHOPSCOURT SALE AND LEASING BILL** :—Mr. Abbott, 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 31st March, 1886; together with Appendix and a copy of the Bill as agreed to by the Committee.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Abbott then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday, 18th June.
Question put and passed.
12. **WAYS AND MEANS** :—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means having been read,—*Mr. G. A. Lloyd*, for Mr. Foster, proceeded to move the *Contingent Notice*,—That Counsel learned in the Law be now heard at the Bar of this House on behalf of George Peacock, pursuant to the prayer of his Petition presented on the 13th May instant,—
And objection being taken to his doing so,—
Motion made (*Sir Patrick Jennings*), and Question proposed, “That” Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.
Mr. G. A. Lloyd 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 “Counsel learned in the Law” be now heard at the Bar of this House on behalf of George Peacock, pursuant to the prayer of “his Petition presented on the 13th May instant.”
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, 34.

Sir Patrick Jennings,	Mr. De Courcy Browne,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Gibbes,
Mr. Want,	Mr. Bull,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Garland,
Dr. Renwick,	Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. T. E. Smith,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Hammond,
Mr. Judd,	Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Harold Stephen,	Mr. Scott,
Mr. Hogan,	Mr. Targett,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
Mr. Sawers,	Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Trickett,
Mr. Dalton,	Mr. Williamson.
Mr. Lysaght,	
Mr. Teece,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Baker,	Mr. Toohy,
Mr. Dawson,	Mr. Melville.

Noes, 24.

Sir John Robertson,	Mr. Abigail,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. J. P. Smith,
Mr. James Henry Young,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Burdekin,	Mr. McCulloch.
Mr. Garrard,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Vanghn,	
Mr. Neild,	Mr. Moore,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Sydney Smith.
Mr. Sutherland,	
Mr. Davies,	
Mr. Shepherd,	
Mr. Henson,	
Mr. Hawthorne,	
Mr. Proctor,	
Mr. Inglis,	
Mr. Lee,	
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	

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 so soon as a Member had been sworn.

13. **MEMBER SWORN** :—Adolphus George Taylor, 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 Mudgee.

14. **WAYS AND MEANS** :—On motion of Sir Patrick Jennings, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House again resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

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.

The House adjourned at twenty-seven minutes after Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 62.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 19 MAY, 1886.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Immigration:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—In view of the proposed reduction of the Immigration Vote for the present year, will instructions be issued to the Agent General to send out as many desirable female domestic servants as funds will admit of?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—I do not think that there will be any funds available.

(2.) Wood-paving, Oxford-street, Paddington:—Mr. Neild asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government to pave with wood blocks that portion of Oxford-street, Paddington, through which the Tramway runs?

Mr. Lyne answered,—There is no intention at present to pave with wood blocks the portion of the street referred to.

(3.) Mr. T. H. Myring:—Mr. Neild asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Did Mr. T. H. Myring, the officer in charge of the Rabbit Nuisance Act, resign his appointment; if so, on what date?

(2.) Did not Mr. Myring, after such resignation, travel through a large portion of the Colony at the public expense?

(3.) What sum per diem was allowed to him for travelling expenses, and what was the total sum so paid?

(4.) When so travelling at the public expense, did not Mr. Myring distribute circulars and solicit business from pastoral tenants for the firm of T. H. Myring and Co.?

(5.) Is Mr. Myring now in the employ of, or has he been promised employment in or by the Mines Department; if so, in what capacity, and at what salary?

Mr. Fletcher answered,—

(1.) Mr. Myring's resignation, as officer of the Rabbit Branch, took effect from the 31st March last, but he was retained in the Department until the 30th April in order to complete certain matters, amongst others the Annual Report.

(2.) He was specially engaged to inspect the nature of the country between Narromine and Bourke, and to ascertain if the Railway fence could be utilized for the purpose of erecting the rabbit-proof wire fencing.

(3.) £1 per diem, for which no account has yet been rendered.

(4.) Not that I am aware of.

(5.) No.

(4.) "Unforeseen Expenses":—Mr. Sydney Smith asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he have any objection to lay upon the Table of this House, on an early date, a detailed account of the amounts charged to "Unforeseen Expenses" for the three years ending 30th April, 1886?

Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—A detailed account of the amounts charged to "Unforeseen Expenses" for the years 1883 and 1884 have already been laid upon the Table of this House in the "Abstracts of the Public Accounts" for those years; and it would therefore appear only to be necessary to continue the account to the date required by the Honorable Member. This will be done, and the account laid upon the Table as early as possible.

2. CLAIM OF MR. JOHN NOBLE (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Gould moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers, letters, minutes, reports, plans, and other documents having reference to the claim of Mr. John Noble to compensation for fencing the deviation in the road from Goorangoola to the Great North Road, where it passes through his land.

Question put and passed.

3. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES:—Sir Patrick Jennings (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That Thomas Michael Slattery, Esquire, do take the Chair in Committee of the Whole House for this day only.

Question put and passed.

4. PAPERS:—

Dr. Renwick laid upon the Table,—Particulars of Resumption of Land for the Illawarra and Homebush-Waratah Railway Lines.
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Regulations of Orange Fire Brigades Board under Fire Brigades Act of 1864.
 - (2.) Amended By-law, Borough of Waverley.
- Ordered to be printed.

Sir Patrick Jennings laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return to an Order made on 25th March, 1886,—“Amounts paid as Endowments to Municipalities.”
 - (2.) Return to an Order made on 25th March, 1886,—“Amounts authorized as Endowments to Municipalities.”
 - (3.) General Abstract of Bank Liabilities and Assets for the quarter ended 31st March, 1886.
 - (4.) Return to an Order made on 25th March, 1886,—“Government Banking Account with Bank of England.”
- Ordered to be printed.

5. STAMP DUTIES ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—

- (1.) Ordered, on motion of Sir Patrick Jennings, that a Bill be brought in, founded on Resolution of Ways and Means (No. 6), to amend the “Stamp Duties Act of 1880.”
- (2.) Sir Patrick Jennings then *presented* a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to amend the ‘Stamp Duties Act of 1880’*,”—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

6. WAYS AND MEANS:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means having been read,—Sir Patrick Jennings 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 Ways and Means.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and *Mr. Slattery*, Deputy Chairman, reported that a Point of Order had arisen in the Committee, and obtained leave to sit again so soon as Mr. Speaker's decision had been given thereon.

The Deputy Chairman then reported the *Point of Order* as follows:—

In Committee of Ways and Means the following Resolution was under consideration:—

- (7.) *Resolved*,—That towards raising the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty, there shall be charged, collected, and paid from and after the third day of April, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-six, upon the several articles, goods, wares, and merchandise imported into the Colony, enumerated in Schedule A, and not enumerated in Schedule B (including such as are now in Bond), the Duties of Customs specified against each respectively in lieu of existing Customs Duties, “namely”:—

Upon which an amendment was proposed by Mr. Forsyth, one of the Honorable Members for South Sydney,—That the last word “namely” be omitted, with a view to the insertion in its place of the following words:—“except the articles and goods enumerated in the following “Schedule marked D which articles and goods shall be subject to a Customs Duty (on “importation into the Colony on and after the passing of this amended Resolution) of ten “pounds per centum for every one hundred pounds of the value thereof or specific duties “to an equivalent amount in lieu of the duties now proposed to be charged on such articles “and goods—

SCHEDULE D.	Estimated Value.
“ Brushware made up	£44,000
“ Carriages and all wheeled vehicles	38,000
“ Clothing made up (male or female) except woven or knitted	700,000
“ Furniture (household) including pianos	270,000
“ Flour and meal not otherwise charged grain and pulse all kinds not otherwise charged hay chaff bran onions carrots and potatoes	1,060,000
“ Hats caps and bonnets (male or female)	90,000
“ Iron bar rod and pig	130,000
“ Iron safes stoves deed boxes cooking ranges (fitted or in parts) castings forgings including axles	150,000
“ Leather japanned enamelled and fancy	60,000
“ Mats and matting made whole or in part from coir... ..	21,000
“ Mill belting all kinds	12,000
“ Motors for steam gas wind and water	65,000
“ Machinery and machines all kinds (fitted up or in parts)	586,000
“ Paper printing and blotting all kinds	157,000
“ Pasteboard cardboard strawboard and millboard	10,000
“ Rope and cordage	62,000
“ Shoes boots harness portmanteaus travelling bags (made wholly or in part from leather)	680,000
“ Woollen cloth made wholly or in part from animal wool or hair	670,000
	“ £4,805,000”

And

And exception being taken to the proposed amendment, on the ground that it would increase the duties on certain articles, and so increase the burdens on the people without the direct or indirect sanction of the Crown,—

He, the Deputy Chairman, had given his opinion that the amendment was not regular, and should not be put.

Mr. Speaker ruled in accordance with the opinion given by the Deputy Chairman.

On motion of Sir Patrick Jennings, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the Committee resumed.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Deputy Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

7. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council :—

(1.) Board's Settlement Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable Harriet Fahey to demise certain hereditaments settled by Gregory Board on the said Harriet Fahey her testamentary appointees and children,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 19th May, 1886.

JOHN HAY,
President.

(2.) Divorce Extension Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act further to amend the Law relating to Divorce,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 19th May, 1886.

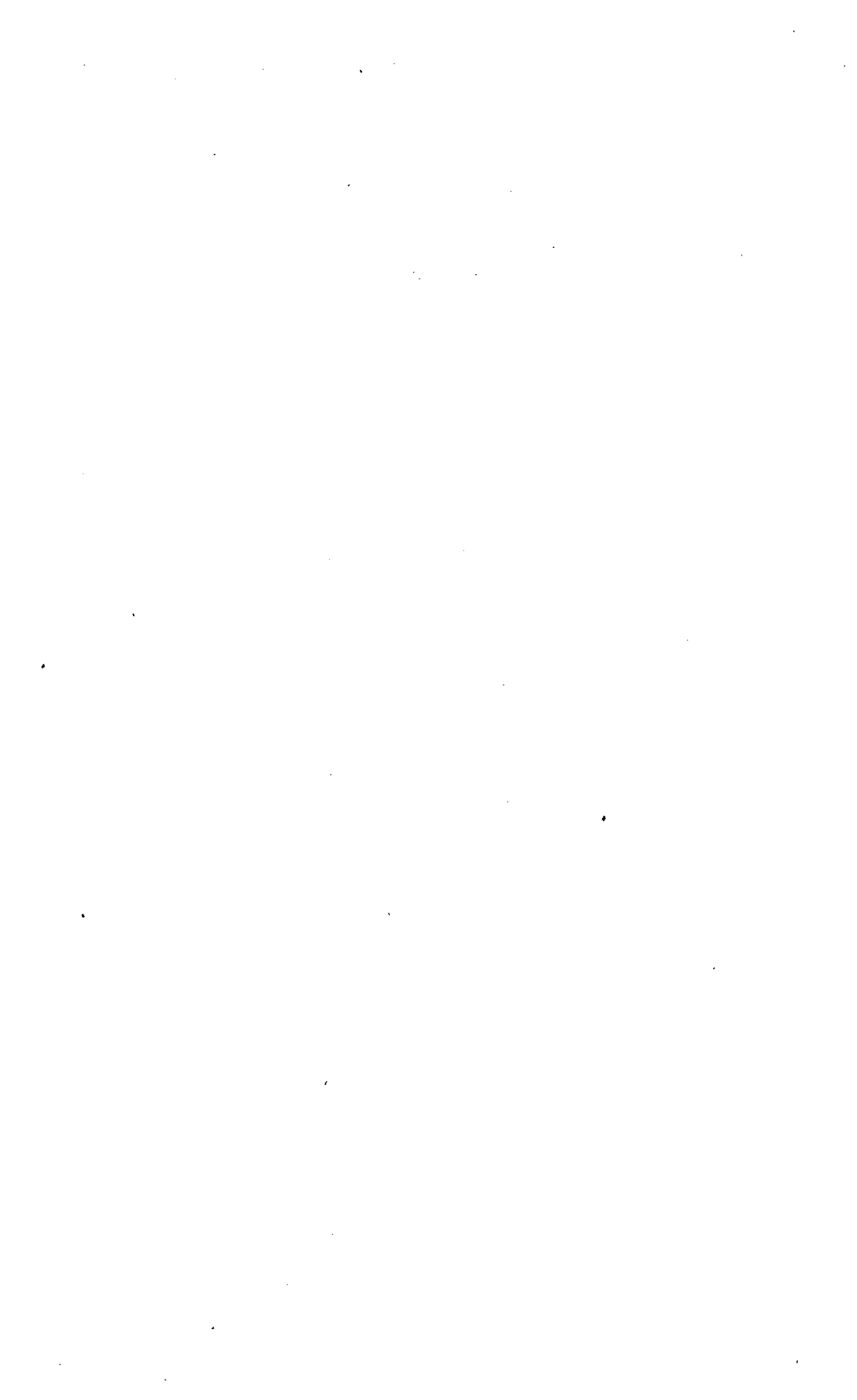
JOHN HAY,
President.

Bill, on motion of Sir Henry Parkes, read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 28th May.

The House adjourned at twenty-one minutes before One o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 63.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 20 MAY, 1886.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Typhoid Fever, Leichhardt District:—*Mr. Davies*, for *Mr. Hawthorne*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) How many deaths have occurred in the district of Leichhardt during the past six months from the effects of typhoid fever?
- (2.) What steps do the Government intend to take to put a stop to the supposed fever-producing nuisances, described in *Dr. Thompson's* recent report on the sanitary condition of that portion of Leichhardt known as the *Helsarmel Estate*?
- (3.) Are the Government aware that the people living on the *Helsarmel Estate* have made many appeals to the City Council to extend the water main to their estate, but have hitherto received no satisfactory reply?
- (4.) Will the Government take steps to induce the City Council to at once extend the water main as desired (which means only a few hundred yards), so that the residents of all the abovenamed low-lying land close to the dairy named in the said report can dispense with surface wells and obtain the use of City water instead?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

- (1.) Five have died within the district; but the number of persons removed from the district to Public Institutions suffering from typhoid fever, who afterwards died, is not known.
- (2.) The Government has under consideration the propriety of introducing a Bill for the inspection and regulation of dairies.
- (3 and 4.) These questions refer to matters beyond the control of the Government. The water supply is under the control of the City Council.

- (2.) Wollongong Volunteer Artillery:—*Mr. Lysaght* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Have the targets for the use of the local Artillery established in Wollongong been lying useless for a length of time?
- (2.) If so, has the fact of their being useless been reported to the Officer commanding Artillery Forces?
- (3.) When will targets be placed in position, and musketry instruction be carried on?
- (4.) Has *Alderman John Beatson*, of Wollongong, been twice refused a Commission when vacancies existed for Lieutenants; if so, will he state the reason given (if any)?
- (5.) Is it the intention of the Authorities to again omit to appoint him, now that a vacancy exists?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Major-General Commanding the Military Forces:—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) Targets will be in position by the end of June. Musketry instruction will be carried on in September.
- (4.) No. On the first occasion no vacancy existed; on the second he was refused because application had been made for the appointment of another gentleman.
- (5.) No recommendation by the regimental authorities has yet been received as to filling existing vacancy.

- (3.) *Jacob Dennis*, Licensed Fisherman, Illawarra:—*Mr. Lysaght* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Will he say why the nets of *Jacob Dennis*, licensed fisherman, Illawarra, have been seized and detained by the Inspector of Fisheries?
- (2.) Will he see that the nets are returned?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The nets have been seized under the 25th section of the Fisheries Act, and the matter will have to be determined by a local Magistrate in accordance with the law. (4.)

(4.) Barque "St. Lawrence" :—Mr. Kethel asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Did the crew of the barque "St. Lawrence," on or about the 27th March last, lodge a complaint with the Marine Board that the said vessel was unseaworthy?
- (2.) Did the Marine Board order a survey to be held on said vessel; and if so, by whom?
- (3.) Was such survey held; and if so, will he have any objection to lay a copy of same upon the Table of the House?
- (4.) Were any repairs effected upon the said ship, in consequence of the Surveyor's report, before she was permitted to proceed to sea?
- (5.) Did the Marine Board have any further survey held on the abovenamed ship after repairs were effected; if so, what was the nature of the Surveyor's final report?

Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) The Marine Board directed their Surveyors, Mr. Lee, and the late shipwright, Mr. Johnson, to survey the vessel.
- (3.) Such survey was held—copy of report attached.
- (4.) Yes.
- (5.) The vessel was finally surveyed after repairs were effected. When she left the port she was fully equipped and perfectly seaworthy. The following is the reply referred to :—

Sir,

Marine Board Office, Sydney, 3 May, 1886.

In obedience to instructions received with Mr. Johnson, Shipwright Surveyor, surveyed the barque "St. Lawrence," reported by the crew unseaworthy; and have to report that the barque at anchor in Snail's Bay makes one quarter of an inch of water in twenty-four hours, and as far as we can ascertain is sound and in good order. The fore-castle deck has been caulked, and some caulking is required about the rudder trunk, which is being done. The vessel is well found and equipped with the exception of boats, there not being the complement of cubic feet required in the three boats on board. Notice has been given to Mr. Cowlshaw (the owner) that another boat* must be put on board before the ship clears at the Custom House. Mr. Johnson was with me up to our final survey on the 1st, but being at present seriously unwell, is unable to sign this.

We have the honor to be,
Your most obedient Servants,
J. LEE,

Inspector and Surveyor.

Secretary to the Marine Board.

* Boat was supplied before the vessel left.

(5.) Greville's "Year Book of Australia" :—Mr. Sydney Smith asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) How many copies of Greville's "Year Book of Australia" for 1885, or other year or years, have been purchased by the Government?
- (2.) How have the copies of that publication so purchased been disposed of, and were any of them sent to England; if so, how many?
- (3.) What has been the cost to the Government of such purchases?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

- (1.) In 1885 the Government purchased 200 copies of the "Year Book of Australia," for distribution to the various Departments, at a cost of £50. In 1886 the Government purchased for a similar purpose 50 copies of the "Year Book of Australia," and also 500 copies of the abridgment entitled the "Year Book of New South Wales," at a total cost of £50.
- (2.) The Government purchased and forwarded to the Agent General in England, for distribution amongst the emigrants leaving for this Colony, 5,000 copies, each of a specially prepared edition of the "Year Book of New South Wales for 1885 and 1886," with a view of giving information to emigrants relative to the Colony to which they were proceeding, at a cost of 1s. per copy.

(6.) Mr. Robert McLean, Survey Branch, Department of Lands :—Mr. Sydney Smith asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Was Mr. Robert McLean, of the Survey Branch of the Department of Lands, granted leave of absence to enable him to edit an atlas published by a printing and publishing firm in Sydney?
- (2.) What was the period of leave of absence allowed, and has it expired yet?
- (3.) Was Mr. McLean paid his salary as a Civil Servant during such leave of absence?
- (4.) Is it not an unusual thing for leave of absence to be granted to Civil Servants to enable them to do work for private employers; and what cause is assigned for departing from the ordinary course in Mr. McLean's case?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Leave was granted for six months from the 1st October, 1885, and was extended for three months from the 1st April, 1886, and will expire on the 1st July.
- (3.) No.
- (4.) Yes; but there appear to have been special reasons for granting the application in this case.

(7.) Thomas Marshall's Application for Land, Macleay District :—Mr. Sydney Smith asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Was an appeal heard recently before the Minister having reference to a portion of land in the Macleay District, applied for by one Thomas Marshall?
- (2.) Was the land not taken up under the 32nd section of the Crown Lands Regulations of 1885?
- (3.) Was Thomas Marshall the first applicant?
- (4.) Was his application rejected on account of the L trench not being cut; and is the Minister aware that the point of marking was on ground covered with water?
- (5.) What reasons were stated for the refusal of Thomas Marshall's application?
- (6.) Has the land been awarded to any other applicant; if so, upon what claim, and to whom?

Mr. Copeland answered,—Yes; the appeal case to which this question refers was heard and decided by the Minister in the Appeal Court; and if the Honorable Gentleman desires it, I shall have no objection to lay the papers upon the Table.

(8.)

(8.) Probate Office:—Mr. Gould asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is it not a fact that great inconvenience is experienced by the public in consequence of the delay in forwarding wills and other ecclesiastical documents from the Probate Office to the Office of the Custodian of Wills at the Supreme Court?

(2.) Will he state in how many estates the documents are still at the Probate Office; and what is the cause of their being so delayed?

(3.) Is it his intention to cause steps to be taken to ensure the more rapid despatch of these documents from the Probate Office to that of the Custodian of Wills?

Mr. Garvan answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) 2,000. Insufficient clerical assistance.

(3.) Yes; the necessary steps shall be taken for that purpose.

(9.) Tramline, Waverley to Randwick:—Mr. Neild asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the survey of the proposed Tramline from Waverley to Randwick be completed?

Mr. Want answered,—The survey is completed, and the plan and section will be ready in about ten days.

2. SELECTIONS OF JOHN WILLIAM CLIFF AT LIVERPOOL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Jones moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House all papers, reports, and documents referring to selections at Liverpool, Nos. 81-7, 81-8, 81-9, 81-10, 81-11, now standing in the name of John William Cliff.

Question put and passed.

3. GOWRIE-STREET, SOUTH SINGLETON (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Gould moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers, letters, minutes, reports, plans, and other documents, including the Opinion of the Attorney-General, having reference to the application of the Borough Council of South Singleton for the opening of and removal of obstructions from Gowrie-street, within that Municipality; and also in respect of the proposal to close that street.

Question put and passed.

4. PARRAMATTA CHURCH SCHOOL BILL:—Mr. Hugh Taylor presented a Petition from the Right Reverend Alfred Barry, D.D., Lord Bishop of Sydney, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Right Reverend Alfred Barry, D.D., Lord Bishop of Sydney, and his successors, the Bishops of Sydney, to sell or demise a certain plot of Church Land situate in the town of Parramatta and to apply the proceeds.

And Mr. Taylor having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* and *The Cumberland Mercury* newspapers, containing the Notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—Petition received.

5. TARIFF:—Mr. Neild presented a Petition from certain persons engaged in the Publishing, Printing, Lithographing, Bookbinding, Engraving, and other kindred Trades, representing that the present Tariff is inimical to their interests, and presses heavily upon them; and praying the House to grant such relief in the premises as may seem best.

And the Petition having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker,—Petition received.

6. PAPER:—Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table,—Proceedings in the Appeal to the Privy Council in the Case of *Barton v. Taylor*.

Ordered to be printed.

7. TOBACCO DUTIES:—Mr. See presented a Petition from certain Cigar Manufacturers and others interested in the cigar trade, alleging that the levying of an excise of 2s. 6d. per pound upon all cigars manufactured in the Colony is so restrictive and prohibitory as to render it impossible for the Petitioners to follow their business except at a loss; and praying for the removal of the said excise.

And the Petition having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker,—Petition received.

8. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. O'Connor moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

9. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

(1.) Muswellbrook 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 Muswellbrook within the Municipality of Muswellbrook*,"—with the amendment indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendment the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 20th May, 1886.

JOHN HAY,
President.

MUSWELLBROOK CATTLE SALE-YARDS BILL.

Schedule of the Amendment referred to in Message of 20th May, 1886.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, clause 1, line 19. Omit "should" insert "shall."

Examined,—

W. R. PIDDINGTON,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the Council's amendment be taken into consideration on Tuesday next. (2.)

(2.) Wyatt Estate Leasing Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to enable Joseph Wyatt and John Moring or other the Trustees or Trustee of a Settlement dated the eighth day of June one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three and made between Eleanor Dorothy Wyatt the wife of Joseph Wyatt then Eleanor Dorothy Foreman spinster of the one part and Richard Driver senior and Richard Driver junior of the other part to grant building repairing or improving leases of the real estate comprised in such Settlement,*"—with the amendment indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendment the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 20th May, 1886.

JOHN HAY,
President.

WYATT ESTATE LEASING BILL.

Schedule of the Amendment referred to in Message of 20th May, 1886.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, Preamble, line 5. Omit "statutory."

Examined,—

W. R. PIDDINGTON,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the Council's amendment be taken into consideration on Tuesday next.

10. PAPER:—Sir Patrick Jennings laid upon the Table,—Memorandum by the Honorable the Premier, for His Excellency the Governor, as to Joint Naval Defence of Australasia.
Ordered to be printed.
11. RAILWAY FROM KIAMA TO JERVIS BAY:—Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table (*as Exhibits only*), Plan, Section, and Book of Reference of a proposed Railway from Kiama to Jervis Bay—Part No. 1.
12. ALTERNATION OF GENERAL NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY ON FRIDAYS (*Sessional Order*):—Sir Patrick Jennings moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That during the remainder of the present Session, unless otherwise ordered, General Notices of Motions and General Orders of the Day shall be taken on alternate Fridays.
(2.) That General "Notices of Motions" shall take precedence on the next Friday on which the House shall sit; and "Orders of the Day" shall take precedence on the following Friday, and so on alternately on each succeeding Friday.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Young moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the words "Notices of Motions" in the third line, with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "Orders of the Day."
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.
Mr. Young then moved, That the Question be further amended by the omission of the words "Orders of the Day," in the fourth line, with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "General Notices of Motions."
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 during the remainder of the present Session, unless otherwise ordered, General Notices of Motions and General Orders of the Day shall be taken on alternate Fridays.
(2.) That General Orders of the Day shall take precedence on the next Friday on which the House shall sit; and General Notices of Motions shall take precedence on the following Friday, and so on alternately on each succeeding Friday,—put and passed.
13. GLEN INNES MARKETS LEASING BILL:—Mr. W. J. Fergusson, 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 16th April, 1886; together with a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Fergusson then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday, 18th June.
Question put and passed.
14. WAYS AND MEANS:—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 the Committee of Ways and Means.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 21 MAY, 1886, 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 a certain Resolution.

Ordered, that the reception of the Resolution stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

15. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir Patrick Jennings moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly at Three o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 64.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 21 MAY, 1886.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1). Sydney University:—Mr. Teece asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
 (1.) The total amounts of appropriations in aid of the Sydney University during the years 1879, 1880, and 1881?
 (2.) The like information for 1883, 1884, and 1885?
 (3.) What amount was received as fees during 1885?
 (4.) The number of students who matriculated, and the number who graduated in 1885?

Dr. Renwick answered,—

- (1.) The total amounts of appropriations in aid of the Sydney University during the years 1879, 1880, and 1881, were as follows:—

	1879.			1880.			1881.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Received from the Government on account of Annual Endowment	5,000	0	0	5,000	0	0	5,000	0	0
Do Special Vote ... ..	.....			500	0	0	1,000	0	0
Do Philosophical Apparatus ... ..	.....			1,000	0	0	.....	
	5,000	0	0	6,500	0	0	6,000	0	0

	1883.			1884.			1885.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
(2.) Received from the Government on account of Annual Endowment	5,000	0	0	5,000	0	0	5,000	0	0
Do Additional Endowment	7,000	0	0	7,000	0	0	7,000	0	0
Do Philosophical Apparatus... ..	1,500	0	0	1,500	0	0	1,500	0	0
Do Temporary Medical School	842	15	0	.....			.....
Do Medical School ... ..	.....			500	0	0	500	0	0
Do School of Mining ... ..	.....			500	0	0	500	0	0
Do Evening Lectures ... ..	.....			1,000	0	0	2,000	0	0
	14,342	15	0	15,500	0	0	16,500	0	0

- (3.) The amount received as fees during 1885 was as follows:—Degree fees, £205; Lecture fees, £3,633 11s.; Matriculation fees, £258; total, £4,096 11s.

- (4.) The number of students who matriculated in 1885 was 67. The number who graduated was 41.

- (2.) Lands Department:—Mr. Abigail asked the Secretary for Lands,—Has he any objection to lay upon the Table a Return showing,—

- (1.) The names of the permanent officers, and the amounts received by each out of the £3,467 7s. 10d. paid during 1885, over and above the amount voted them by Parliament?

- (2.) The names and amounts received by those who have participated in the division of the £591 1s. 5d., paid for the first portion of this year, being in excess of the amount which Parliament will be asked to vote as salaries to them?

Mr. Want answered,—My Honorable Colleague will lay a Return upon the Table of the House next week.

(3.)

(3.) Storage of Gunpowder:—Mr. Abigail asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it true that on or about the 27th of March last a fire occurred at 276 and 278 Pitt-street, and on the firemen going to the spot they were warned that a large quantity of gunpowder was stored out of the magazine on the ground floor, and that great danger existed?

(2.) Did the firemen after having put the fire out search and find on the said premises 546 lbs. of gunpowder stored under a buggy about 20 feet away from the actual fire?

(3.) Was Inspector Anderson sent for, also the Inspector of Magazines (Mr. Rogers); and did they order the removal of the said gunpowder to Goat Island?

(4.) Is it true that the said warehouse contained much inflammable materials, oils, &c., stored within a little distance of the fire?

(5.) Were damaged flasks of gunpowder lying about in several places, and were they removed by the firemen?

(6.) What is the amount of gunpowder allowed in store out of magazine; and what are the liabilities for any serious infraction of the law?

(7.) Was a report made to the proper Government officer, setting forth the above facts, and have proceedings been instituted against the occupiers of the said premises; if not, will he state who is the person charged with the institution of proceedings in such cases; and will he cause proceedings to be taken at once to protect the public from such risks through carelessness on the part of those dealing with gunpowder?

Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes; 25 feet away from the actual fire.

(3.) Yes; the powder was removed to Goat Island.

(4.) Yes.

(5.) Yes.

(6.) 12 lbs. of gunpowder are allowed in store out of magazine; 20s. per lb. weight, in excess of the authorized quantity is the penalty, and also forfeiture.

(7.) Yes; and the matter is under consideration. The Ordnance Storekeeper is the officer appointed to take proceedings for breaches of the law.

(4.) Supply of Stone to Government:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What is the name of the person who supplies the Government with stone for building purposes on the Great Western Railway, and is it supplied by tender; if not, will he give instructions for tenders to be invited in future for the same?

Mr. Want answered,—The building-stone used by this Department is supplied by various persons. In all cases tenders are invited, and the lowest tender accepted. At present a quantity of stone is being excavated by the Department from the site of the new sidings at Darling Harbour, and this stone is being utilised for Railway buildings.

5.) Pierce Fowler:—*Mr. Abigail*, for Mr. Garland, asked the Attorney General,—Before declining to file a Bill in the case of Pierce Fowler, committed for trial by an unanimous Bench at Bathurst for forgery and embezzlement,—Did the Attorney General read the depositions submitted to him; and if so, has he any objection to lay before the House any minute in which he may have stated his reasons for not filing a Bill?

Mr. Want answered,—If I were to treat this question in the manner in which the Honorable Member who framed it deserves, I should decline to answer it, as I conceive it is worded in a studied insulting manner; but out of respect to this Honorable House, I beg to state I adopted the usual course.

(6.) *Ad valorem* Duty:—Mr. James Henry Young asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Has he any objection to lay upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—

(1.) The declared value of imports on which *ad valorem* duty was collected during each year from 1865 to 1872 inclusive?

(2.) The amount of drawback claimed and paid on goods subject to such duty?

(3.) The declared value of goods, not produced in the Colony, which were exported during each year from 1860 to 1885 inclusive?

Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—I have no objection to lay the Return upon the Table. It will, however, take some time to prepare it.

2. LITHGOW COLLIERY DISASTER (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Abigail moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all letters, minutes, telegrams, and other documents sent from the Mines Department or the Colonial Secretary's Department to the Royal Commission, having reference to the mode of conducting the Lithgow disaster inquiry at Lithgow.

Question put and passed.

3. PARRAMATTA CHURCH SCHOOL BILL:—

(1.) Mr. Hugh Taylor moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Right Reverend Alfred Barry D.D., Lord Bishop of Sydney, and his successors the Bishops of Sydney, to sell or demise a certain plot of Church Land situate in the town of Parramatta and to apply the proceeds.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. 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 enable the Right Reverend Alfred Barry D.D. Lord Bishop of Sydney and his successors the Bishops of Sydney to sell or demise a certain plot of Church Land situate in the town of Parramatta and to apply the proceeds*,"—read a first time.

4. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Barristers Bill postpo follow after the Order of the Day for the second reading of the Net-fishing in Port H. Prohibition Bill.

5. SISTERS OF CHARITY ESTATE BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—and *Mr. Barbour* for Mr. Day, proceeding to move, That this Bill be now read a second time,—
Mr. Speaker ruled that one member could not move for another the second reading of a Bill, and that the only exception in practice was the case of one responsible Minister moving such motion for another Minister.
Whereupon the Order of the Day was postponed until Friday, 4th June.
6. BANK OF NEW SOUTH WALES ACTS AMENDMENT 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.
7. PATENTS BILL:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill discharged, and Bill withdrawn, on motion of Mr. Targett.
8. McLAUGHLIN ESTATE BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Abigail 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. Abigail, 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. Abigail (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
9. NET-FISHING IN PORT HACKING PROHIBITION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—
Sir John Robertson moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Sir John Robertson, 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 Sir John Robertson, the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
10. BARRISTERS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—and Mr. Neild proceeding to move, That this Bill be now read a second time,—
Point of Order:—Objection being taken by Mr. Want that the Title of the Bill did not correspond with the Order of Leave, and that the clauses of the Bill were not covered by the Title,—
Mr. Speaker ruled that the objection taken was valid.
Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Neild, the Order of the Day was discharged, and the Bill withdrawn.
11. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the New South Wales Trustees Executors and Agency Company's Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*) postponed until Friday, 4th June.
12. PRINGLE'S ESTATE MORTGAGING 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 an amendment in the Title.
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.
13. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Randwick Church Land Sale Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*) postponed until Friday, 4th June.
14. AGRICULTURAL SOCIETIES:—Mr. Gould moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing the names of all the Agricultural and kindred Societies in this Colony which have participated during the ten years ending 31st December, 1885, in the annual grants to Agricultural Societies, showing the amounts paid to such Society in each year during that time; and also the names of all such Societies that have received special grants during the like period, showing the several amounts and dates when so paid.
Question put and passed.
15. TITLE "HONORABLE" WITHIN THE COLONY OF NEW SOUTH WALES:—*Mr. Trickett*, for Mr. Abbott, 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.) A copy of the despatch of the Duke of Newcastle, dated 28th December, 1863, and also copies of all subsequent despatches relating to the use of the term "Honorable" within the Colony of New South Wales.
(2.) A copy of all despatches from the Secretary of State for the Colonies notifying that permission had been given to use the term "Honorable" to any persons within the Colony of New South Wales.
Question put and passed.

16. PATRICK HANNAN'S MINING CLAIM AT TEMORA:—Mr. O'Sullivan 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 Patrick Hannan, arising out of the supposed illegal transfer of a mining claim by the Mining Registrar of Temora.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Fletcher, Mr. Harold Stephen, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Burke, Mr. J. D. Young, Mr. Spring, Mr. Lysaght, and the Mover.
 - (3.) That the report from the Select Committee of Session 1883-4 on the same subject be referred to such Committee.
- Question put and passed.
17. CLAIM OF CHARLES STEVENS:—*Mr. Gaward*, 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. Copeland, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Day, Mr. Stokes, Mr. Coonan, and Mr. Vaughn.
 - (3.) That the Report from the Select Committee of Session 1883-4, in reference to the said claim, be referred to such Committee.
- Question put and passed.
18. ROAD BETWEEN QUEANBEYAN AND KIANDRA:—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, 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 importance of the country between Queanbeyan and Kiandra demands the immediate construction of a road between those towns, and the erection of a Bridge over the Murrumbidgee River, for the purpose of opening the region as a sanatorium and developing its rich pastoral, agricultural, and mineral resources.
 - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
- Debate ensued.
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

The House adjourned at twenty-one minutes before Seven 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, 25 MAY, 1886.

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

VACANT SEAT:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received a letter from William Robert Campbell, Esquire, resigning his Seat as Member for the Electoral District of The Gwydir.

Whereupon Sir Patrick Jennings moved, That the Seat of William Robert Campbell, Esquire, Member for the Electoral District of The Gwydir, hath become, and is now vacant, by reason of the resignation thereof by the said William Robert Campbell, Esquire.

Question put and passed.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Importation of Dynamite:—Mr. William Clarke asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that under the Regulations published in the *Gazette* of the 9th February, the importation of dynamite was prohibited for a period of six months?

(2.) Notwithstanding such prohibition, under what circumstances were 900 cases of dynamite, per ship "Gitana," allowed to be landed and stored in the Government magazine provided for that purpose?

(3.) Was there any correspondence on this matter between the Treasury and Ordnance Departments in reference to this importation of dynamite by the ship "Gitana"; if so, will he have any objection to lay upon the Table of this House copies of such correspondence?

Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) The dynamite referred to was allowed to be landed and stored in the public magazine on satisfactory proof being furnished to the Government that it had been shipped prior to the date of the proclamation.

(3.) No objection whatever.

(2.) Subway under Railway Line at Alt-street, Ashfield:—Mr. Henson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the papers having reference to the construction of Subway under Railway at Alt-street, Ashfield, be laid upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Lyne answered,—I will presently lay these papers upon the Table of the House.

(3.) Fatigue Pay to Staff Sergeants:—Mr. Harold Stephen asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Are the Staff Sergeants attached to the Quartermaster-General's Department for the conveyance of baggage from Darling Harbour Railway Station to the Victoria Barracks entitled to the same pay as the men of the Permanent Artillery who were employed as a fatigue party?

(2.) Are the Staff Sergeants referred to, who had to use manual labour in order to assist the Artillery fatigue party, entitled to the same pay per hour as the men of the Artillery received?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Major-General commanding the Military Forces:—

(1.) There is no record of any claim being made by men of the Permanent Artillery for the work indicated; moreover, working pay is not, except under special circumstances, granted to fatigue parties.

(2.) No; the Staff Sergeants referred to were told off as in charge of the fatigue parties, and were struck off all other duties while performing this work, during which time they received their usual pay and allowances.

(4.) Parramatta Police Court and Court of Quarter Sessions:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) The number of cases brought before the Parramatta Police Court and Court of Quarter Sessions from the 1st January, 1885, to 30th April, 1886?

(2.) The same as to Liverpool and Ryde?

Mr.

Mr. Garvan answered,—

(1.) Parramatta: Number of cases brought before Police Court, 2,605; number of cases committed for trial at Quarter Sessions, 16; total, 2,621.

(2.) Liverpool: Number of cases brought before Police Court, 617; number of cases committed for trial at Quarter Sessions, 6; total, 621. Ryde: Number of cases brought before Police Court, 819. No Quarter Sessions held at this place.

3. PARRAMATTA CHURCH SCHOOL BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Hugh Taylor moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That the Parramatta Church School Bill be referred to a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, for consideration and report.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Bull, Mr. Teece, Mr. Day, Mr. Henson, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Collins, Mr. W. J. Fergusson, Mr. Parkes, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

4. BANK OF NEW SOUTH WALES ACTS 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 an Act intituled ‘An Act to incorporate the Proprietors of a certain Banking Company called the Bank of New South Wales’ and for other purposes therein mentioned and to extend the provisions of the ‘Bank of New South Wales Act of 1870.’*”

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 an Act intituled ‘An Act to incorporate the Proprietors of a certain Banking Company called the Bank of New South Wales’ and for other purposes therein mentioned and to extend the provisions of the ‘Bank of New South Wales Act of 1870.’*”—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 25th May, 1886.

5. McLAUGHLIN ESTATE BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—On motion of Mr. Abigail, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Abigail then moved, That the Title of the Bill be “*An Act to enable the Trustees of the Will of John McLaughlin to sell certain land situate in the village of Longbottom near Sydney and to provide for the investment of the proceeds of such sale.*”

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 John McLaughlin to sell certain land situate in the village of Longbottom near Sydney and to provide for the investment of the proceeds of such sale,*”—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 conveyance from Charles M’Cutcheon to John McLaughlin of the land described in the Schedule to the Bill; also copies of Probate of the Will of John McLaughlin, and orders appointing new Trustees.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 25th May, 1886.

6. NET-FISHING IN PORT HACKING PROHIBITION BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—On motion of Sir John Robertson, read a third time, and *passed*.

Sir John Robertson then moved, That the Title of the Bill be “*An Act to prohibit Net-fishing or other wholesale destruction of Fish in the Waters of Port Hacking.*”

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 Net-fishing or other wholesale destruction of Fish in the Waters of Port Hacking,*”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 25th May, 1886.

7. PRINGLE’S ESTATE MORTGAGING BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—On motion of Mr. Thompson, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Thompson then moved, That the Title of the Bill be “*An Act to enable the Trustees of the Will of the late Robert Pringle of Tamworth in the Colony of New South Wales to borrow money by mortgage and pledge of certain real and personal estate devised and bequeathed by the said Will for the purpose of enabling the said Trustees to pay off a certain debt owing by the said Testator and certain debts incurred by the said Trustees in administering the said estate and to enable the said Trustees to improve the same.*”

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 the late Robert Pringle of Tamworth in the Colony of New South Wales to borrow money by mortgage and pledge of certain real and personal estate devised and bequeathed by the said Will for the purpose of enabling the said Trustees to pay off a certain debt owing by the*

the said Testator and certain debts incurred by the said Trustees in administering the said estate and to enable the said Trustees to improve the same,"—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 the late Robert Pringle.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 25th May, 1886.*

8. PAPERS:—

Mr. Copeland laid upon the Table,—Return showing the Payments made to Permanent Officers of the Department of Lands during the year 1885, and from 1st January to 30th April, 1886, over and above the amounts voted as salaries.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on the 6th April, 1886,—“Subway under Railway line at Alt-street, Ashfield.”

9. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Sir Patrick Jennings, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

(1.) Stamp Duties Act Amendment Bill:—

CARRINGTON,

Governor.

Message No. 22.

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 Stamp Duties Act of 1880.

Government House,

Sydney, 25th May, 1886.

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

(2.) Vote of Credit:—

CARRINGTON,

Governor.

Message No. 23.

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 May, or following month of the year 1886; together with provision for certain Services of the year 1885, and other Services of an urgent nature; and also for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan.

Government House,

Sydney, 25th May, 1886.

Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of Supply.

10. TARIFF:—Mr. G. A. Lloyd presented a Petition from Merchants, Traders, Artisans, and others, in opposition to the alterations and amendments proposed in the Tariff, more especially to that portion relating to the imposition of *ad valorem* duties; and praying the House to devise some other scheme for meeting the present deficit in the Public Accounts.

And the Petition having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker,—
Petition received.

11. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS:—Sir Patrick Jennings 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 years 1885 and 1886, and for Services to be hereafter provided for by loan,” 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.

12. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply having been read,—Sir Patrick Jennings 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.

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:—

(6.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £1,533,367 being £567,000 to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of May, 1886, at the rates which have been sanctioned for 1885, inclusive of the annual increases on salaries for that year provided for by the Civil Service Act of 1884, subject to the rate of any reduction that may hereafter be made in the expenditure of the year 1886; £100,000 to meet claims for Services of 1885 unpaid on 28th February last; £150,000 to meet Wages to become due to Railway Employés, and for Railway Services generally, during the month of June, 1886; £10,000 to meet Wages to become due to Employés in the Department of Harbours and Rivers, and for other Services of an urgent nature, during the month of June, 1886; £331,367 for Roads and Bridges; and £275,000 for Railways, and £100,000 further sum for City of Sydney Sewerage, in anticipation of Loan Votes.

On motion of Sir Patrick Jennings, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

13. **WAYS AND MEANS** :—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 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 :—
(8.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Services of the Years 1885 and 1886, the sum of £1,533,367 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.
On motion of Sir Patrick Jennings, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
14. **CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 5)** :—
(1.) Ordered, on motion of Sir Patrick Jennings, 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 Years 1885 and 1886 and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan.
(2.) Sir Patrick Jennings 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 1885 and 1886 and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan*,”—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 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 without amendment.
On motion of Sir Patrick Jennings, the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be now read a third time.
(4.) Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Sir Patrick Jennings, *passed*.
Sir Patrick Jennings 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 1885 and 1886 and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan*.”
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 1885 and 1886 and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan*,”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 25th May, 1886.*
15. **PRICKLY PEAR DESTRUCTION BILL** :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Fletcher, and read by Mr. Speaker :—
CARRINGTON, *Message No. 24.*
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 eradication of the Prickly Pear.
*Government House,
Sydney, 2nd April, 1886.*
Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.
16. **POSTPONEMENTS** :—The following Orders of the Day postponed until to-morrow :—
(1.) Ways and Means; reception of Resolution.
(2.) Stamp Duties Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
(3.) Commons Regulation Act Amendment Bill (No. 2); consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Commons Regulation Act of 1873, and to validate certain appointments of Trustees purporting to have been made thereunder.
(4.) Criminal Law Further Amendment Bill; second reading.
17. **PRICKLY PEAR DESTRUCTION BILL** :—
(1.) 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 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. Fletcher, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
(2.) Mr. Fletcher then 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 Thursday next.
The House adjourned at five minutes before Twelve o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 66.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 26 MAY, 1886.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Road, Felltimber Creek to Carcoar:—Mr. Garland asked the Secretary for Mines,—Is he aware that the substance of a report made by certain officials on the proposed Felltimber to Carcoar Road has been denied by the statutory declarations of thirteen respectable residents of the locality proposed to be served by such road; and if so, what course does he propose to take, with a view of opening the proposed road for traffic?

Mr. Fletcher answered,—The Minister for Works who dealt with the matter, on the report of the local officers and Commissioner for Roads, refused the grant. Papers relating to same were laid upon the Table of the House and printed by Order, 4th February, 1886.

- (2.) Court of Petty Sessions for Eastern Suburbs:—Mr. Neild asked the Minister of Justice,—Referring to the Minister's reply given to Mr. Neild on the 25th March,—Have the Government decided on taking any steps to enable the establishment of a Court of Petty Sessions in the Eastern Suburbs?

Mr. Garvan answered,—The difficulty of establishing a Court of Petty Sessions in the Eastern Suburbs lies in the inability of the present Stipendiary Magistrates to attend to any other Court without closing for some time one of the City Courts, and also to the fact that in the present state of the law no additional Stipendiary Magistrate can be appointed to have jurisdiction within the Metropolitan area. Mr. Trickett, M.P., has brought the matter several times under my consideration, and on the 30th of last month wrote asking that I might receive a deputation of his constituents, who wished to interview me on the subject, and I have appointed Friday next, at 11.30 a.m., for that purpose.

- (3.) Clemency to Prisoners in Jubilee Year:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Minister of Justice,—Is it the intention of the Government to mark the Jubilee Year of the Reign of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen by setting free all prisoners whose good conduct may have entitled them to participation in such an act of clemency?

Mr. Garvan answered,—It is not the intention of the Government to deal with prisoners except as provided by present Prison Regulations; and in any case calling for exceptional consideration, each such case is considered and dealt with on its merits.

- (4.) Alleged Shipping Abuses:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Has the Cabinet yet come to a decision in reference to the request of the Maritime Labour Societies for a Royal Commission to inquire into marine surveys and the alleged shipping abuses in the ports of New South Wales?

Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—After a very careful consideration of the subject, and with every desire to meet the views of the Societies interested, the Government have come to the conclusion that the preferable course would be to cause the matter to be inquired into by a Select Committee of this House.

- (5.) Special Engine used by Mr. Cass, M.P.:—Mr. Abigail asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Did Mr. G. E. Cass, M.P., on or about the 8th ultimo, apply to Mr. Higgs, at Penrith, for a special engine to carry him to Parramatta in order to catch the ordinary train?

(2.) Did Mr. Cass inform Mr. Higgs that he had been wired to by Sir Patrick Jennings, and that it was important he should reach Sydney?

(3.) Was any promise made by Mr. Cass that he would pay the charge demanded?

(4.) Was an engine provided; and if so, on what date, and at what time did it leave Penrith?

(5.) What sum was charged for the use of this special engine?

(6.) Has Mr. Cass been applied to for the payment of this amount; and if so, how often?

(7.) Has Mr. Cass paid the amount, or has he handed the matter over to the Minister for Works?

Mr.

Mr. Want answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) No.
- (3.) Yes.
- (4.) An engine was provided ; it left Penrith at 9.57 p.m. on the 8th April last.
- (5.) The usual charge, £7 10s.
- (6.) The account was rendered on the 14th April, and Mr. Cass was written to on the 28th idem.
- (7.) The amount has not been paid. Mr. Cass brought the matter under my notice.

(6.) Storage of Gunpowder :—Mr. Abigail asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) What is the cause of delay in deciding what steps (if any) should be taken in connection with the Pitt-street gunpowder case ; and who has the question under consideration ?
- (2.) Has the gunpowder been confiscated, and has any decision been arrived at as to whether proceedings will or will not be taken ?

Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—This matter has been under consideration by the Government, with a view to arrive at the facts of the case. As a consequence of such consideration, proceedings are directed to be taken in this and other similar cases. The confiscation of the gunpowder will depend upon the decision of the adjudicating Magistrates.

(7.) Free Passes by Railway :—Mr. Abigail asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Were free passes granted to the Deputation that recently came from Junee to interview the Government on the differential rates question ?
- (2.) Is it customary to grant free passes to country Deputations, no matter from what district they come ; if not, will the Minister state the particular circumstances under which such passes were issued in this case ?

Mr. Want answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) It is not customary to grant passes to Deputations ; it was done in this instance to redeem a promise made by the Honorable the Colonial Secretary, who, when interviewed at Junee on the subject of differential rates, desirous that those interested should see the Minister for Works in the matter, promised that passes should be issued to them if they would come to Sydney.

(8.) Fiscal Proposals :—Mr. Abigail asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Did he state, as reported in the *Sydney Morning Herald* of Saturday last, in reply to a Deputation on the Fiscal Proposals,—“That with regard to direct taxes, although the Bill might not become law this Session, it would eventually become law” ?

Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—As I made a statement in my place in the House yesterday afternoon, informing Honorable Members of the order in which the Financial Proposals of the Government would be brought forward and considered, I think the Honorable Gentleman can scarcely expect me to reply to an isolated extract from a newspaper which has very little relation to the general question.

2. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed until Friday next.

- (1.) Muswellbrook Cattle Sale-yards Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Legislative Council's amendment.
- (2.) Wyatt Estate Leasing Bill : consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Legislative Council's amendment.

3. PAPER :—Mr. Copeland laid upon the Table,—Copies of *Gazette* Notices setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the Dedication of certain Lands, in accordance with the provisions of the 105th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
Ordered to be printed.

4. NET-FISHING IN PORT HACKING PROHIBITION BILL :—Mr. Williamson presented a Petition from certain Fishermen and Residents of Botany, Port Hacking, and George's River, representing that the Net-fishing in Port Hacking Prohibition Bill will, if passed, cause considerable loss, if not ruin, to many of the Petitioners who subsist by net-fishing ; and praying the House not to pass the said Bill.
Petition received.

5. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Neild moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

6. BELL'S ESTATE BILL :—Mr. Humphery, 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 March, 1886 ; together with Appendix, and a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee.
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Humphery then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday, 18th June.

Question put and passed.

7. CALL OF THE HOUSE :—The *Special Order* of the Day for the Call of the House for the purpose of considering the Question of Payment of Members having been read,—

Mr. Abbott moved, That the Call of the House be now proceeded with.

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker (having ordered the Sergeant-at-Arms to summon Honorable Members to the Chamber) reported that he had received letters from Robert Barbour, Esquire, and Travers Jones, Esquire, a medical certificate from James Hayes, Esquire, and a telegram from Gerald Spring, Esquire, excusing themselves respectively from attendance upon the Call of the House to-day. Mr. Quin then apologised for the absence, through illness, of William Peter Macgregor, Esquire ; Mr. Burns apologised for the absence of Robert Burdett Smith, Esquire, and Robert Hoddle Driberg White, Esquire ; and Sir John Robertson apologised for that of Thomas Garrett, Esquire,—the last three Members having been absent from the Colony when the Call was ordered.

Mr.

Mr. Speaker then directed the Clerk to call over the Roll of Members.

The Clerk thereupon called over the names of the Members of the Assembly in alphabetical order. And all the Members having answered in their places, except the Members above referred to, and the following Members, who had neither sent excuse nor had apology made for their absence, namely, Herbert Harrington Brown, Esquire, Sydney Burdekin, Esquire, Walter Thomas Coonan, Esquire, John Kidd, Esquire, Daniel O'Connor, Esquire, Varney Parkes, Esquire, John See, Esquire, James Francis Smith, Esquire, John Sutherland, Esquire, Walter Scott Targett, Esquire, Harman John Tarrant, Esquire, and Adolphus George Taylor, Esquire,—

The Clerk by direction of Mr. Speaker, again read over the names of those Members who had not answered in their places.

Whereupon Walter Thomas Coonan, Esquire, and James Francis Smith, Esquire, answered in their places.

8. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The Orders of the Day of Government Business Nos. 1 to 7, postponed to follow after the Order of the Day of General Business, No. 1,—“Payment of Members of the Legislative Assembly.”
9. **PAYMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole further to consider an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause the necessary steps to be taken to make provision in the Estimates for the payment of Members of the Legislative Assembly.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 27 MAY, 1886, A.M.,

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 so soon as the Point of Order had been decided.

The Chairman then reported the *Point of Order* as follows:—

In Committee on the subject referred, a proposed amendment was dealt with “That the principle of payment be embodied in a Bill and applied to the next Parliament”; that the Committee had decided that the words “and applied to the next Parliament” should stand part of that proposed amendment; and on a subsequent amendment being proposed in the following words, “the necessary Parliamentary sanction having been first obtained” he had given his opinion that the amendment last proposed was in effect the same as one already negatived by the Committee, and another which he had held to be inadmissible on that ground. Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker decided that in his view the amendment was not identical in intention and effect with any proposition already disposed of by the Committee.

On motion of Mr. Garrard, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the Committee resumed.

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.

10. **CALL OF THE HOUSE**:—Sir Patrick Jennings (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the names of the Members absent, without excuse offered, be again called over.

Question put and passed.

The Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, again read over the names of those Members who had not answered in their places,—

Whereupon Sydney Burdekin, Esquire, John Kidd, Esquire, Daniel O'Connor, Esquire, Varney Parkes, Esquire, John See, Esquire, John Sutherland, Esquire, and Walter Scott Targett, Esquire, answered in their places.

11. **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 Years 1885 and 1886 and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan,*”—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 26th May, 1886.

JOHN HAY,
President.

12. **PAPER**:—Mr. Fletcher laid upon the Table,—Return of Outstanding Claims placed upon the Supplementary Estimates for 1885 for Public Parks—Department of Mines.
Ordered to be printed.

13. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Sir Patrick Jennings moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

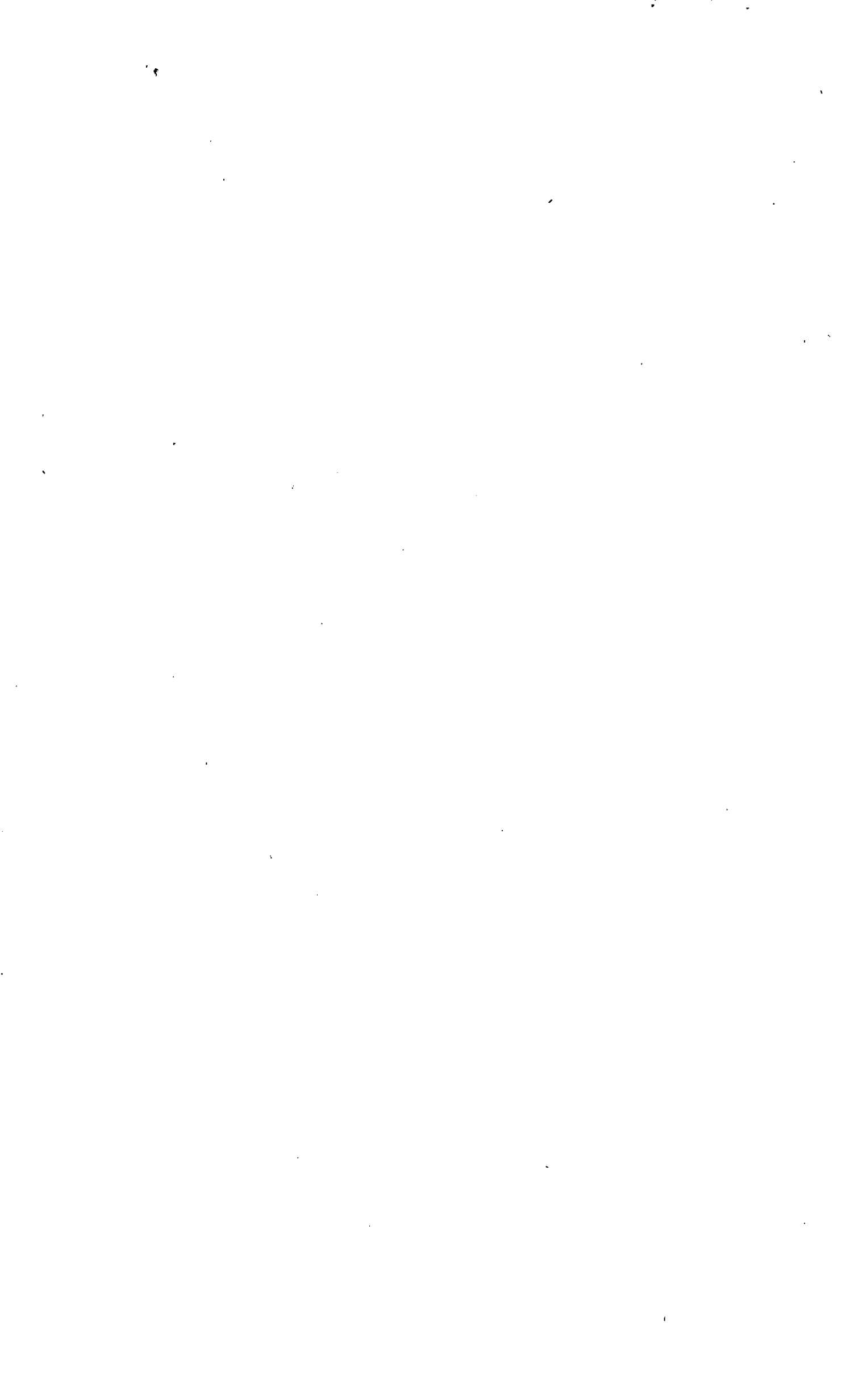
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

14. **SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT**:—Sir Patrick Jennings (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That this House at its rising this day do adjourn until seven o'clock p.m.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned at eight minutes before Four o'clock a.m., until Seven o'clock p.m. This Day.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 67.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 27 MAY, 1886.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Submarine Cable between United States or Canada and Australia.—Mr. Burns asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has the Government given any, and if any what, authority for negotiations for a Submarine Cable between the United States or Canada and the Australian Colonies?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—A somewhat similar question was asked by Mr. Abigail on the 15th April last, and replied to by Mr. Dibbs, as follows:—"Sir Alexander Stuart has no authority to act for this Government in the matter." But I may add that the Government has not given any authority for negotiations for a submarine cable between the United States or Canada and the Australian Colonies.

- (2.) Clerks of Petty Sessions:—Mr. Abigail asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) The number of Clerks of Petty Sessions who are acting as District Registrars?
 (2.) Do they receive fees for this work in addition to the salaries voted by Parliament; if so, how much was so paid for the year 1885?
 (3.) Was it decided in 1882-3, by Parliament, that the various offices held by Clerks of Petty Sessions throughout the Colony should be amalgamated, and their services paid for after classification by fixed salaries to cover all such duties presumably inclusive of those as District Registrars?

Mr. Garvan answered,—

- (1.) 80 out of a total of 163 District Registrars.
 (2.) Yes; £1,471 11s.
 (3.) There appears to have been no special resolution of Parliament to that effect, but the Estimates of 1882 were voted on the understanding that Clerks of Petty Sessions were to receive a fixed salary and that all fees received by them were to be paid to the Treasury, except fees of Small Debts Court fees as Commissioner of Affidavits, and Commissioner as Agent for the Curator of Intestate Estates, to which they were entitled under certain Acts. Payment of a fee has, however, been made from the 1st June, 1885, to all District Registrars (including Clerks of Petty Sessions) as such at a reduced rate in accordance with instructions from the Colonial Secretary.

- (3.) Gowrie-street, South Singleton:—Mr. Gould asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Referring to Mr. Gould's question of 30th April last,—Will he state whether a decision has been arrived at in reference to the removal of the obstructions complained of on the road leading from John-street, Singleton, to the River Hunter, called Gowrie-street, within the Municipality of South Singleton; if so, what is the decision?

Mr. Lyne answered,—A final decision has not been arrived at; but it seems, from inquiry made, that the Railway Department cannot hold possession of this street exclusively, and it is probable, therefore, that their encroachment upon it will have to be removed.

- (4.) Model Farms:—Mr. Davies, for Dr. Ross, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to take any steps to reserve the land that is now being cleared at Bankstown or Rookwood for agricultural purposes, or to turn the same into a model farm, such as exists in Victoria; if not, will he state how the land is to be disposed of after having been cleared?

(2.) Has the Government arrived at any decision to establish a model farm on the reserve at Brymadura, near Molong, which was recommended last year by Mr. M'Ivor, the Agricultural Lecturer to the Technical College, as a suitable locality for establishing a model farm?

(3.) What steps (if any) have been taken for the purpose of establishing these model farms?

Mr.

- Mr. Dibbs answered,—
- (1.) It is proposed to utilize a portion of the land for a model farm in connection with the Rookwood Reformatory, and to lay out other portions for a township.
 - (2.) No decision has yet been arrived at with regard to model farm near Molong.
 - (3.) The question will be further considered.
- (5.) Court of Petty Sessions for Eastern Suburbs :—Mr. Neild asked the Minister of Justice,—Do the Government intend to take steps to provide for the appointment of an additional Stipendiary Magistrate, so as to enable a Court of Petty Sessions to be established in the Eastern Suburbs?
- Mr. Garvan answered,—The subject shall be fully determined, after receiving a Deputation, which had been previously arranged with Mr. Trickett, M.P., and other gentlemen, for Friday, the 28th instant.
2. CHURCH AND SCHOOL LANDS DEDICATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—Dr. Renwick presented a Bill, intituled “ *A Bill to amend the Church and School Lands Dedication Act 1880,* ”—read a first time. Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
 3. TARIFF :—Mr. Reid presented a Petition from A. J. Riley, as Chairman of a Public Meeting of the Citizens of Sydney, alleging that Petitioners entertain serious apprehensions that much injury will be done to the commerce of the country, and that all classes of the community will suffer, if the alterations and extensions of the Customs Tariff submitted to the House should be passed into Law; and praying the House not to pass any Act extending the Customs Tariff. And the Petition having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker,—Petition received.
 4. PAPERS :—

Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table,—Annual Report on the State Children’s Relief Department for the year ended 5th April, 1886.
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Garvan laid upon the Table,—Annual Report on Prisons for the year 1885.
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table,—

 - (1.) Return of Employés in the Railway Department compelled to find a fidelity guarantee.
 - (2.) Return showing estimated cost of preliminary work, and amount expended on Railway Extensions sanctioned by Parliament under the Public Works Loan Act of 1884.
Ordered to be printed.
 5. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Neild moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
 6. CALL OF THE HOUSE :—Sir Patrick Jennings (*by consent*) moved, without Notice,—
 - (1.) That the excuses severally offered by Robert Barbour, Esquire, Travers Jones, Esquire, James Hayes, Esquire, and Gerald Spring, Esquire, and for William Peter Macgregor, Esquire, Robert Burdett Smith, Esquire, Robert Hoddle Driberg White, Esquire, and Thomas Garrett, Esquire, be accepted by this House.
 - (2.) That Herbert Harrington Brown, Esquire, Harman John Tarrant, Esquire, and Adolphus George Taylor, Esquire, who were absent without excuse offered, on the occasion of the Call of the House on 26th May, 1886, be excused from attendance in respect of such Call.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Septimus Stephen moved the Previous Question.
Question proposed, That that Question be now put.
Debate continued.
Previous Question,—That that Question be now put,—put and passed.
Original Question then put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 50.

Sir Patrick Jennings,	Mr. Greer,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Reid,
Mr. Want,	Mr. J. D. Young,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Forsyth,
Dr. Renwick,	Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Rynie,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Hyam,
Mr. Heydon,	Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Williamson,	Mr. Bull,
Mr. Purves,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Hogan,	Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Cass,
Mr. Collins,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Cramsie,	Mr. Butcher,
Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,	Mr. Burke,
Mr. Olliffe,	Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Dawson,	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Judd,	Mr. Trickett,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Davies,
Mr. Bolton,	Mr. T. R. Smith.
Mr. Gormly,	
Mr. Harold Stephen,	Tellers,
Mr. Targett,	Mr. Quin,
Mr. Dalton,	Mr. Melville.

Noes, 21.

Mr. Neild,
Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. James Henry Young,
Mr. Abigail,
Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Henson,
Mr. Inglis,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Gibbes,
Mr. Gould,
Dr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,
Mr. William Clarke,
Mr. Hammond,
Mr. Septimus Stephen,
Mr. Ivcs.
Tellers,
Mr. Garland,
Mr. Sawers.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

7. WAYS AND MEANS:—The Order of the Day having been read for the reception of a certain Resolution from the Committee of Ways and Means,—the Chairman of Committees moved, That the Resolution be now received.

Question put and passed.

The Resolution was then read a first time, as follows:—

(7.) *Resolved*,—That towards raising the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty, there shall be charged, collected, and paid, from and after the third day of April, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-six, upon the several articles, goods, wares, and merchandise imported into the Colony, enumerated in Schedule A, and not enumerated in Schedule B (including such as are now in Bond), the Duties of Customs specified against each respectively in lieu of existing Customs Duties, namely:—

SCHEDULE A.

FIXED DUTIES.

		s.	d.
Acid acetic	per gallon	2	6
Aerated and mineral waters—pints and smaller quantities	per dozen	0	6
Alum	per cwt.	1	0
Arrowroot	per lb.	0	1
Bacon—partially cured or green	per lb.	0	2
Bags and sacks	per cwt. gross	3	4
Bags—gunny and ore bags	per cwt. gross	3	4
Calico	per cwt. gross	3	4
Paper—plain	per cwt. gross	3	4
Baking powder yeast custard and egg powders and self-raising flour	per lb.	0	1
Barley—pearl Scotch prepared and patent	per lb.	0	1
Beer ale porter spruce or other beer cider and perry—			
In wood or jar	per gallon	0	6
In bottle	per gallon	0	9
For six reputed quarts or twelve reputed pints	per gallon	0	9
Bi-Carbonate of Soda and Tartaric Acid	per lb.	0	1
Biscuits	per lb.	0	2
Bitters—containing not more than 25 per cent. of proof spirit	per gallon	4	0
Containing more than 25 per cent. of proof spirit	per gallon	12	0
Blue	per lb.	0	1
Bolts Spikes Nuts Rivets Screws—pointed or flat Bolt-rings and Washers—plain or galvanized metal	per cwt.	2	0
Butter and Lard	per lb.	0	1
Cakes	per lb.	0	2
Carraway Seeds	per lb.	0	2
Chillies	per lb.	0	2
Cocoa-nut in Sugar	per lb.	0	2
Canvas	per cwt. gross	3	4
Cordials not containing Spirit, Balm Syrups Fruit Essence Lime-fruit and Limejuice Cordials Citronade Raspberry Vinegar Aromatic Vinegar Raspberry and Strawberry Acids—			
Pints and smaller quantities	per dozen	0	9
Reputed quarts	per dozen	1	6
Cream Tartar	per lb.	0	1
Candles per lb. or reputed package of that weight and so in proportion for any such reputed weight	per lb.	0	1½
Cement	per barrel	2	0
Cheese	per lb.	0	2
Chicory Dandelion and Taraxacum—			
Raw or kiln-dried	per lb.	0	3
Roasted ground or mixed with any other article	per lb.	0	6
Chocolate—Plain or mixed with any other article and Chocolate Creams	per lb.	0	6
Cigars	per lb.	6	0
Cigarettes (including wrappers)	per lb.	6	0
Cocoa—raw without allowance for husks or shells	per lb.	0	3
Cocoa—prepared paste or mixed with any other article	per lb.	0	6
Coffee—raw	per lb.	0	3
Coffee—roasted ground or mixed with any other article	per lb.	0	6
Comfits	per lb.	0	2
Confectionery	per lb.	0	2
Cordage	per ton	40	0
Corn Flour	per lb.	0	1
Dates	per lb.	0	1
Doors—wood not otherwise charged	each	2	0
Dynamite and Litho-fracteur	per lb.	0	1
Effervescing powder and powders	per lb.	0	1
Essences flavouring and fruit containing not more than 25 per cent. of proof spirit	per gallon	4	0
Containing more than 25 per cent. of proof spirit	per gallon	12	0
Farinaceous foods prepared not being wheaten flour or oatmeal	per lb.	0	1
Fish dried preserved or salt	per lb.	0	1
Fish-paste	per lb.	0	1
			Fruits

		s.	d.
Fruits—Bottled—			
Reputed quarts	per dozen	2	0
Reputed pints and smaller quantities	per dozen	1	0
Dried fruits	per lb.	0	2
Fruit Salts	per lb.	0	2
Fruits candied... ..	per lb.	0	2
Fruits boiled or in pulp—partially preserved with or without sugar	per lb.	0	1
Gelatine Glue and Size	per lb.	0	1
Ginger dried or green	per lb.	0	1
Glucose liquid and syrup	per cwt.	3	4
Glucose solid	per cwt.	5	0
Groats patent	per lb.	0	1
Ham	per lb.	0	2
Hops	per lb.	0	6
Honey	per lb.	0	1
Iron—Bar rod plate sheet bundle and hoop	per ton	10	0
Iron chains not otherwise exempted	per ton	20	0
Iron galvanized in bars bundles or sheets or corrugated	per ton	40	0
Galvanized manufactures	per ton	60	0
Iron or steel wire	per ton	20	0
Wire netting	per ton	30	0
Isinglass	per lb.	0	1
Jams—per pound or reputed package of that weight and so in proportion for any such reputed weight	per lb.	0	1
Jellies	per lb.	0	1
Lead pig	per ton	20	0
Sheet roll or pipe	per ton	40	0
Liquorice and liquorice paste	per lb.	0	2
Lozenges of all kinds... ..	per lb.	0	2
Maizena	per lb.	0	1
Malt	per bushel	0	9
Mustard	per lb.	0	1
Macaroni and vermicelli	per lb.	0	1
Meats poultry soups game potted paste or preserved in tins or jars not otherwise charged	per lb.	0	1
Meat extract	per lb.	0	2
Milk condensed or preserved... ..	per lb.	0	1
Milk foods	per lb.	0	1
Nails	per ton	40	0
Nuts—Edible of all kinds except cocoa nuts	per lb.	0	1
Naphtha and gasoline	per gallon	0	6
Oatmeal	per cwt.	2	6
Oilmen's Stores—			
Sauces and pickles—quarts	per doz.	1	0
Sauces and pickles—pints and smaller quantities	per dozen	0	6
Opium and any preparation or solution thereof not imported for use as a known medicine	per lb.	20	0
Oils except black cocoanut and sperm	per gallon	0	6
Oils in bottle except Essential Oils—			
Reputed quarts	per dozen	1	6
Reputed pints	per dozen	0	9
Reputed half pints and smaller sizes	per dozen	0	6
Paints and colours ground in Oil	per ton	60	0
Paper—			
Brown	per cwt.	3	4
Advertising matter—circulars posters and notices—printed or lithographed for distribution or for sale	per lb.	0	1
Pepper	per lb.	0	2
Playing cards	per doz. packs	3	0
Powder—			
Sporting	per lb.	0	3
Blasting	per lb.	0	1
Preserves	per lb.	0	1
Pitch tar and resin	per barrel	2	0
Plaster and Plaster of Paris	per barrel	2	0
Prunes	per lb.	0	2
Putty	per cwt.	2	0
Rice	per ton	60	0
Rice flour or ground	per lb.	0	1
Rope (gross)	per ton	40	0
Sago	per lb.	0	1
Salt	per ton	20	0
Saltpetre	per ton	20	0
Sarsaparilla—If containing not more than 25 per cent. of proof spirit... ..	per gallon	4	0
If containing more than 25 per cent. of proof spirit... ..	per gallon	12	0
Sashes	each sash	2	0
Shot	per cwt.	5	0
Shutters (Wood)	each	2	0
			Soda

		s.	d.
Soda crystals (gross)	per ton	20	0
Spices	per lb.	0	2
Spirits—On all kinds of Spirits imported into the Colony the strength of which can be ascertained by Sykes' Hydrometer	per proof gallon	12	0
No allowance beyond 16·5 shall be made for the under proof of any spirits of a less hydrometer strength than 16·5 under proof.			
On all Spirits and spirituous compounds imported into the Colony the strength of which cannot be ascertained by Sykes' Hydrometer...	per liquid gallon	12	0
Cask Spirits—Reputed contents of two three or four gallons shall be charged—			
Two gallons and under as two gallons.			
Over two gallons and not exceeding three as three gallons.			
Over three gallons and not exceeding four as four gallons.			
Methylated	per gallon	2	0
Starch and starch powder	per lb.	0	1½
Stearine	per lb.	0	1
Succades and sweetmeats	per lb.	0	2
Sugar—Refined	per cwt.	6	8
Raw	per cwt.	5	0
Molasses and treacle	per cwt.	3	4
Safes (iron) and iron doors	per cwt.	3	0
Salts (Epsom)	per lb.	0	1
Spirits perfumed water florida water and bay rum ...	per liquid gallon	15	0
Sherbet	per lb.	0	1
Soap—Toilet—fancy and scented	per lb.	0	1
Other than fancy or scented	per cwt.	2	0
Spun Yarn and Coir Yarn	per cwt.	2	0
Sugar Candy	per lb.	0	2
Tea	per lb.	0	3
Timber—			
Dressed	per 100 ft. superficial	3	0
Rough and undressed	per 100 ft. superficial	1	6
Palings... ..	per 100	1	0
Laths	per 1000	0	9
Pickets dressed	As dressed timber		
Shingles... ..	per 1000	1	0
Tobacco—Delivered from ship's side or from a Customs bond for home consumption—manufactured unmanufactured and Snuff	per lb.	3	0
Tobacco—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
Tobacco—Sheepwash	per lb.	0	3
Turpentine	per gallon	1	0
Tanks—Iron—Empty or containing merchandise	each	5	0
Tapioca and Semolina... ..	per lb.	0	1
Tongues dried or preserved	per lb.	0	1
Twine and Lines	per cwt.	2	0
Tinctures and Fluid Extracts containing spirit the strength of which cannot be ascertained accurately by Sykes' hydrometer	per liquid gallon	12	0
Varnish and Lithographic Varnishes	per gallon	2	0
Vinegar other than Aromatic or Raspberry	per gallon	0	6
Vegetables—			
Preserved (not otherwise charged)	per lb.	0	1
Salted or in brine	per lb.	0	1
In salt water	per lb.	0	1
Preserved Mushrooms	per lb.	0	1
Preserved Tomatoes	per lb.	0	1
Wines—			
Sparkling—for six reputed quarts or twelve reputed pints ... ..	.....	10	0
Other kinds	per gallon	5	0
Other kinds—for six reputed quarts or twelve reputed pints..	.....	5	0
Woolpacks	per cwt. gross	3	4
Wax—			
Japan	per lb.	0	1
Paraffine	per lb.	0	1
Mineral	per lb.	0	1
Vegetable... ..	per lb.	0	1
Zinc—			
Plain Sheet	per cwt.	2	0
Perforated or Manufactured	per cwt.	3	0

And upon all other articles goods wares and merchandise imported into the said Colony not enumerated in Schedule A or B—

For every £100 on the value thereof the sum of Five pounds.

SCHEDULE

SCHEDULE B.
FREE LIST.

Anchors.	Meat fresh.
Bark.	Military and Naval Stores.
Bones.	Manures.
Books being Literary Compositions and Periodicals.	Music printed.
Bêche de Mer.	Newspapers printed.
Ballast (ship's).	Nickel unmanufactured.
Bags and Woolpacks used and returned.	Oils—
Cables Chain—Iron—not less than half an inch in diameter.	Black.
Clod Crushers.	Cocoanut.
Candle Nuts.	Sperm.
Cocoanuts.	Onions.
Cobalt Metal.	Ores.
Coin.	Passengers baggage being cabin furniture and personal luggage second-hand furniture and effects accompanying any passenger which have been in such passenger's own use up to fifty pounds in value and which are not imported for sale.
Casks old.	
Copra.	Pearl Shell.
Chalk.	Ploughs.
Cotton Waste.	Pulu.
Cotton Raw.	Phormium.
Chaff.	Plants.
Copper Ingots.	Potatoes.
Cultivators.	Rags.
Fibre.	Rope old.
Field Rollers.	Scarifiers.
Fish fresh.	Shooks and Staves.
Flax.	Silver unmanufactured.
Flour not otherwise charged.	Sails old.
Flock.	Seed Sowers.
Fruit green.	Skins.
Fungus.	Sandal Wood.
Gold unmanufactured.	Specimens of Natural History.
Grain and Pulse—	Seeds Garden.
Barley.	Shrubs.
Beans.	Stones—
Bran.	Building.
Maize.	Flag.
Oats.	Grind.
Pease split and dried.	Kerbing and Guttering.
Pollard.	Mill.
Sharps.	Paving.
Wheat.	
Guano.	Straw.
Gum Kauri.	Strippers.
Harrows.	Tallow.
Hay.	Threshing Machines.
Hemp.	Tin Ingots.
Hoofs.	Trees.
Hides.	Tortoiseshell.
Horns.	Vegetables Fresh.
Horse Hoes.	Whiting.
Reapers.	Wool.
Mowers.	Whalebone.
Hay Rakes.	Winnowing Machines.
Iron scrap and old.	Yams.
Ivory Nuts.	Yellow Metal Sheets.
Kapok.	Yellow Metal Nails.
Live animals.	
Metals old.	

On motion of Sir Patrick Jennings, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

8. CUSTOMS DUTIES BILL:—

(1.) Ordered, on motion of Sir Patrick Jennings, that a Bill be brought in, founded on Resolution of Ways and Means (No. 7), for granting to Her Majesty certain Duties of Customs, and for other purposes.

(2.) Sir Patrick Jennings then *presented* a Bill, intituled "*A Bill for granting to Her Majesty certain Duties of Customs and for other purposes*,"—read a first time.

Sir Patrick Jennings then moved, That the Bill be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next. Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

9. STAMP DUTIES ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir Patrick Jennings moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

On

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 Bill.

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

10. PRICKLY PEAR DESTRUCTION BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Fletcher moved, That this Bill be now a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

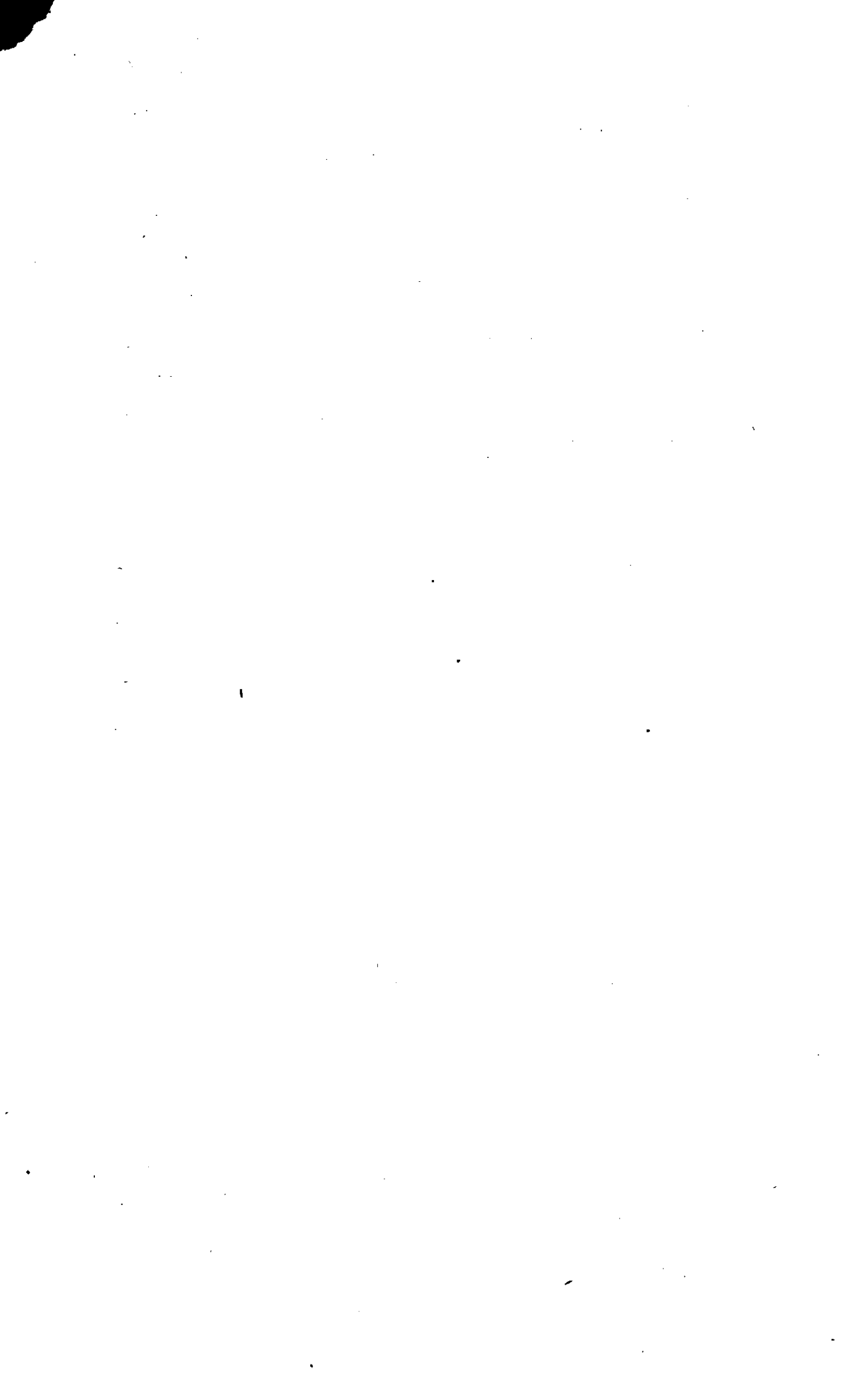
Bill read a second time.

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 progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Wednesday next.

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

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 68.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 28 MAY, 1886.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Railway from Tarana to Oberon:—Mr. Abigail asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What action do the Government intend to take in connection with the long spoken of Railway from Tarana to Oberon, which would furnish an easy means of access to the Fish River Caves?

Mr. Lyne answered,—A decision on this matter has not been arrived at.

- (2.) Public Works, District of Molong:—Mr. Davies, for Dr. Ross, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Will he have any objection to enumerate the number of contracts, or the nature of public works, in the shape of road making, erection of bridges, public buildings, &c., and the amount of money spent thereon, that is being executed at the present time in the district of Molong, and the number of men so employed on the same?

(2.) Is it true that eight or ten men have been sent to Molong during the week for the purpose of breaking 2,000 yards of ballast for the Railway; if so, will he state if local hands are to be employed on the same terms as the strangers, and if the work has been let by tender or how?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) A Return will be prepared, which will be sent to the Honorable Member.

(2.) No men have been sent by the Government to break this ballast. The ballast is being supplied by contract, and the Contractor has to get it broken.

- (3.) Court of Petty Sessions for Eastern Suburbs:—Mr. Neild asked the Minister of Justice,—Is it the intention of the Government to take such steps that there may be speedily established in the Eastern Suburbs a Court of Petty Sessions, to be presided over by Honorary or Stipendiary Magistrates?

Mr. Garvan answered,—A Deputation composed of several gentlemen, introduced by Messrs. Trickett and Butcher, M's.P., waited upon me to-day upon this subject, when I promised that instructions would be at once given for the preparation of the necessary plans for the erection of a suitable Court-house, &c., for the Eastern Suburbs; and as it appeared from official reports, with the present staff of Stipendiary Magistrates, it would not be possible to conduct a Court in that locality, a Bill would be at once prepared for authority to appoint an additional Stipendiary Magistrate. But that pending the erection of the new Court-house, and passing of the Bill referred to, no steps would be taken to provide a temporary Court, except the necessity for same became more urgent.

- (4.) Electoral Act:—Mr. Davies, for Mr. Garland, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to introduce any legislation dealing with the expansion clauses of the Electoral Act, with a view of either reducing the number of representatives or checking the present growth of membership in our Parliament?

(2.) And in any such legislation, is it the intention of the Government to embody the principle of single Electorates?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The Government recognize the inconvenience which has arisen, and which is likely to arise, from the expansion clauses of the Electoral Law, but they are not prepared to bring in a Bill during the present Session. They will probably deal with the subject next Session.

- (5.) Tariff:—

(1.) Mr. Barbour, for Mr. Reid, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—With reference to the estimate given in the Financial Statement that the new Specific Duties will yield a revenue of £91,400 a year,—Will he be so good as to lay upon the Table of the House a statement showing as to each of the proposed new duties how the estimate is made up?

Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—I will presently lay a Return, showing the information asked for respecting the new Duties, upon the Table of the House.

(6.)

- (6.) *Mr. Barbour*, for *Mr. Reid*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—With reference to the statement made by him in the Budget Speech that the *ad valorem* duties were proposed as a temporary measure, and that the proposed property and income taxes were to be regarded as a fixed and permanent increase to the revenue of the country,—Is it the intention of the Government to press on contemporaneously with the *ad valorem* duties the income and property taxes, from which the Treasurer has estimated receipt of an annual revenue of half-a-million sterling, to commence on the 1st July next?
- Sir Patrick Jennings* answered,—It is the intention of the Government to proceed with the consideration of the Stamp Duties Act Amendment Bill on Tuesday next; and when that has been disposed of, to ask the House to go into Committee of Ways and Means to consider resolutions having reference to the proposed land tax and the proposed income tax. When those are reported to the House, it is the intention of the Government to then go on with both the Customs Duties Bill and with the Bills referring to the proposed land tax and income tax.
- (7.) Garden Palace Grounds:—*Mr. Barbour*, for *Mr. Olliffe*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government to expend the money voted by Parliament on the entrance to the Garden Palace Grounds?
- Mr. Lyne* answered,—There was no money specially voted for entrance gates, Garden Palace Grounds; the cost was authorized against the General Vote for "Repairs, Public Buildings." But the Minister for Works not considering it an urgent matter, decided, in present state of finances, that the work should stand over.
2. ROAD SUPERINTENDENTS (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Abigail* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
- (1.) Copies of all letters, minutes, reports, sworn declarations, or other documents, relating to the work and accounts of the Road Superintendent of the Wiseman's Ferry District since the beginning of 1884 to the present time.
- (2.) The same in connection with the Tweed and Richmond River District, also the Hartley District.
- Question put and passed.
3. MUNICIPAL GAS ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Abbott* moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Municipal Gas Act of 1884.
- Question put and passed.
4. CROWN LANDS ACT (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Burns*, for *Mr. Wisdom*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—
- (1.) The amount of revenue derived under the Crown Lands Act of 1884 from the time of its coming into operation up to the present date.
- (2.) The cost of administering the said Act during the same period.
- Question put and passed.
5. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
- (1.) Divorce Extension Bill; second reading;—*until Friday, 2nd July.*
- (2.) Muswellbrook Cattle Sale-yards Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Legislative Council's amendment;—*until Friday next.*
6. TARIFF:—*Mr. Gibbes* presented a Petition from certain Merchants, Traders, Citizens, and others residing in and about the Suburbs of Newtown, Petersham, and elsewhere, in opposition to the alterations and amendments proposed in the Tariff, more especially to that portion relating to the imposition of *ad valorem* duties; and praying the House to devise some other scheme for meeting the present deficit in the Public Accounts.
- Mr. Gibbes* moved, That the Petition be read by the Clerk.
- Question put and passed.
- And the Petition having been read by the Clerk, by direction of *Mr. Speaker*,—
Petition received.
7. DIVORCE EXTENSION BILL:—
- (1.) *Mr. Slattery* presented a Petition from certain Residents in this Colony, representing that Petitioners are conscientiously opposed to the provisions of the Divorce Extension Bill, for the reasons stated in their Petition; and praying the House to refuse its assent to the said Bill.
- Petition received.
- (2.) *Mr. Abbott* presented a similar Petition.
- Petition received.
8. MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by *Sir Patrick Jennings*, and read by *Mr. Speaker*:—
- CARRINGTON, *Message No. 25.*
Governor.
- 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 expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to Medical Practitioners.
- Government House,*
Sydney, 28th May, 1886.
- Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.
9. ASSENT TO BILLS:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by *Mr. Dibbs*, and read by *Mr. Speaker*:—
- (1.) Consolidated Revenue Fund Bill (No. 5):—
- CARRINGTON, *Message No. 26.*
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 Years 1885 and 1886 and for Services to be hereafter provided*"

provided for by Loan,"—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, 23th May, 1886.*

- (2.) St. Mary's Waverley Church of England Land Sale Bill:—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 27.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable William Henry Simpson James Vickery and William Ransome Gullick as Trustees of certain land in the parish of St. Mary Waverley to sell the said land and to provide for the appropriation of the proceeds thereof and to vest in the said Trustees certain other land in the said parish and to provide for the sale of the same and 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, 23th May, 1886.*

- (3.) Board's Settlement Bill:—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 28.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable Harriet Fahey to demise certain hereditaments settled by Gregory Board on the said Harriet Fahey her testamentary appointees and children*,"—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, 28th May, 1886.*

- (4.) Newcastle Steamship Company's Preferential Shares Bill:—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 29.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorize the issue of Preferential Shares by the Newcastle Steamship Company (Limited)*,"—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, 28th May, 1886.*

10. PAPER:—Sir Patrick Jennings laid upon the Table,—Statement showing how the Estimate of the yield of each of the proposed New Duties is made up.
Ordered to be printed.

11. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Burns moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.

12. GEORGE DOUGHERTY'S CONDITIONAL PURCHASE:—Mr. Gould moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Report of the Select Committee upon the matter of the forfeiture of George Dougherty's Conditional Purchase, brought up on the 13th May, 1886, be now adopted.

Debate ensued.
Question put.

The House divided..

Ayes, 27.

Noes, 12.

Mr. Burns,	Mr. Proctor,	Mr. Flotcher,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Henson,	Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Creer,	Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Gibbes,	Mr. W. J. Fergusson,	Dr. Renwick,
Mr. Toohy,	Mr. Lewis Lloyd,	Mr. Want,
Mr. Forsyth,	Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. J. F. Smith,	Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Trickett,	Mr. Bolton,	Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Harold Stephen,	Mr. Tarrant,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Burke,	Mr. De Courcy Browne.	Mr. Shepherd.
Mr. Hyam,		
Mr. Hawthorne,	<i>Tellers,</i>	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Kethel,	Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Humphery,
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Gould.	Mr. Melville.
Mr. Inglis,		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

13. TARIFF:—Mr. Inglis presented a Petition from certain Merchants, Traders, Artizans, and others, in opposition to the alterations and amendments proposed in the Tariff, more especially to that portion relating to the imposition of *ad valorem* duties; and praying the House to devise some other scheme for meeting the present deficit in the Public Accounts.
Petition received.

14. **SCHOOLS OF MINES**:—Mr. Shepherd moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the following Resolutions:—
 (1.) That, in view of the growing importance of the vast mineral resources of the Colony, this House is of opinion that a sum not exceeding £10,000 should be placed upon the Supplementary Estimates for the establishment of Schools of Mines in the various mining centres.
 (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed.
15. **BENNETT'S RAILWAY BILL**:—Mr. Humphery, 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 April, 1886; together with a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee.
 Ordered to be printed.
 Mr. Humphery then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday, 18th June.
 Question put and passed.
16. **BALLOT PAPERS, ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF YOUNG**:—Mr. Harold Stephen proceeding to move, pursuant to Notice, That the Ballot Papers used at the late Election at Young be laid upon the Table of this House,—
Point of Order:—Mr. Want submitted, as a Point of Order that the Motion, being one which required the Clerk of the Assembly to do that which was contrary to the 43rd section of the Electoral Act, should not be put.
 Mr. Speaker ruled that the Question was one which should be left to the decision of the House.
 Whereupon Mr. Harold Stephen moved the Motion standing in his name.
 Question put.
 The House divided.

Ayes, 18.

Mr. Wisdom,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Burke,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Proctor,	Mr. J. F. Smith,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Harold Stephen.
Mr. Sydney Smith,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Kethel,	Mr. De Courcy Browne,
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Moore.
Mr. Garrard,	
Mr. Gould,	
Mr. Inglis,	
Mr. Targett,	
Mr. Thompson,	

Noes, 21.

Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Toohy,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Hyman,
Dr. Renwick,	Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Trickett,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Tarrant,
Mr. Want,	Mr. Garvan.
Mr. Bolton,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Lewis Lloyd,	Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. W. J. Fergusson.
Mr. Forsyth,	
Mr. Humphery,	

And so it passed in the negative.

17. **CROWN LANDS ACT**:—Mr. Abigail moved, pursuant to amended Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—
 (1.) The revenue received under the Crown Lands Act of 1884, arranged in Land Board Districts from the commencement of the Act to 31st of May, 1886.
 (2.) The expenditure, including all charges under the Act of 1884, arranged in Land Board Districts to include all work performed at the head or central office, showing salaries of officers employed, gratuities, bonuses, &c.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed.
18. **GARDEN PALACE GROUNDS**:—Mr. Burdekin moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday, 25th June, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause the necessary steps to be taken to make provision for lighting the Garden Palace Grounds with electric light, in order that the said Grounds may be used as an evening promenade by the people.
 Question put and passed.
19. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
 (1.) Medical Practitioners Bill; second reading;—*until Friday next.*
 (2.) Regulation of Factories and Workshops Bill; second reading;—*until Friday, 16th July.*
20. **WYATT ESTATE LEASING BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. W. J. Fergusson, 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. Fergusson, 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 Joseph Wyatt and John Moring or other the Trustees or Trustee of a Settlement dated the eighth day of June one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three and made between Eleanor Dorothy Wyatt the wife of Joseph Wyatt then Eleanor Dorothy Foreman spinster of the one part and Richard Driver senior and Richard Driver junior of the other part to grant building repairing or improving leases of the real estate comprised in such Settlement.*"
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 28th May, 1886.
21. **POSTPONEMENT**:—The Order of the Day for the reception of the Resolution from the Committee of the Whole, relative to Payment of Members of the Legislative Assembly, postponed until Friday next.
 The House adjourned at thirty-one minutes after Ten o'clock, until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 69.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

TUESDAY, 1 JUNE, 1886.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Sydney Water Supply:—Mr. Inglis asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Are the contracts for the aqueducts at Simpson's Creek, Elladale Creek, Leaf's Creek, Nepean Creek, Onsdale Creek, Mulally Creek, Woodhouse Creek, Menangle Creek, and the Railway aqueduct let yet; if so, to whom, at what price, and when are they to be completed?

(2.) Has the cast-iron fluming for the above aqueducts been contracted for; if so, when; who are the contractors, and at what price; is this fluming in course of delivery; if not, when will it be on the ground?

(3.) Is the canal at the Camden Road Crossing finished?

(4.) Is the pipe-head reservoir at the end of the canal finished?

(5.) Has the iron aqueduct from the pipe-head reservoir towards Potts Hill been ordered yet; if so, the same details are requested as in question No. 2; is the length of this work 2,700 yards; and how is it proposed to construct this—by contract or by the Department?

(6.) The like information is requested in every detail as regards the syphon pipe at Duck Creek; is the length of this work about 4,650 yards?

(7.) The same information in every detail with regard to the open conduit from the end of the syphon pipe to Potts Hill, say 2,600 yards?

(8.) Has the reservoir at Potts Hill been commenced, what is its capacity, who are the contractors, and for what price, and when is it to be completed?

(9.) Have appliances been provided at this point for supply of water to any of the western suburbs, and what provision (if any) is being made for a growing population?

(10.) When will the Petersham reservoir be completed; and what suburbs will be supplied thence?

(11.) What is the total cost of the water supply works from the Nepean, to 31st December, 1885?

(12.) What is the interest on this sum per annum at 4 per cent.?

(13.) Is it the intention of the Government to repay to the City Corporation the amount of £20,000 proposed, on the recommendation of the City Engineer, Mr. Trevor Jones, to be spent on a further temporary line of pipes from the pipe-head reservoir to Potts Hill—if so spent?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) Yes; Messrs. Piggott & Co. are the contractors for the ironwork, Messrs. Potts & Metcalfe for the piers, abutments, &c., and Messrs. Ahearn, M'Ardle & Co. for riveting up the ironwork and putting it in place. The prices are respectively £9,423, £14,317 10s., and £7,208. This latter is an estimate only, as the work was let at a schedule of prices; and to the first there must be added freight, insurance, cartage, &c., of which I have not at present full particulars. The date for the completion of the last portion of the work is 28th February, 1887.

(2.) There is no cast iron in this fluming; it will be of wrought iron. It has been contracted for. Date of acceptance of tender, 9th May, 1885; contractors, Messrs. Piggott & Co.; price, £9,423. It is now in course of delivery.

(3.) Yes.

(4.) Yes.

(5.) Yes; the Horseley Company are the contractors. Date of acceptance of tender, 31st July, 1885; price—£40,569 16s. 9d. Tenders are now being invited for the riveting up of the plates into 6-foot pipes, and laying them in place. The length will be 8,580 yards.

(6.) The syphon pipe at Duck Creek, and the aqueduct referred to in question 5, are one and the same thing.

(7.) There will be no open conduit. The connection with the Pipe Head Basin and Pott's Hill is again the syphon pipe or aqueduct referred to in questions 5 and 6.

(8.) It is not proposed to build any reservoir here at present; but land has been resumed in readiness for such a purpose when it is required.

(9.)

(9.) No reservoir is at present proposed, as before explained; but a screen tank will be constructed there at once, for which tenders are now invited. As to provision for a growing population, it will be only necessary to lay another 11 miles of pipes, viz., from Pott's Hill to Sydney, to duplicate the new supply, which will be about 18,000,000 gallons per diem, and so on until the limit of the present scheme is reached, viz., 50,000,000 gallons per diem, or 350,000,000 gallons per week. The present weekly consumption, I understand, is about 45,000,000 gallons.

(10.) In about a month. All the suburbs between Newtown and Burwood.

(11.) £1,479,236 1s. 1d.

(12.) £59,169 8s. 10d.

(13.) The proposal referred to is not before the Government, and therefore has not been considered.

- (2.) Newcastle Wharves:—Mr. Burns asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Adverting to the decision of the Supreme Court in the case of *Smith v. the Commissioner for Railways*,—Will he state whether the privileges given to other proprietors or lessees of wharves at Newcastle are denied to Messrs. Howard Smith & Sons; and if so, for what reason?

Mr. Lyne answered,—I am not aware that there are any proprietors or lessees of wharves at Newcastle except the A. A. Company. The other wharves at Newcastle and at Bullock Island are public wharves, of which there are no lessees.

- (3.) Penrith Hospital:—Mr. T. R. Smith asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Have the Government had an official report upon the state of the building known as Penrith Hospital?

(2.) If so, what is the estimated cost of repairing the building, and do the Government intend having the improvements carried out?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) £60. Yes.

- (4.) Infectious Diseases Supervision Act:—Mr. Bull, for Mr. McCulloch, asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the fine inflicted on Dr. Donovan for a breach of the Infectious Diseases Supervision Act of 1881 (45 Vic. No. 25) has been remitted?

(2.) If so, will he state the grounds upon which the fine was remitted?

Mr. Garvan answered,—

(1.) Dr. Donovan was fined on four charges, the maximum sum of £50 in each case, and on application the fines were remitted in two cases.

(2.) On the grounds that Dr. Donovan, on the advice of the then Government Medical Officer, pleaded guilty, thus saving the Crown considerable trouble and expense, and that the law has been sufficiently upheld by the retention of the full fine in two cases, as recommended by the Honorable Dr. Mackellar, who was Government Medical Officer at the time of the prosecution.

- (5.) Court-house, West Maitland:—Mr. Hugh Taylor, for Mr. Thompson, asked the Minister of Justice,—When is it likely that the erection of the Court-house at West Maitland will be proceeded with?

Mr. Garvan answered,—The site not being favourably reported upon, I purpose visiting the place before deciding this matter.

- (6.) Department of Agriculture—Model Farms:—Mr. Melville, for Mr. Purves, asked the Secretary for Mines,—Have any steps been taken towards forming a Department of Agriculture, and establishing Model Farms?

Mr. Fletcher answered,—The matter has been under the consideration of the Government, and an officer has been despatched to the Clarence and Richmond districts to inspect sites and report upon their suitability for Model Farms. He will also visit Inverell and Monaro and Orange district.

- (7.) Prisoners in the Colony:—Mr. Henson asked the Minister of Justice,—How many prisoners were there in the Colony on the 1st of January, 1884, and the same information for the years 1885 and 1886?

Mr. Garvan answered,—The numbers have been collected to the 31st December in each year, which are practically equivalent for information to the inquiry for the succeeding day. They are,—31st December, 1883, 2,130; 31st December, 1884, 2,466; 31st December, 1885, 2,562.

- (8.) Road, Felltimber Creek to Carcoar:—Mr. Garland asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that his predecessor, who had before him the statutory declarations of thirteen respectable residents of the Carcoar District, acted upon a report supplied by a Government official on the subject of the Felltimber to Carcoar Road?

(2.) What course does he propose to take in reference to the opening of the said road for the convenience of the public?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) The Minister's decision was as follows:—"That on the reports received from the officers of the Government, it does not appear that there is any necessity for the road in question; that therefore I shall not approve of it being opened."

(2.) To adhere to the previous decision.

2. MEDICAL SERVICES TO GOVERNMENT (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Slattery moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing the medical services performed on the Government account during the current year by gentlemen not being salaried officers of the Government, giving in detail the nature of such services, amounts claimed, and amounts paid in each case.

Question put and passed.

3. COURT-HOUSE, WEST MAITLAND (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Burns*, for *Mr. Thompson*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, as soon as possible, copies of all letters, telegrams, plans, specifications, estimates, reports, and other documents, having reference to the purchase of a site for a Court-house in West Maitland, and the erection of such Court-house.
Question put and passed.
4. DIVORCE EXTENSION BILL:—*Mr. Inglis* presented a Petition from the Bishop and Archdeacons of the Diocese of Grafton and Armidale, on behalf of the Synod of Grafton and Armidale, praying that the Divorce Extension Bill be not allowed by the House to become law.
Petition received.
5. TARIFF:—
- (1.) *Sir Henry Parkes* presented a Petition from certain Merchants, Traders, Artisans, and others, in opposition to the alterations and amendments proposed in the Tariff, more especially to that portion relating to the imposition of *ad valorem* duties; and praying the House to devise some other scheme for meeting the present deficit in the Public Accounts.
Petition received.
- (2.) *Mr. Garland* presented a Petition from certain Producers, Traders, Artisans, and others, complaining that for some years past the public expenditure has been largely increased; urging that before new burdens of taxation are imposed upon the people, material reductions in the expenditure should be made; suggesting the adoption, if necessary, of a system of direct taxation upon property; and praying the House not to pass any Bill to extend the present Customs Tariff.
Petition received.
- (3.) *Dr. Ross* presented a similar Petition from certain Producers, Traders, Artisans, and others, in the district of Molong.
Petition received.
- (4.) *Mr. Lysaght* presented a similar Petition from certain Producers, Traders, Artisans, and others. And the Petition having been read by the Clerk, by direction of *Mr. Speaker*,—
Petition received.
6. ADJOURNMENT:—*Mr. O'Sullivan* moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
7. STAMP DUTIES 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.
Sir Patrick Jennings (*with the concurrence of the House*) moved, "That" the report be *now* adopted.
Mr. Moore 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 4."
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, 16.

<i>Sir Patrick Jennings</i> ,	<i>Mr. Hogan</i> .
<i>Mr. Dibbs</i> ,	<i>Tellers</i> ,
<i>Dr. Renwick</i> ,	
<i>Mr. Want</i> ,	<i>Mr. Bull</i> ,
<i>Mr. Fletcher</i> ,	<i>Mr. Melville</i> .
<i>Sir John Robertson</i> ,	
<i>Mr. Burns</i> ,	
<i>Mr. Barbour</i> ,	
<i>Mr. G. A. Lloyd</i> ,	
<i>Mr. Garvan</i> ,	
<i>Mr. Davies</i> ,	
<i>Mr. Lyne</i> ,	
<i>Mr. Jones</i> ,	

Noes, 23.

<i>Mr. Gibbes</i> ,	<i>Mr. Gormly</i> ,
<i>Mr. Burdekin</i> ,	<i>Mr. Kidd</i> ,
<i>Mr. Shepherd</i> ,	<i>Mr. Collins</i> ,
<i>Mr. Garrard</i> ,	<i>Mr. Moore</i> ,
<i>Mr. O'Sullivan</i> ,	<i>Mr. Septimus Stephen</i> ,
<i>Mr. Williamson</i> ,	<i>Mr. J. F. Smith</i> ,
<i>Mr. Sawers</i> ,	<i>Mr. Hammond</i> ,
<i>Mr. Harold Stephen</i> ,	<i>Mr. Ives</i> .
<i>Mr. Forsyth</i> ,	<i>Tellers</i> ,
<i>Mr. McCulloch</i> ,	
<i>Mr. Humphery</i> ,	<i>Mr. Garland</i> ,
<i>Dr. Wilkinson</i> ,	<i>Mr. Sydney Smith</i> .
<i>Mr. Lysaght</i> ,	

And so it 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 4,—put and passed.

On motion of *Sir Patrick Jennings*, *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,—

WEDNESDAY, 2 JUNE, 1886, A.M.,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill 2^d with further amendments. 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 to-morrow.

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. 70.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 2 JUNE, 1886.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Railway Employés, Penrith:—Mr. T. B. Smith asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) The number of Railway employés at Penrith who are entitled to increases according to classification?
- (2.) The names of and the date when each man was due for his increase?
- (3.) The reason (if any) why these increases have not been paid?
- (4.) Will he give instructions for the men to be paid all increases due to them without further delay?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) Eight, exclusive of those who more properly come under the provisions of the Civil Service Act or regulations made in pursuance thereof.

(2.) H. Colless, 9/ to 9/6 a day, due 3/3/86; A. Flint, 9/ to 9/6 a day, due 3/3/86; G. Cooper, 7/6 to 8/ a day, due 1/1/86; G. Boyd, 8/ to 8/6 a day, due 1/3/86; J. Spilsbury, 8/ to 8/6 a day, due 3/3/86; R. Bourke, 7/6 to 8/ a day, due 3/3/86; J. Gibson, 8/ to 8/6 a day, due 1/4/86; T. Hoges, 7/6 to 8/ a day, due 10/1/86.

(3.) They were withheld for a time under the impression, that as the officers were not to receive increases the men would not do so.

(4.) Instructions were given a week ago, and the increases will be paid on next pay day.

- (2.) Court of Petty Sessions for Eastern Suburbs:—Mr. Neild asked the Minister of Justice,—Referring to the difficulties alleged to exist on the 9th February last, as per answer to question 9, in regard to the title to the land purchased for a Court of Petty Sessions for the Eastern Suburbs,—What were the difficulties in question, and have they been removed?

Mr. Garvan answered,—The difficulties referred to my predecessor would be a matter of opinion, and consequently cannot be a question for me to answer. The full particulars as to how this matter stands have been given in answers by me to questions No. 2, of 26th May, and No. 3, of 28th May, 1886.

- (3.) Sheep Trucks:—Mr. W. J. Fergusson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Was the intention to make a trial of loading sheep at Homebush last week made public prior to such trial; if not, for what reason?
- (2.) Is he aware that some persons are opposed to the end-loading system?
- (3.) Is it his intention to cause a further trial to be made publicly, so that well experienced and interested persons may be present before further expense is incurred in altering trucks?
- (4.) What was the cost per truck for altering the trucks used at Homebush for last week's trial?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) It is not usual to have public trials in such cases. The Department endeavours to satisfy itself as to the best means of conducting the traffic, and makes its arrangements accordingly. The instruction was given a week before the trial took place, and no objection would have been raised to all who desired to attend.

(2.) Yes; but the objection must necessarily be based upon the assumption that the new system is inferior in regard to convenience and safety of loading and rapidity with which the work can be done. The trial made proves these objections to be untenable.

(3.) I am quite satisfied with the trial, and have given instructions to alter a sufficient number of trucks to make a train load. When they are completed, a further trial will probably take place.

(4.) £49 per truck.

(4.)

- (4.) Electric Light for Woolloomooloo Bay:—*Mr. Davies*, for *Mr. Burdekin*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Can he state the probable date on which the Cowper Wharf, Woolloomooloo Bay, will be lighted with the electric light?

Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—I am informed that the work referred to will be completed in about three months.

- (5.) Waterproofs for Tram Conductors:—*Mr. Olliffe*, for *Mr. Butcher*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—In view of the approaching inclement season, is it the intention of the Government to issue waterproofs to tramcar conductors; and if so, when?

Mr. Lyne answered,—Waterproof coats are issued to tramcar conductors as required; those worn out will be renewed.

- (6.) Government Contractors:—*Mr. Abigail* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Are Government contractors, who contracted to supply goods to Government at a certain figure before duties were imposed, allowed to add the additional amounts they have to pay as duties to their accounts?

Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—Yes.

2. STAMP DUTIES ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—On motion of *Sir Patrick Jennings*, read a third time, and *passed*.

Sir Patrick Jennings then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the 'Stamp Duties Act of 1880.'*"

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 'Stamp Duties Act of 1880.'*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 2nd June, 1886.*

3. RAILWAYS, ORANGE TO MOLONG—BLAYNEY TO BOURKE (*Formal Motion*):—*Dr. Ross* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—

(1.) The amount of revenue and expenditure at the respective Stations on the Orange and Molong Railway from the date of opening to the 31st May, together with a list of the number of passengers that have travelled to and from the various Stations, and the amount received at each.

(2.) The number of men or officials employed at each Station, and the amount of goods received and despatched therefrom respectively.

(3.) The same information with regard to the various Stations on the Railway from Blayney, Orange to Bourke.

Question put and passed

4. MR. COMAN, J.P. (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Abigail* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all letters, minutes, reports, or other documents, having reference to the temporary appointment of *E. J. Coman, Esq.*, Acting Police Magistrate for a portion of the Eden Electorate.

Question put and passed.

5. CASE OF MRS. FOOTE (*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, recommendations, or other documents, having reference to the case of *Mrs. Foote*, recently charged before the Bench at East Maitland with larceny.

Question put and passed.

6. TARIFF:—

(1.) *Mr. Tait* presented a Petition from certain Producers, Traders, Artizans, and others, complaining that for some years past the Public Expenditure has been largely increased; urging that before new burdens of taxation are imposed upon the people, material reductions in the expenditure should be made; suggesting the adoption, if necessary, of a system of direct taxation upon property; and praying the House not to pass any Bill to extend the present Customs Tariff.
Petition received.

(2.) *Mr. G. A. Lloyd* presented a Petition from certain Merchants, Traders, Artizans, and others, in opposition to the alterations and amendments proposed in the Tariff, more especially to that portion relating to the imposition of *ad valorem* duties; and praying the House to devise some other scheme for meeting the present deficit in the Public Accounts.
Petition received.

7. PAPERS:—

Mr. Fletcher laid upon the Table,—Return (*in part*) to an Order made on 30th March, 1886,—"*Mr. E. C. Merewether's Mineral Lease, Kahibah.*"

Ordered to be printed.

Dr. Renwick laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return to an Order made on 21st April, 1886,—"*Technical College,*"

(2.) Return to an Order made on 4th May, 1886,—"*'Vernon' Boys, Merewether.*"

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table,—Schedule showing classification and proposed distribution of Vote for Subordinate Roads under Officers of Roads Department for 1886.

Ordered to be printed.

8. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

(1.) Maryville Colliery Company Railway Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to enable the Maryville Colliery Company (Limited) to construct a Railway or Tramway from land at Wickham near Newcastle to and connect the same with the Government Railway to Bullock Island Newcastle,*"—with the amendment indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendment the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 27th May, 1886.

JOHN HAY,
President.

MARYVILLE COLLIERY COMPANY RAILWAY BILL.

Schedule of the Amendment referred to in Message of 27th May, 1886.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 3, clause 6. *Omit* clause 6.

Examined,—

W. B. PIDDINGTON,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the Council's amendment be taken into consideration on Friday next.

(2.) Ashfield Church of England School Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to enable Frederic King James Christian Corlette John Allum and Edward Henry Rogers or other the Trustees for the time being of certain land situate at Ashfield to sell the same and to make provision for the proceeds thereof,*"—with the amendment indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendment the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 27th May, 1886.

JOHN HAY,
President.

ASHFIELD CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL BILL.

Schedule of the Amendment referred to in Message of 27th May, 1886.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Pages 2 and 3, clause 3, lines 57 to 3. *Omit* "Provided always that the Trustees may if so directed " by the said parishioners assembled as aforesaid realize any of the said investments and " apply the proceeds for the purchase within the said parish of a piece of land suitable for " a school site and for the erection of suitable premises thereon for the repair improvement " maintenance and general benefit of the said school."

Examined,—

W. R. PIDDINGTON,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the Council's amendment be taken into consideration on Friday, 18th June.

(3.) Defamation Act Amendment Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to amend the Law relating to Libel and Slander,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 27th May, 1886.

JOHN HAY,
President.

DEFAMATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 27th May, 1886.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, clause 1, lines 7 and 8. *Omit* "or plaintiffs as the case may be"

Page 1, clause 1, line 9. *Omit* "or plaintiffs"

Page 1, clause 1, line 10. *After* "costs" *insert* "unless the Judge in any case of libel shall certify " that the words charged as defamatory were published without reasonable grounds or " excuse"

Page 1, clause 2. *Omit* "clause 2" *insert* the following new clause:—

"2. In all actions for libel and slander it shall be lawful for the defendant or for one or more of several defendants to pay into Court a sum of money by way of compensation satisfactory and amends." Money may be paid into Court.

Examined,—

W. R. PIDDINGTON,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the Council's amendments be taken into consideration on Friday next.

(4.)

(4.) Balmain Tramway Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to authorize the Borough of Balmain to contract for the construction and maintenance of Tramways within the said Borough*,"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 27th May, 1886.

JOHN HAY,
President.

BALMAIN TRAMWAY BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 27th May, 1886.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 2, clause 1, line 6. *After* "motors" *insert* "cable."

Page 2. *After* clause 2 *insert* new clause :—

" 3. The said borough shall be responsible for all injuries caused by the negligent or improper construction maintenance or working of the said tramway and all claims in respect of such negligence or improper conduct may be enforced against the said borough Provided always that the damages which may be recovered against the said borough in respect of any such claim shall in addition to all other remedies for their recovery be a first charge upon the tolls fares or charges charged for the carriage of passengers on the said tramway and upon all property used in and upon and necessary for the working of the said tramway Provided also that all other remedies for the enforcing of any damages which may be recovered in any action shall be exhausted before such damages or any part thereof are sought to be recovered as against the said borough."

Page 2, clause 4, line 33. *Omit* "It shall be lawful for" *insert* "Before the opening of the said Tramway."

Page 2, clause 4, lines 33 to 35. *Omit* "for the time being of the borough of Balmain from time to time with the consent of the said person Company or Corporation and" *insert* "shall and thereafter the said Municipal Council may from time to time."

Page 2, clause 4, line 36. *Omit* "to."

Page 3, clause 7, line 43. *After* "time" *insert* "after the period agreed upon by the said Municipal Council and the contractor in accordance with section 7."

Page 4, Schedule, line 9. *After* "Leichhardt" *omit* remainder of Schedule.

Examined,—

W. R. PIDDINGTON,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the Council's amendments be taken into consideration on Friday, 18th June.

9. POSTAL CONTRACT WITH THE ORIENT STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY :—Mr. Suttor 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 a contract with the Orient Steam Navigation Company (Limited) providing for a Mail Service once a fortnight to and from Sydney and England, sanctioned by this House on the 25th October, 1883, being extended so as to terminate in February, 1888, concurrently with the contract held by the Government of Victoria with the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company.
 - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor. Debate ensued. Question put and passed.
10. POSTAL COMMUNICATION BETWEEN SYDNEY AND SAN FRANCISCO *via* AUCKLAND AND HONOLULU :—Mr. Suttor 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 a contract being entered into jointly with New Zealand, with the owners of steamships of not less tonnage than those employed in the late contract with the Pacific Mail Company for a line of mail communication between Sydney and San Francisco, *via* Auckland and Honolulu, Sydney being the terminal port on this side.
 - (2.) That for such service this Colony do contribute one-third of the contract amount, or a sum not exceeding £12,333 6s. 8d. per annum, and be entitled to receive in reduction thereof one-half the contribution or postage rates from the other Australian Colonies, and one-third of any contribution made by the Postmaster General of the United States.
 - (3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor. Debate ensued. Question put and passed.
11. MAIL COMMUNICATION BETWEEN GREAT BRITAIN AND AUSTRALIA *via* SUEZ :—Mr. Suttor 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 agreement, dated 21st August, 1885, made between the respective Postmasters General of the Colonies of New South Wales, Victoria, and South Australia, and which was laid upon the Table of this House on the 9th December, 1885, having reference to providing mail communication between Great Britain and Australia *via* Suez, on the termination of the existing mail contracts with the Orient Steam Navigation Company, and the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company, in January, 1888.
 - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor. Debate ensued. Question put and passed.

12. **PRICKLY PEAR DESTRUCTION 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, 3 JUNE, 1886, A.M.,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman 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.

13. **COMMONS REGULATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)**:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Fletcher 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 amend the Commons Regulation Act of 1873, and to validate certain appointments of Trustees purporting to have been made thereunder.

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 from the Committee a Resolution, which was read, as follows:—

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to amend the Commons Regulation Act of 1873, and to validate certain appointments of Trustees purporting to have been made thereunder.

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

(2.) Mr. Fletcher presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the 'Commons Regulation Act of 1873' and to validate certain appointments of Trustees purporting to have been made thereunder*,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second 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. 71.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 3 JUNE, 1886.

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

QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Cemetery at Singleton :—Mr. Gould asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is he aware that the resumption of land for a Cemetery at Singleton is a matter of much urgency, more especially in view of the overcrowded state of the Roman Catholic Cemetery?

(2.) Will he take steps for the immediate resumption of the site approved and recommended by the District Surveyor, Mr. Allworth, last year?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The Cemetery will be resumed when Parliament has voted a sum of money. An amount for this and similar purposes is upon the Estimates.

(2.) Bulga Road :—Mr. Gould asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is he aware that all the stock from the North for the Sydney Market, numbering from 150,000 to 200,000 head annually, have to travel by the Bulga Road?

(2.) Will he, in view of the importance of this road, cause provision to be made on the Additional Estimates for the deviation desired by Petition forwarded to the then Minister for Works by Mr. Gould, M.P., on 13th August last, and in accordance with the recommendation contained in Mr. Lenthall's Report on this road?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) I am aware that a large quantity of stock use this road.

(2.) A special officer has been directed to make survey, and when this is done, and amount required accurately ascertained, it can be determined whether provision will be made.

(3.) Allandale Railway Station :—Mr. Burns asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When the improvements proposed to be made at Allandale Railway Station will be effected?

Mr. Lyne answered,—The improvements asked for are the establishment of telegraphic communication, improved loading accommodation, and extension of platform. The first is not required so far as the Railway Department is concerned, and the amount of business done at the Station would not at present justify the extension of the loading wharf. As regards the extension of the platform, the work is admitted to be desirable, and will be carried out when the prospects of an increased traffic are more reassuring than they are at present. A water filter will be supplied at once.

(4.) Tram Maintenance-man Ryan :—*Mr. Hawthorne*, for Mr. T. R. Smith, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a man named Ryan, Tram maintenance-man, was dismissed by the ganger for being drunk at his work?

(2.) Was this man re-instated by a special minute from the Colonial Treasurer?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) He was dismissed by the District Engineer, upon the report of the ganger; he was afterwards re-employed by my direction.

(2.) No.

(5.) Overcoats for Tram Conductors :—Mr. Hawthorne asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has it been the practice of the Government to issue overcoats for the use of Tram conductors during the winter weather?

(2.) If so, why was the practice discontinued?

(3.) Will he give instructions for a renewal of the practice, so that all Tram conductors in the Government Service may be able to enjoy the use of their overcoats during the present cold weather?

Mr.

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) No. For one winter it was allowed, viz., the winter of 1881.
- (2.) It was not a practice, and the single concession was not repeated, because it was considered that the pay of the conductors was sufficient to enable them to provide their own overcoats.
- (3.) I am of opinion that overcoats should not be provided by the Department.

(6.) Sir John Coode's Reports on Harbours:—Mr. Septimus Stephen asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Have any reports, or communications in the nature of reports, been received from Sir John Coode on any of the harbours referred to him for report?
- (2.) If so, has he any objection to lay a copy of such reports or communications upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Lyne answered,—No reports have yet been received from Sir John Coode on this subject, because the surveys which he has asked for have not been completed, and in many cases not yet begun, although the more important of them are well in hand. The Honorable Member will be able to judge of the extensive nature of the information required by Sir John Coode, by a perusal of a copy which I will presently lay upon the Table, of that gentleman's minutes, detailing the information he requires respecting the various harbours and rivers to be reported upon.

(7.) Locomotives Purchased by Government:—Mr. Davies asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What number of locomotives were purchased by the Government during the years 1883, 1884, and 1885 from Messrs. Peacock and Baldwin respectively?
- (2.) Were tenders invited in the Colony for the manufacture of the same?
- (3.) What was the amount paid for each locomotive, and who were the agents in Sydney representing the Companies?
- (4.) What was the total number of motors imported from America for the Tramways?
- (5.) What was the amount paid, and who were the Sydney agents?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) For 1883 and 1885 the return is nil. During 1884, 20 engines were purchased from the Baldwin Company, and 32 from Messrs. Beyer, Peacock & Co.
- (2.) No, but tenders were invited in 1885 for 6 tank and 12 passenger engines. Only one tender was received, viz., Mr. H. Vale's for the 6 tank engines, and this was accepted.
- (3.) £2,600 (f.o.b) New York, for engines purchased from the Baldwin Company; £2,790, in steam, Sydney, for 15 engines purchased from Messrs. Beyer, Peacock & Co.; £2,815, in steam, Newcastle, for 5 engines, purchased from Messrs. Beyer, Peacock & Co.; £2,250, in steam, Sydney, for 12 tank engines, purchased from Messrs. Beyer, Peacock & Co. Mr. Augustus Morris is the agent for the Baldwin Company, and Mr. H. J. Brewster for Messrs. Beyer, Peacock & Co. The engines being of different types, the prices paid do not afford any indication of their comparative value.
- (4.) 91.
- (5.) The cost, including all charges, was £115,595. The agent in Sydney is Mr. Augustus Morris.

(8.) Noxious Trades:—Mr. W. J. Fergusson asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to make provision for Noxious Trades at Curranulla Beach, Holt-Sutherland?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—It is a matter which will require careful consideration, and will be dealt with by the Government later on.

(9.) International Copyright Union:—Mr. Harold Stephen asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it his intention to request the Home Government to admit this Colony into the International Copyright Union?

Mr. Garvan answered,—Yes, subject to saving existing rights, and giving power to legislate on points not affecting Imperial legislation or union agreements.

(10.) Reserves, Marrar Run, and County of Mitchell:—Mr. Gormly asked the Secretary for Lands,—When will the papers moved for by him on 30th April, having reference to Reserves Marrar Run, and county of Mitchell, be laid upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The Return will be laid upon the Table of the House next week.

(11.) Court of Petty Sessions for Eastern Suburbs:—Mr. Neild asked the Minister of Justice,—Does any flaw or difficulty exist in or regarding title to land purchased for a site for a Court of Petty Sessions at Paddington?

Mr. Garvan answered,—No; the necessary conveyance of site to the Crown has been duly completed.

(12.) Government Cablegrams—Railway Loan Votes:—Mr. Neild asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) When will the Return *re* cost of Government Cablegrams, ordered on the 25th March, be laid upon the Table?
- (2.) When will the Return *re* Railway Loan Votes, ordered on the 25th March, be laid upon the Table?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—I hope to be able to lay these papers upon the Table in the course of next week.

2. PARLIAMENTARY HANSARD (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Hammond moved, pursuant to Notice, 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, there should be a daily issue of Parliamentary *Hansard*.
 - (2.) That a number of copies over and above the quantity required for Parliamentary use should be printed for public sale, at the net cost of producing such extra number.
 - (3.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
- Question put and passed.

3. **RAILWAY, ORANGE TO MOLONG (Formal Motion):**—Dr. Ross moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing the area of land that has been resumed for Railway purposes on the Orange and Molong Railway, the name of the owner of the land, the area, and the amount of compensation paid to each respectively.
Question put and passed.
4. **TARIFF:**—
- (1.) Mr. Hungerford presented a Petition from certain Producers, Traders, Artizans, and others, complaining that for some years past the Public Expenditure has been largely increased; urging that before new burdens of taxation are imposed upon the people, material reductions in the expenditure should be made; suggesting the adoption, if necessary, of a system of direct taxation upon property; and praying the House not to pass any Bill to extend the present Customs Tariff.
Petition received.
- (2.) Mr. Gould presented a similar Petition.
Petition received.
- (3.) Mr. Bowman presented a similar Petition.
Petition received.
- (4.) Mr. Lysaght presented a similar Petition from Henry Strange Fry, as Chairman of a Public Meeting of the Inhabitants of Bulli.
Petition received.
5. **MUNICIPAL GAS ACT AMENDMENT BILL:**—Mr. Abbott presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Municipal Gas Act of 1884*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 18th June.
6. **MRS. PAYTEN'S ESTATE LEASING BILL:**—Mr. Abbott presented a Petition from Charles Henry Jacob Rose, of Redmyre, and Alfred Marsom Nash Rose, of Campbelltown, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Trustees of a settlement made on the marriage of Edward Payton and Hannah Rebecca Pye Rose to accept a surrender of a lease of part of the lands comprised in the said settlement, and to extend the power to grant leases conferred by the said settlement on the Trustees thereof.
And Mr. Abbott 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.
7. **PAPERS:**—
- Dr. Renwick laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) By-laws of Free Public Library Parkes, under Municipalities Act of 1867.
- (2.) Notifications of resumption of Land for Public School Purposes, under Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, at Jindalee West and Mount Hope.
Ordered to be printed.
- Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) Schedule showing classification and proposed distribution of Vote for Subordinate Roads under Trustees for 1886.
- (2.) Copy of Notes and Minutes of Sir John Coode touching his requirements respecting certain Harbours and Rivers of New South Wales.
Ordered to be printed.
- Mr. Garvan laid upon the Table,—Return to an Address adopted on 16th April, 1886,—“The case, *Regina v. Pulver*.”
Ordered to be printed.
8. **MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:**—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—
- (1.) Married Women's Property Act Amendment Bill:—
- MR. SPEAKER,
- The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Married Women's Property Act*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.
- Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 3rd June, 1886.
- JOHN HAY,
President.
- Bill, on motion of Sir Patrick Jennings, read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
- (2.) Ennis Estate Bill:—
- MR. SPEAKER,
- The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Trustees of certain land at Rocky Point to lease mortgage or sell the same and to provide for the application of the moneys so obtained and for other purposes*,"—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, 3rd June, 1886.
- JOHN HAY,
President.
- Bill, on motion of Sir Patrick Jennings, read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
9. **GRAPE VINES AND GRAPES IMPORTATION PROHIBITION BILL:**—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 prohibit the importation of grape vines, grape vine cuttings, and grapes, and otherwise to deal with the disease known as phylloxera.
Question put and passed.

10. **PRICKLY PEAR DESTRUCTION BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Fletcher moved, “That” this Bill be now read a third time.
Mr. Dibbs moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word “That,” with the view to the insertion in their place of the words “the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of clause 1.”
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 1,—put and passed.
On motion of Mr. Fletcher, 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^d, with further 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.
11. **WAYS AND MEANS**:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means having been read,—
Motion made (*Sir Patrick Jennings*), and Question proposed,—“That” Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.
Mr. Neild 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 following words:—
“ (1.) In the opinion of this House any proposal to tax lands situate within municipal boundaries, and upon which local rates are paid equally with lands bearing no local taxation, would be inequitable and unsatisfactory.
“ (2.) That any land tax should be of a progressive character.”
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 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 certain 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 raising the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty, there shall be charged, levied, and paid yearly:—
On and in respect of all Lands in New South Wales (with such exemptions as may be prescribed). For every 20s. of the unimproved capital value, where such value shall exceed the sum of £1,000, from the 1st day of July, 1886, the sum of $\frac{1}{4}$ d. in every £1.
On motion of Sir Patrick Jennings, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
12. **LAND TAX BILL**:—
(1.) Ordered, on motion of Sir Patrick Jennings, that a Bill be brought in, founded on Resolution of Ways and Means No. 9, for imposing a tax on land.
(2.) Sir Patrick Jennings then *presented* a Bill, intituled “*A Bill for imposing a Tax on Land*,”—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
- The House adjourned at twenty-eight minutes after Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker

New South Wales.

No. 72.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 4 JUNE, 1886.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Railway, Orange to Molong:—*Mr. Davies*, for Dr. Ross, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 (1.) The number of passengers that travelled between Molong and Orange and Orange and Molong by the day train on Monday the 31st May, and the amount received therefrom?
 (2.) Has any contract been let lately for breaking ballast for the Railway purposes at Molong; if so, to whom was the contract let; and if by tender, or how let, and at what price?

Mr. Want answered,—

- (1.) Fifty-four passengers travelled; the revenue amounted to £7 1s. 2d.
 (2.) Yes; the contractor's name is John Sheridan. Tenders were invited; the price is 5s. per yard for 1,000 yards.
- (2.) Lands Department:—*Mr. Sydney Smith* asked the Secretary for Lands,—
 (1.) What were the total amounts paid to each of the following Officers of the Lands Department, including payments for special services, if any, during 1884:—Messrs. C. N. J. Oliver, J. R. Edwards, W. Houston, S. Freeman, F. H. Wilson, Charles Cropper, Sydney Blythe, W. J. Conder, W. Blackman, A. J. Park, W. C. Cardew, James Vernon, C. E. Finch, T. W. Harriott, John McDonald, F. W. Watt, F. Trollope, W. H. Capper, V. Cohen, J. P. McGuanne, H. P. Rich, F. Gerard?
 (2.) The like information during 1885?
 (3.) What amounts have been paid to each or either of the abovenamed Officers during the five months of 1886 for special services?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—A Return, giving portion of this information, was laid upon the Table of the House on the 25th ultimo. A supplementary Return will be prepared giving the further information desired.

- (3.) Chairmen of Land Boards:—*Mr. Gibbes* asked the Secretary for Lands,—
 (1.) Are Chairmen of Land Boards allowed to travel free by Railway when they are on duty; if so, is the cost of their fare by Railway deducted from their allowance for travelling expenses?
 (2.) Does the Department of Lands, or any other Government Department, pay the usual passenger fares of Chairmen of Land Boards when travelling on duty; if so, is any deduction made from the travelling allowance of such Chairmen?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

- (1.) Yes; the cost is not deducted from their allowance for travelling expenses.
 (2.) The Department of Lands pays the fares, the amount of which is not deducted from the allowance for travelling expenses.
- (4.) Police Districts of Inverell, Bingera, and Warialda:—*Mr. Moore* asked the Minister of Justice,—Referring to the reply given to his question No. 5, of 3rd December last,—Have any steps been taken to have the boundaries of the Police Districts of Inverell, Bingera, and Warialda altered?
Mr. Garvan answered,—Yes; the necessary notification of the amended boundaries of the Police Districts named will shortly be published.

2. LIGHT-HOUSE ON SMOKY CAPE (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Kethel* moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the following Resolutions:—

- (1.) That, in view of the magnitude and importance of the shipping interests of the Colony, and for the safer navigation of our Northern Coasts, it is desirable that a light-house be erected on Smoky Cape, and a light of the first order displayed and maintained there.
 (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
 Question put and passed.

3. RAILWAY LANDS COMPENSATION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—
- (1.) Mr. Abbott moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Railway Acts 22 Victoria No. 19 and 37 Victoria No. 18.
Question put and passed.
 - (2.) Mr. Abbott then *presented* a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Railway Acts 22 Victoria No. 19 and 37 Victoria No. 18,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 2nd July.
4. ALIGNMENT OF STREETS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Abbott moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—
- (1.) The name of each Municipal Borough within 10 miles of Sydney, the streets of which have been aligned.
 - (2.) The total length of the streets so aligned.
 - (3.) The cost of the alignment of each Borough.
 - (4.) The total cost borne by each Borough.
 - (5.) The length of the streets in each Borough, completed and aligned.
 - (6.) The length of the streets in each Borough, the alignment of which has not been completed.
- Question put and passed.
5. TRAMWAY ACCIDENTS—CASES AGAINST COMMISSIONER FOR RAILWAYS (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Melville*, for Mr. Thompson, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—
- (1.) The number of cases brought, or threatened, against the Commissioner for Railways, for injuries sustained by persons from the tram motors or cars.
 - (2.) The number of cases tried.
 - (3.) The number of verdicts lost by the Commissioner.
 - (4.) The number of verdicts obtained.
 - (5.) The amount of moneys paid for verdicts, and for costs respectively.
 - (6.) The number of cases settled.
 - (7.) The moneys paid on such settlements.
 - (8.) The number of cases in which a settlement was offered by plaintiffs, and the amounts which were asked on such settlements.
 - (9.) The amounts paid in excess of sums offered in settlement in cases which were continued after such offers of settlement.
- Question put and passed.
6. DISMISSAL OF JOHN FLANAGAN FROM THE POLICE FORCE (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Burke moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers in connection with the dismissal of John Flanagan from the Police Force of New South Wales.
Question put and passed.
7. MESSRS. HAYES AND M'FADDEN'S CONTRACT, NYNGAN (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Abigail moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all documents, reports, minutes, and correspondence, in connection with the accident which happened to John Livingstone M'Callum on the 11th June, 1884, during the execution of Hayes and M'Fadden's contract; including letters from his Solicitors, and the letter addressed by him to the Honorable W. J. Lyne, Minister for Works, on 31st ultimo.
Question put and passed.
8. MRS. PAYTEN'S ESTATE LEASING BILL:—
- (1.) Mr. Abbott moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Trustees of a settlement made on the marriage of Edward Payten and Hannah Rebecca Pye Rose, to accept a surrender of a lease of part of the lands comprised in the said settlement, and to extend the power to grant leases conferred by the said settlement on the Trustees thereof.
Question put and passed.
 - (2.) Mr. Abbott having *presented* this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment 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 on the marriage of Edward Payten and Hanna Rebecca Pye Rose to accept a surrender of a lease of part of the lands comprised in the said Settlement and to extend the power to grant leases conferred by the said Settlement on the Trustees thereof,*"—read a first time.
9. PRICKLY PEAR DESTRUCTION 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 provide for the eradication of the Prickly Pear.*"
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 provide for the eradication of the Prickly Pear,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
- Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 4th June, 1886.*
10. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
- (1.) Water Frontages Reservation Bill; second reading;—
 - (2.) Building Societies Bill; second reading;—
 - (3.) Defamation Act Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of Legislative Council's amendments;—*until Friday next.*
 - (4.) Ennis Estate Bill; second reading;—*until Friday next.*
 - (5.) Working Classes; consideration in Committee of the Whole of Resolutions;—*until Friday, 23rd July.*

11. **INVERELL CHURCH OF ENGLAND LAND SALES BILL**:—Mr. Abbott presented a Petition from James Francis Turner, Bishop of Grafton and Armidale, William Clare Cardew, James Harvey Hindmarsh, and George Thankful Thomas Butler, the Trustees of the United Church of England and Ireland for the lands dedicated to the use of the said Church in Inverell, in the Colony of New South Wales, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Right Reverend James Francis Turner, D.D., Bishop of Grafton and Armidale, William Clare Cardew, James Harvey Hindmarsh, and George Thankful Thomas Butler, Trustees of certain lands situate in the town of Inverell, to sell the said lands and provide for the appropriation of the proceeds thereof.
And Mr. Abbott having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Daily Telegraph*, and *The Inverell Times*, newspapers, containing the Notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.
12. **DIVORCE EXTENSION BILL**:—
(1.) Mr. Melville presented a Petition from certain Residents in the City and surrounding districts of Newcastle, representing that Petitioners are conscientiously opposed to the provisions of the Divorce Extension Bill, for the reasons stated in their Petition; and praying the House to refuse its assent to the said Bill.
Petition received.
(2.) Mr. G. A. Lloyd presented a similar Petition.
And the Petition having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker,—
Petition received.
13. **TARIFF**:—Mr. Lysaght presented a Petition from certain Producers, Traders, Artizans, and Miners, complaining that for some years past the Public Expenditure has been largely increased; urging that before new burdens of taxation are imposed upon the people, material reductions in the expenditure should be made; suggesting the adoption, if necessary, of a system of direct taxation upon property; and praying the House not to pass any Bill to extend the present Customs Tariff.
Petition received.
14. **PAPER**:—Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table,—Amended Regulation, No. 128, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.
Ordered to be printed.
15. **MOOREBANK ESTATE BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. McCulloch moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. McCulloch, 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. McCulloch, the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
16. **SISTERS OF CHARITY ESTATE 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.
17. **NEW SOUTH WALES TRUSTEES EXECUTORS AND AGENCY COMPANY'S BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Thompson moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Sir Patrick Jennings moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Friday, 16th July.
18. **RANDWICK CHURCH LAND SALE 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.
19. **MUSWELLBROOK CATTLE SALE-YARDS 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 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, intitled "*An Act to authorize the erection and maintenance of Cattle Sale-yards by the Municipal Council of Muswellbrook within the Municipality of Muswellbrook.*"

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 4th June, 1886.

20. **SCHOOLS OF MINES** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Shepherd, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the following Resolutions :—

(1.) That, in view of the growing importance of the vast mineral resources of the Colony, this House is of opinion that a sum not exceeding £10,000 should be placed upon the Supplementary Estimates for the establishment of Schools of Mines in the various mining centres.

(2.) That the above 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 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,—

(1.) That, in view of the growing importance of the vast mineral resources of the Colony, this House is of opinion that the necessary provision for technical instruction in mining, by means of the Board of Technical Education, or otherwise, should be made.

(2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

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

21. **MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Tarrant moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Abigail moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Friday, 16th July.

22. **POSTPONEMENT** :—The Order of the Day for the reception of Resolution from Committee of the Whole relative to Payment of Members of the Legislative Assembly, postponed until Thursday next.

23. **MARYVILLE COLLIERY COMPANY RAILWAY BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. G. A. Lloyd, 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. Lloyd, 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 Maryville Colliery Company (Limited) to construct a Railway or Tramway from land at Wickham near Newcastle to and connect the same with the Government Railway to Bullock Island Newcastle.*"

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 4th June, 1886.

The House adjourned at fourteen minutes before Eleven o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 73.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

TUESDAY, 8 JUNE, 1886.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Sydney Water Supply:—Mr. Olliffe asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that dogs are allowed to swim in the water supply at the open canal of the present terminus of the permanent water scheme?

(2.) Is it also a fact that it is used as a common bathing place for the public?

Mr. Lyne answered,—Strict inquiry has been made into these allegations, which appear to be quite devoid of foundation. Notices prohibiting such conduct have been put up at various points along the canal, and the line men have been sworn in as special constables to enable them to arrest any person so offending.

- (2.) Railway Employés, Penrith:—Mr. Hugh Taylor, for Mr. T. R. Smith, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it his intention to reduce the hours of labour of the shunters at Penrith to eight hours per day?

Mr. Lyne answered,—No; the work is not continuous, and although the shunters are required to be in attendance on an average 52 hours per week of six days (equal to 8½ hours a day), they are not actually at work 7 hours.

- (3.) Cavalry Reserves:—Mr. Day, for Mr. Ewing, asked the Colonial Secretary,—With reference to Cavalry Reserves,—When were arms and accoutrements ordered, when are they expected to arrive, and what quantity is there of each?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Major-General commanding the Military Forces:—On the 29th August, 1885, the arms and accoutrements were ordered, viz., 350 swords, 20 waist-belts for sergeants, 350 waist-belts for other ranks, 20 pouch-belts for sergeants, 350 pouch-belts for other ranks, 20 japanned pouches for sergeants, 350 japanned pouches for other ranks, 20 sword-knots for sergeants, 350 sword-knots for other ranks, 350 bridles, 350 buckets for carbines, 350 numerals, 350 jack-spurs, 350 box-spurs with boxes, and 385 carbines were ordered on 22nd September, 1885. No intimation of the shipment of any of these articles has been received.

- (4.) Railway Station, Tempe:—Mr. Henson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What steps have been taken to provide a Goods-shed and Siding at the Tempe Railway Station; if nothing has been done in regard to the above, will he obtain a report upon the desirableness of carrying out the above-named work?

Mr. Lyne answered,—Inquiry has been made, and there appears to be no necessity for a Siding and Goods-shed at Tempe.

- (5.) Richmond Park:—Mr. Bowman asked the Secretary for Mines,—When was the Richmond Park vested in the Borough Council of Richmond, and on what date was the appointment of the said Council as Trustees thereof gazetted?

Mr. Fletcher answered,—15th July, 1873.

- (6.) Case of Messrs. Forsyth & Co.:—Mr. Barbour, for Mr. Thompson, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has he any objection to lay upon the Table of this House copies of all letters, reports, minutes, and other documents, relating to the claim for compensation made by Messrs. Forsyth & Co., and the action at law arising thereout, tried in the Supreme Court in August, 1884?

Mr.

Mr. Lyne answered,—No; with the exception of communications from the Crown Solicitor, opinion of Mr. Salomons, Q.C., and papers bearing on same, which, as the case may yet be brought into Court, it is not considered advisable to publish.

- (7.) Locomotives Purchased by Government :—Mr. Davies asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is it true Messrs. Cameron & Co., of New York, supplied the New South Wales Government with twenty Baldwin engines at a cost of £2,600 each?
 - (2.) Is it true that Messrs. Towns & Co. were Cameron & Co.'s Sydney Agents, through whom the Government received the supply of twenty engines; and did Mr. Augustus Morris act on their behalf?
 - (3.) Was Sir Alexander Stuart then one of the firm of Towns & Co?
 - (4.) Is it a fact that the Officers of the Department reported against the Baldwin engines, on the ground of their defective manufacture?
 - (5.) What was the total amount paid for commission and other charges?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) No. Mr. Augustus Morris, on behalf of the Baldwin Company, contracted to supply these twenty engines at the price named.
- (2.) It is understood that Messrs. Towns & Co. are the agents of Messrs. Cameron & Co., of New York, who were the agents for shipping these locomotives. Mr. Augustus Morris is only known to the Department as the agent for the Baldwin Company.
- (3.) I am unable to say.
- (4.) No.
- (5.) Nothing was paid by the Department for commission. The charges for shipping, wharfage, cartage, and insurance averaged £228 for each engine.

- (8.) Tariff :—Mr. Burns, for Mr. Reid, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) What are the items of proposed Customs Duties included in the line, "other items, £2,200," specified in a Return laid upon the Table of this House on the 28th ultimo?
 - (2.) Can he specify against each of such items the annual revenue expected from them; if he can, has he any objection to do so?

Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—The information asked for by the Honorable Member is included in a Return which I will presently lay upon the Table.

- (9.) Life-saving Rocket Apparatus :—Mr. Burns, for Mr. Reid, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the Government have in the Government Stores two expensive sets of life-saving rocket apparatus?
 - (2.) If so, how much did they cost, how long have they been in store, and is it intended that they should remain there?

Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—

- (1.) There are three rocket life-saving apparatus now in the Government Store.
- (2.) The total cost of six rocket apparatus, imported from England on the recommendation of the Marine Board, was £1,628 10s. Three of these have been placed as follows :—One set at Twofold Bay, one at Shoalhaven, and one at Port Macquarie, in charge of the Pilots there. The remaining three have been in store since May, 1885. A suggestion was made to the Government to place these under the Municipal Authorities at Manly, Kiama, and Wollongong respectively, but the suggestion appears to have fallen through. I may mention that the same description of Life-saving Apparatus has existed for a long time at the Richmond, Clarence, Manning, and Macleay Rivers, and at the Port of Newcastle.

- (10.) Mr. D. T. Wiley, Technical College :—Mr. Burns, for Mr. Abbott, asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Will he say why have not the papers in reference to the position of Mr. D. T. Wiley, of the Technical College, been laid upon the Table of this House?
- (2.) Is it a fact that the Board of Technical Education have neglected to return to the Department of Public Instruction the papers necessary to comply with the order of this House?
- (3.) Will he at once compel the Board to furnish the necessary papers?

Dr. Renwick answered,—

- (1.) Because most of the papers were in the possession of the Technical Board.
- (2.) Up to the 7th instant the Board of Technical Education had not furnished any papers, but the delay was attributed by the Board's Secretary to the pressure of other duties.
- (3.) I will lay these papers upon the Table probably to-morrow.

- (11.) Taxation of the Colony :—Mr. Hawthorne, for Mr. Sutherland, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- In reference to the promise made by him on the 21st April last, that he would in the course of the following week lay upon the Table of the House a Return showing the increase made to the taxation of the country for the last four years, and the amount that has been collected each year, and from what sources,—Will he say when this information will be supplied?

Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—The Honorable Member is of course aware that there has been no new "taxation" during the last four years. If his question refers to increases of "Revenue" during that year, I will direct a Return, showing such increases, to be prepared and laid upon the Table.

- (12.) Employés on Roads, Sydney District :—Mr. Hawthorne asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is he aware that the men employed on the roads of the Sydney district have to work nine hours a day?
- (2.) Is it his intention to give instructions to alter this practice, so that these men be required to work only eight hours a day?
- (3.) Is it a fact that other workmen employed by the Government are not required to work more than eight hours a day?

Mr.

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) The men have no set hours.

(2.) A previous question relating to above was answered on 1st June, 1883, as follows:—"Maintenance men are paid for wet and dry weather, are constantly employed, and it would be most inconvenient to have the hours restricted." In the event of the Eight-hour System being introduced, it would be necessary to employ time-keepers, as at present the work done by the men is judged from the state of their roads, and, unlike the Railway fitters, who are visited by an Inspector daily, maintenance men may not be seen for some time. Whatever hours are established in Sydney must be extended to the country.

(3.) There is so little other day labour in the Roads Department that there is no regulation on this point.

- (13.) Railway Platform, Rhodes:—Mr. Trickett asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When do the Government intend to erect a Railway platform on that portion of Mrs. Walker's Estate at Rhodes, indicated in the written promise given to erect such platform in consideration of a right of road being given?

Mr. Lyne answered,—There is no record of any promise having been made to erect a platform on Mrs. Walker's property at Rhodes. Mrs. Walker was informed on the 17th ultimo that the matter must stand over for consideration until the line is opened for traffic, when the requirements in regard to platform accommodation could be better estimated.

2. PAID MAGISTRATES OF THE COLONY (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Henry Clarke moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return, in tabulated form verified by the Civil Service Board, of the names of all the paid Magistrates in the Colony inclusive of (and not separately) the Stipendiary Magistrates of Sydney, in the order of their appointment as paid Magistrates in the Public Service, but where service has not been continuous, from the date of last reappointment as such paid Magistrate; and showing in separate columns the date of appointment or reappointment and number of years service as Magistrate, and also date of first appointment or last reappointment to Public Service.

Question put and passed.

3. INVERELL CHURCH OF ENGLAND LAND SALES BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

(1.) Mr. Burns, for Mr. Abbott, moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in Bill a to enable the Right Reverend James Francis Turner, D.D., Bishop of Grafton and Armidale, William Clare Cardew, James Harvey Hindmarsh, and George Thankful Thomas Butler, Trustees of certain lands situate in the town of Inverell, to sell the said lands and provide for the appropriation of the proceeds thereof.

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 the Right Reverend James Francis Turner D.D. Bishop of Grafton and Armidale William Clare Cardew James Harvey Hindmarsh and George Thankful Thomas Butler Trustees of certain lands situate in the town of Inverell to sell the said lands and provide for the appropriation of the proceeds thereof;"—read a first time.

4. MRS. PAYTEN'S ESTATE LEASING BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Burns, for Mr. Abbott, moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That Mrs. Payten's Estate Leasing Bill be referred to a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, for consideration and report.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Barbour, Mr. Burdekin, Mr. Burke, Mr. Collins, Mr. Teece, Mr. Day, Mr. Levien, Mr. W. J. Fergusson, Mr. Jones, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

5. PUBLIC VEHICLES REGULATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Trickett moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the "Public Vehicles Regulation Act of 1873."

Question put and passed.

6. MOOREBANK ESTATE BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—On motion of Mr. Trickett, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Trickett then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to enable the Bishop of Sydney to lease or sell the lands known as the Moorebank Estate and to convey portions of the said lands to the Commissioner for Railways and for the other purposes therein 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 the Bishop of Sydney to lease or sell the lands known as the Moorebank Estate and to convey portions of the said lands to the Commissioner for Railways and for the other purposes therein 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 an attested copy of the Indenture referred to in the Preamble of the Bill.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 8th June, 1886.

7. SISTERS OF CHARITY ESTATE 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 enable Bridget McGuigan and Georgina Russell Trustees of certain lands situate in Charlotte-place in the City of Sydney held by them upon trust for the religious establishment known as the Sisters of Charity to let the said land on building leases or otherwise or to sell the said land 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 Bridget McGuigan and Georgina Russell Trustees of certain land situate in Charlotte-place in the City of Sydney held by them upon trust for the religious establishment known as the Sisters of Charity to let the said land on building leases or otherwise or to sell the said land 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 an extract from the Will of the late William Davis, and a copy of the Vesting Order referred to in the Preamble of the Bill.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 8th June, 1886.*

8. RANDWICK CHURCH LAND SALE 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 enable the Most Reverend Patrick Francis Moran the Reverend James Peter Hanrahan and Aston James Watkins as Trustees of certain lands situated at Randwick 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 Most Reverend Patrick Francis Moran the Reverend James Peter Hanrahan and Aston James Watkins as Trustees of certain lands situated at Randwick 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 two Deeds of Grant, and the Vesting Order, referred to in the Preamble of the Bill.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 8th June, 1886.*

9. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of Resolutions relative to the Parliamentary *Hansard* postponed until Friday, 25th June.
10. CROWN LANDS ACT:—Mr. Inglis presented a Petition from the Committee, on behalf of the Wandsworth Land League, suggesting various amendments in the Crown Lands Act; and praying the favourable consideration of the House to the proposed amendments.
Petition received.
11. RANDWICK CEMETERY UNUSED LANDS SALE BILL:—Mr. Tarrant presented a Petition from Edwin Daintrey, Thomas James Stutchbury, and George Wall, all of Randwick, near Sydney, Esquires, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the Trustees for the time being of the Randwick Cemetery to sell lands situate at Randwick, originally granted for the purpose of the interment of the dead, and apply the proceeds to the extension of the Church of Saint Jude's, and to make such further provision for Church extension in the parish of Randwick as may be deemed necessary.
And Mr. Tarrant having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* and the *Daily Telegraph* newspapers, containing the Notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.
12. COOMA CHURCH OF ENGLAND PARSONAGE BILL:—Mr. Dawson presented a Petition from James Litchfield, David Ryrie, and Robert Dawson, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize and empower Robert Dawson, the surviving Trustee of certain Church of England lands at Cooma and to authorize and empower the said Robert Dawson and James Litchfield, David Ryrie, and John Edward Pretty Walker, the Trustees of certain lands dedicated by the Crown for a site for a Church of England Parsonage at Cooma aforesaid, to sell the said respective lands and to provide for the application of the proceeds thereof.
And Mr. Dawson having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Daily Telegraph*, and the *Cooma Express* newspapers, containing the Notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.
13. TARIFF:—Dr. Ross presented a Petition from certain Residents, Producers, and others, of Molong, complaining that for some years past the Public Expenditure has been largely increased; urging that before new burdens of taxation are imposed upon the people, material reductions in the expenditure should be made; suggesting the adoption, if necessary, of a system of direct taxation upon property; and praying the House not to pass any Bill to extend the present Customs Tariff.
Petition received.
14. BANK OF NEW SOUTH WALES ACTS AMENDMENT BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Dibbs, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

CARRINGTON,

Message No. 30.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend an Act intituled 'An Act to incorporate the Proprietors of a certain Banking Company called the Bank of New South Wales' and for other purposes therein mentioned and to extend the provisions of the 'Bank of New South Wales Act of 1870'*,"—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, 1886.*

15. PAPERS :—

Sir Patrick Jennings laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return to an Order made on 25th March, 1886,—“Government Cablegrams.”
- (2.) Return showing proposed Customs Duties included in the item £2,200, specified in a Return “Statement showing estimated yield from proposed new Customs Duties,” laid upon the Table of the House on 28th May, 1886.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table,—Copies of papers having reference to orders given to the Australian Barb Wire Company for the supply and erection of barbed wire fencing.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Amended By-law of the Borough of North Willoughby, under Municipalities Act of 1867.
- (2.) Amended By-law of the Municipal District of North Illawarra, under Municipalities Act of 1867.
- (3.) Return to an Address adopted on 21st May, 1886,—“Title ‘Honorable’ within the Colony of New South Wales.”
- (4.) Return to an Address adopted on 4th May, 1886,—“Services of Major Parrott, C.E., in the Soudan.”
- (5.) Return showing total payments to certain Permanent Officers of the Department of Lands, including payments for Special Services rendered from 1st January, 1884, to 31st May, 1886.
- (6.) Amended Regulation No. 164 under Crown Lands Act of 1884.

Ordered to be printed.

16. CHARGES AGAINST EDWARD BROWN HOLT:—Mr. Wisdom (*by consent*) moved, without 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 the depositions taken in the cases in which Edward Brown Holt was committed to take his trial at the last Central Criminal Court.
- (2.) The names of witnesses (if any), other than those appearing on the depositions, who were subpoenaed to give evidence at the trial, together with the evidence which such witnesses were prepared to give.
- (3.) Copies of the informations drawn or filed in the above cases, specifying the section in the Criminal Law Consolidation Act under which the information in each case was laid.
- (4.) Any other papers in possession of the Government having reference to the charges against the said Edward Brown Holt.

Question put and passed.

17. WAYS AND MEANS :—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means having been read,—Sir Patrick Jennings 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 Ways and Means.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported Progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

18. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Customs Duties Bill postponed until to-morrow.

19. LAND TAX BILL :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill read,—and, on motion of Sir Patrick Jennings, discharged.

Ordered, that the Bill be withdrawn.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 9 JUNE, 1886, A.M.,

20. LAND TAX BILL (No. 2) :—

- (1.) Sir Patrick Jennings moved, That the Resolution agreed to by this House on the 3rd June instant, and on which the Land Tax Bill had been founded, be now read.

Question put and passed.

And the said Resolution (*as recorded in Votes and Proceedings No. 71, Entry 12*) read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker.

- (2.) Sir Patrick Jennings presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill for imposing a Tax on Land*,”—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday next.

The House adjourned at three minutes after Twelve 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.

WEDNESDAY, 9 JUNE, 1886.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Special Train:—Mr. Olliffe asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that, there being "No House" on the evening of the 26th March last, a train called a Parliamentary train was run from Redfern Station to Burwood, starting at 12:55 a.m. on the 27th March?
- (2.) Is it a fact that the so-called Parliamentary train referred to did not carry a single M.P.?
- (3.) Is it a fact that the so-called Parliamentary train referred to blocked one goods train twenty-five minutes and another goods train thirty-five minutes?
- (4.) Is it a fact that the only travellers by that train were an official of the Railway Department and his family?
- (5.) Is it a fact that the so-called Parliamentary train referred to was run solely for that official's convenience?
- (6.) If the foregoing be found to be facts, what steps does the Minister intend to take in the matter?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) It will be better, instead of giving a categorical answer to the Honorable Member's question, to state briefly the circumstances.
- (2.) It is true that a train was run out from Sydney to Burwood, and that, with some slight modification, the representation is correct. The train, however, was not the Parliamentary train, nor did its running detain the goods train to the extent stated.
- (3, 4, 5, and 6.) The explanation is, that the Assistant Traffic Manager, who, in the absence of the Traffic Manager on leave, had been kept very closely to his work for several preceding nights to the night in question, missed the last train, and, being accompanied by two members of his family, ventured upon ordering a carriage to be attached to the spare engine in steam to run him out to Burwood.

- (2.) Local Land Board, Hillston:—Mr. Gormly asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) How many meetings of the Local Land Board have been held at Hillston since 6th August, 1885?
- (2.) Is he aware that persons who have applied for conditional purchases and homestead leases have been put to great inconvenience and loss by the Local Land Board not holding meetings at Hillston at shorter intervals than they have been in the habit of doing?
- (3.) Will he make inquiries, for the purpose of ascertaining if it would be desirable to establish a Land Board Office at Hillston?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

- (1.) Three at Hillston and one at Euabalong, within the Hillston District.
- (2.) Representations have been made and steps taken to expedite surveys, in order that the outstanding applications may be disposed of.
- (3.) After the present pressure of work is overcome, it is not anticipated that there will be any grounds for complaint, but further inquiries will be made. A Court will be held at Hillston next month.

- (3.) Illawarra Railway Line:—Mr. Barbour, for Mr. Purves, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) How much of the money voted for the Illawarra Line has been expended between Redfern Station and the Junction at Eveleigh, and on what work has it been expended?
- (2.) How much has been voted in excess of the original estimate of the Sydney, Wollongong, and Kiama Line?
- (3.) How much will be required altogether in excess of the original estimate?
- (4.) Has any of the amount voted for Illawarra Line been used for any other purpose?

Mr.

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) £35,553. Towards quadrupling the line between Redfern and Eveleigh, and enlarging the tunnel at Redfern, rendered necessary to provide for the traffic from Illawarra.
- (2.) £100,000.
- (3.) This information is being prepared.
- (4.) No.

(4.) Pacific Mail Company :—Mr. Abbott asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Was a letter, dated the 5th February last, received by the then Colonial Secretary from the agents in Sydney of the Pacific Mail Company?
- (2.) If so, why has no reply been given to that letter?
- (3.) Has the Government determined upon the course it will adopt in reference to the contents of that letter?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2 and 3.) The general agents in Sydney have been informed that the Government cannot recognize the claim made by them on behalf of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company.

(5.) Penny Postage System :—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Postmaster-General,—Have the Government considered the advisableness of extending the Penny Postage System throughout New South Wales, or at least to all places accessible by Railway, the late Postmaster General having promised on 1st December last that this matter would be considered and decided on an early date?

Mr. Suttor answered,—The Government have not arrived at a final decision on this matter, but I do not see any immediate prospect of establishing the Penny Postage System in this Colony.

(6.) Parramatta Park :—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works.—

- (1.) What is the amount of money voted for the erection of dwarf wall and iron palisading round the Parramatta Park?
- (2.) What amount has been actually expended in carrying out a portion of the above work?
- (3.) Is it the intention of the Government to cause an amount of money to be placed upon the Estimates to be added to the savings of the amount voted for the completion of the enclosure of the Park?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) The sum of £1,000 was voted on the Estimates for 1885.
- (2.) £695 19s. 6d.
- (3.) The matter is under consideration.

(7.) Life-saving Apparatus :—Mr. Abigail asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it true, as alleged in the account of the sad shipwreck of the "Ly-ee-moon," that there was no life-saving apparatus at the Green Cape Light-house only rope?
- (2.) If so, is this in accordance with orders, and who is the responsible person in such case?

Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Light-houses are under the superintendence of the Marine Board. There are only enough men to look after the lights, and it is considered that a light should be sufficient warning to ship-masters.

(8.) Life-saving Apparatus :—Mr. Abigail asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Will he state the names of the places on the coast where life-saving apparatus are placed?
- (2.) The nature of such appliances, and the names of the parties responsible for their being in good working order?

Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—

- (1.) Richmond, Clarence, Macleay, Manning, Port Macquarie, Newcastle, Sydney, Shoalhaven, Twofold Bay.
- (2.) Rocket life-saving apparatus are in charge of the respective pilots, except the one at Newcastle, which is under the control of the local Marine Board. At Sydney there is a Mambly's Mortar apparatus kept in readiness at the Government Shed, also a basket apparatus is kept at the Macquarie Light-house, under the charge of the principal keeper.

2. RANDWICK CEMETERY UNUSED LANDS SALE BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

- (1.) Mr. Tarrant moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the Trustees for the time being of the Randwick Cemetery to sell lands situate at Randwick, originally granted for the purpose of the interment of the dead, and apply the proceeds to the extension of the Church of St. Jude's, and to make such further provision for Church extension in the parish of Randwick as may be deemed necessary.

Question put and passed.

- (2.) Mr. Tarrant 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 Trustees for the time being of the Randwick Cemetery to sell lands situate at Randwick originally granted for the purpose of the interment of the dead and apply the proceeds to the extension of the Church of Saint Jude's and to make such further provision for Church extension in the parish of Randwick as may be deemed necessary,*"—read a first time.

3. COOMA CHURCH OF ENGLAND PARSONAGE BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

- (1.) Mr. Dawson moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize and empower Robert Dawson, the surviving Trustee of certain Church of England lands at Cooma, and to authorize and empower the said Robert Dawson and James Litchfield, David Byrie, and John Edward Pretty Walker, the Trustees of certain lands dedicated by the Crown for a site for a Church of England Parsonage at Cooma aforesaid, to sell the said respective lands and to provide for the application of the proceeds thereof.

Question put and passed.

(2.)

- (2.) Mr. Dawson 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 and empower Robert Dawson the surviving Trustee of certain Church of England lands at Cooma and to authorize and empower the said Robert Dawson and James Latchfield David Ryrie and John Edward Pretty Walker the Trustees of certain lands dedicated by the Crown for a site for a Church of England Parsonage at Cooma aforesaid to sell the said respective lands and to provide for the application of the proceeds thereof,*"—read a first time.
4. PARLIAMENTARY HANSARD (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Hammond moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Report from the Government Printer, and also from the Chief Parliamentary Reporter, as to the cost of establishing and maintaining a daily issue of Parliamentary *Hansard* similar or otherwise to that in use in Queensland.
Question put and passed.
5. TARIFF:—
- (1.) Mr. Hungerford presented two Petitions from certain Producers, Traders, Artizans, and others, complaining that for some years past the Public Expenditure has been largely increased; urging that before new burdens of taxation are imposed upon the people, material reductions in the expenditure should be made; suggesting the adoption, if necessary, of a system of direct taxation upon property; and praying the House not to pass any Bill to extend the present Customs Tariff.
Petitions received.
- (2.) Mr. O'Sullivan presented a similar Petition from certain Producers, Traders, Artizans, and others, of Gundaroo.
Petition received.
- (3.) Mr. Jones presented three similar Petitions from certain Producers, Traders, Artizans, and others.
Petitions received.
- (4.) Mr. Wilkinson presented a similar Petition.
Petition received.
- (5.) Mr. Humphery presented a similar Petition.
Petition received.
- (6.) Sir Henry Parkes presented a similar Petition.
Petition received.
- (7.) Mr. Kidd presented a similar Petition.
Petition received.
6. PAPERS:—
- Dr. Renwick laid upon the Table,—Return to an Address adopted on 11th May, 1886,—“Sydney Technical College.”
Ordered to be printed.
- Mr. Copeland laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Public Purposes, in accordance with the 104th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
- (2.) Copies of *Gazette* notices setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the dedication of certain lands, in accordance with the provisions of the 105th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
- (3.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from sale until surveyed for the Preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, in accordance with the 101st, 103rd, 109th, and 112th sections of the Act 48 Victoria, No. 18.
- (4.) Abstract of Alterations of Designs of Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the 107th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
- (5.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 101st section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
Ordered to be printed.
7. HAY GAS 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 Alfred George Stanger and Arthur Budden to construct Gas-works within the Municipal District and Suburbs of Hay,*" with the Amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which Amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 9th June, 1886.

JOHN HAY,
President.

HAY GAS BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 9th June, 1886.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 2, clause 1. At end of clause *add* "And in the case of opening or breaking up of any street road pavement sewer drain or tunnel outside of the said Municipality such notice shall be given to the officer of the Roads Department or other officer in charge of such street road pavement sewer drain or tunnel."

Page 6, clause 13, line 4. *Omit* "company" *insert* "promoters"

Page 6, clause 19, line 59. *After* "shillings" *insert* "any such penalties to be recoverable before any two Justices of the Peace in a summary way."

Page 7, clause 21. *After* clause 21 *insert* the following new clause:—

"If it shall be proved to the satisfaction of any two Justices of the Peace in Petty Sessions assembled that the promoters or any of their officers have been guilty of any default under this Act not otherwise provided for thereunder they shall be liable for each and every such default to a penalty not exceeding five pounds to be recovered in a summary way."

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Gasworks may
be brought
under general
Act.

Page 7, clause 22. *After* "clause 22" *insert* the following new clause:—

"Nothing contained in this Act shall prevent the said Gas-works being brought under the provisions of any general Act which may be passed by the Parliament of New South Wales applying equally to Companies engaged in the manufacture of gas in the said Colony with reference to the manufacture and sale of gas nor entitle the said promoters 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 said promoters."

Examined,—

W. R. PIDDINGTON,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the Council's amendments be taken into consideration on Friday, 18th June.

8. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Sydney Smith moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
9. PUBLIC VEHICLES REGULATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Trickett *presented* a Bill, intituled "A Bill to amend the 'Public Vehicles Regulation Act of 1873'"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 30th July.
10. WAYS AND MEANS:—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 the Committee of Ways and Means.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 10 JUNE, 1886, 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 a certain Resolution.

Ordered that the reception of the Resolution stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

11. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir Patrick Jennings moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly at twenty-eight minutes before Two o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m., This Day.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 75.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 10 JUNE, 1886.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Water Supply for Cudgelico:—Mr. Gormly asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has an Officer been sent by the Harbours and Rivers Department to report on a water supply for the town of Cudgelico?

Mr. Lyne answered,—An Officer is under orders to proceed to Cudgelico to-morrow, Friday.

- (2.) Wharves, Newcastle:—Mr. Burns asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Will he state whether it is true that the Commissioner for Railways refuses to give the Australian Agricultural Company the same privileges in respect of their wharf at Newcastle and its contiguity to the Great Northern Railway that he does to the private owners of wharves in other parts of the Colony, also contiguous to the Government Railways; and if so, for what reason?

(2.) Does the Commissioner refuse the Australian Agricultural Company privileges in respect of their wharf siding at Newcastle which he grants to the owners of other private sidings elsewhere; and if so, for what reason?

Mr. Lyne answered,—The matters referred to in these questions have been the subject of litigation, in an action by Messrs. Howard Smith and Company against the Commissioner for Railways. The action was tried in the Supreme Court, and judgment was given for the Department. The plaintiffs appealed against this decision to the Full Court, by which the judgment of the Lower Court was sustained. The plaintiffs have now appealed to the Privy Council, and, as the case is therefore still *sub judice*, it is not considered expedient to make any statement on the subject.

- (3.) Post and Telegraph Office, Balmain:—Mr. Hawthorne asked the Postmaster General,—

(1.) When is the new Post and Telegraph Office at Balmain likely to be finished?

(2.) Previous to opening the new offices, is it the intention of the Government to establish temporary offices at the east and west end of Balmain, so that the residents of these places may be able to transact postal and telegraphic business without the necessity of travelling to the central office?

Mr. Suttor answered,—

(1.) The Colonial Architect cannot say when the new building will be finished. The contract will expire on 13th June, 1887.

(2.) The question has not yet been considered, but inquiry will now be made by me into the subject.

- (4.) Public Schools:—Mr. William Clarke asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Is it a fact that children of the Roman Catholic religion attending Public Schools are not learning the Scripture lessons or History as provided by the Public Instruction Act?

Dr. Renwick answered,—No. Only those are exempted from learning Scripture lessons whose parents or guardians object to their so doing, in accordance with section 18 of the Public Instruction Act. No pupil is exempted from learning History.

- (5.) Life-saving Apparatus:—Mr. Henson asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Are all the Light-houses and Pilot Stations on the coast supplied with life-saving appliances?

Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—Light-houses are not supplied with life-saving apparatus. The following Pilot Stations are supplied with such, viz., Richmond, Clarence, Macleay, Manning, Port Macquarie, Newcastle, Sydney, Shoalhaven, and Twofold Bay.

- (6.) Prisoner Edward Brown Holt:—Mr. Davies, for Mr. Garland, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it a fact that, instead of being sent to Berrima Gaol, in accordance with his sentence, and in accordance with the promise of the Attorney-General to this House, the prisoner Holt has been sent to Parramatta Gaol?

Mr.

Mr. Garvan answered,—I have obtained the following report from the Comptroller-General of Prisons in this matter, who always, without Ministerial instruction, gives effect to the sentence of the Court:—"Holt has been sent, in the first instance, to Parramatta Gaol. The sentence passed upon prisoner was four years hard labour. Such sentences do not specify the prison in which the probationary period of nine months in separate treatment, as provided by the Prisons Regulations, is to be served. Prisoners under such sentences are sent indifferently to Berrima, Parramatta, and Goulburn Prisons. In the two last named a portion of each is set apart for precisely the same treatment as is in operation in Berrima Gaol. Holt was sent to Parramatta in consideration of representations that his attendance would be required in certain equity suits, in view of the greater convenience of bringing him to and from the Court. It is intended, when the occasion for detaining him within convenient reach of Sydney has passed, to transfer him to Berrima.—HAROLD MACLEAN, Comptroller-General." On which report I minuted as follows:—Notwithstanding the reasons given for sending this prisoner to Parramatta, I think, in accordance with the statement made by the Attorney-General to the House, that the prisoner should be sent to Berrima Gaol forthwith.—J.P.G.

(7.) Tram Stopping-places, Old South Head Road:—Mr. Neild asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is he aware that in wet weather the tram stopping-places on the Old South Head Road and in Oxford-street, Paddington, are rendered almost impassable by mud?

(2.) Will he direct the paving of these stopping-places with metal cubes?

Mr. Lyne answered,—No doubt the crossing-places at the points named, as at very many other crossings on the tramway routes, are muddy in wet weather; but this is caused by the vehicular traffic, and the expense of making crossings in the streets is one that should be borne by the several municipalities.

(8.) Valuation of Land near Church-street Railway Station, West Maitland:—Mr. Thompson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has he received any report or valuation from any valuator in the employment of the Government as to the value of a piece of land which the Municipal Council of West Maitland offered to purchase from the Commissioner for Railways near Church-street Railway Station; if so, what was the valuation?

Mr. Lyne answered,—No valuation of this land has been made to be sold in block; but subdivided, as proposed, it was considered that, looking to the admirable sites it would afford for building purposes, and to the enhanced value of land since it was acquired by the Department, the price asked was not unreasonable. A valuation of the land, if sold in block, will now be made.

(9.) Retrenchment in the Lands Department:—Mr. Thompson asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Has he made any systematic inquiry with a view of ascertaining whether any retrenchment can be carried out in the various Departments under his care, by dispensing with the services of any persons employed therein?

(2.) Is there any report or minute in existence on this subject?

(3.) If no such inquiry has been made, has he any intention of making such inquiry?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1.) Not a systematic inquiry, but the Civil Service Bill will provide for an inquiry through all the Departments, with a view to a general retrenchment.

(2.) Yes; I have written several minutes in reference to reductions in allowances and other expenses.

(3.) I am still carrying out a system of retrenchment wherever possible.

(10.) Mr. Dunstone, late Road Superintendent, Casino:—Mr. Hugh Taylor, for Mr. Hogan, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it his intention to lay upon the Table of this House to-morrow, 11th June, all papers in connection with the case of Mr. Dunstone, late Road Superintendent at Casino?

Mr. Lyne answered,—Copies of the papers referred to will be laid upon the Table as soon as completed.

(11.) Aborigines of the Colony:—Mr. Hawthorne, for Mr. Gould, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he direct that an increased weekly allowance be made for the relief of the Aborigines of the Colony, and direct such relief, in country districts, to be supervised and issued under the direction of Police Magistrates or other approved residents?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—It is not desirable to take the course suggested by the Honorable Member. I am informed by the Aborigines Protection Board that they have authorized the issue of rations and clothing to all sick or infirm Aborigines unable to work for a livelihood, and also to children attending school. Boats, nets, agricultural implements, &c., are also supplied when likely to prove of benefit to the Aborigines in supporting themselves. The funds at the disposal of the Board would not admit of larger expenditure, nor would it be beneficial, as it would tend to encourage idleness in men well able to work. All special cases of sickness or destitution are promptly investigated and relieved.

2. RANDWICK CEMETERY UNUSED LANDS SALE BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Melville, for Mr. Tarrant, moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That the Randwick Cemetery Unused Lands Sale Bill be referred to a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, for consideration and report.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Humphery, Mr. Barbour, Dr. Ross, Mr. McCulloch, Mr. Gormly, Mr. Ewing, and Mr. Tarrant.

Question put and passed.

3. ORIENTAL INTERPRETER (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Hugh Taylor, for Mr. Abigail, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all letters, minutes, reports, paragraphs, or other documents, having reference to the appointment and the manner in which the duties of the Oriental Interpreter are performed.

Question put and passed.

4. **GOVERNMENT MEDICAL OFFICERS (*Formal Motion*):**—Mr. William Clarke moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return giving a list of the duties and emoluments attached to all the Medical Officers in the direct service of the Government (District Vaccination Medical Officers paid by the case excepted), and also in connection with all Hospitals, Asylums, and Educational Institutions, wholly or partly supported by Government, with the names of the present incumbents of the offices.
Question put and passed.
5. **POSTPONEMENT:**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Married Women's Property Act Amendment Bill, postponed until to-morrow.
6. **PARRAMATTA PUBLIC BATHS BILL:**—Mr. Hugh Taylor, 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 14th May, 1886; together with a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Taylor then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday, 2nd July.
Question put and passed.
7. **PARRAMATTA CHURCH SCHOOL BILL:**—Mr. Hugh Taylor, 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 May, 1886; together with a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Taylor then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday, 2nd July.
Question put and passed.
8. **TARIFF:**—Mr. T. R. Smith presented a Petition from certain Producers, Traders, Artizans, and others, complaining that for some years past the Public Expenditure has been largely increased; urging that before new burdens of taxation are imposed upon the people, material reductions in the expenditure should be made; suggesting the adoption, if necessary, of a system of direct taxation upon property; and praying the House not to pass any Bill to extend the present Customs Tariff.
Petition received.
9. **AUSTRALIAN JOINT STOCK BANK ACT AMENDMENT BILL:**—Mr. Ives presented a Petition from the Australian Joint Stock Bank, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Australian Joint Stock Bank Act.
And Mr. Ives having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald*, and the *Daily Telegraph*, newspapers, containing the Notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.
10. **ADJOURNMENT:**—Mr. Reid moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
11. **WAYS AND MEANS:**—The Order of the Day having been read for the reception of a certain Resolution from the Committee of Ways and Means,—
The Chairman of Committees moved, That the Resolution be now received.
Debate ensued.

And the Honorable Member for West Maitland (Mr. Thompson) proceeding to quote from a Speech made in a previous Debate of the present Session, Mr. Speaker ruled that the Honorable Member was out of order,—

Whereupon Mr. Thompson moved, That the House dissent from the ruling of the Chair.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

Debate continued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 11 JUNE, 1886, A.M.

Question put,—That the Resolution be now received.

The House divided.

Ayes, 35.

Sir Patrick Jennings,	Mr. Burke,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
Dr. Renwick,	Mr. Macgregor,
Mr. Williamson,	Mr. Henson,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Forsyth,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Bull,
Mr. Want,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. Thompson,	Mr. Rylie,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Harold Stephen,
Mr. Hungerford,	Mr. J. D. Young,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Cass,
Mr. Dawson,	Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Kethel,	Mr. Trickett.
Mr. Moore,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Spring,	
Mr. Coonan,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Creer,	Mr. Olliffe.
Mr. Burns,	

Noes, 15.

Sir John Robertson,
Mr. Roberts,
Mr. Burdekin,
Sir Henry Parkes,
Mr. J. F. Smith,
Mr. D. A. Ferguson,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. Tait,
Mr. Inglis,
Mr. Hammond,
Mr. Gibbes,
Mr. Davies.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Neild.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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The Resolution was then read a first time as follows :—

(10.) *Resolved*,—That, towards raising the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty, there shall be charged, levied, and paid yearly :—

On and in respect of all interest of money, annuities, shares of annuities, dividends and debentures, arising or accruing from *investments* in the said Colony, payable to any person or persons, bodies politic, or corporate Companies, or Societies (whether corporate or not), and whether resident or carrying on business in the said Colony or not,—on and in respect of the annual profits or gains derived by any person or persons resident in the said Colony *from any kind of property whatever* whether situate in the said Colony or elsewhere, or from any annuities, allowances, or stipends, or from the exercise of any profession, trade, or vocation, or from any other source whatever ; and on and in respect of every public office or employment of profit, and upon every annuity, pension, salary, or stipend payable to any person out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund or the Superannuation Account, or any other Fund (with such exemptions, qualification, adjustment, and deductions as may be prescribed), For every 20s. of the annual value or amount thereof, where such value or amount exceeds the sum of £300, from the 1st day of July, 1886, the sum of 4d.

On motion of Sir Patrick Jennings the Resolution was read a second time and agreed to.

12. **ADJOURNMENT** :—Sir Patrick Jennings moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly at half-past Twelve o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 76.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 11 JUNE, 1886.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Recreation Reserve, Parramatta:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Were Trustees appointed by the Government for a Recreation Reserve at Parramatta, area 1 rood 5 perches; if so, who were appointed?

(2.) Was a sum of money granted and paid to the credit of such Trustees for improving the same; if so, when?

(3.) Have any accounts been sent in for the adjustment of the advance made by the Treasury for such improvements?

(4.) If not, is it his intention to call upon such Trustees to carry out the duties of their trust or forward their resignations?

(5.) Is it within his knowledge that the present Trustees are unable to agree as to the management of this Reserve; if so, will he cancel their appointment and appoint other Trustees?

Mr. Fletcher answered,—

(1.) Yes, on December 10th, 1862, Messrs. J. Byrnes, Howison, and Bowling; and on May 20th, 1881, Hugh Taylor, Esq., J.P., and John Taylor, Esq., J.P., in the place of Messrs. Howison and Bowling.

(2.) Yes; £100 on 13th June, 1883, to Messrs. H. Taylor, J. Byrnes, and J. Taylor.

(3.) No.

(4.) Yes, it is my intention to call upon the Trustees, or a majority of them, to carry out their duties in regard to the adjustment of their accounts.

(5.) No official intimation has been received that the Trustees were unable to agree.

- (2.) Old South Head Road:—Mr. O'Connor, for Mr. Neild, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is he aware that the Old South Head Road from near Bellevue Hill to near the Light-house is impassable, and has been so for some length of time?

(2.) Is he aware that the Road Commissioners allege that they have no funds to repair this road?

(3.) Is it the intention of the Government to take any steps to cause this road to be repaired and opened for traffic?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) I am aware that the road is bad.

(2.) No.

(3.) No; this duty devolves on the Road Commissioners, who have received a yearly vote since the abolition of the tolls on the South Head Roads. The Commissioners state, in reference to the road in question, that a great part of it has been torn to pieces by the heavy traffic to the Sewerage Works. The matter has frequently occupied the attention of the Commissioners, and offers from land owners in the vicinity to contribute towards making the road when the heavy traffic is over, have been discussed, but nothing definite arrived at. The Commissioners have several roads under their charge, and the New South Head Road has been put in good repair, so that the public have a good road to the Heads. To construct part of the road in question, from Bellevue Hill to Newcastle-street, the estimated cost is £2,257 16s., and the Commissioners have not sufficient funds therefor. The matter is engaging the attention of the Commissioners.

- (3.) Diamond Drill Men, Newcastle District:—Mr. Abigail asked the Secretary for Mines,—Is it true that the diamond drill men in the Newcastle District have not received their wages for the last three months; if so, will he explain the cause of such delay, and state when they will be paid?

Mr. Fletcher answered,—Yes, it is true that the men in question have not been paid their wages during the past three months. This is due to an oversight in omitting from the Estimates the item for this service. Steps are now being taken to provide for the payment of these wages at once.

(4.)

(4.) Steel Crank Axles :—Mr. Abigail asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What is the number of broken or defective steel crank axles now in the Railway Depôts on the several Railways?
- (2.) What has been the average mileage performed by them prior to their being found unserviceable?
- (3.) Who are the manufacturers of the steel crank axles now in question?
- (4.) What has been their average cost per ton to the Government?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) Fifty-one—the accumulation of eighteen years, or about three a year.
- (2.) 112,212 miles.
- (3.) Forty-seven were made by Messrs. Vickers and Co., three by Krupps, and one by the Bessemer Company.
- (4.) The average cost has been £148 per ton, but this has been spread over eighteen years. The price for crank axles at the present time is, of course, lower.

(5.) Public Park, Bronte Bay, Waverley :—Mr. Trickett asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Did not the Minister for Mines, in or about the month of November last, give a distinct promise in writing to purchase or resume certain land adjoining the beach at Bronte, Nelson's Bay, for the purposes of a Public Reserve?
- (2.) Did not the then Colonial Treasurer (Mr. Dibbs) promise one of the Members for Paddington (Mr. Trickett), that, as the matter was urgent, the money required should be paid out of the Advance Account?
- (3.) Does the present Minister for Mines intend to carry out the distinct promise made by his predecessor; and, if so, when?

Mr. Fletcher answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) It was so understood, but there is no record of the fact in this Department.
- (3.) Yes, as soon as the owner's consent, in writing, to sell at a reasonable price can be obtained.

(6.) Official Assignees :—Mr. Abbott, for Mr. Levien, asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Will he explain how the estates sequestrated in the Insolvent Court are allotted to the Official Assignees?
- (2.) If by ballot, how is it conducted, and in whose presence?
- (3.) Is he aware that the present system has for some time past created dissatisfaction, and that it is alleged that some Official Assignees get all the profitable estates, whilst others get estates worth scarcely any assets?
- (4.) Will he undertake to introduce a new system of allotment?

Mr. Garvan answered,—

(1 and 2.) I have received the following information from the Chief Commissioner of Insolvent Estates on this subject:—By ballot, as formerly taken by any Judge of the Supreme Court, except there be but one ballot-paper left, and then by rotation to the Official Assignee remaining; and, except when partnership estates are sequestrated separately, and then, as in bankruptcy—the same Official Assignee appointed for estates of two or more partners; and no difference made whatever between any Assignee; and no selection, save as to partnership estates.

(3 and 4.) No; but I will cause further inquiry to be made, particularly as regards the working of the present system.

(7.) Site for Presbyterian Church, Tumberumba :—Mr. Hayes asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is it a fact that the land applied for in December last for erection of a Presbyterian Church at Tumberumba, has not yet been put up for sale by auction, as asked for by the Church Committee; if so, will he kindly state the reason of the delay?

Mr. Copeland answered,—The Surveyors' Report was only received in the Department on the 14th May last, and instructions have been issued for the land to be offered at auction.

(8.) The "Wolverene" :—Mr. Ives asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is the "Wolverene" now moored at Cockatoo?
- (2.) Is it intended to dismantle her, and remove her guns and engines?
- (3.) Is she still to be used as a Training Ship for the Naval Artillery Volunteers?
- (4.) If not, what is intended to be done with her?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The "Wolverene" is moored near Cockatoo, and the future utilization of the vessel is now under consideration.

(9.) Serving Drink to an Aboriginal :—Mr. Targett asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Is he aware that a publican was fined at Wiseman's Creek for serving drink to an aboriginal tracker, after the prosecuting constable (Ritchie) had treated the said aboriginal on several occasions at the same house?
- (2.) Will he cause an inquiry to be made into the case?

Mr. Garvan answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Yes, I have called for a report in the case referred to.

(10.) Crossings, Circular Quay :—Mr. Ives asked the Colonial Treasurer,—In view of the state of the Circular Quay during wet weather, and the inconvenience ladies and children, as well as the public generally, are subjected to,—Is it the intention of the Government to at once cause proper crossings to be put in, and make the necessary arrangements to keep them clean?

Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—The Quay, during rainy weather, is in a very bad state; but a gang of men is constantly employed to keep the footpaths as clean as possible. Tenders have been called for wood pavement on the Quay. I believe the work will be commenced early next month.

(11.) **Export of Wool:**—*Mr. Davies*, for *Dr. Ross*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—The number of pounds of wool, also the number of bales of wool, that were exported from New South Wales in the following years, viz., 1880-1-2-3-4-5 and 6 respectively; also the approximate value of the same?

Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—A Return, giving the desired information, will be laid upon the Table at an early date.

2. **COOMA CHURCH OF ENGLAND PARSONAGE BILL** (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Dawson* moved, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) That the Cooma Church of England Parsonage Bill be referred to a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, for consideration and report.
- (2.) That such Committee consist of *Mr. Day*, *Mr. Ryrie*, *Mr. Harold Stephen*, *Mr. De Courcy Browne*, *Mr. Teece*, *Dr. Ross*, *Mr. Henry Clarke*, *Mr. Roberts*, *Mr. Garland*, and the Mover.
- Question put and passed.
3. **AUSTRALIAN JOINT STOCK BANK ACT AMENDMENT BILL** (*Formal Motion*):—
- (1.) *Mr. Ives* moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Australian Joint Stock Bank Act.
- Question put and passed.
- (2.) *Mr. Ives* 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 amend the Australian Joint Stock Bank Act*,"—read a first time.
4. **INVERELL CHURCH OF ENGLAND LANDS SALE BILL** (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Abbott* moved, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) That the Inverell Church of England Lands Sale Bill be referred to a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, for consideration and report.
- (2.) That such Committee consist of *Mr. Barbour*, *Mr. Burdekin*, *Mr. Burke*, *Mr. Collins*, *Mr. Teece*, *Mr. Day*, *Mr. Levien*, *Mr. W. J. Fergusson*, *Mr. Jones*, and the Mover.
- Question put and passed.
5. **POSTPONEMENT:**—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Abolition of Punishment by Whipping Bill, postponed until Friday, 16th July.
6. **TARIFF:**—
- (1.) *Sir John Robertson* presented a Petition from certain Producers, Traders, Artizans, and others, complaining that for some years past the Public Expenditure has been largely increased; urging that before new burdens of taxation are imposed upon the people, material reductions in the expenditure should be made; suggesting the adoption, if necessary, of a system of direct taxation upon property; and praying the House not to pass any Bill to extend the present Customs Tariff.
- And the Petition having been read by the Clerk, by direction of *Mr. Speaker*,—
- Petition received.
- (2.) *Mr. Day* presented a similar Petition, signed by *Luke Gulson*, Chairman of a Public Meeting.
- Petition received.
7. **LIGHT-HOUSE ON SMOKY CAPE:**—*Mr. Kethel* presented a Petition from certain Shipowners, Shipmasters, Seamen, and others interested in the Shipping Trade of the Colony, representing the necessity for a Light-house at Smoky Cape, and praying the House to take the premises into consideration with a view to affording the Petitioners and the Public the benefits sought for.
- Petition received.
8. **PAPERS:**—
- Mr. Dibbs* laid upon the Table:—
- (1.) Report of the Fire Brigades Board for the year 1885.
- (2.) Return to an Order made on 15th April, 1886,—"*Civil Service*."
- Ordered to be printed.
- Mr. Copeland* laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 30th April, 1886,—"*Reserves, Marrar Run, and County of Mitchell*."
- Ordered to be printed.
9. **ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PARSONAGE CAMPERDOWN LAND SALE BILL:**—*Mr. Septimus Stephen* presented a Petition from the Right Reverend *Alfred Barry*, D.D., Lord Bishop of Sydney, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Right Reverend *Alfred Barry*, Lord Bishop of Sydney, Trustee of certain land in the county of Cumberland, parish of Petersham, at Camperdown, to sell the same, and to provide for the application of the proceeds thereof.
- And *Mr. Stephen* having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald*, and the *Suburban Independent* newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
- Petition received.
10. **MR. HENRY ARTHUR HOUGH:**—*Mr. Hungerford*, for *Mr. McCulloch*, moved, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) That the Petition of *Henry Arthur Hough*, presented to this Honorable House on the 14th May, 1886, be referred to a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, for inquiry and report.
- (2.) That such Committee consist of *Mr. Chanter*, *Mr. Lyne*, *Mr. A. G. Taylor*, *Mr. Copeland*, *Mr. W. J. Fergusson*, *Mr. O'Sullivan*, *Mr. Day*, *Mr. Parkes*, and *Mr. McCulloch*.
- Question put and passed.
11. **BARRISTER'S BILL (No. 2):**—*Mr. Neild* moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable Barristers to practice as Barristers, Counsel, Conveyancers, Attorneys, Solicitors, or Proctors, in any matter, and in any Court except the Supreme and Circuit Courts, without retainer by or with the intervention of an Attorney, and to recover fees and charges for or in connection with such services.
- Question put and passed.

12. **RAILWAY EXTENSIONS**:—Mr. Hungerford moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that a Commission be appointed by the Government, whose duty shall be to collect information and take evidence, to be laid before Parliament, in connection with all Railway Lines now projected or to be projected in the future, with the view to extensions being carried out in the interest of the country only; such information to show the capabilities of the country through which such lines pass for supporting population, the products of such country, and its capabilities for development.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and negatived.
13. **BIRD ESTATE 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 the 5th May, 1886; together with Appendix and a copy of the Bill as agreed to by the Committee.
 Ordered to be printed.
 Mr. Purves then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday, 2nd July.
 Question put and passed.
14. **PARLIAMENTARY REFRESHMENT ROOM**:—Mr. Thompson moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the dignity and honor of this House will in a great measure be conserved by its taking steps, as far as this House is enabled to do so, to prevent the sale of intoxicating drinks in the Refreshment Room "except at meal times."
 Debate ensued.
 Mr. Melville moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the words "except at meal times."
 Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
 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. Abigail, Mr. Copeland, Mr. Creer, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Fletcher, Mr. Garrard, Mr. Hammond, Mr. Hawthorne, Mr. Henson, Mr. Kethel, Mr. Moore, Mr. Shepherd, Mr. J. F. Smith, Mr. Harold Stephen, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Targett, Mr. Thompson, and Mr. Trickett,—
 Mr. Speaker adjourned the House at three minutes after Nine o'clock, until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 77.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

TUESDAY, 15 JUNE, 1886.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
MINISTERIAL STATEMENT :—Sir Patrick Jennings made a Statement relative to certain rumours of alleged Railway Frauds.
2. **ADJOURNMENT** :—Mr. Abigail moved, That this House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and negatived.
3. **QUESTIONS** :—
 - (1.) **Crown Lands Act** :—*Mr. Humphery*, for Mr. R. B. Wilkinson, asked the Secretary for Lands,—
 - (1.) Is it true that the Local Land Boards, or the appraisers, have been instructed to fix the rents of all leaseholds above the minimum, thus preventing appeals to the Land Court?
 - (2.) Is it the intention of the Government, in the promised Amending Land Bill, to introduce a provision giving leaseholders of all kinds the right of appeal against the rent fixed by the Local Land Boards, whether such rent has been fixed at the minimum or otherwise?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

 - (1.) No such instructions, nor anything that could be construed into such instructions, have been issued to the Local Land Boards or the Appraisers.
 - (2.) The provisions of the proposed Amending Land Bill have not yet been finally determined by the Government; but all lessees will be granted a re-hearing, or an appeal, in all cases where they are dissatisfied with the rent recommended, for the purpose of enabling them to produce additional evidence, whether such rents have been recommended at the minimum or otherwise.
 - (2.) **Cancellation of Reserves, Gunnedah, Tamworth, and Murrurundi** :—Mr. Bruncker asked the Secretary for Lands,—
 - (1.) The date of proclamation of the reserves recently cancelled and taken up by way of conditional purchase and conditional lease at Gunnedah, Tamworth, and Murrurundi, during the months of May and June, 1886?
 - (2.) The area open to selection in connection with the said cancellation at the places and during the period before-mentioned, the number of applicants for each portion, and, if balloted for, the result of the allotment?
 - (3.) Is it the practice of the Department, before cancelling reserves, to acquire a knowledge of their approximate value?

Mr. Copeland answered,—A Return will be laid upon the Table of the House on an early date.
 - (3.) **Locomotives and Railway Machinery** :—*Mr. Hawthorne* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 - (1.) Is it a fact that an order has just been, or is about to be given to an English or American firm for some new locomotives and tram motors?
 - (2.) If so, is it the intention of the Government to countermand such order and endeavour to have them constructed in this Colony?
 - (3.) Is it the intention of the Government to try to have manufactured in the Colony all other machinery and materials required for his Department, which have hitherto been imported from the United Kingdom and America?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

 - (1 and 2.) No order for locomotives is to be given to any particular firm without competition.
 - (3.) Tenders are invited for all material which can be manufactured in the Colony. The last invitation of tenders for locomotives to be made in the Colony was not responded to, except for a small order for tank engines, and these are being made in the Colony. If there be any prospect of colonial manufacturers competing for the locomotives required for lines under construction, I should have no objection to invite tenders in the Colony, as well as in England, for their supply.

(4.)

- (4.) Railway Freights on Farm Produce :—Mr. William Clarke asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government to reduce the railway freights on farm produce ?

Mr. Lyne answered,—The question of revising the rates for farm produce is under consideration.

- (5.) Water Supply, Orange :—Mr. William Clarke asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government, in accordance with promise, to send an Officer from his Department to view the proposed site for water-works for the town of Orange ; and when will it be convenient to do so ?

Mr. Lyne answered,—An Officer will be sent this week to Orange for the purpose referred to by the Honorable Member.

- (6.) Penny Postage System :—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Postmaster-General,—With reference to Mr. Hugh Taylor's Question and the Answer thereto on the 9th instant, respecting Penny Postage System,—

(1.) What number of letters were carried by rail, and the weight, during the year 1885 ?

(2.) The like information as regards newspapers ?

(3.) What would be the estimated revenue from newspapers if an impost of one half-penny was imposed ?

(4.) Is it his intention to submit this question to the Government for their consideration at an early date ?

Mr. Suttor answered,—

(1 and 2.) No distinction is made between the number and weight of mail matter carried by rail and otherwise, the whole of the inland mail matter being counted or weighed, as the case may be, together. It is, therefore, impossible to furnish the information asked for in these two questions.

(3.) It is estimated that 21,579,500 newspapers were carried free during 1885, and a charge of $\frac{3}{4}$ d. each would amount to £44,957 5s. 10d. ; but if postage were charged on newspapers no doubt a less number would be sent through the post.

(4.) No decision has been arrived at in the matter.

- (7.) Homestead Leases :—*Mr. Neild*, for Mr. O'Sullivan, asked the Secretary for Lands,—When are the applicants for homestead leases likely to get possession of their holdings, and is he prepared to name a day upon which possession will be given ?

Mr. Copeland answered,—Several of the homestead lessees are already in possession of their land. The other applications are being dealt with as fast as they come in, and the different Boards have been urged to expedite these matters.

- (8.) Temporary Draftsmen, Survey Department :—*Mr. Neild*, for Mr. O'Sullivan, asked the Secretary for Lands,—Referring to Mr. O'Sullivan's question of the 7th of April, will he cause to be paid, during the present month, those increases in the Survey Department which he stated were due to the Temporary Draftsmen by the terms of their engagement, and provided for on the Supplementary Estimates ?

Mr. Copeland answered,—I can only reply to the Honorable Gentleman as I did before, viz. :—The vote is exhausted, but that provision is made on the Supplementary Estimates for 1885 for meeting the claims of the draftsmen referred to. When these Estimates are voted the money will be distributed as has already been decided.

- (9.) Illegal Fishing :—Mr. Targett asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is he aware that the statement made by Mr. J. Brazier relative to illegal fishing is directly contradicted by Inspector Quinan ?

(2.) Will he cause an inquiry to be made as to the truth of the Inspector's report ?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Chief Inspector of Fisheries :—No letter, contradicting Mr. Brazier's statement, has been received in the Fisheries Department from Inspector Quinan.

- (10.) Drainage of Western Suburbs :—Mr. Abigail asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has he received any report from the Officer to whom the question of connecting the Western Suburbs with the Main Sewer now being constructed was referred ; if so, will he have any objections to state the nature of such report ?

Mr. Lyne answered,—Copy of report herewith. An Officer has recently been appointed to attend specially to this work. The surveys and examination of the country have been pushed on from time to time, and a definite scheme will be determined on as soon as possible. The question is surrounded with difficulty.

Minnte Paper.—Sewerage of Railway Suburbs.

Sydney, 25 September, 1885.

This question of the Sewerage of the Railway Suburbs and Balmain has been receiving consideration for some time, and, when possible, the surveys and levels are being proceeded with. It is most difficult to keep the surveys up to date, on account of the very rapid increase in the suburbs.

The Marrickville valley has been contoured with a view to the flood drainage.

The best means of providing for the sewerage of the Railway Suburbs would appear to be to convey it to Webb's grant, crossing the intervening waters by syphons or aqueducts, and there to utilize it on the land. Whether all the populated area on the north of the railway should be so drained by one or two tunnels through the ridge has yet to be determined. It would seem that in the thickly populated areas local treatment will be the most economical mode of dealing with the sewerage. No doubt when the Nepean water is supplied the quantity of fluid sewerage will increase.

The plans and works for the main city outlets have hitherto kept the Department so fully engaged that there has not been time to devote to the consideration of suburban drainage ; but, as the heavier portion of this work is now well advanced, there will be greater opportunity for surveying and considering the suburban drainage, which is even a more difficult problem than that of the city. One uniform system cannot be applied throughout, and it is necessary to carefully discriminate and consider the circumstances of each case, with a view to devising the most effective and economical mode of dealing with the subject, and the application of the latest approved modes of doing so.

Under Secretary, B.C.

W.C.B., 25/9/85.

(11.)

(11.) Roads to Oberon :—Mr Abigail asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) The amount of money voted for 1884 and 1885 for the following roads respectively :—
Road from Tarana to Oberon ; road from Swatchfield to Oberon ; road from Hartley to Oberon ;
road from O'Connell to Oberon ?

(2.) What amount has been spent on each road respectively ?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

		Voted.	Expended.
Tarana to Oberon	1884	£850 0 0	£850 0 0
Do do	1885	£325 0 0	£325 0 0
(Mutton's Falls to Oberon on 1885 Schedule)			
Swatchfield to Oberon (Oberon to Swatchfield)	1884	£300 0 0	£299 12 0
Do do	1885	£300 0 0	£300 0 0
Hartley to Oberon	1884	£300 0 0	£300 0 0
Do do	1885	£210 0 0	£209 16 6
O'Connell to Oberon	1884	£850 0 0	£850 0 0
Do do	1885	£425 0 0	£425 0 0

4. FISHERIES ACTS AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—

(1.) Mr. William Clarke moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Fisheries Act of 1881 and the Fisheries Act Amendment Act of 1883.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Clarke then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Fisheries Act of 1881 and the Fisheries Act Amendment Act of 1883*,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 16th July.

5. ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PARSONAGE CAMPERDOWN LAND SALE BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—

(1.) Mr. Septimus Stephen moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Right Reverend Alfred Barry, Lord Bishop of Sydney, Trustee of certain land in the county of Cumberland, parish of Petersham, at Camperdown, to sell the same, and to provide for the application of the proceeds thereof.

Question put and passed.

(2.) 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 enable the Right Reverend Alfred Barry Lord Bishop of Sydney Trustee of certain land in the county of Cumberland parish of Petersham at Camperdown to sell the same and to provide for the application of the proceeds thereof*,"—read a first time.

6. AUSTRALIAN JOINT STOCK BANK ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Ives moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That the Australian Joint Stock Bank Act Amendment Bill be referred to a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, for consideration and report.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Scott, Mr. Humphery, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Jones, Mr. Hayes, Mr. Butcher, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

7. BALMAIN CEMETERIES CLOSING BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—

(1.) Mr. Garrard moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to prohibit Burials in the Balmain Cemeteries.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Garrard then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to Prohibit Burials in the Balmain Cemeteries*,"—which was read a first time.

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

8. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of Resolutions relative to Light-house on Smoky Cape, postponed until Friday, 2nd July.

9. TARIFF :—

(1.) Mr. Hugh Taylor presented a Petition from certain Merchants, Traders, Artizans, and others, residing in and about Sydney, Parramatta, and elsewhere, in opposition to the alterations and amendments proposed in the Tariff, more especially to that portion relating to the imposition of *ad valorem* duties ; and praying the House to devise some other scheme for meeting the present deficit in the Public Accounts.

And the Petition having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker,—
Petition received.

(2.) Mr. G. A. Lloyd presented a similar Petition from the Chairman and Members of the Newcastle Chamber of Commerce.

Petition received.

(3.) Mr. G. A. Lloyd presented a similar Petition from certain Merchants, Traders, Artizans, and others, residing in and about Newcastle.

Petition received.

(4.) Mr. Coonan presented a Petition from certain Producers, Traders, Artizans, and others, complaining that for some years past the Public Expenditure has been largely increased ; urging that before new burdens of taxation are imposed upon the people, material reductions in the expenditure should be made ; suggesting the adoption, if necessary, of a system of direct taxation upon property ; and praying the House not to pass any Bill to extend the present Customs Tariff.

And the Petition having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker,—
Petition received.

(5.) Mr. Inglis presented a similar Petition from certain Producers, Traders, Artizans, and others, of the Electoral District of Yass Plains.

Petition received.

- (6.) Mr. Lysaght presented a similar Petition from certain Producers, Traders, Artizans, and others. And the Petition having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker,—
Petition received.
10. BARRISTERS BILL (No. 2).—Mr. Neild presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to enable Barristers to practice as Barristers Counsel Conveyancers Attorneys Solicitors or Proctors in any matter and in any Court except the Supreme and Circuit Courts without retainer by or with the intervention of an Attorney and to recover fees and charges for or in connection with such services,*”— which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 2nd July.
11. PAPERS :—
Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Copies of original papers having reference to orders given to the Standard Paint Company for the supply of Paints.
(2.) Road Trust Accounts for the half-years ending 30th June and 31st December, 1885.
Ordered to be printed.
Sir Patrick Jennings laid upon the Table,—Return respecting the Exportation of Wool.
Ordered to be printed.
12. CUSTOMS DUTIES BILL :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Sir Patrick Jennings, and read by Mr. Speaker :—
CARRINGTON, *Message No. 31.*
Governor.
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 expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill for granting to Her Majesty certain Duties of Customs and for other purposes.
Government House,
Sydney, 15th June, 1886.
Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.
13. CUSTOMS DUTIES BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir Patrick Jennings moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 16 JUNE, 1886, A.M.

- Mr. Toohey moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Question put and passed.
Ordered that the Debate be adjourned until to-morrow.
14. PAPERS :—Sir Patrick Jennings laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Return relative to *ad valorem* Duty.
(2.) Return to an Order made on 21st May, 1886,—“*Agricultural Societies.*”
Ordered to be printed.

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. 78.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 16 JUNE, 1886.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Railway Passes to the Press:—Mr. Holborow asked the Secretary for Public Works,—In reference to the regulations made some months ago permitting reporters for the Press to travel by rail at half-fares, will he state whether these regulations have in any case been set aside or ignored, and reporters been allowed to travel free; if so, will he name the papers, the occasions, and the reasons for departing from the rule laid down?

Mr. Lyne answered,—The regulations have not been set aside or ignored. In instances where passes for the Press have been issued (and these number twenty-one only since August of last year) they have been on occasions in the interests of the Government, such as the opening of fresh Railway Extensions, the report of Ministerial Speeches, visits of the Governor to inland places. The regulation in regard to the issue of Press-tickets at half-fares was introduced to meet the requirements of the Press in connection with the conduct of their general reporting business.

- (2.) Model Farms:—Mr. William Clarke asked the Secretary for Mines,—In view of his promise to establish Model Agricultural Farms in country districts so soon as eligible sites are secured,—Is it the intention of the Government to send an Officer to Orange to view and report on sites for a Model Farm in that district; and when will it be convenient to do so?

Mr. Fletcher answered,—Yes, in accordance with the promise made by me in answer to question No. 23, on the 1st instant. He will visit the Orange District when he returns from the Northern Districts.

- (3.) New Court-room, Darlinghurst:—Mr. Abigail asked the Attorney-General,—

(1.) Is it a fact that an Officer of the Law Department is stationed outside the new Court-room at Darlinghurst, for the purpose of getting the public to sign their names in a book before they are allowed to enter that part of the Court which has been allotted for the convenience of the public?

(2.) If so, will the Attorney-General state if there is any particular reason why such a practice should be continued?

Mr. Garvan answered,—I have received from the Sheriff (the Officer who is responsible for all arrangements in connection with the Darlinghurst Courts) the following information:—There are places in the Court allotted for Magistrates and jurors, to which some persons, not jurors, tried to gain admittance. The Sheriff thought it necessary, in consequence, to have tickets of admission. To save time, however, the production of these is not insisted upon, if the party signs his name and address in the book. As witnesses examined are seated in the part of the Court referred to, the greatest care must be exercised in admitting strangers. On one occasion, when the rule was relaxed, the Judge observed strangers apparently conversing with the witnesses, and observed that the Sheriff ought to have made better arrangements. There is a gallery for the public convenience, to which persons are admitted without ticket.

- (4.) Homestead Leases:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) How many applications have been made for homestead leases in the Western Division?

(2.) How many of these applicants have since taken up their leases?

(3.) The number of applicants for homestead leases in the Brewarrina District, and the number who have taken up their leases there?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1.) 439.

(2.) Seventy-three leases have been gazetted; thirty-three are about to be gazetted; the remainder are being dealt with as speedily as possible.

(3.) 111 applications have been made in the Brewarrina District, of which twenty-eight have been gazetted, and three are about to be gazetted.

(5.)

- (5.) Civil Service Act:—Mr. Neild asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is it a fact that the four per cent. deduction from salaries, provided for by the Civil Service Act, has been refunded to the Staff of the Lands Office?
Mr. Copeland answered,—No.
- (6.) Delivery of Letters, Waverley and Bondi:—Mr. Butcher asked the Postmaster General,—
(1.) Is he aware that the first delivery of letters, &c., to Waverley and Bondi is made very late in the day?
(2.) Is it his intention to take steps to cause an earlier delivery to be made?
Mr. Suttor answered,—
(1.) Representations have been made to that effect.
(2.) I am endeavouring to complete arrangements for an earlier delivery throughout the city and suburbs.
- (7.) Tramway, Waverley to Randwick:—Mr. Butcher asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he say what is the cause of delay in constructing the tram line from Waverley to Randwick?
Mr. Lyne answered,—The determination of the most eligible route necessitating several surveys. Amended plans and sections are now in course of preparation, and will be completed on an early date.
- (8.) Relief to Aborigines:—Mr. Gould asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) What is the weekly ration allowed to sick or infirm aborigines unable to work for a livelihood?
(2.) Is it considered sufficient for their maintenance?
(3.) Is it his intention to authorize a ration of meat and tobacco being issued, in addition to that presently allowed?
Mr. Dibbs answered,—I have been supplied with the following information by the Aborigines Protection Board:—8 lbs. of flour, 2 lbs. of sugar, and 4 ozs. of tea. Meat and tobacco are not considered necessary by the Board, but meat is supplied when the aborigines cannot provide themselves with native game.
- (9.) Relief to Aborigines:—Mr. Gould asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) What was the amount of money voted in aid of the aborigines of the Colony for the year 1885?
(2.) How much of this sum was expended?
(3.) How much was paid in salaries, and to whom?
(4.) What was the further expense in the administration of the Vote?
(5.) How much was actually expended in relief?
Mr. Dibbs answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Aborigines Protection Board:—
(1.) £6,470.
(2.) £4,459 8s.
(3.) £220 to the Secretary.
(4.) None.
(5.) £4,239 8s.
- (10.) Case of Ex-clergyman named Coombes:—Mr. Hawthorne asked the Minister of Justice,—Has he any objection to lay upon the Table of this House a copy of the depositions taken in the case of an ex-clergyman named Coombes, who was tried recently before Mr. Stipendiary Magistrate Marsh, at the Balmain Court, for obtaining money under false pretences?
Mr. Garvan answered,—No; a copy of the depositions is now being prepared, and will be laid upon the Table of the House in a day or two.
- (11.) Crown Lands Act:—Mr. Wisdom asked the Secretary for Lands,—When will the Return moved for by Mr. Wisdom on the 28th May last, in reference to "Crown Lands Act," be laid upon the Table of this House?
Mr. Copeland answered,—That portion of the Return referring to revenue will be laid upon the Table of the House during the week. It will be impossible to prepare a Return of the cost of administering the Crown Lands Act of 1884, as the business arising under that Act, and that remaining under the repealed Acts, is being dealt with concurrently, and by the same staff.
- (12.) Administration of Justice, Kempsey Police District:—Mr. Davies asked the Minister of Justice,—
(1.) Has he received the report from the Commissioner appointed to inquire into the administration of justice in the Kempsey Police District?
(2.) What action (if any) has he taken in connection with the report?
Mr. Garvan answered,—
(1.) Yes.
(2.) I have recommended that Mr. Otho Orde Dangar be removed from the Commission of the Peace, and that Mr. Stevenson, C.P.S., Kempsey, be reprimanded and removed to another Department.
- (13.) Civil Service Act:—Mr. Trickett asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) What is the cause of the delay in paying the increments of salaries to re-classified Officers of the Civil Service for 1885?
(2.) Is it the intention of the Government to cause the necessary steps to be taken to have the same paid at once?
Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—Some unavoidable delay has occurred in reference to these "increments." The necessary steps have now been taken to cause their immediate payment.

(14.) Tram Stopping-places, Old South Head Road :—Mr. Neild asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Referring to his reply to Mr. Neild's question, No. 7, on the 10th June, in which reply he stated that in his opinion it was the duty of the Municipal Councils to pave the tram stopping-places in Oxford-street, Paddington, and in the Old South Head Road, is he aware that the said street and road are a main road, in charge of Commissioners, and that the Municipal Councils cannot legally expend their funds thereon?

(2.) Is he aware that Section No. 11 of the Tramway Extension Act directs the Commissioner for Railways to keep in proper order a portion of the roads traversed by tramways?

(3.) Is it the intention of the Government to re-consider the question of paving the stopping-places on the said road?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) My reply was general, referring to all roads and streets through which the tramways run. In cases where the roads are in the hands of Trusts, the obligation to make these crossings will rest with those authorities, as they do in other cases with Municipal Councils.

(2.) Yes; and the roads are kept in order to the extent which the section quoted requires.

(3.) The paving of these crossings is an obligation which devolves upon the authority having charge of the road.

2. ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PARSONAGE CAMPERDOWN LAND SALE BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

Mr. Septimus Stephen moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That the St. Stephen's Church of England Parsonage Camperdown Land Sale Bill be referred to a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, for consideration and report.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Foster, Mr. Gibbes, Mr. Hammond, Mr. Hawthorne, Mr. Kethel, Mr. J. F. Smith, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

3. PATRICK HANNAN'S MINING CLAIM AT TEMORA :—Mr. O'Sullivan, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this subject was referred on 21st May, 1886.

Ordered to be printed.

4. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Abigail moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

5. TARIFF :—Mr. Levien presented a Petition from certain Producers, Traders, Artizans, and others, complaining that for some years past the Public Expenditure has been largely increased; urging that before new burdens of taxation are imposed upon the people, material reductions in the expenditure should be made; suggesting the adoption, if necessary, of a system of direct taxation upon property; and praying the House not to pass any Bill to extend the present Customs Tariff. Petition received.

6. PAPERS :—

Mr. Garvan laid upon the Table,—Supplementary Return to an Address adopted on 30th March, 1886—"Punishment by Whipping."

Ordered to be printed, together with the original Return laid upon the Table on 6th May, 1886.

Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table,—By-laws of the Municipal District of Nowra.

Ordered to be printed.

7. PRINGLE'S ESTATE MORTGAGING 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 the Trustees of the Will of the late Robert Pringle of Tamworth in the Colony of New South Wales to borrow money by mortgage and pledge of certain real and personal estate devised and bequeathed by the said Will for the purpose of enabling the said Trustees to pay off a certain debt owing by the said Testator and certain debts incurred by the said Trustees in administering the said estate and to enable the said Trustees to improve the same,*"—with the Amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which Amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 16th June, 1886.

JOHN HAY,
President.

PRINGLE'S ESTATE MORTGAGING BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 16th June, 1886.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 9, Preamble, lines 29 to 34. *Omit* "And whereas it is expedient that the said Trustees or Trustee should have power to lease sell or exchange any part of the said houses messuages lands hereditaments and real and personal estate and apply the proceeds thereof in the purchase of other lands and hereditaments for the benefit of the persons respectively entitled under the said Will to the said lands and hereditaments."

Page 10, clauses 2, 3, and 4. *Omit* clauses 2, 3, and 4.

Examined,—

W. R. PIDDINGTON,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the Council's Amendments be taken into consideration to-morrow.

8. CUSTOMS DUTIES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Sir Patrick Jennings, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—

And the Question being again proposed, the House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Mr. Garland moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Debate ensued.

Question put,—That this Debate be now adjourned.

The House divided.

Ayes, 18.

Mr. Burns,	Mr. Reid,
Mr. Neild,	Mr. Gibbs,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Lysaght,
Mr. Purves,	Mr. Burdekin.
Mr. Vaughn,	
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Septimus Stephen,	Mr. Garland,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Teece.
Mr. Inglis,	
Mr. Wisdom,	
Mr. William Clarke,	
Mr. Gould,	

Noes, 21.

Sir Patrick Jennings,	Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Jones,
Dr. Renwick,	Mr. Scott,
Mr. Toohy,	Mr. Davies,
Mr. Want,	Mr. Bull,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Copeland.
Mr. Dibbs,	
Mr. Forsyth,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Sawers,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. D. A. Ferguson,	Mr. Williamson.
Mr. Creer,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Question again proposed, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Wisdom moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Question again proposed, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Scott moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until to-morrow.

The House adjourned at a quarter before One o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker

New South Wales.

No. 79.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 17 JUNE, 1886.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
DEATH OF THE HONORABLE SIR ALEXANDER STUART, K.C.M.G., M.L.C.:—Sir Patrick Jennings informed the House of the death, yesterday, in London, of Sir Alexander Stuart.
2. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Abbott moved, That, as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Sir Alexander Stuart, this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
3. DEATH OF THE HONORABLE SIR ALEXANDER STUART, K.C.M.G., M.L.C.:—Sir Patrick Jennings (*by consent*) moved, without Notice,—
(1.) That this House desires to record its sorrow at the death of the Honorable Sir Alexander Stuart, late Executive Commissioner for the Colony to the Colonial and Indian Exhibition now being held in London, and to express its condolence with Lady Stuart and family in their great affliction.
(2.) That Mr. Speaker be requested to communicate the above Resolution to Lady Stuart.
And Sir Henry Parkes having seconded the Motion,—
Question put, and carried unanimously.
4. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Wisdom moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
5. QUESTIONS:—
(1.) Scrub Lands on the Upper Orara:—Mr. Purves asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is it the intention of the Government to proclaim the rich scrub lands on the Upper Orara to be "Special Areas?"
Mr. Lyne answered,—The necessary action has been taken to proclaim portion of the Orara Forest Reserve a Special Area, at £3 per acre for residential, and £6 per acre for non-residential, selections.
(2.) Steel Tires and Axles:—Mr. Sydney Smith asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has his attention been drawn to a London paper called the *Contract Journal*, published on the 8th of December, 1885, wherein it is stated that a member of the firm of Vickers, Sons, & Company, of Sheffield, had proceeded to Sydney, and there obtained a contract with his firm for five years for the supply of the steel tires required for the New South Wales Railways, at a very high price, and without competition; that the same firm had enjoyed for many years particular privileges in connection with similar supplies to the Government of this country; that the effect of the contract for five years would be to impose a much higher price on this Colony than would have been necessary in the case of a contract for a six or twelve months supply; and the Colony had lost the opportunity of availing itself of any improved material or method of manufacture which might arise during the currency of the contract?
Mr. Lyne answered,—No; but since notice was given of this question I have tried to get a copy of the paper referred to without success. The papers on the subject of railway tires and axles have been called for by Resolution of this House, and they will be ready to be laid upon the Table on an early day next week. I could not fairly give a history of the case in reply to a question, but the papers will disclose the reasons for the course taken in regard to the orders given to Vickers & Co.
(3.)

- (3.) Newington Asylum :—Mr. Foster asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) How many deaths have taken place among the inmates of the Newington Asylum for Aged and Infirm Females in each month, since their removal to that place ?
 - (2.) What has been the average number of the inmates during that period ?
 - (3.) How many of the inmates have been in hospital on an average during the same period ?
 - (4.) Are there any trained nurses or attendants upon the sick, other than those selected from the casual inmates ; and if so, how many, and what other duties have they to perform ?
- Mr. Dibbs answered,—
- (1.) February 25th to 28th, two deaths ; March 1st to 31st, fifteen deaths ; April 1st to 30th, eight deaths ; May 1st to 31st, fourteen deaths.
 - (2.) February, 305 ; March, 300 ; April, 290 ; May, 284.
 - (3.) Sixty inmates.
 - (4.) There are no trained nurses.
- (4.) Civil Service Act :—Mr. Harold Stephen asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to refund to all Officers who cannot partake in the advantages of the Superannuation Fund the amounts contributed by them to such Fund, and further cease to collect contributions to the said Fund from such Officers ?
- Mr. Dibbs answered,—All Officers who pay the 4 per cent. contribution to the Superannuation Account are entitled to all the advantages of the Civil Service Act.
- (5.) Recreation Ground, Bowna :—Mr. Day asked the Secretary for Lands,—When will the Government resume the small portion of land so long promised to the people for a Recreation Ground at Bowna ?
- Mr. Copeland answered,—The proposal to resume the cemetery at Bowna and dedicate the land for a Public Park, under the provisions of the 105th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, was notified in the Government Gazette of the 21st ultimo, and laid before Parliament on the 26th ultimo. The case will have to remain before Parliament for one month before further action in connection with it can be taken.
- (6.) Railway Bridge, Guinea-street, Albury :—Mr. Day asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Has he any objection to state the reason for not accepting the lowest tender sent in for the erection of the bridge across the Railway in Guinea-street, Albury ?
 - (2.) Is it the intention of the Government to invite fresh tenders for this work ; if so, when ?
- Mr. Lyne answered,—
- (1.) The reason for delaying the decision in this matter is, that the bridge seems to have been designed too elaborately.
 - (2.) A decision will be arrived at shortly, and if it be found that a less expensive bridge can be erected, plans will be prepared and fresh tenders invited.
- (7.) Railway Station, Parramatta :—Mr. Davies, for Mr. Hugh Taylor, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he give instructions that the approaches to the Parramatta Railway Station be asphalted as speedily as possible, as promised by him, the present condition of the same being dangerous to foot passengers who wish to travel by rail ?
- Mr. Lyne answered,—I have approved of a moderate expenditure being incurred in improving these pathways ; but to asphalt would cost a considerable sum, and I am not prepared to sanction the outlay.
- (8.) Alleged False Entries at Custom House :—Mr. Ives, for Mr. Dalton, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Has it come to his knowledge, or the knowledge of the Collector of Customs, or of any other Officer of the Customs, that, before the proposed alterations in specific duties, bales of cornsacks containing 250 pieces, and liable to a duty of 20s. 10d. per bale, have been entered at the Custom House and duty paid on them as bales of woolpacks containing 50 pieces, liable to a duty of 12s. 6d. per bale ; if so, will he state what action is intended to be taken ?
- Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—The duties due to the Customs have been correctly paid. A parcel of cornsacks was entered for Bond as gunnies, but the error was discovered before delivery, and the stock in Bond carefully checked.
- (9.) Alleged Dummy Selection, Grenfell District :—Mr. Abigail asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Did the Minister for Lands place a minute on record on the 20th of January last, that, from facts which had come under his notice, he directed a searching inquiry into an alleged dummy selection in the Grenfell District ?
 - (2.) Have any, and if so, what, steps been taken to carry out such instructions ?
 - (3.) If no inquiry has been held, at whose instance has the Minister's minute been set aside ?
- Mr. Copeland answered,—Diligent search has been made for the case referred to without it having been traced. If the Honorable Member will favor me with particulars I will endeavour to reply to his inquiries.
- (10.) Wharf, Putney Point :—Mr. Abigail asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is it true that a public wharf has been authorized by the Government at Putney Point, Parramatta River ?
 - (2.) What is the estimated cost of the said wharf, and what public necessity was shown to exist for such an expenditure ?
 - (3.) At whose instance was this commenced, and who was the Minister that authorized the work ?
- Mr. Lyne answered,—
- (1.) A public wharf has been constructed at Putney. Parliament, in its Session of 1885, having voted a sum for that purpose.
 - (2.) In answer to a somewhat similar question, asked by the Honorable Member for New England, Mr. Proctor, on the 2nd April last, the following information was given :—“ It appears the work “ was undertaken on the representation of Mr. McCulloch, one of the Members for Central Cumber-
“ land.

"land. The cost of the wharf, including the approach, was £998 19s. 3d." Mr. McCulloch pointed out in his letter on the subject, dated 29th October, 1884, that it was necessary to construct this wharf, because the old one was situated "too close to a reef which runs out at the western side of the point."

(3.) At the instance of Mr. McCulloch, as before explained. Mr. Wright was the Minister who accepted the tender.

(11.) Public School Buildings, Randwick:—Mr. Neild asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
(1.) What is the cause of the delay in the erection of the proposed Public School buildings at Randwick?

(2.) Is he aware that the accommodation afforded by the building now rented for Public School purposes at Randwick is altogether insufficient?

(3.) Is he aware that in consequence of the insufficient accommodation children have to be taught in the open air?

Dr. Renwick answered,—

(1.) A tender for the erection of Public School buildings at Randwick was accepted in December last, but the contractor declined to proceed with the work. The Architect was instructed to prepare plans and specifications for less expensive buildings on 17th March last, and he has received instructions to complete them at the earliest possible date.

(2.) No; there is sufficient cubic space for the present attendance.

(3.) No complaints on the subject have been received.

6. RAILWAY REFRESHMENT ROOMS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Sydney Smith moved, pursuant to Notice,—
That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all minutes, papers, and other documents having reference to the leasing of the Railway Refreshment Rooms.
Question put and passed.

7. STIPENDIARY MAGISTRATES (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Neild moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return, compiled from the official records, showing the time actually occupied daily in the hearing of cases by the several Stipendiary Magistrates at the Central and Water Police Offices, from the 1st January, 1886, to the 31st May, 1886.
Question put and passed.

8. TEMPORARY APPOINTMENTS TO CIVIL SERVICE (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Septimus Stephen, for Mr. Hammond, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing all temporary appointments made since 1st January, 1885, over which the Civil Service Board have no control under the Act, stating names, salary, age, and what University or other examination each person thus temporarily appointed has passed.
Question put and passed.

9. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of Legislative Council's amendments in the Defamation Act Amendment Bill, postponed until Friday, 25th June.

10. RANDWICK CEMETERY UNUSED LANDS SALE BILL:—Mr. Tarrant, 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 10th June, 1886; together with a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee.
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Tarrant then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday, 30th July.

Question put and passed.

11. RABBIT NUISANCE ACT:—Mr. Abbott presented a Petition from certain Runholders and others, resident in the northern portion of the Western Division of New South Wales, representing that the Petitioners are threatened with an invasion of Rabbits, which are fast spreading in their direction; and praying that the proposal to erect rabbit-proof fencing along the Railway line to Bourke be immediately carried out, and that the fence be continued from Bourke west, or a little south of west, to the South Australian Border, and north along it to the Queensland Border, where it would join the rabbit-proof fence now being constructed by the Government of that Colony.
Petition received.

12. TARIFF:—

(1.) Mr. Lee presented a Petition from certain Producers, Traders, and others, complaining that for some years past the Public Expenditure has been largely increased; urging that before new burdens of taxation are imposed upon the people, material reductions in the expenditure should be made; suggesting the adoption, if necessary, of a system of direct taxation upon property; and praying the House not to pass any Bill to extend the present Customs Tariff.
Petition received.

(2.) Mr. G. A. Lloyd, presented a Petition from certain Merchants, Traders, Artizans, and others, in opposition to the alterations and amendments proposed in the Tariff, more especially to that portion relating to the imposition of *ad valorem* duties; and praying the House to devise some other scheme for meeting the present deficit in the Public Accounts.
Petition received.

13. PAPERS:—

Mr. Want laid upon the Table,—Return to an Address adopted on 8th June, 1886—"Charges against Edward Brown Holt."
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Lync laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return respecting Private Property rented by Railway Department for Offices within the City of Sydney.

(2.) Return to an Order made on 3rd June, 1886,—"Railway, Orange to Molong."

Ordered to be printed.

14. **ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PARSONAGE CAMPERDOWN LAND SALE BILL**:—Mr. Septimus 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 16th June, 1886; together with Appendix and a copy of the Bill as agreed to by the Committee.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Stephen then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday, 16th July.
Question put and passed
15. **ST. JAMES' SCHOOL COMPENSATION TRUST BILL**:—Mr. Septimus Stephen presented a Petition from the Church of England Property Trust, Diocese of Sydney, and the Trustees of the Estate of the late Thomas Moore, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to declare the Trusts of certain moneys in the hands of the Church of England Property Trust Diocese of Sydney representing the compensation paid by the Government of New South Wales for the resumption of St. James School.
And Mr. Stephen having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald*, and the *Liverpool Mercury* newspapers, containing the Notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.
16. **VOTE OF CREDIT**:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Sir Patrick Jennings, and read by Mr. Speaker:—
- CARRINGTON, Message No. 32.
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 June, or following month of the year 1886, and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan.
- Government House,*
Sydney, 17th June, 1886.
- Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of Supply.
17. **SUPPLY**:—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 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:—
(7.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £660,000, being £510,000 to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of June, 1886, at the rates which have been sanctioned for 1885, inclusive of the annual increases on salaries for that year provided for by the Civil Service Act of 1884, subject to the rate of any reduction that may hereafter be made in the expenditure of the year 1886; and a further sum of £100,000 for Sydney Water Supply, and £50,000 for Electric Telegraphs, in anticipation of Loan Votes.
On motion of Sir Patrick Jennings, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
18. **WAYS AND MEANS**:—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 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:—
(11.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Services of the year 1886, the sum of £660,000 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.
On motion of Sir Patrick Jennings, the Resolution was read a second time and agreed to.
19. **CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 6)**:—
(1.) Ordered, on motion of Sir Patrick Jennings, 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 1886, and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan.
(2.) Sir Patrick Jennings 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 1886 and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed and read a second time on Tuesday next.
20. **CUSTOMS DUTIES BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Sir Patrick Jennings, "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,—

FRIDAY, 18 JUNE, 1886, A.M.

Mr. Davies moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.

21. ADJOURNMENT :—Sir Patrick Jennings moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly at half-past Twelve o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 80.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 18 JUNE, 1886:

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Forest Rangers, County of Cumberland :—Mr. Henson asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) How many Forest Rangers are employed in the county of Cumberland?
- (2.) Is it their duty to prevent trespassers on Crown lands and reserves?
- (3.) Is it true that certain persons are allowed to erect tents and permanently occupy them on Government land or reserves at North Shore and Middle Harbour?

Mr. Fletcher answered,—

- (1.) One Forest Ranger.
- (2.) The Cumberland Ranger, who is an Officer of the Lands Department, prosecutes trespassers on Crown lands in the county of Cumberland.
- (3.) No; the Cumberland Ranger is instructed to prevent the continuous occupation of reserved land.

- (2.) Post and Telegraph Offices, Burwood Railway Station :—Mr. Henson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) In regard to the Post and Telegraph Offices now being erected at the Burwood Railway Station, is the work being done by contract or by day-work; if the latter, how many men are employed, and how many weeks have they been at the work?
- (2.) Was an estimate of the cost made and a plan of the work prepared?

Dr. Renwick answered,—The work is being done by day labour. This course was adopted to keep the men at work who would otherwise have been out of employment. Detailed plans and specifications were not prepared, as the work was not to be tendered for. An estimate was prepared which showed the cost would be £330. Four men have been employed on the work for a period of eighteen days.

- (3.) Lock-up, Parramatta North :—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Have the plans been prepared for the lock-up to be erected at Parramatta North; if so, when will tenders be invited for the same?

Dr. Renwick answered,—Plans have been prepared, and tenders will be invited when funds have been provided.

- (4.) Civil Service Act :—Mr. Harold Stephen asked the Colonial Secretary,—Referring to his answer to Question No. 4 on the Business Paper of the 17th instant, is it the practice to compel such Officers as Rabbit Inspectors, who are not to be tendered for, to contribute to the Superannuation Fund?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—Rabbit Inspectors being under Departmental Regulations framed in accordance with section 7 of the Civil Service Act, 1884, the deduction has been made in terms of that Act.

- (5.) Crossings, Circular Quay :—Mr. Ives asked the Colonial Treasurer,—In reference to the answer given to his Question on 11th instant, on the subject of crossings at Circular Quay,—

- (1.) How many men are employed in keeping the crossings clean?
- (2.) Will he give instructions to have crossings swept and kept constantly clean from the several Ferry Wharves across the Circular Quay, for the convenience of the great number of foot passengers landing from St. Leonards, Manly Beach, and elsewhere.

Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—

- (1.) Four men, with a horse and cart, are constantly employed.
- (2.) Two men have been specially charged with the duty of sweeping the crossings referred to during wet weather.

(6.)

- (6.) Gold-field Reserve, Cargo :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—When will the Cargo Gold-field Reserve be open for selection, or is it intended to dispose of the land by public auction ; if so, when, and what is the cause of the delay ?

Mr. Copeland answered,—The land is not available for selection. It will be shortly notified for sale at auction.

- (7.) Issue of Deed for Reclaimed Land, Watson's Bay :—Mr. Neild asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he be good enough to say what is the reason for the delay in the issue to Mr. Wm. Harmer of a deed for certain reclaimed land at Watson's Bay, payment for which was made several years ago ?

Mr. Copeland answered,—The deed of grant has been withheld because the reclamation has not been completed ; but, as the application was approved of before the completion of the reclamation was a condition precedent to the issue of the deed, it will be issued as in other similar cases.

- (8.) Importation of Flour :—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) The quantities of wheat and flour imported from Victoria since 1st January, 1886, till 1st June, 1886 ?

(2.) The quantities of wheat and flour imported from all countries into New South Wales in 1885.

Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—

(1.) Wheat imported from Victoria, from 1st January, 1886, to 31st March, 1886, 120,055 bushels. Flour imported from Victoria for the same period, 9,089 tons. The statistics for April and May cannot be furnished until the out-port returns are complete.

(2.) Imports, wheat and flour, from 1st January to 31st December, 1885 :—

Wheat.—Whence imported.		Quantity.	Flour.—Whence imported.		Quantity.
Victoria	...	120,684 bushels.	Victoria	...	30,222 tons.
South Australia	...	154,105 „	South Australia	...	21,807 „
New Zealand	...	270,618 „	New Zealand	...	1,246 „
Queensland	...	8 „	Tasmania	...	10 „
Tasmania	...	8 „	Other Countries	...	136 „
Total		545,423 „	Total		53,420 „

- (9.) Rabbit-proof Fencing :—Mr. Neild asked the Secretary for Mines,—Has he promised, as reported, the Members of the Rabbit Conference now sitting that certain portions of the Colony shall be fenced, the cost to be a charge upon the Consolidated Revenue and not on the Rabbit Nuisance Fund ?

Mr. Fletcher answered,—No such promise has been made to the Conference.

2. STATE CHILDREN'S RELIEF DEPARTMENT (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Kidd, for Mr. Davies, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—

(1.) The number of children, on the 5th April, 1885, under twelve years of age, and the number above that age, under the supervision of the State Children's Relief Board, distinguishing religion and sex.

(2.) The number of children under twelve years of age, and the number above that age, who were taken in 1884-5 by the State Children's Relief Board from each one of the following Institutions, viz., the Benevolent Asylum, the Raudwick Asylum, the Protestant Orphan Asylum, the Roman Catholic Orphan Asylum ; also from parents, from relatives, from friends, or from elsewhere.

(3.) The number of Cottage Homes in existence on 5th April, 1885, and where situated, and number of children in each Home, distinguishing religion and sex.

(4.) The number of children, distinguishing religion and sex, in residence at the Institution at Paddington on 5th April, 1885.

(5.) The number of children on 5th April, 1885, under the charge of foster parents, giving detailed information as to the number of children located with each foster parent, distinguishing religion and sex of such children.

(6.) The number of children discharged to their parents, or relatives, or friends, in the year ending 5th April, 1885, distinguishing sex and religion.

(7.) The number of children above twelve years, and of children under twelve years of age, apprenticed in 1884-5 ; also the number adopted in 1885-6, with their respective ages, distinguishing religion and sex.

(8.) The number of boys and of girls, and their respective ages, under the supervision of the State Children's Relief Board who died in 1884-5, distinguishing those who died at the Institution, Paddington, or under the charge of foster parents, or at the several Cottage Homes.

(9.) The total amount received from parents, or from others, on account of the maintenance of their children in 1884-5.

(10.) The cost, in detail, incurred by the State Children's Relief Board in the year 1884-5, whether paid in that year or subsequently, to be given under the several headings as follows :—On account of allowances, of salaries, of maintenance at Cottage Homes, of maintenance to foster parents, of maintenance at Asylum, Paddington, of clothing, of medical attendance, furniture, crockery, hardware, &c., fuel, light, travelling expenses, and all other incidental and miscellaneous expenses not included under the above heads ; also rent and cost of repairs and improvements to buildings made for and on account of the State Children's Relief Board in the year 1884-5, at the Institution at Paddington, and at each one of the Cottage Homes.

(11.) All other charges or expenditure of whatsoever kind in connection with the operations of the State Children's Relief Department.

(12.) The average total cost per head of the children under the supervision of the State Children's Relief Department in the year 1884-5.

(13.) The like information to be supplied to each of the foregoing questions for the year 1885-6.

Question put and passed.

3. ST. JAMES' SCHOOL COMPENSATION TRUST BILL (*Formal Motion*):—
- (1.) Mr. Septimus Stephen moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to declare the Trusts of certain moneys in the hands of the Church of England Property Trust Diocese of Sydney representing the compensation paid by the Government of New South Wales for the resumption of St. James' School.
Question put and passed.
- (2.) 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 declare the Trusts of certain moneys in the hands of the Church of England Property Trust Diocese of Sydney representing the compensation paid by the Government of New South Wales for the resumption of St. James' School,*"—read a first time.
4. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Building Societies Bill, postponed until Friday, 2nd July.
5. TARIFF:—Sir Henry Parkes presented a Petition from certain Producers, Traders, Artizans, and others, complaining that for some years past the Public Expenditure has been largely increased; urging that before new burdens of taxation are imposed upon the people, material reductions in the expenditure should be made; suggesting the adoption, if necessary, of a system of direct taxation upon property; and praying the House not to pass any Bill to extend the present Customs Tariff.
Petition received.
6. RESIGNATION OF SIR JOHN ROBERTSON, K.C.M.G.:—Mr. Speaker reported the receipt of a letter from Sir John Robertson, K.C.M.G., resigning his Seat as a Member for the Electoral District of Mudgee, which letter Mr. Speaker read to the House.
Whereupon Sir Patrick Jennings moved, and Sir Henry Parkes seconded the motion, That the letter just read by Mr. Speaker be entered on the records of this House.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
- " Reform Club, 18th June, 1886.
- " To The Honorable the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly.
- " Sir,
- " I do myself the honor of resigning my Seat in the Legislative Assembly as one of the
" Members for Mudgee.
- " Your obdt. servant,
" JOHN ROBERTSON."
7. VACANT SEAT:—Sir Patrick Jennings moved, That the Seat of Sir John Robertson, a Member for the Electoral District of Mudgee, hath become, and is now vacant, by reason of the resignation thereof by the said Sir John Robertson.
Question put and passed.
8. ARBITRATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Forsyth moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Forsyth, 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.
9. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Ministerial Election Bill, postponed until Friday, 16th July.
10. BISHOPSCOURT SALE AND LEASING 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 with an amendment.
On motion of Mr. Abbott (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
11. GLEN INNES MARKETS LEASING BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. W. J. Fergusson moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
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 the Bill with an amendment.
On motion of Mr. Fergusson (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
12. BELL'S ESTATE BILL:—The Order of the day having been read,—Mr. Humphery moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Humphery, 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. Humphery, the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.

13. **BENNETT'S RAILWAY BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Humphery moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Fletcher moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Debate ensued.
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Humphery, 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, 2nd July.
14. **ASHFIELD CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Hammond, 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. Hammond, 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 Frederic King James Christian Corlette John Allum and Edward Henry Rogers or other the Trustees for the time being of certain land situate at Ashfield to sell the same and to make provision for the proceeds thereof.*"
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 18th June, 1886.*
15. **BALMAIN TRAMWAY BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Hyam, 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 some, and disagreed to others of the Council's amendments.
On motion of Mr. Hyam, the report was adopted.
16. **MUNICIPAL GAS ACT AMENDMENT BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—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 without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Abbott the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
17. **COOMA CHURCH OF ENGLAND PARSONAGE BILL**:—*Mr. Harold Stephen*, for Mr. Dawson, 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 11th June, 1886; together with a copy of the Bill as agreed to by the Committee.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Stephen then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday, 30th July.
Question put and passed.
18. **WATER FRONTAGES RESERVATION BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill,—Mr. Copeland moved, That the Order of the day be postponed until this day four weeks.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
19. **HAY GAS BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. R. B. Wilkinson, 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 disagreed to one, and agreed to all the other amendments made by the Council in the Bill.
On motion of Mr. Wilkinson, the report was adopted.
20. **PRINGLE'S ESTATE MORTGAGING BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—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 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. Levien, 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 Trustees of the Will of the late Robert Pringle of Tamworth in the Colony of New South Wales to borrow money by mortgage and pledge of certain real and personal estate devised and bequeathed by the said Will for the purpose of enabling the said Trustees to pay off a certain debt owing by the said Testator and certain debts incurred by the said Trustees in administering the said estate and to enable the said Trustees to improve the same.*"

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 18th June, 1886.*

21. **POSTPONEMENTS** :—The following Orders of the Day postponed until Friday, 2nd July.
 (1.) Ennis Estate Bill ; second reading.
 (2.) Married Women's Property Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.

22. **PAYMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY** :—The Order of the Day having been read for the reception of the Resolution from the Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Garrard moved, That the Resolution be now received.

Question put and passed.

The Resolution was then read a first time as follows :—

Resolved,—That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause the necessary steps to be taken to make provision in the Estimates for the payment of Members of the Legislative Assembly, the necessary Parliamentary sanction having been first obtained.

On motion of Mr. Garrard, the Resolution was read a second time.

Mr. Garrard then moved that the Resolution be now agreed to.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 26.

Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Baker,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Macgregor,
Mr. Lync,	Mr. Henson,
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Forsyth,
Mr. Sawers,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. W. J. Fergusson,
Mr. Vaughn,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. De Courey Browne,	Mr. Teece.
Mr. Wisdom,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Targett,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Kethel,	Mr. Harold Stephen.
Mr. Barbour,	

Noes, 17.

Mr. Scott,	Mr. J. F. Smith.
Mr. Burns,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Hammond,
Mr. Trickett,	Mr. Inglis.
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	
Mr. Burdekin,	
Mr. Williamson,	
Mr. Dibbs,	
Mr. Gould,	
Mr. Abbott,	
Mr. Humphery,	
Mr. Bull,	
Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,	
Mr. Ives,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

23. **RABBIT NUISANCE ACT** :—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Neild,—

“ (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the working of the Rabbit Nuisance Act of 1883.

“ (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Fletcher, Mr. Vaughn, Mr. R. B. Wilkinson, Mr. Garland, Mr. Teece, Mr. Sawers, Mr. Hawthorne, Mr. Lee, Mr. Hungerford, and the Mover.”

And the Debate not being resumed,—

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

On motion of Mr. Neild, the Order of the Day was discharged.

24. **CAPTAIN ARMSTRONG** :—Mr. Trickett moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Tuesday 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 the necessary steps to be taken to make provision for the payment of a sum of money not exceeding £3,000, to compensate Captain Armstrong for all the consequences of his dismissal from his position of Resident Magistrate at Lord Howe Island. Debate ensued.

Mr. Levien moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Friday, 6th August.

25. **CONDITIONAL PURCHASES ON PERICOOTA RUN** :—Mr. Chanter 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 all conditional purchases selected upon the Pericoota Run, in the District of Moama, in the month of January, 1882.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Burke, Mr. Copeland, Mr. Garland, Mr. Gormly, Mr. Levien, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Spring, Mr. Stokes, Mr. Teece, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

26. **ALLEGED ABUSES IN CONNECTION WITH THE SHIPPING OF NEW SOUTH WALES** :—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to *amended* Notice,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to investigate and report upon the complaints made with regard to unseaworthy ships, marine surveys, tampering with the Plimsoll mark, insufficiency of life-saving appliances on ships, overloading of vessels, shipment of seamen, defective berthing of seamen, and other abuses alleged to exist in connection with the shipping of New South Wales.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Sir Patrick Jennings, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. See, Mr. J. D. Young, Mr. Kethel, Mr. Hyam, Mr. Garrard, Mr. Scott, Mr. Forsyth, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned at twelve minutes before Eleven o'clock, until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 81.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 22 JUNE, 1886.

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

ELECTORATE OF THE GWYDIR:—Mr. Speaker informed the House, that, upon the passing of the Resolution of the 25th May last declaring the Seat of William Robert Campbell, Esquire, vacant, he had issued a Writ for the election of a Member to serve in the room of Mr. William Robert Campbell, and that such Writ had been duly returned, with a Certificate endorsed thereon by the Returning Officer, of the election of Thomas Henry Hassall, Esquire, to serve as Member for the Electoral District of The Gwydir.

2. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Estate of the late P. Farrelly:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Minister of Justice,—
 (1.) What amount of money was paid into Equity Court for John Joseph Farrelly, in trust, by the Trustees of the late P. Farrelly's will?
 (2.) How paid out, and to whom, and by what order of Court?
 (3.) What is the balance remaining?
 (4.) What amount F. T. Humphery, Esq., certified to the defendant having received under decree Lyons and another *v.* Erwin?
 (5.) What amount F. T. Humphery, Esq., certified the defendant having paid on account of the plaintiff Farrelly?
 (6.) What amount of such balance the defendant has to pay, and to whom?
 (7.) What correspondence has taken place between the defendant and the Department?

Mr. Garvan answered,—Replies to the above questions can be more conveniently furnished in the shape of a Return, which I will presently lay upon the Table of this House.

- (2.) Royal Commission on Railway Bridges:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. T. R. Smith, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) When will the Evidence and Appendices to the Report of the Royal Commission on Railway Bridges be ready for publication?
 (2.) What is the cause of the delay that has occurred in issuing the detailed Report by this Commission?

Mr. Lync answered,—

- (1.) In a fortnight.
 (2.) It has been the desire of the Commission to make the Appendices to their Report as complete and as useful as possible, and much of the time that has passed since the Report was laid upon the Table of this House has been occupied in the careful preparation and revision of calculations, diagrams, and special reports, which will explain the statements in the Reports laid upon the Table.

- (3.) Safety Cartridges as Ships Cargo:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. Ives, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is he aware that the masters of several London vessels have lately been fined for bringing their vessels to the wharves with safety cartridges on board?
 (2.) Is he aware that these cartridges are not considered dangerous in London, but are sent down to the Dock there as general cargo, and stowed in ship's hold with ordinary cargo?
 (3.) As the masters of vessels are not aware of the nature of their cargo, and seeing that no restrictions are placed upon the shipping of these goods in London, will he remit the fines lately imposed?
 (4.) Will he cause regulations to be made to prevent further fines being imposed until he has communicated with the London authorities, and otherwise satisfied himself that these goods are harmless?
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Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—

(1.) I am aware that masters of London vessels have been fined, under the Gunpowder and Explosive Consolidation Act of 1876, for bringing their vessels to the wharves with cartridges on board. The term "safety cartridge" is unknown to the law. Since 1884 fourteen ship-masters have been so fined, at a minimum penalty, to vindicate the law; and it is considered that these cases constitute, or ought to constitute, so many notices to London shippers that the importation of these cartridges in the way mentioned (that is, mixed up with the general cargo) is prohibited by the law of this Colony.

(2.) I am not aware whether these "cartridges" are, or are not, considered "dangerous" in London; but it is evident, from our experience since 1884, that they are being shipped from the place of export in a very irregular way, and with no evidence of their being of a harmless character; and it will probably be the duty of this Government to call the attention of the Home authorities to the practices in question.

(3.) There will be no remission of fines. They were imposed at a nominal sum as a caution, and not as a punishment for breach of the law.

(4.) No regulation can alter the law which forbids the importation of "cartridges" as ordinary merchandise.

- (4.) Sydney Mint:—*Mr. Davies*, for Mr. Garland asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is there any reason why silver coinage is not carried on at the Sydney Mint; and, if not, is it the intention of the Government to institute silver coinage in the Colony.

Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—The question of a silver coinage in the Colonies was the subject of correspondence with the Imperial Government so far back as 1873, and I may refer the Honorable Member to the papers laid upon the Table of this House on the 4th March, 1874, in connection therewith, which appear to show conclusively that no advantage would arise from the coinage of our own silver product. Under existing arrangements with the Imperial Government, we are kept supplied with new silver coin free of cost of importation, and the old and worn coin, when withdrawn from circulation, is replaced at its nominal value through the Sydney Branch of the Royal Mint with new silver coin, the loss by such replacement being borne by the Imperial Government.

- (5.) Loans for Railways and other Public Works:—*Mr. Barbour*, for Mr. See, asked the Colonial Treasurer.—

(1.) The amount of money borrowed by the Government during the year 1865, and each succeeding year up to 1872 inclusive, for Railway and other Public Works.

(2.) The amount of money borrowed during the year 1873, and each succeeding year up to 1885.

Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—The information asked for by the Honorable Member will form the subject-matter of a Return, which will be prepared and laid upon the Table as soon as possible.

- (6.) Crown Lands Selected or Sold by Auction:—*Mr. Barbour*, for Mr. See, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) The quantity of land selected during the year 1865, and each succeeding year up to 1872, each year inclusive, and the amounts received for same each year?

(2.) The quantity of land sold at auction during each of the above years, and the amounts received each year?

Dr. Renwick answered,—I will shortly lay upon the Table a Return giving the information required.

- (7.) Crown Lands Selected or Sold by Auction:—*Mr. Barbour*, for Mr. See, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) The quantity of land selected during the year 1873 and each succeeding year up to 1885, each year inclusive, and the amounts received for same each year?

(2.) The quantity of land sold at auction during each of the above years, and the amounts received each year?

Dr. Renwick answered,—I will shortly lay upon the Table a Return giving the information required.

- (8.) Officers of Civil Service acting as Directors:—*Mr. Day*, for Mr. Purves, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is he aware that two gentlemen employed in the Public Service have lately been appointed Directors of a certain Society?

(2.) Is he aware that such appointments appear to necessitate their frequent absence from duty during office hours?

(3.) If he is so aware, will he cause steps to be taken to prevent such absence from duty?

Mr. Lyne answered,—As the Honorable Member has not given the name of the Society to which he alludes, I am unable to furnish the information desired. Perhaps he will state the name of the Society and ask the question again on a future day.

3. WHARF AT PUTNEY POINT, PARRAMATTA RIVER (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Abigail* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all minutes, letters, reports, plans, or other documents having reference to the erection of the wharf at Putney Point, Parramatta River.

Question put and passed.

4. ST. JAMES' SCHOOL COMPENSATION TRUST BILL (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Septimus Stephen* moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That the St. James' School Compensation Trust 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. Sawers*, *Mr. Hammond*, *Mr. Hawthorne*, *Mr. Humphery*, *Mr. Moore*, *Mr. Dawson*, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

5. BISHOPSCOURT SALE AND LEASING BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—On motion of Sir Patrick Jennings, read a third time, and *passed*.

Sir Patrick Jennings then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to empower the Church of England Property Trust Diocese of Sydney to sell and lease portions of the Bishopscourt Estate and to provide for the application of the moneys to arise from such sales and leases.*"

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 empower the Church of England Property Trust Diocese of Sydney to sell and lease portions of the Bishopscourt Estate and to provide for the application of the moneys to arise from such sales and leases*"—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 Deed of Grant referred to in the Preamble, and a Plan of the property described in the Schedules of the Bill.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 22nd June, 1886.*

6. GLEN INNES MARKETS LEASING BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—On motion of Mr. W. J. Fergusson, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Fergusson then moved, that the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to enable the Municipal Council of Glen Innes to erect offices upon certain land granted for a Town Hall and Public Markets and to mortgage such land and the buildings to be erected thereon and to lease such offices for terms not exceeding five 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 enable the Municipal Council of Glen Innes to erect offices upon certain land granted for a Town Hall and Public Markets and to mortgage such land and the buildings to be erected thereon and to lease such offices for terms not exceeding five years,*"—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 Crown Grant of two parcels of land referred to in the Preamble of the Bill.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 22nd June, 1886.*

7. BELL'S ESTATE BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—On motion of Mr. Trickett, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Trickett then moved, that the title of the Bill be "*An Act to enable Elizabeth Bell and Richard Holdsworth or other the Trustees or Trustee for the time being of the will of the late Henry Bell to make leases of certain hereditaments devised by the said will.*"

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 this day passed a Bill, intituled, "*An Act to enable Elizabeth Bell and Richard Holdsworth or other the Trustees or Trustee for the time being of the will of the late Henry Bell to make leases of certain hereditaments devised by the said will,*"—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 an attested copy of the Probate of the Will of the late Henry Bell.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 22nd June, 1886.*

8. MUNICIPAL GAS ACT AMENDMENT 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 amend the 'Municipal Gas Act of 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 amend the 'Municipal Gas Act of 1884.'*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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Sydney, 22nd June, 1886.*

9. PAPERS:—

Mr. Copeland laid upon the Table,—Return (*in part*) to an Order made on 28th May, 1886—"Crown Lands Act."

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Garvan laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Depositions in the case of Ex-clergyman William Coombes.

(2.) Return showing amount of money paid into Equity Court by the Trustees of the late P. Farrelly's will.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table,—Return of Railway Employés discharged from the Railway Service since 1st March, 1886, for causes other than misconduct.

Ordered to be printed.

10. **HAY GAS BILL** :—Ordered, on motion of Mr. R. B. Wilkinson, 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 9th June, 1886, requesting its concurrence in certain amendments made by the Council in the Hay Gas Bill,—

Agrees to the amendments in clauses 1, 13, and 19.

Disagrees to the amendment which proposes to insert new clause to follow clause 21,— Because (1) the clause is surplusage, as all contingencies are provided for in the Bill. (2) The clause is against the spirit of the Bill, which is to place the promoters under the control and supervision of the Municipal Council, which is responsible to the ratepayers whereas this clause would leave the promoters at the mercy of any irresponsible individual who might happen to be dissatisfied, or who might wish to blackmail or annoy the promoters. (3) The rights of individuals are amply provided for in clause 8, and other clauses; but, should anything have been overlooked, Council's new clause, to follow clause 22, provides for it by bringing the Bill under the provisions of any General Act which may be passed to regulate matters of this kind in a uniform manner.

Agrees to the amendment which proposes to insert a new clause to follow clause 22.

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11. **TARIFF** :—Mr. Lysaght presented a Petition from certain Producers, Traders, Artizans, and others, complaining that for some years past the Public Expenditure has been largely increased; urging that before new burdens of taxation are imposed upon the people, material reductions in the expenditure should be made; suggesting the adoption, if necessary, of a system of direct taxation upon property; and praying the House not to pass any Bill to extend the present Customs Tariff.
Petition received.
12. **ADJOURNMENT** :—Mr. Abigail moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
13. **PRIVILEGE**—**MR. BARBOUR, M.P.** :—Mr. Abigail moved,—
(1.) That a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, be appointed to inquire into and report upon the circumstances connected with the voidance and re-selection of Robert Barbour's conditional purchase, in the parish of Couridjah, county Camden.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Copeland, Mr. Day, Mr. James Henry Young, Mr. Foster, Mr. Abbott, Mr. Burdekin, Mr. Henry Clarke, Mr. See, Mr. Spring, and the Mover.
Then Mr. Barbour was heard in his place in explanation, and withdrew.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
14. **CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 6)** :—The Order of the Day having been read, Sir Patrick Jennings moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
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 Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Sir Patrick Jennings, the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.
15. **CUSTOMS DUTIES BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Sir Patrick Jennings, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—
And the Question being again proposed,—
Mr. Davies moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until to-morrow.

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

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 82.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 23 JUNE, 1886.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Great Northern and North-Western Railways:—*Mr. Hawthorne*, for Mr. Gould, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) How many empty waggons were despatched from Glen Innes and Narrabri, on the Great Northern and North-Western Railways respectively, and how many from and through each of the following stations, namely, Armidale, Tamworth, Gunnedah, Murrurundi, Singleton, and West Maitland, by up-trains, during each of the first five months of the present year?

(2.) What was the cost to the Railway Department attendant upon running such empties?

Mr. Lyne answered,—This information is being prepared, and will be laid upon the Table of the House in a few days.

- (2.) Weigh-bridges or Steelyards at Railway Stations:—*Mr. Hawthorne* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) The names of all stations on the Great Southern, Western, and Northern Railways where weigh-bridges or steelyards are in use?

(2.) How often are these weigh-bridges or steelyards supposed to be tested?

(3.) Who is the official that performs the above stated duty?

(4.) The date of the latest official inspection of all weigh-bridges or steelyards at present in use by the Government in connection with our Railway Department?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) Weigh-bridges—either large or small—are provided, with very few exceptions, at every station.

(2.) At various periods, according to the importance of the weighing required—always when required; at some places once a fortnight, at others every three or six months.

(3.) A competent mechanic is usually detached for this service in the case of the bridges on the South and West. The large bridges on the North are also tested by a mechanic; but the small weighing machines on the platforms are tested by the Station-masters, and, if found out of order, are at once sent to the workshop for adjustment.

(4.) The dates of inspection are uneven, and vary at the different stations; but some of the bridges were tested as lately as the 17th instant.

- (3.) Gates for Garden Palace Grounds:—*Mr. Melville*, for Mr. Olliffe, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Have plans been prepared for the gates of the Garden Palace Grounds?

(2.) If so, when will the work be commenced?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) There is no money available.

- (4.) Compensation for Improvements on Crown Leases:—*Mr. Chanter* asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is he correctly reported in the Sydney Press, when replying to a deputation of squatters which waited upon him, to have said that he was personally, and he believed the Government were, favourable to paying compensation for improvements effected during the currency of their leases?

Mr. Copeland answered,—What I said was, in effect, that personally I should be in favour of allowing the lessees a certain amount of tenant-right in water-conservation improvements to be constructed in future, after recommendation from the Board and approval of the Minister had been obtained. The incoming tenant, after the termination of present leases, would then have to pay the outgoing lessee a fair valuation for water improvements only, but not including those at present constructed, which had become Crown property. These views I favoured more in the interests of labour than in those of the lessees.

(5.)

- (5.) Water Frontage, Neutral Bay:—Mr. Abigail asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Is it true that Mr. P. Hayes has been granted over 200 feet of water frontage at Neutral Bay for the sum of £5?
 - (2.) If so, will he have any objection to lay upon the Table, at an early date, all the papers in connection with the case?
 - (3.) Has the local Municipal Council been applying for these water frontages for public purposes?
- Mr. Copeland answered,—
- (1.) Yes, the frontage is about 340 feet. The land formed part of a Whaling grant, in respect to which the conditions had been fulfilled; and therefore Mr. Farnell held that the reservation of the frontage was erroneously inserted in the deed of grant, and directed that the sale should be completed.
 - (2.) No.
 - (3.) General representations were made by the Borough Council in respect to this and other water frontages.
- (6.) Water Frontage, Neutral Bay:—Mr. Abigail asked the Secretary for Lands,—When will the papers in the case of the executors of Mr. Lord, and their application to purchase a large block of water frontage at Neutral Bay for the sum of £6, be laid upon the Table of this House, as directed by motion of the Honorable Member for Gunnedah (Mr. Abbott) some time ago?
- Mr. Copeland answered,—In the course of a few days.
- (7.) Patents Rights Bill:—Mr. Abigail asked the Minister of Justice,—When will the new Patents Rights Bill be ready for presentation to Parliament?
- Dr. Renwick* answered,—My Honorable colleague proposes to present this Bill early next week.
- (8.) Money due to Government for certain Cablegrams and Telegrams:—Mr. Neild asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Has a sum of money, due by a certain gentleman for transmission of cablegrams and for telegrams, been written off by the Government?
 - (2.) If so, what was the sum so written off?
- Sir Patrick Jennings* answered,—I am unable to reply to this question, it being too vague, several items having been written off at various times.
- (9.) Inspector of Scaffolding:—Mr. Hawthorne asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government to appoint, without delay, an Inspector of Scaffolding, so as to guard against a recurrence of such an accident as that which occurred in Sussex-street last week, by which several workmen's lives were lost and others seriously injured?
- Mr. Lyne* answered,—This has been brought under my attention, and will receive consideration without delay.
- (10.) Cost of Electric Lights, Circular Quay and Railway Station:—*Mr. Davies*, for *Mr. Burdekin*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) What is the estimated annual cost per lamp of lighting the Circular Quay by electricity?
 - (2.) The same with respect to the electric lights at the Railway Station?
- Sir Patrick Jennings* answered,—
- (1.) £52 per light.
 - (2.) Information as to the cost of the electric lights at the Railway Station is being obtained, and will be stated as soon as possible.
2. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 6) (*Formal Order of the Day*),—On motion of *Sir Patrick Jennings*, read a third time, and *passed*.
Sir Patrick Jennings 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 1886 and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan.*"
 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 1886 and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 23rd June, 1886.
3. CONDITIONAL PURCHASES ON PERICOOTA RUN (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Chanter* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House all papers and other correspondence relating to the selection of lands on the Pericoota Run, in the district of Moama, in the month of January, 1882.
 Question put and passed.
4. TEMPORARY DRAFTSMEN, SURVEY OFFICE (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Neild* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
- (1.) A copy of the Petition presented to the Honorable *Sir John Robertson* in 1882, representing that the salaries of professional draftsmen in the Civil Service are inadequate to the responsibility incurred in the performance of their duties, together with the Surveyor-General's Report on the same, and all other reports from the various Departments relating thereto.
 - (2.) All papers relating to the 12½ per cent. increase in salaries granted to temporary draftsmen in the Survey Office in the year 1882.
- Question put and passed.

5. POLICE MAGISTRATES AND CLERKS OF PETTY SESSIONS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Neild moved, pursuant to Notice,—That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing the amounts paid during the three years ending 31st December, 1885, to Police Magistrates and Clerks of Petty Sessions on account of expenses incurred by them in removing from one district to another. Question put and passed.
6. TARIFF :—Mr. Hayes presented a Petition from certain Electors of the Hume Electorate, in favour of the proposed *ad valorem* and specific duties,—and suggesting, as sources of revenue, a special list of *ad valorem* duties of 25 per cent. on musical instruments, jewellery, &c. ; an income tax of 6d. in the pound upon all incomes received by absentees ; an excise duty of 6d. per gallon upon all beer, &c., brewed in the Colony ; an increased duty on spirits of 15s. per gallon ; and fixed duties on agricultural products and live stock ;—and praying the House to consider the suggestions, with a view to include the articles in the tariff now before the House.
And the Petition having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker,—
Petition received.
7. CUSTOMS DUTIES BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Sir Patrick Jennings, "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,—

THURSDAY, 24 JUNE, 1886, A.M.

Mr. Shepherd moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.

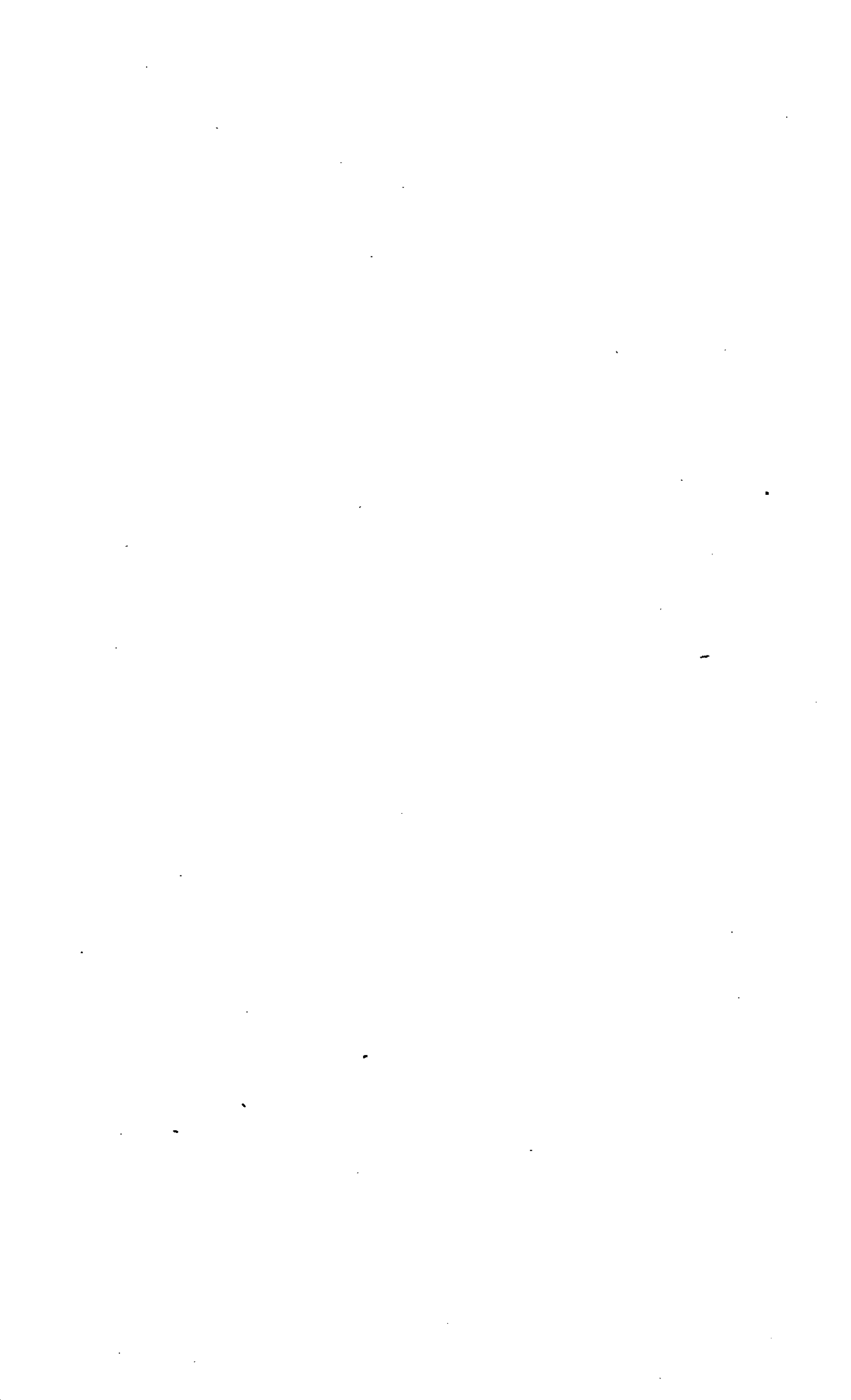
Mr. Speaker having informed the House that he was indisposed from fatigue, retired from the Chair.

Whereupon, in the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, the Chairman of Committees took the Chair, as Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the second Standing Order.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

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.



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No. 83.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

THURSDAY, 24 JUNE, 1886.

1. The House continued to sit, without interruption, from Wednesday until the hour fixed by Sessional Order for its meeting This Day.
2. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT :—Sir Patrick Jennings stated to the House the result of the consideration of certain suggestions made to him relating to the progress of the Public Business.
3. POSTPONEMENTS :—The Orders of the Day of Government Business Nos. 1 to 11 postponed to follow after Order No. 12.
4. BALMAIN TRAMWAY BILL :—Ordered, on motion of Mr. Garrard, 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 27th May, 1886, requesting its concurrence in certain amendments made by the Council in the Balmain Tramway Bill,—

Agrees to the amendment in clause 1.

Disagrees to the amendment which proposes to insert a new clause to follow clause 2,— Because it will cast upon the Municipal Council (who have no pecuniary interest in the Tramway and plant) the responsibility of defending all actions for damage caused by the negligence of the Tramway Company or its servants.

Disagrees to the amendments in clause 4,— Because it would prevent the Tramway Company from having a voice in framing the Regulations for the safe and profitable working of its servants and plant.

Agrees to the amendment in clause 7.

Agrees to the amendment in the Schedule.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 24th June, 1886.

5. MRS. PAYTEN'S ESTATE LEASING BILL :—Mr. Abbott, 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 the 8th June, 1886; together with Appendix and a copy of the Bill, as amended and agreed to by the Committee.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Abbott then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday, 30th July.
Question put and passed.
6. TARIFF :—
 - (1.) *Mr. Spring*, for Mr. Mackinnon, presented a Petition from certain Producers, Traders, Artizans, and others, complaining that for some years past the Public Expenditure has been largely increased; urging that before new burdens of taxation are imposed upon the people, material reductions in the expenditure should be made; suggesting the adoption, if necessary, of a system of direct taxation upon property; and praying the House not to pass any Bill to extend the present Customs Tariff.
Petition received.
 - (2.) Mr. Inglis presented a similar Petition.
Petition received.
 - (3.) Mr. Fitzgerald presented a similar Petition.
Petition received.
7. PRIVILEGE—MR. BARBOUR, M.P. :—Mr. Barbour (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That he have leave to appear and be heard in person, or by Attorney or Counsel, before the Select Committee on his case.
Question put and passed.

8. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council :—

(1.) Moorebank Estate Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Bishop of Sydney to lease or sell the lands known as the Moorebank Estate and to convey portions of the said lands to the Commissioner for Railways and for the other purposes therein mentioned,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 24th June, 1886.

JOHN HAY,
President.

(2.) Sisters of Charity Estate Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable Bridget McGuigan and Georgina Russell Trustees of certain land situate in Charlotte-place in the City of Sydney held by them upon trust for the religious establishment known as the Sisters of Charity to let the said land on building leases or otherwise or to sell the said land and to provide for the application of the proceeds thereof,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 24th June, 1886.

JOHN HAY,
President.

(3.) Randwick Church Land Sale Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Most Reverend Patrick Francis Moran the Reverend James Peter Hanrahan and Aston James Watkins as Trustees of certain lands situated at Randwick 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, 24th June, 1886.

JOHN HAY,
President.

(4.) Net-fishing in Port Hacking Prohibition Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to prohibit Net-fishing or other wholesale destruction of Fish in the Waters of Port Hacking,*"—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, 24th June, 1886.

JOHN HAY,
President.

NET-FISHING IN PORT HACKING PROHIBITION BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 24th June, 1886.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments

- Page 1, title. Omit "or other wholesale destruction of fish"
Page 1, preamble, lines 1 and 2. Omit "and all other appliances for the wholesale destruction of fish"
Page 2, clause 1, line 4. After "pounds" insert "recoverable in a summary way before any two Justices of the Peace"
Page 2, clause 3. Omit clause 3.
Examined,—

W. R. PIDDINGTON,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the Council's amendments be taken into consideration on Friday, 2nd July.

(5.) Trustee Act Amendment Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Trustee Act of 1852,'*"—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, 24th June, 1886.

JOHN HAY,
President.

TRUSTEE ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 24th June, 1886.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 1, title. Omit "amend the 'Trustee Act of 1852,'" insert "facilitate the discharge of mortgages"
Pages 1 and 2, clause 2. Omit clause 2, insert the following new clause :—
2. "Whenever the person entitled to recover or receive payment of money secured by mortgage upon real or personal property or any interest therein (whether such person shall be the original mortgagee or some person claiming through him) shall personally or by attorney sign

“ sign a receipt endorsed upon the mortgage for the mortgage debt or for any sum of money in satisfaction thereof or an acknowledgment so endorsed that such mortgage has been satisfied the mortgaged property shall upon the registration of such receipt or acknowledgment in manner provided by law for the registration of other instruments affecting land but as from the date of such receipt or acknowledgment be thereby discharged from such mortgage and from all powers thereby granted and from all principal interest and other moneys thereby secured but shall be and remain subject to all uses trusts estates and interests declared created or occasioned by deed or will or by devolution or operation of law in respect of such property previously to the date of such receipt or acknowledgment.”

Examined,—

W. R. PIDDINGTON,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the Council's amendments be taken into consideration on Friday, 30th July.

9. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Abigail moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 25 JUNE, 1886, A.M.

Question put and negatived.

10. CUSTOMS DUTIES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Sir Patrick Jennings, “That this Bill be now read a second time,”—
And the Question being again proposed,—
Dr. Wilkinson moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.
11. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir Patrick Jennings moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
12. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Purves (*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 twenty-five minutes before Two o'clock a.m., until *Tuesday next* at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions. It emphasizes that every entry should be supported by a valid receipt or invoice. This ensures transparency and allows for easy verification of the data.

In the second section, the author outlines the various methods used to collect and analyze the data. This includes both manual data entry and the use of specialized software tools. The goal is to ensure that the data is both accurate and easy to interpret.

The third part of the document provides a detailed breakdown of the results. It shows that there is a clear trend in the data, which is consistent with the initial hypothesis. The analysis also identifies some areas where the data deviates from the expected pattern, which may be due to external factors.

Finally, the document concludes with a summary of the findings and some recommendations for future research. It suggests that further studies should be conducted to explore the underlying causes of the observed trends and to develop more effective strategies for data collection and analysis.

New South Wales.

No. 84.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 29 JUNE, 1886.

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

MEMBER SWORN:—Thomas Henry Hassall, Esquire, having taken and subscribed the Oath, and signed the Roll of the House; took his Seat as Member for the Electoral District of The Gwydir.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Refunds to Applicants for Land under 28th Section, Mining Act:—Mr. W. J. Fergusson asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Is it the practice of the Department to refuse refund of deposit and survey fees to applicants for land under the 28th section of the Mining Act?
- (2.) If so, will he state what circumstance has given rise to the practice?
- (3.) How many applications have been made for refunds of survey fees and deposits during the last two years and refused?

Mr. Fletcher answered,—

- (1.) No; unless the authority has been granted.
- (2.) Answered by No. 1.
- (3.) None; except where application for refund was made after the authority had been granted.

(2.) Inspectors of Conditional Purchases:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. Teece, asked the Secretary for Lands,—Has he any objection to lay upon the Table a Return showing,—

- (1.) The number of Inspectors of Conditional Purchases employed during 1885, their names, and the amount paid to each for travelling expenses?
- (2.) The like information as regards Temporary Inspectors of Conditional Purchases?
- (3.) The amount paid to each for travelling expenses till the end of May, 1886?
- (4.) The amount now due to each for travelling expenses?

Mr. Copeland answered,—I will presently lay a Return upon the Table giving the information required.

(3.) Schedule to Estimates:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. Teece, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House, prior to the consideration of the Estimates, the usual Schedule showing the total remuneration received by all Public Officers who hold more than one office, or who have any special allowance, quarters, fuel, or light, in addition to their annual salaries?

Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—Since the Civil Service Act came into operation the Estimates have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Act, and the Schedule referred to became no longer necessary and was discontinued. The material for such Schedule will again be collected and arranged, and laid upon the Table as soon as possible.

(4.) North Shore Tramway:—Mr. Neild asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What amount has been paid on account of the North Shore Tramway?
- (2.) How much of such amount was paid during the first four months of the present year?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) To this date, £58,160.
- (2.) £19,450.

(5.) Railway Freights on Farm Produce:—Mr. W. J. Fergusson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has he taken into consideration the advisability of reducing the railway freights to market on farm produce, so that the empty trucks now running to the head stations may earn some revenue?

Mr. Lyne answered,—No determination in the matter has yet been arrived at.

(6.)

- (6.) Actions for Loss by Fire, and for Tramway Accidents, against the Commissioner for Railways :—*Mr. Barbour*, for *Mr. Thompson*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the Returns moved for by him, as to damage by fire from railways, and as to actions arising from tramway accidents, be laid upon the Table?

Mr. Lyne answered,—I hope to be able to lay these Returns upon the Table of the House in about two months from this date; the information asked for involves considerable research, requiring the records to be examined for the past ten years.

- (7.) Water Supply, Junee :—*Mr. Barbour*, for *Mr. Thompson*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has any contract been entered into for supplying Junee with water from Wagga Wagga?

(2.) Has any work been commenced for such a purpose, or is it in contemplation to commence it?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) No work has been commenced beyond obtaining estimates of cost, &c., which are now being revised, with a view to the consideration of the question.

- (8.) Site for Court-house, West Maitland :—*Mr. Barbour*, for *Mr. Thompson*, asked the Minister of Justice,—When will the Return ordered by this House, relative to purchase of site for Court-house, West Maitland, and erection of same, be laid upon the Table?

Mr. Garvan answered,—I will presently lay the Return referred to upon the Table of the House.

- (9.) Cost of Actions, *Taylor v. Barton* and others :—*Mr. Abigail* asked the Minister of Justice,—What were the total costs to the country of the legal proceedings in the cases of *Taylor v. Barton*, *Taylor v. Harnett*, and *Taylor v. Cameron*, which arose out of certain proceedings in this Assembly?

Mr. Want answered,—No account of the costs arising out of the appeal to the Privy Council has yet been received from London, neither have the plaintiff's costs in the cases referred to been yet taxed; so that it is impossible at present to inform the Honorable Member what the total costs will amount to.

- (10.) Refund of Survey Fees to Conditional Purchasers :—*Mr. Abigail* asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is it his intention to grant refunds to all selectors of conditional purchases, the forfeiture of which has been approved of by the Minister, but the surveys of which have not been finally completed within twelve months?

Mr. Copeland answered,—Any case which may be brought under my notice will be dealt with on its merits.

- (11.) Crown Lands Act :—*Mr. Teece* asked the Secretary for Lands,—With reference to the Return laid upon the Table showing the amounts of deposits on conditional purchases and conditional leases during 1885, and up to 31st May, 1886, do these amounts include refunds which have been made, or which may hereafter be made, upon disallowed conditional purchases or disallowed conditional leases applied for during these periods?

Mr. Copeland answered,—Yes. If the Honorable Member moves for a Return of the refunds already made, the information will be compiled. It is impossible to state what applications may be disallowed in the future and refunds made in consequence.

- (12.) Government Building, Cowra :—*Mr. Garland* asked The Colonial Secretary,—Is it a fact that the Government have allowed the Commercial Bank authorities to occupy a Government building at Cowra which was refused to other applicants; if so, upon what terms and at what rental?

Mr. Suttor answered,—The Commercial Bank at Cowra having been recently destroyed by fire, application was made by the Bank authorities to the Postmaster-General to allow them to put the Government building in question (which was unoccupied) in repair, as temporary premises for the transaction of the banking business, at a rental of £20 for first year and £50 for second year. This application was granted. A short while before, a request was made on behalf of some society at Cowra to be allowed to use a part of the building, without any payment therefor, on one evening a week. It was not deemed expedient to accede to this request.

- (13.) Amount due to the Government for certain Cablegrams and Telegrams :—*Mr. Neild* asked the Colonial Treasurer.—

(1.) Has a sum of money, due by His Excellency Lord Augustus Loftus for transmission of cablegrams and for telegrams, been written off by the Government?

(2.) If so, what was the sum so written off?

Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) £354 10s.

- (14.) Railway Loan Votes :—*Mr. Neild* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—When will the Return ordered by this House on the 25th March, having reference to the interest upon railway lines while in course of construction, be laid upon the Table?

Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—The Return is not yet completed, owing to some difference of opinion as to the exact nature of the information required by the Honorable Member. It will, however, be laid upon the Table in a few days.

- (15.) Railway Freights on Farm Produce :—*Mr. Purves* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Referring to the question asked by the Honorable Member for Orange, *Mr. William Clarke*, on 15th June instant, as to whether "it is the intention of the Government to reduce the railway freights on Farm Produce," and the reply by the Minister for Works, namely, that "the question of revising the rates for Farm Produce is under consideration,"—Is it the intention of the Government, at the same time, to consider the desirability of granting subsidies to steamers and carriers carrying farm produce, to put the farmers who have no railway communication on an equality with those who have that blessing.

Mr. Lyne answered,—It is not intended to grant such subsidies.

(16.)

(16.) Refund of Survey Fees to Conditional Purchasers :—Mr. W. J. Fergusson asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he kindly state,—

- (1.) The number of applicants for refunds of deposits on the grounds of non-survey within twelve months, from the year 1879 to date?
- (2.) The total amount of refund applied for each year; the amount refunded and amount refused; the number of applications now pending Ministerial sanction?

Mr. Copeland answered,—I cannot supply information of such a general and extensive character in the form of replies to questions. If a Return is moved for, and ordered by the House, it will be prepared; but I would impress upon the Honorable Member that it can only be compiled by Officers who will require to be detached from the general business of the Department, which will result in delays and public inconvenience. Under any circumstances, the Return will take some considerable time to prepare, necessitating a critical examination of the books and records of the Department extending over a period of over seven years.

(17.) Officers under Suspension :—Mr. Abbott asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that Mr. Thomas Midelton was suspended from his position as General Overseer, Locomotive Branch of the Railways, on the 12th August, 1885?
- (2.) Is he still under suspension; if not, when was his case finally dealt with?
- (3.) If the case has been finally dealt with, what was the decision arrived at?
- (4.) Is it a fact that Mr. Frederick Marsh was suspended from his position as Chairman of the Local Land Board at Dubbo on the 16th of December last?
- (5.) Is he still under suspension; if not, when was his case finally dealt with?
- (6.) If the case has been finally dealt with, what was the decision arrived at?
- (7.) Is it a fact that Mr. James Quinan was suspended from his position as Inspector of Fisheries on the 20th April last.
- (8.) Is he still under suspension; if not, when was his case dealt with; what was the decision arrived at?
- (9.) Is it his intention to take steps to prevent, for the future, any Officers being kept under suspension for such long periods without having their cases dealt with?
- (10.) Can he state when the cases referred to will be disposed of?

Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—I need scarcely inform the Honorable Member that his questions refer to no Public Officer in my Department, but to gentlemen in the Departments respectively of Public Works and Lands, and in the Colonial Secretary's Department. I would suggest that the questions be addressed to the Ministers at the head of those Departments, my information on the subjects at issue being very limited.

3. SIR JOHN ROBERTSON, K.C.M.G. (*Formal Motion*):—Sir Patrick Jennings moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the following Resolution:—That, in view of the long, distinguished, and patriotic services of Sir John Robertson, K.C.M.G., a late member of this House, there be granted to him out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales a sum not exceeding ten thousand pounds sterling.

Question put and passed.

4. PARLIAMENTARY HANSARD (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Hammond moved, pursuant to Notice, 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, there should be a number of copies of the present weekly Parliamentary *Hansard* printed, over and above the quantity required for Parliamentary use, for public sale at the net cost of producing such extra number.
- (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

Question put and passed.

5. CONDITIONAL PURCHASES (*Formal Motion*):—Dr. Ross moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—

- (1.) The number, area, and the amount received as deposit for conditional purchases made in the respective Land Districts since 1884.
- (2.) The number of cases disposed of by the respective local Land Boards, the number and area disallowed, and the amount of money refunded on the same.
- (3.) The number of appeals from Local Boards to Minister, the number granted, and the number refused.

Question put and passed.

6. DIVORCE EXTENSION BILL :—Mr. Abbott presented a Petition from the Bishop of Sydney, with the advice of the Standing Committee of the Synod of the Church of England in this Colony, representing that Petitioner is conscientiously opposed to the provisions of the Divorce Extension Bill, for the reasons stated in his Petition; and praying the House to refuse its assent to the said Bill.

And the Petition having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker,—
Petition received.

7. TARIFF :—

(1.) Mr. Collins presented two Petitions from certain Producers, Traders, Artizans, and others complaining that for some years past the Public Expenditure has been largely increased; urging that before new burdens of taxation are imposed upon the people, material reductions in the expenditure should be made; suggesting the adoption, if necessary, of a system of direct taxation upon property; and praying the House not to pass any Bill to extend the present Customs Tariff.

Petitions received.

(2.) Mr. Dawson presented a similar Petition.

And the Petition having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker,—
Petition received.

(3.) Dr. Ross presented a similar Petition.

Petition received.

8. PAPERS :—

Mr. Copeland laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return of travelling expenses paid to Permanent and Temporary Inspectors of Conditional Purchases during 1885, and from 1st January to 31st May, 1886.

(2.) Return to an Address adopted on 28th January, 1886,—“Sale of Government Land, Careening Cove.”

Ordered to be printed.

Dr. Renwick laid upon the Table,—Notifications of resumption of land for Public School Purposes, under Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, at Como, Coorangoora, Cullagong, and Mitchell Road (Alexandria).

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Garvan laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 1st June, 1886,—“Court-house, West Maitland.”

Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return of particulars respecting the running of Special Farmers' Trains.

(2.) Return to an Order made on 4th June, 1886,—“Messrs. Hayes and M'Fadden's Contract, Nyngan.”

(3.) Copies of correspondence, &c., on proposed Railway from Pearce's Corner to Ball's Head.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Suttor laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return to an Order made on 11th May, 1886,—“Iron Columns for Telegraph Lines.”

(2.) Reports of Messrs. Dalgarno and Hammand on the Electric Lighting at the Parliamentary Buildings.

Ordered (after debate) to be printed.

Sir Patrick Jennings laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return (*in part*) to an Order made on 9th June, 1886,—“Parliamentary Hansard.”

(2.) Return to an Order made on 30th March, 1886,—“General Elections.”

Ordered to be printed.

9. CUSTOMS DUTIES BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Sir Patrick Jennings, “That this Bill be now read a second time,”—

And the Question being again proposed, the House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Dr. Ross 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-three minutes before Twelve o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 85.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 30 JUNE, 1886.

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

ELECTORATE OF MUDGEES:—Mr. Speaker informed the House, that, upon the passing of the Resolution of the 18th instant, declaring the Seat of Sir John Robertson, K.C.M.G., vacant, he had issued a Writ for the election of a Member in the room of Sir John Robertson, and that such Writ had been duly returned, with a Certificate endorsed thereon by the Returning Officer, of the election of William Chandos Wall, Esquire, to serve as a Member for the Electoral District of Mudgee.

2. **DEATH OF THE HONORABLE SIR ALEXANDER STUART, K.C.M.G., M.L.C.**:—Mr. Speaker reported that he had communicated, by cable, to Lady Stuart that the House had agreed to a Resolution on the 17th instant, expressing its condolence with her Ladyship and family in their great affliction, and that he had received to-day the following message, by cable, from Lady Stuart:—"Please return thanks to Parliament for kind sympathy."

3. **QUESTIONS**:—

(1.) **Illegal Fishing**:—*Mr. Barbour*, for Mr. Targett, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it his intention to cause an inquiry to be held as to the truth or otherwise of Mr. Brazier's statement to the Commissioners of Fisheries, denying the charge made by Inspector Quinan on the 23rd of April, 1885, that he was found using a fishing-net within the closed waters of Port Jackson, after being warned not to do so by the Inspector?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—I am informed by the Commissioners of Fisheries that it is not considered necessary to hold an inquiry, they being perfectly satisfied with Mr. Brazier's statement.

(2.) **Lock-up and Police-quarters, Tingha**:—*Mr. Moore* asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Is he aware that the lock-up connected with the new Court-house at Tingha (completed more than six months ago) is almost useless, owing to the absence of police-quarters?
(2.) Will he give instructions for the latter to be erected without further delay?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—Tenders will be called for and the matter proceeded with without delay.

(3.) **Civil Service Act**:—*Mr. Harold Stephen* asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Did a late Attorney-General give it as his opinion that deductions in support of the Civil Service Superannuation Fund could not be legally made from the salaries of Rabbit Inspectors and Officers in similar positions?
(2.) Is it a fact that in some Departments of the Public Service Refund Vouchers were issued to Officers, in order that they might receive refund of the moneys contributed by them to the Superannuation Fund?
(3.) By whose authority has such refund since been refused?
(4.) Is it the intention of the Government to authorize the refund of such moneys to all Officers (such as Rabbit Inspectors) who are not regarded as being upon the Permanent Staff of the Civil Service?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

(1.) The late Attorney-General, *Mr. Simpson*, gave an opinion on a case submitted by the Department of Mines; but the Civil Service Board, being of opinion that the case had not been properly stated for his consideration, re-submitted the matter in a more comprehensive form; and, owing to Ministerial changes, the case so re-submitted was brought under the attention of *Mr. Attorney-General Want*, who was of opinion that the deduction had been legally made.

(2 and 3.) No Refund Vouchers have been presented at the Treasury, consequently no refund has been refused.

(4.) Provision will probably be made to meet these cases in the Amended Bill to be shortly submitted to Parliament.

(4.)

(4.) Railway, Wallerawang to Mudgee:—*Mr. Melville*, for *Mr. De Courey Browne*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) The date when the Railway from Wallerawang to Mudgee was opened for traffic?
- (2.) What has been the gross amount received for traffic—passengers and goods separately—from Wallerawang to Mudgee, and *vice versa*, since the date of the opening of the line for traffic up to the 31st of May, 1886, or other available date?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) On the 10th September, 1884.
- (2.) The gross amount received for traffic from Wallerawang to Mudgee, and *vice versa*, since the date of opening the line for traffic to December 31st, 1885, has been—For passenger traffic, £17,522; for goods traffic, £25,086. December 31st, 1885, is the latest available date to which this information can, with accuracy, be given at present.

(5.) Civil Service Act:—*Mr. Collins* asked the Postmaster General,—

- (1.) Have the telegraph operators, who were in receipt of £175 per annum previous to the Civil Service Act of 1884, been notified of their classification at the minimum of the 3rd-class under the Post and Telegraph Rules and Regulations, in accordance with the answer made by the Postmaster-General to *Mr. Garland's* Question on the 9th of February?
- (2.) If not, is it his intention to cause this to be attended to at once, and the amount due to these Officers for 1885 to be paid forthwith?

Mr. Suttor answered,—

- (1.) The operators receiving £175 per annum are not entitled to the 3rd-class. The Civil Service Board decides that such a classification would be “in contravention of the Rules and Regulations of the Department, and in direct opposition to the spirit and intent of the Civil Service Act.”
- (2.) There is, therefore, nothing due to them.

(6.) Royal Commission on Railway Bridges:—*Mr. Abigail* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will he deal with the Report of the Railway Bridges Commission sent in months ago?

Mr. Lyne answered,—Directly the evidence, &c., has been received, the question will have consideration. I stated, in reply to a question asked on the 22nd instant, that the submission of the evidence to the Government had been promised by the Bridge Commission in a fortnight from that date.

(7.) *Mr. Midelton*, Locomotive Overseer:—*Mr. Abigail* asked The Secretary for Public Works,—When will the case of the Locomotive Superintendent, under suspension nearly twelve months, be dealt with finally?

Mr. Lyne answered,—I am prepared to deal finally with this case at once.

(8.) District Courts and Courts of Quarter Sessions:—*Mr. W. J. Fergusson* asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) If there is any objection to have the District Courts and Quarter Sessions held four times a year at Tamworth, Armidale, Glen Innes, Inverell, Emmaville, and Tenterfield, the same as at Newcastle and Maitland; if so, will he state the grounds of objection?
- (2.) Is there any reason why the Judges of District Courts should not reside in their respective Circuits?

Mr. Garvan answered,—The subject is now receiving consideration, and I will give the Honorable Member definite replies to his questions as early as possible.

(9.) Mining Bill:—*Mr. W. J. Fergusson* asked the Secretary for Mines,—If it is the intention of the Government to introduce a new Mining Bill; if so, can he state when?

Mr. Fletcher answered,—The matter has been under the consideration of the Government, but it is unlikely, in the present state of the business, that it can be introduced this Session.

(10.) *Mr. Barbour*, M.P.:—*Mr. Barbour* asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he state at whose instance the Under Secretary for Lands telegraphed to Land Agent, Camden, on 15th or 17th May last, requesting to know if any of the forfeited conditional purchases, C.P. 83-13 and the A.C.P.'s., had been selected during the previous fortnight?

Dr. Renwick answered,—Inquiry was made by *Mr. Aarons*, as to whether the conditional purchases which had been declared void had been re-selected. The Under Secretary was not in a position to reply without reference to the Land Agent. Hence the telegram.

(11.) *Mr. Barbour*, M.P.:—*Mr. Barbour* asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he state at whose promptings *Mr. F. H. Wilson* put the minute on papers C.P. 83-13, Camden, “Re-submitted for forfeiture.—F.H.W.” “C.O.—30/3/86”?

Dr. Renwick answered,—I am not aware that *Mr. Wilson* was prompted by any person. The case came before him after *Mr. Spring's* decision in connection with an inquiry which was made as to the state of the conditional purchases. Finding, on further examination, that there was undoubted evidence that the conditions had not been complied with, he re-submitted the papers with a view to the forfeiture of the purchases being approved.

(12.) Woollahra Volunteer Fire Brigade:—*Mr. Neild* asked the Colonial Secretary,—What steps has he taken to have the Woollahra Volunteer Fire Brigade registered, as required by law?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—I am informed by the Fire Brigades Board that no steps have been taken to register the Woollahra Volunteer Fire Company, as the Rules and Regulations under which the Fire Brigades Board register or subsidize Volunteer Fire Companies have not been complied with.

(13.) Amount due to the Government for certain Cablegrams and Telegrams:—*Mr. Neild* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Have any sums of money due by members of the family of the late Governor, Lord Augustus Loftus, for transmission of telegrams or cablegrams, been written off by the Government?
- (2.) If so, what was the total amount so written off?

Sir

Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—

- (1.) No.
- (2.) Nothing.

(14.) Local Land Boards, Western Division :—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Lands,— Referring to the hearing of applications for homestead leases in the Western Division,—

- (1.) Is it the practice for the Chairman of the Board to allow lawyers to examine all applications?
- (2.) Is the order to survey supposed to be kept back until all appeals are settled?
- (3.) Are there any reasons why applicants who have got their land surveyed should not be heard at once, without waiting for maps?

Dr. Renwick answered,—

- (1.) I am unaware, but I see no objection.
 - (2.) Yes, as a rule. There have, however, been exceptions, where the circumstances warranted such a course.
 - (3.) Yes; under the law a survey is not a survey until the plan is approved.
- (15.) Glebe Island Road :—Mr. Davies, for Mr. Hawthorne, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is it his intention to call for a report upon the condition of the road leading to Glebe Island and Balmain from Sydney?
 - (2.) Will he take immediate steps to have the said road put into thorough repair?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) Report herewith.

Department of Public Works, Road Branch, Sydney, 30th June, 1886.

MINUTE PAPER.—*Re* condition of Glebe Island and Balmain Road.

I have to report with regard to the rough condition of some parts of this road, more particularly that portion from Miller-street to Glebe Island Bridge, that, as it is about to be abandoned almost immediately, very little repair has lately been done to it. We are anxious, and have given instructions to expedite the delivery of the metal required for new road and spare as little as possible for the old one. Mr. Dyson has been instructed to keep on patching and small repairs for the sake of safety, but nothing less than a full coat of metal would make the old road smooth. As soon as metal can be obtained the new road will be opened for traffic, when the portion west of the Glebe Island Bridge will, it is intended, be widened, re-graded, and metalled. When I was last over this portion it was being fairly maintained. It would be useless, until the re-formation is done, to put on a full coat, which I think should be of tarred metal.

From the Abbatoirs to "White Bay Hotel" the embankment is being widened to allow of a 45-foot roadway and a fenced 5-foot footway. The present road surface was by no means in bad order when I last saw it; but, on completion of above works, it is intended to coat all over with metal as soon as it can be procured.

The Commissioner and Engineer for Roads.

F. WELLS,
Assistant Engineer.

- (2.) Steps are being taken to keep road in repair, pending opening of new approach to Glebe Island Bridge.

4. INSPECTORS OF CONDITIONAL PURCHASES (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Abigail moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of letters sent by the Under Secretary for Lands to the Permanent Conditional Purchase Inspectors *re* the appointment and employment of the Special Temporary Inspectors during 1884 and 1885.
Question put and passed.

5. MESSRS. A. FORSYTH & CO. *v.* THE MINISTER FOR PUBLIC WORKS (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Forsyth moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers, letters, reports, minutes, and other documents, relating to the claim for compensation, and the action at law thereon, made by Messrs. A. Forsyth & Co. against the Minister for Public Works, tried in the Supreme Court in August, 1884.
Question put and passed.

6. POLICE SUPERINTENDENT BROWN, OF DENILQUIN (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Chanter moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers and other documents relating to the charges preferred against Superintendent Brown, of Deniliquin, by Constable George Rowe, and which were investigated in the month of April, 1885.
Question put and passed.

7. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of certain Resolutions respecting the Parliamentary *Hansard*, postponed until Friday, 9th July.

DIVORCE EXTENSION BILL :—Mr. Gould presented a Petition from the Synod of the Diocese of Newcastle, signed by the President of the Synod, in accordance with a Resolution of the Synod, representing that Petitioners are conscientiously opposed to the provisions of the Divorce Extension Bill, for the reasons stated in their Petition; and praying the House to refuse its assent to the said Bill.
Petition received.

PAPERS :—

Dr. Renwick laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Public Purposes, in accordance with the 104th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
- (2.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from sale until surveyed for the Preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, in accordance with the 101st, 103rd, 109th, and 112th sections of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
- (3.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 101st section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
- (4.) Abstract of Alterations of Designs of Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the 107th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
- (5.) Copies of *Gazette* notices setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the dedication of certain lands, in accordance with the provisions of the 105th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr.

Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Returns under the Real Property Act for 1885.

(2.) Supplementary Return to an Address adopted on 30th March, 1886,—“ Volunteer Infantry.”
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return to an Order made on 30th June, 1886,—“ Messrs. A. Forsyth & Co. v. The Minister for Public Works.”

(2.) Second Report of the Royal Commission on Conservation of Water.
Ordered to be printed.

10. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council :—

(1.) Hay Gas Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having taken into consideration the Legislative Assembly's Message, dated 22nd June, 1886, in reference to the Hay Gas Bill,—

Insists upon its amendment which proposes to insert new clause to follow clause 21.

The Council does not concur in the Assembly's reasons (1) and (2) that “ the clause is surplusage, as all contingencies are provided for in the Bill,” and that “ the clause is against the spirit of the Bill, which is to place the promoters under the control and supervision of the Municipal Council,” “ whereas this clause would leave the promoters at the mercy of any irresponsible individual who might happen to be dissatisfied or who might wish to blackmail or annoy the promoters,”—

(1.) Because :—Firstly—if what is sought to be provided for in the new clause is already provided for in the Bill, as alleged, the clause cannot be against the spirit of the Bill ; secondly—the Bill does not, in matters of default made punishable by the clause, place the promoters under the control of the Municipal Council ; thirdly—the clause, instead of leaving the promoters at the risk of being blackmailed or annoyed, provides a legal and summary remedy for defaults on the part of the promoters or their officers.

(2.) Nor in reason (3), “ that the rights of individuals are amply provided for in clause 8 and other clauses,” because clause 8 only provides for “ indicting or otherwise proceeding either civilly or criminally against promoters for nuisance or otherwise,” whereas the new clause is to give summary jurisdiction to magistrates for laches not only of the promoters but their officers ; and no other clause has provision for defaults of the nature that the new clause would meet.

(3.) Nor in the same reason (3), that “ should anything have been overlooked, Council's new clause, to follow clause 22, provides for it by bringing the Bill under the provisions of any general Act which may be passed to regulate matters of this kind in a uniform manner,” because there is no certainty of any such Act being passed ; and it is necessary, in the interests of the public, to have a provision in the Bill which gives promoters rights and privileges to summarily punish them or their officers for defaults not otherwise provided for in the Bill, penalties for which, it is assumed in the Assembly's Message, may “ have been overlooked” ; and

(4.) Because the clause which is disagreed from by the Assembly has been inserted in the last nine Gas Bills which are now law, as necessary for the protection of the public against certain defaults by their promoters or their officers for which no other remedy has been provided.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 30th June, 1886.

JOHN HAY,

President.

Ordered, that this Message be taken into consideration in Committee of the Whole on Friday next.

(2.) Stamp Duties Act Amendment Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled “ *An Act to amend the ‘ Stamp Duties Act of 1880,’*”—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 June, 1886.

JOHN HAY,

President.

STAMP DUTIES ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 30th June, 1886.

JOHN J. CALVERT,

Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 2, clause 3, line 9. Omit “ or deposited”

Page 2, clause 3, line 9. After “ paid” insert “ in satisfaction of any debt”

Page 2, clause 4, line 17. Omit “ neglect or”

Page 3, clause 6. After clause 6 insert the following new clause :—

7. This Act shall continue and be in force for the period of three years only from the first day of July one thousand eight hundred and eighty-six.

Page 3, Schedule B, line 34. After “ £12,500” omit remainder of Part 1, insert “ and over that amount 3 per cent.”

Page 3, Schedule B, line 38. After “ property” insert “ made after the passing of this Act and”

Page 3, Schedule B. At end of Schedule add “ and on any such settlement made prior to this Act coming into force 1 per cent.”

Examined,—

W. R. PIDDINGTON,

Chairman of Committees.

Mr. Speaker invited the attention of the House to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill, it being clearly a Money Bill, dealing with the taxation of the people.

Whereupon Sir Patrick Jennings moved, That the Bill be laid aside.

Question put and passed.

11. PRIVILEGE—SPEECH OF SIR HENRY PARKES :—Mr. Heydon drew the attention of the House to the report of a Speech of Sir Henry Parkes at Wingham, published in *The Daily Southern Argus* of 29th June, 1886,—a copy of which newspaper he laid upon the Table—and moved, That an extract from such report be read by the Clerk.

Question put and passed.

Whereupon the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, read the extract as follows :—

“He believed our Parliamentary life could be well sustained without this additional burden upon the people, but gentlemen who advocated payment of Members had very peculiar notions about it. Several of the most conspicuous of them had only been in Parliament about six or seven months, and they wanted this payment at once. One would rationally think that if, on principle, they thought it necessary to secure the election of persons in the future, they would allow it to remain over, and apply it only to the next Parliament. Then they would escape from any suspicion of seeking to serve themselves. But when that view had been put forward by him in private to those gentlemen, they said, ‘Oh, but we may never get elected again.’ (Laughter.) So they applied the old adage, that a ‘bird in the hand is worth two in the bush.’”

Then Sir Henry Parkes was heard in his place, in explanation.

12. 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 1886 and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan,*”—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 30th June, 1886.

JOHN HAY,
President.

13. CUSTOMS DUTIES BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Sir Patrick Jennings, “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,—

THURSDAY, 1 JULY, 1886, A.M.

Question put,—That this Bill be now read a second time.

The House divided.

Ayes, 55.

Sir Patrick Jennings,	Mr. Lewis Lloyd,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. D. A. Ferguson,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Hyam,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Stokes,
Dr. Renwick,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Want,	Mr. Day,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Levison,	Mr. Hogan,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. J. D. Young,
Mr. Bowman,	Mr. Harold Stephen,
Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,	Mr. Bull,
Mr. T. R. Smith,	Mr. Dalton,
Mr. Cass,	Mr. Creer,
Mr. Williamson,	Mr. Burke,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Scott,
Mr. Toohey,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. Forsyth,	Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Coonan,
Mr. Hassall,	Mr. Butcher,
Mr. Ryrie,	Mr. Targett,
Mr. Davies,	Mr. Olliffe,
Mr. Gormly,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Dawson,	Mr. Abbot.
Mr. Sec,	
Mr. Kidd,	Tellers,
Mr. Lysaght,	Mr. Fitzgerald,
Mr. J. F. Smith,	Mr. Melville.
Mr. Garrard,	

Noes, 37.

Mr. Shepherd,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Burdekin,	Mr. Purves,
Mr. Wisdom,	Mr. Trickett,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Moore,
Mr. Neild,	Mr. Humphery,
Mr. James Henry Young,	Mr. McCulloch.
Mr. Tait,	
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Tellers,
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Septimus Stephen,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Sydney Smith.
Dr. Ross,	
Mr. Vaughn,	
Mr. Spring,	
Mr. Kethel,	
Mr. Lee,	
Mr. Foster,	
Mr. Garland,	
Mr. W. J. Fergusson,	
Mr. Henson,	
Dr. Wilkinson,	
Mr. Reid,	
Mr. O'Connor,	
Mr. Parkes,	
Mr. Teece,	
Mr. Hammond,	
Mr. Ives,	
Mr. Gibbes,	
Mr. Holborow,	
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

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 Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

14. ADJOURNMENT :—Sir Patrick Jennings moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed

The House adjourned accordingly at a quarter after Twelve 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, 1 JULY, 1886.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Payment of Court-fees in Stamps:—Mr. W. J. Fergusson asked the Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) Has he taken into consideration the desirability of having all fees payable by stamps in all Courts in the Colony, as in England and all the other Australian Colonies?
 - (2.) If he has any objection to the above course, will he be good enough to state grounds of objection?
- Mr. Garvan answered,—I have caused inquiry to be made, and, from any information received up to the present, I am not disposed to recommend the adoption of the course suggested.
- (2.) Diamond Drills:—Mr. W. J. Fergusson asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) The number of Government diamond drills now in use; the cost from the 1st July, 1885, to 1st June instant; the revenue received for their use during same period?
 - (2.) Will he state the number of Government drills, and where they are now at work, and for whom, and how long they have been in each locality?
- Mr. Fletcher answered,—If the Honorable Member will move for a Return it will be laid upon the Table with due despatch.
- (3.) Reserve near Gosford for Botanical Purposes:—Mr. Garrard asked the Secretary for Mines:—
- (1.) Is it true that certain land near Gosford, known as Hogan's Brush, has been reserved or bought for a Forest Nursery?
 - (2.) Did Mr. Duff, Government Inspector of Forests, and Mr. Cobcroft, District Forest Ranger, recommend certain land near Jiliby Jiliby Creek, as more central, near a reserve, and better suited for the purpose of a Forest Nursery?
 - (3.) Is it true that since making his report Mr. Cobcroft has been removed from the Brisbane Water District?
- Mr. Fletcher answered,—
- (1.) Part of the Hogan's Brush Timber Reserve, No. 63, county of Northumberland, has been surveyed for a Forest Nursery.
 - (2.) Mr. Duff, Inspector of Forests, recommended the site at Hogan's Brush, but subsequently recommended the purchase of 20 acres on Jiliby Jiliby Creek, and adjoining Reserve No. 91, as more suitable, but not more central. Mr. Ranger Cobcroft reported this was the only suitable land he could find. Special reports were obtained, and it was decided that the Nursery should be on the site first selected.
 - (3.) Yes; but his removal was the result of necessary departmental changes.
- (4.) Mr. Midelton, Locomotive Engineer:—Mr. Abbott asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that Mr. Thomas Midelton was suspended from his position as General Overseer, Locomotive Branch of the Railways, on the 12th August, 1885?
 - (2.) Is he still under suspension; if not, when was his case finally dealt with?
 - (3.) If the case has been finally dealt with, what was the decision arrived at?
- Mr. Lyne answered,—
- (1.) Yes, on the 6th August.
 - (2.) Yes.
 - (3.) The case has not been finally dealt with but will be directly.

(5.) Mr. Frederick Marsh, Chairman of the Dubbo Land Board :—Mr. Abbott asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that Mr. Frederick Marsh was suspended from his position as Chairman of the Local Land Board at Dubbo on the 16th of December last?
- (2.) Is he still under suspension; if not, when was his case finally dealt with?
- (3.) If the case has been finally dealt with, what was the decision arrived at?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Mr. Marsh is still under suspension. An inquiry is being made under section 33 of the Civil Service Act, which it is expected will shortly be completed.
- (3.) No decision has yet been arrived at.

(6.) Clerk of Petty Sessions, Orange :—Mr. William Clarke asked the Minister of Justice,—Referring to his reply given on 15th April last, stating that the matter of the appointment of a Clerk of Petty Sessions at Orange, in the room of Mr. W. T. Evans, deceased, was under consideration, and that the duties were being satisfactorily performed by an efficient Officer, who had been recommended for the permanent position, will he state,—

- (1.) Whether the Officer referred to is actually in the Government Service, or merely temporarily employed?
- (2.) Did such Officer apply for the vacant position some months ago; and, if so, what was the nature of the reply (if any) sent him by the Under Secretary of Justice?
- (3.) Was the application of such Officer put before the Civil Service Board?
- (4.) If so, was he recommended by the Under Secretary of Justice as entitled to the vacant position?
- (5.) How many different Officers have, since the 17th November last, been, by minute, successively recommended to the Civil Service Board by the Under Secretary of Justice, as entitled to the position in question?
- (6.) Did the Civil Service Board decide in favor of one of the applicants for the vacant office, and forward a Minute to that effect to the Department of Justice?
- (7.) If so, what is the date of such Minute, and the name of the Officer recommended therein?
- (8.) Was the Officer selected by the Civil Service Board one of those recommended by the Under Secretary of Justice?
- (9.) When does he intend to carry into effect the recommendation of the Board, in accordance with the provisions of the Civil Service Act?

Mr. Garvan answered,—

- (1.) The Officer referred to (Mr. F. B. Hales) has been on the Temporary Staff of the Petty Sessions Branch of this Department for the last two years and three months, and he has been acting as Clerk of Petty Sessions at Orange since 1st May, 1885, having been appointed to that position by the Honorable H. E. Cohen, while Minister of Justice.
- (2.) Yes, on 7th September, 1885, to which a reply was sent to the effect that no intimation had been received at the Department of the proposed retirement of Mr. Evans on the expiration of his leave; and, if a vacancy did occur, it must be filled up under the provisions of the Civil Service Act.
- (3.) No.
- (4.) No.
- (5.) Five.
- (6.) Yes.
- (7.) The Board by Minute, dated 22nd March last, concurred in the recommendation of the Under Secretary of Justice, in favour of Mr. Stephen Murphy, Clerk of Petty Sessions, St. Leonards, subject to that gentleman making a satisfactory apology for the tone of his protest to the Board in reference to the action of his Department.
- (8.) Answered by No. 7.
- (9.) I have not yet finally considered the whole of the lengthy papers in this case, and I am not aware that the public interests are in any way injuriously affected by the temporary continuance of existing arrangements, which appear to be giving entire satisfaction to the Local Bench and Legal Profession at Orange; in proof of which, I find that the Honorable Member asking the question presented a memorial from several Justices of the Peace and members of the Legal Profession, testifying in high terms to the efficient manner in which the duties were now being performed by Mr. Hales, and that a petition has also been presented by the Honorable Member's Colleague (Mr. Dalton) to the same purport, largely signed, by the Mayor, Magistrates, Legal Profession, and Residents.

(7.) Marked-tree Line Road, Gundaroo :—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) The names of the Trustees for the Marked-tree Line Road, near Gundaroo?
- (2.) The amount granted for the road in question last year?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) W. Affleck, George Elliott, A. Dyce, Collector and Gundaroo Road, *via* Marked-tree Line, to Gunning and Queanbeyan Road.
- (2.) £225.

(8.) Geary's Gap Road, Lake George :—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is he aware that on the road to Geary's Gap, near Lake George, the following persons have been injured through accidents alleged to have been caused by the defective state of the road, namely, T. Williams, N. Karkoi, J. Edgar, and two storemen in the employ of M'Grath & Hunt?
- (2.) Is it his intention to cause an immediate report to be made upon the state of the Geary's Gap Road, and the necessity for its prompt repair?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) The accidents were only reported at this office (Roads) this morning. Dates of occurrence not stated.
- (2.) Yes.

2. **LIGHT-HOUSE ON SMOKY CAPE**:—Mr. Hyam presented a Petition from certain Shipowners, Shipmasters, Seamen, and others interested in the Shipping Trade of the Colony, representing the necessity for a Light-house at Smoky Cape, and praying the House to take the premises into consideration, with a view to affording the Petitioners and the Public the benefits sought for.
Petition received.
3. **WILLOUGHBY AND GORDON TRAMWAY BILL**:—Mr. Ives presented a Petition from Andrew Armstrong and James Alexander Brown, both of Sydney and St. Leonards, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the construction and maintenance of a Tramway from the terminal point of the Saint Leonards Cable Tramway, Ridge-street, Saint Leonards, to Forest Reserve No. 97, parish of Gordon.
And Mr. Ives having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald*, and *North Shore Times* newspapers, containing the Notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.
4. **MEMBER SWORN**:—William Chandos Wall, 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 Mudgee.
5. **TARIFF**:—Mr. G. A. Lloyd presented a Petition from certain Merchants, Traders, Artizans, and others, in opposition to the alterations and amendments proposed in the Tariff, more especially to that portion relating to the imposition of *ad valorem* duties; and praying the House to devise some other scheme for meeting the present deficit in the Public Accounts.
Petition received.
6. **ALLEGED ABUSES IN CONNECTION WITH THE SHIPPING OF NEW SOUTH WALES**:—Mr. Abbott presented a Petition from Francis John Thomas, of Sydney, Chairman of the Steamship Owners Association of New South Wales, stating that, as the interests of the Petitioner and the other Members of the Steamship Owners Association are involved in the matters referred to the Select Committee appointed to consider the alleged abuses in connection with the Shipping of New South Wales, he and they are desirous that the said Association should be represented before such Committee; and praying for leave so to appear on behalf of the said Association, in person or by solicitor or counsel, and, if necessary, to produce papers and witnesses, and examine and cross-examine witnesses produced before the said Committee.
Petition received, and referred to the Select Committee on the subject.
7. **PAPERS**:—
Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Return showing the quantity of Crown Lands selected or sold by auction from 1865 to 1872 inclusive.
(2.) Return showing the quantity of Crown Lands selected or sold by auction from 1873 to 1885 (inclusive.)
Ordered to be printed.
8. **INEBRIATE ASYLUM**:—Mr. Foster presented a Petition from certain Residents in the City of Sydney and Suburbs, urging the necessity for the establishment of an Inebriate Asylum, and praying consideration of the premises, with a view to relief.
And the Petition having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker,—
Petition received.
9. **ASSENT TO BILLS**:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Mr. Dibbs and read by Mr. Speaker:—
(1.) Consolidated Revenue Fund Bill (No. 6):—
CARRINGTON, *Message No. 33.*
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 1886 and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan,*"—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 July, 1886.
- (2.) Wyatt Estate Leasing Bill:—
CARRINGTON, *Message No. 34.*
Governor.
A Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable Joseph Wyatt and John Moring or other the Trustees or Trustee of a settlement dated the eighth day of June one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three and made between Eleanor Dorothy Wyatt the wife of Joseph Wyatt then Eleanor Dorothy Foreman spinster of the one part and Richard Driver senior and Richard Driver junior of the other part to grant building repairing or improving leases of the real estate comprised in such 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, 1st July, 1886.

(3.) Muswellbrook Cattle Sale-yards Bill:—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 35.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorize the erection and maintenance of Cattle Sale-yards by the Municipal Council of Muswellbrook within the Municipality of Muswellbrook,*"—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 July, 1886.

(4.) Maryville Colliery Company Railway Bill:—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 36.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Maryville Colliery Company (Limited) to construct Railway or Tramway from land at Wickham near Newcastle to and connect the same with the Government Railway to Bullock Island Newcastle,*"—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 July, 1886.

(5.) Ashfield Church of England School Bill:—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 37.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable Frederic King James Christian Corlette John Allum and Edward Henry Rogers or other the Trustees for the time being of certain land situate at Ashfield to sell the same and to make provision for 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, 1st July, 1886.

(6.) Pringle's Estate Mortgaging Bill:—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 38.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to enable the Trustees of the Will of the late Robert Pringle of Tamworth in the Colony of New South Wales to borrow money by mortgage and pledge of certain real and personal estate devised and bequeathed by the said Will for the purpose of enabling the said Trustees to pay off a certain debt owing by the said Testator and certain debts incurred by the said Trustees in administering the said estate and to enable the said Trustees to improve the same,*"—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 July, 1886.

(7.) Moorebank Estate Bill:—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 39.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Bishop of Sydney to lease or sell the lands known as the Moorebank Estate and to convey portions of the said lands to the Commissioner for Railways and for the other purposes therein 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, 1st July, 1886.

(8.) Sisters of Charity Estate Bill:—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 40.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable Bridget McGuigan and Georgina Russell Trustees of certain land situate in Charlotte-place in the City of Sydney held by them on trust for the religious establishment known as the Sisters of Charity to let the said land on building leases or otherwise or to sell the said land 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, 1st July, 1886.

(9.) Randwick Church Land Sale Bill :—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 41.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Most Reverend Patrick Francis Moran the Reverend James Peter Hanrahan and Aston James Watkins as Trustees of certain lands situated at Randwick 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, 1st July, 1886.

10. Uther Estate Leasing 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 authorize Walter Iredale Uther and Hulton Smyth King or other the Trustee or Trustees for the time being of the Will of Reuben Uther late of Sydney deceased to lease portion of the real estate of the said Reuben Uther,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 1st July, 1886.

JOHN HAY,
President.

UTHER ESTATE LEASING BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 1st July, 1886.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, Preamble, line 12. Omit "the said"

Page 3, Schedule, line 27. After "rear" omit remainder of Schedule.

Examined,—

W. R. PIDDINGTON,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the Council's amendments be taken into consideration To-morrow.

11. STAMP DUTIES ACT AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2) :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Sir Patrick Jennings, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 42.

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 expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill "To amend the 'Stamp Duties Act of 1880.'"

Government House,
Sydney, 1st July, 1886.

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

12. GOVERNMENT RAILWAY BILL :—Mr. Lync 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 constitute the office of Minister for Railways to make better provision for the construction maintenance and management of Government Railways and Tramways and for the regulation of persons employed in the Railway and Tramway services and for other purposes. Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

13. SUSPENSION OF THE STANDING ORDERS :—Sir Patrick Jennings 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 amend the 'Stamp Duties Act of 1880,'" through all its stages in one day.

Question put and passed.

14. STAMP DUTIES ACT AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2) :—

(1.) Sir Patrick Jennings moved, That the Resolution of Ways and Means No. 6, agreed to on the 13th May last, and on which the Stamp Duties Act Amendment Bill had been founded, be now read.

Question put and passed,—

And the said Resolution (*as recorded in Votes and Proceedings No 59, Entry 6*) read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker.

(2.) Ordered, on motion of Sir Patrick Jennings, that a Bill be brought in, founded on Resolution of Ways and Means, No. 6, to amend the 'Stamp Duties Act of 1880.

(3.) Sir Patrick Jennings then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the 'Stamp Duties Act of 1880,'*"—which was read a first time.

(4.) Sir Patrick Jennings moved, That the Bill be printed, and now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

On

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 Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

Mr. Dibbs moved, "That" the Report be now adopted.

Sir Patrick Jennings moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "That," with the view to the insertion in their place of the words "the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of clauses 1, 3, and 4."

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 clauses 1, 3, and 4,—put and passed.

On motion of Sir Patrick Jennings, 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 amendments.

On motion of Sir Patrick Jennings, the report was adopted.

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

15. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Sir Patrick Jennings moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly at twelve minutes after Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 87.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 2 JULY, 1886.

There being only nineteen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely,—Mr. Abigail, Mr. Barbour, Mr. W. J. Fergusson, Mr. Garland, Mr. Garvan, Mr. Gormly, Mr. Hassall, Mr. Henson, Mr. Hungerford, Mr. Ives, Sir Patrick Jennings, Mr. Lee, Mr. Neild, Mr. O'Sullivan, Sir Henry Parkes, Dr. Renwick, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Spring, and Mr. Trickett,—

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. 88.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 6 JULY, 1886.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Exemption from Duty and License Fees of Intercolonial Steamers:—Mr. Ives asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What is the amount of license fee paid by the A. S. N. Co. and W. Howard Smith & Co. respectively for the premises occupied by them as bonded stores for the purpose of victualling their fleets?

(2.) What are the salaries paid to the Customs Officers in charge of such bonded stores?

(3.) Is it true that drawback is allowed upon broken packages, such as 12 lbs. currants, 12 tins sardines, and so on; and what is the estimated cost of computing and examining the various official documents in connection therewith?

(4.) Are all intercolonial steamers allowed their stores free of duty, and are they exempt from all license fees for retailing spirits, wines, and tobacco?

(5.) What is the estimated loss to the Revenue consequent upon these steamers being exempt from paying duty on all stores over and above those actually required by the crew, and non-payment of license fees?

Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—

(1.) A. S. N. Co., £100 per annum; W. Howard Smith & Co., £76 per annum.

(2.) A. S. N. Co.'s Bond, £220 per annum; W. Howard Smith & Co.'s Bond, 10s. 6d. per diem (Sundays excepted).

(3.) Drawback is allowed by law, without reference to quantity or amount. The cost of computing and examining cannot be separately stated.

(4.) Stores are by law allowed free of duty. Packet licenses are held by vessels conveying passengers.

(5.) The law allows the consumption of stores on foreign and intercolonial voyages, consequently there is no loss of Revenue.

(2.) Landing Surveyor, Customs:—Mr. Ives asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Who is the present Landing Surveyor in the Customs Department, what is the nature of the duties he is supposed to perform, and what amount of salary does he receive?

(2.) It having been alleged that the out-door branch of the Customs is in a complete state of disorganization, and that the Collector of Customs has frequently to leave his office for the purpose of supervising the Landing Waiters, consequent upon the Landing Surveyor's disinclination to take any responsibility upon himself in directing the action of the waterside Officers, are such allegations correct?

(3.) It having been alleged that there is a determined disinclination on the part of the Landing Surveyor to carry out the legitimate duties of his office, which causes great annoyance and inconvenience to the public generally, is such allegation correct?

(4.) Was the present Landing Surveyor requested to take the position of Cashier, upon the decease of the late Mr. E. Jones, and for what reason was he asked to take that position?

(5.) Did he refuse to take that position, and what reasons did he give for his refusal?

(6.) Is it his intention to make searching inquiries into this matter?

Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—

(1.) Mr. Augustus Berney; supervision of Landing Branch; salary, £645 per annum.

(2.) The Collector is not aware that the out-door branch of the Customs is in a complete state of disorganization.

(3.) The Collector is not aware that Mr. Berney is disinclined to carry out the duties of his office, nor has he received complaints from the public on the subject.

(4.) Mr. Berney was offered the position of Chief Clerk and Cashier upon the decease of the late Mr. E. Jones, for the reason that, in that position, his experience would have been of value.

(5.) Mr. Berney did not refuse to take the position. He declined, on the ground that indoor work would injure his health.

(6.) It does not appear that any special inquiry is requisite.

(3.)

- (3.) Supreme Court Vacation :—Mr. W. J. Fergusson asked the Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) Was the Supreme Court in Vacation for so long as four weeks, between the termination of the recent Sittings for the Trial of Causes in Sydney and the commencement of the Third Term ; and during such Vacation were the Public Law Offices absolutely closed on each Saturday and Monday ; if so, is it his intention to consider the desirableness of altering this practice ?
 - (2.) Are the Government prepared to bring in a Bill to enable creditors here to proceed to judgment and execution during the Vacations of the Supreme Court in like cases, and in manner provided by the Acts and Rules of Court thereunder now in force in England.
- Mr. Watt* answered,—
- (1.) On reference to this year's Law Almanac, it will be seen that the Vacation commenced on the 26th ultimo, and that it will end on the 24th instant, and that each Saturday and Monday in such Vacation is a Court Holiday. The Public Law Offices are not absolutely closed on these days, and the Prothonotary is always to be found at home, within ten minutes drive from the Court-house, ready to open the offices in all cases of emergency.
 - (2.) The subject shall receive the early and careful consideration of the Government.
- (4.) Mr. Barbour, M.P. :—Mr. Abigail asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) The number of tons of wood sent by Mr. Barbour from Redbank Station during the time he had his saw-mill there ?
 - (2.) The quantity of water supplied to Mr. Barbour by the Railway Department during the whole time he carried on operations at Redbank, the amount charged, and the amount paid ?
 - (3.) The charge made by the Railway Department for conveying an engine from Goulburn to Redbank for Mr. Barbour, and the amount paid by him ?
 - (4.) The amount (if any) still due to the Department on these transactions ?
- Mr. Lyne* answered,—
- (1.) 428 tons.
 - (2.) 198,200 gallons ; amount charged, £39 10s. The amount has not yet been paid.
 - (3.) £38 6s. 3d. The amount has been paid.
 - (4.) The amount of £39 10s. is still due.
- (5.) Tramways :—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. Neild, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What was the total sum paid on Capital Account of Tramways (other than the North Shore Line) during January, February, March, and April of this year ?
- Mr. Lyne* answered,—£7,351.
- (6.) Water Supply for Hillston :—Mr. Gormly asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is he aware that the residents of the town of Hillston have been suffering for the want of water ?
 - (2.) Is there an Officer from the Harbours and Rivers Department now at Cudgelico ; and, if so, will he cause such Officer to report on the question of the advisableness (or otherwise) of damming the River Lachlan, to provide a water supply for Hillston ?
- Mr. Lyne* answered,—
- (1.) Yes, it has been so reported.
 - (2.) Yes. From reports already received it appears there is no immediate necessity for action in the matter, but the Officer will be instructed to report upon the feasibility of damming the Lachlan River.
- (7.) Local Land Boards :—Mr. Gormly asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is it his intention to make inquiries as to whether there is any continued delay with the Local Land Boards and Survey Departments in dealing with applications of persons who have applied for conditional purchases, conditional leases, and homestead leases, at the Lands Offices, Wagga Wagga, Urana, Narrandera, and Hillston ; and, if so, to remedy such a state of things ?
- Mr. Copeland* answered,—These matters are being dealt with as speedily as possible. Inquiry will be made as to whether they can be further expedited.
- (8.) Conversion of Pre-emptive into Conditional Leases :—Mr. Gormly asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Is he aware that many persons residing in the Land Districts of Wagga Wagga, Urana, Narrandera, and Hillston, who have applied within the ninety days, as prescribed by the Land Act of 1884, to have their pre-emptive leases converted into conditional leases, have not yet had their applications dealt with ?
 - (2.) Will he make inquiries as to the cause of such delay ?
- Mr. Copeland* answered,—
- (1.) I am aware that some few applications have not yet been dealt with, but they bear a very small proportion to the whole number which were received.
 - (2.) Inquiries will be made as to whether it is possible to expedite the completion of the cases outstanding.
- (9.) Payment in Cash for Telegrams :—Mr. W. J. Fergusson asked the Postmaster General,—Has he any objection to state for what reason the cash system has been reverted to in payment for telegrams ?
- Mr. Suttor* answered,—The cash system was reverted to because it was found, after a trial of six months, that the system of pre-payment of telegrams by stamps possessed absolutely no check upon the collections of country Station-masters. The Inspector of Public Revenue Collectors' Accounts, who made a full inquiry into the relative merits of the two systems, reported that, in his opinion, the stamp system opened a door to speculation such as was impossible under the old system ; and he further reported that the cash system afforded as perfect a check upon the collections of Station-masters as was possible to secure. The stamp system was also found to be a very inconvenient one for the public, who complained of the trouble in purchasing and affixing stamps. The cash system provides a complete statistical record, which the stamp system did not.

2. **STAMP DUTIES ACT AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2) (Formal Order of the Day)**,—On motion of Sir Patrick Jennings, read a third time, and *passed*.
Sir Patrick Jennings then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the 'Stamp Duties Act of 1880.'*"
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 'Stamp Duties Act of 1880.'*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 6th July, 1886.
3. **BONDED WAREHOUSES (Formal Motion)** :—Mr. Ives moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of all the bonded warehouses in Sydney, showing, in respect to each, where situated, the name of the owner, the name of the occupier, amount of surety required, and how provided for, total amount of tonnage, annual license fee, number of Customs Officers, and salary paid to each.
Question put and passed.
4. **DIAMOND DRILLS (Formal Motion)** :—Mr. W. J. Fergusson moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing the number of Government diamond drills now in use ; the cost from the 1st July, 1885, to 1st June instant ; the revenue received for their use during same period ; where they are now at work ; for whom ; and how long they have been in each locality.
Question put and passed.
5. **WILLOUGHBY AND GORDON TRAMWAY BILL** :—
(1.) Mr. Ives moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the construction and maintenance of a tramway from the terminal point of the Saint Leonards Cable Tramway Ridge-street Saint Leonards to Forest Reserve No. 97 parish of Gordon.
Question put and passed.
(2.) Mr. Ives 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 terminal point of the Saint Leonards Cable Tramway Ridge-street Saint Leonards to Forest Reserve No. 97 parish of Gordon,*"—read a first time.
6. **RAILWAY LANDS COMPENSATION BILL** :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill discharged, and Bill withdrawn, on motion of Mr. Abbott.
7. **POSTPONEMENTS** :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—
(1.) Parramatta Public Baths Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*) ; second reading ;—
(2.) Parramatta Church School Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*) ; second reading ;—
(3.) Light house on Smoky Cape ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of Resolutions ;—
(4.) Ennis Estate Bill ; second reading ;—*until Friday, 16th July.*
(5.) Parliamentary *Hansard* ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of Resolutions ;—*until Friday, 30th July.*
(6.) Garden Palace Grounds ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor ;—*until Friday, 13th August.*
8. **INVERELL CHURCH OF ENGLAND LAND SALES BILL** :—Mr. Abbott, 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 11th June, 1886 ; together with a copy of the Bill, as amended and agreed to by the Committee.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Abbott then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday, 30th July.
Question put and passed.
9. **SYDNEY MECHANICS SCHOOL OF ARTS INCORPORATION BILL** :—Mr. Forsyth presented a Petition from the Committee of the Sydney Mechanics School of Arts, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to repeal the "Sydney Mechanics School of Arts Incorporation Act of 1874" and to re-incorporate the said Institution and to enable the Committee to borrow money and with the sanction of the members of the said Institution to sell demise or otherwise dispose of either absolutely or by way of mortgage the real or personal property of the said Institution and for other purposes therein mentioned.
And Mr. Forsyth having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* and *Daily Telegraph* newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.
10. **PAPER** :—Mr. Lync laid upon the Table,—Copy of notification of resumption of certain land between Great Barcom and Liverpool Streets, required for Sewerage Purposes.
Ordered to be printed.
11. **ADJOURNMENT** :—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.

12. SIR JOHN ROBERTSON, K.C.M.G. :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor, was delivered by Sir Patrick Jennings, and read by Mr. Speaker,—

CARBRINGTON,

Message No. 43.

Governor.

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 expediency of making provision to meet the expenditure in connection with a Bill to grant out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum not exceeding ten thousand pounds sterling, to Sir John Robertson, K.C.M.G., lately a Member of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, in recognition of his long, distinguished, and patriotic services.

Government House,

Sydney, 6th July, 1886.

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

13. DIVORCE EXTENSION BILL :—Sir Henry Parkes presented a Petition from certain Residents in the city and suburbs, stating that the Petitioners believe that the Divorce Extension Bill is calculated to promote the highest interests of the community, by its tendency to restrain brutality and crime, to uphold the sanctity of marriage, and relieve a large amount of suffering, otherwise hopeless of redress; and praying that the said Bill may receive favourable consideration, and be passed into law.
Petition received.
14. PAPER :—Mr. Suttor laid upon the Table,—Letter from Mr. Speaker, and Memorandum from Mr. E. C. Cracknell, Superintendent of Electric Telegraphs, relative to the Electric Light arrangements at the Houses of Parliament,—and moved, That the documents be printed.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 52.

Sir Patrick Jennings,	Mr. Moore,
Mr. Want,	Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Baker,
Dr. Renwick,	Mr. Hungerford,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Cramsie,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. Williamson,	Mr. Proctor,
Mr. Toohy,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. Hogan,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. De Courcy Browne,	Mr. J. D. Young,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Trickett,	Mr. Lysaght,
Mr. Bowman,	Sir Henry Parkes,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Russell Barton,
Mr. Rylie,	Mr. Ives,
Mr. Burke,	Mr. Kethel,
Mr. Scott,	Mr. Heydon,
Mr. Bull,	Mr. Foster,
Mr. Day,	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Forsyth,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Roberts.
Mr. Davies,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. T. R. Smith,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Levien.
Mr. Gormly,	

Noes, 6.

Mr. James Henry Young,
Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Hawthorne.
Tellers,
Mr. Garland,
Mr. Shepherd.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

15. SIR JOHN ROBERTSON, K.C.M.G. :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir Patrick Jennings moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the following Resolution:—That, in view of the long, distinguished, and patriotic services of Sir John Robertson, K.C.M.G., a late Member of this House, there be granted to him out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales a sum not exceeding ten thousand pounds sterling.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 49.

Sir Patrick Jennings,	Mr. William Clarke,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Toecc,
Mr. Want,	Mr. Roberts,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. James Henry Young,
Dr. Renwick,	Mr. Forsyth,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Cramsie,
Mr. T. R. Smith,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Day,
Mr. Hyam,	Mr. Bull,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Hogan,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Scott,
Mr. Davies,	Mr. Rylie,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Shepherd,	Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Heydon,	Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Trickett,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Baker,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. Kethel,
Mr. Stokes,	Mr. Russell Barton.
Mr. Humphery,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Foster,	Mr. Toohy,
Mr. Burdekin,	Mr. O'Sullivan.

Noes, 13.

Mr. Garland,
Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Lysaght,
Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Collins,
Mr. Hungerford,
Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Ives,
Mr. J. D. Young,
Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Burke.
Tellers,
Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Williamson.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative

Whereupon

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole accordingly.

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, in view of the long, distinguished, and patriotic services of Sir John Robertson, K.C.M.G., a late Member of this House, there be granted to him out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales a sum not exceeding ten thousand pounds sterling.

(2.) That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to give effect to the foregoing Resolution.

On motion of Sir Patrick Jennings, the Resolutions were read a second time, and agreed to.

16. **BOWENFELS COAL-MINING AND COPPER-SMELTING COMPANY'S RAILWAY (SALE AND VESTING) 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 the 5th May, 1886; together with Appendix and a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee.

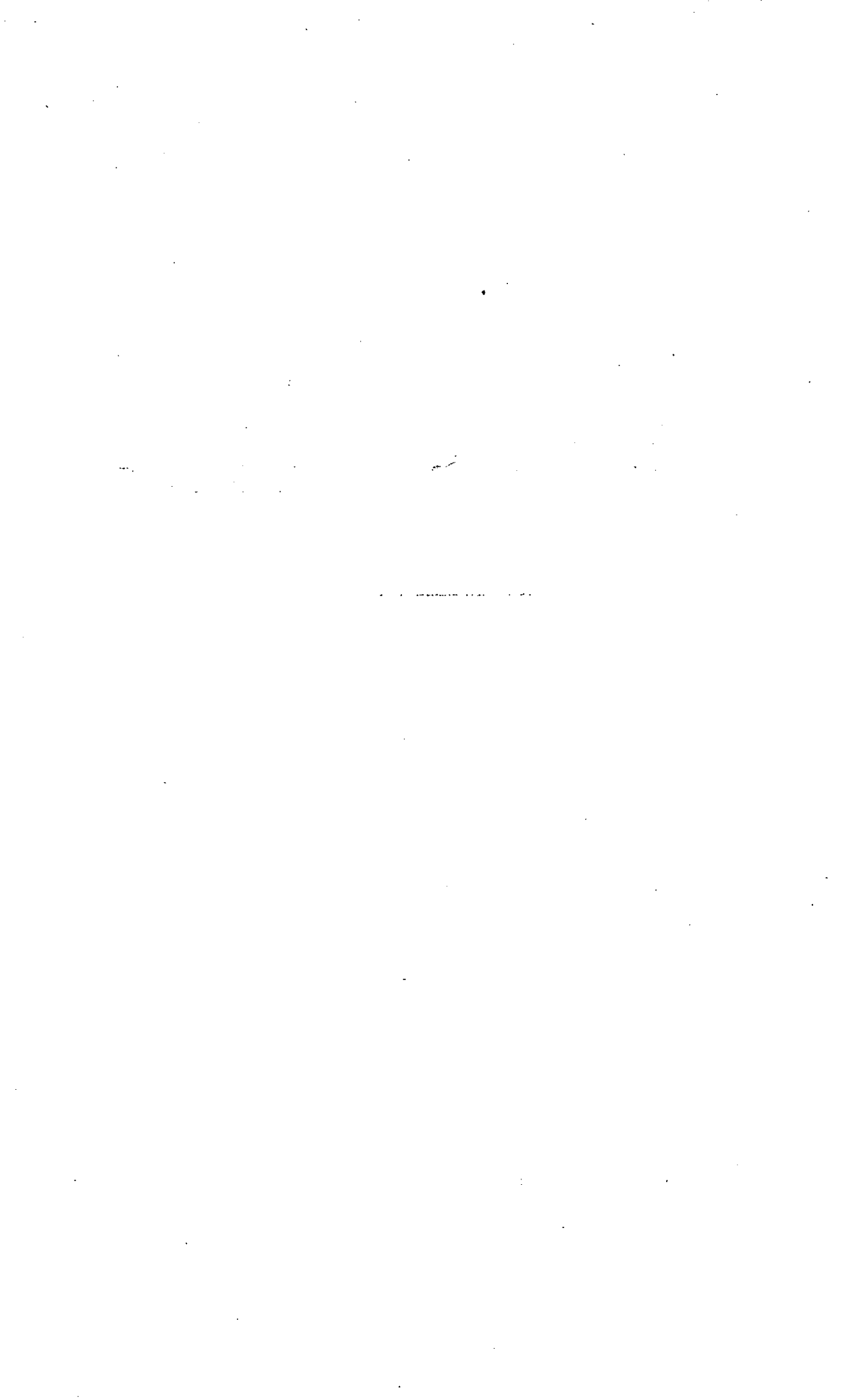
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Teece then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday, 30th July.

Question put and passed.

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. 89.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 7 JULY, 1886.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Mail between Grenfell and Sydney:—*Mr. Abigail*, for *Mr. Vaughn*, asked the Postmaster General,—

(1.) Is it contemplated to alter the times of despatch of the mail from Grenfell to Sydney, giving only three mails per week, *via* Young, instead of six as at present; and, if so, upon whose report or recommendation has this alteration been determined upon?

(2.) Has there been any alteration in the times of the despatch of the mails from the towns of Young, Cowra, and Forbes; and, if so, what are the changes?

Mr. Suttor answered,—

(1.) No. Grenfell is to despatch eight mails per week, instead of six as formerly, *viz.*, Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, at 6.20 a.m., *via* Cowra; Sundays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, 12.45 p.m., *via* Young. Mails *via* Cowra arrive in Sydney in time to catch the 8 a.m. delivery, and those *via* Young the following delivery.

(2.) Mails leave Young for Grenfell on Monday at noon, instead of 9.30 a.m.; leave Young for Sydney, Mondays at 3 p.m., instead of 7 p.m.; leave Cowra at 1.25 p.m., instead of 2.20 p.m.; leave Forbes daily (Mondays excepted) 6 a.m., instead of 6.45 a.m. These changes have been made to meet the recent alterations in the Railway Time-tables.

- (2.) Supply of Ironwork to the Government:—*Mr. Davies* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What was the cost of the ironwork for the workshops and sheds at Eveleigh, and were tenders invited in the Colony?

(2.) What was the amount expended on all ironwork required for the construction of bridges and other Public works during the years 1882, 1883, 1884, and 1885; were tenders invited for the whole, or any portion, in the Colony?

(3.) In view of the alleged depression in connection with the iron trades of the Colony, is it the intention of the Government to call for tenders in the Colony in future with more liberal specifications?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) The cost has been £92,924. Tenders were invited in the Colony.

(2.) On Existing Lines of Railway the sum of £44,675 was expended on ironwork for bridges and other structures, from 1882 to 1885, tenders for which were invited in the Colony. Particulars of ironwork used on other public works can be obtained, and will, if required, be laid upon the Table of the House.

(3.) In all cases where there is any prospect of ironwork supplies for public works being obtainable in the Colony, tenders will be invited for same.

- (3.) Proclamation Incorporating Junee:—*Mr. Gormly* asked the Colonial Secretary,—When will the Proclamation issue, declaring Junee a Municipality?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—It will be necessary to properly define the boundaries before this Municipality can be proclaimed. The matter is now under reference to the Surveyor-General for this purpose, and as soon as his report has been received the Proclamation will be issued.

- (4.) Patents Fees:—*Mr. Garland* asked the Attorney-General,—

(1.) Will he state how much has been paid as patent fees since the present Government came into office?

(2.) The amount received by each of the various officials entitled to receive such fees?

(3.) Have such amounts been paid to the officials directly by the applicants or their agents, or through the Treasury, by order of the Under Secretary for Finance and Trade?

Mr.

Mr. Want answered,—

(1.) Since the 26th of February last, upon which date the present Government came into office, the sum of £1,520 has been deposited in the Treasury by applicants for Letters of Registration.

(2.) Attorney-General, £185; Secretary, £37; Crown Solicitor, £204 18s. 6d.; Dr. Leibius, £34 13s.; Captain Mann, £34 13s.; Mr. Watt, £31 10s.; Mr. Bennett, £22 1s.; Mr. Barnett, £22 1s.; Mr. Whitton £22 1s.; Mr. Fosbery, £18 18s.; Mr. Cracknell, £12 12s.; Mr. Beaver, £12 12s.; Mr. Richards, £9 9s.; Mr. Fraser, £6 6s.; Mr. Russell, £6 6s.

(3.) The amounts specified were paid to the persons named, upon application to the Treasury, in the customary manner, after an order received from the Under Secretary for Finance and Trade.

(5.) Storage on Goods arriving by Railway:—Mr. Thompson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—By what authority do Government Railway Officials charge storage for goods arriving at stations on Saturday night and not delivered till Monday morning?

Mr. Lyne answered,—I cannot learn that this is done in any instance. Further inquiry will be made.

(6.) Bourke Land Board:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Lands,—What were the expenses attached to the working of the Bourke Land Board for the four months ending 30th April, 1886, including rent of office, salaries of officials, travelling expenses of members, printing, advertising, &c., &c.?

Dr. Renwick answered,—The sum of £5,752 13s. 3d. This includes salaries for Surveyors; also, as far as can be ascertained, fees to Licensed Surveyors and all other expenses in connection with the Land Board at Bourke, Cobar, and Brewarrina, the Head Office being at the former place.

(7.) Temporary Draftsmen, Survey Department:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is it his intention to pay the arrears of salary due to Temporary Draftsmen in the Survey Department under the last Temporary Supply Act; if not, is it his intention, in the event of the Supplementary Estimates not being brought before the House this month, to cause the necessary sum to be placed in the Temporary Supply Bill for July, as some of the arrears, it is alleged, have been due for the last eighteen months?

Dr. Renwick answered,—No; the Temporary Supply Bills are based on last year's Estimates, and make no provision for such payments. Provision has, as I have already twice informed the Honorable Member, been made on the Supplementary Estimates for paying these amounts, and no delay will occur in making the payments as soon as those Estimates are voted.

(8.) Railway Employés:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has his attention been directed to an article which appeared in the *Sydney Daily Telegraph* of June 28th, 1886, purporting to be issued by the New South Wales Engine Drivers and Firemens Association, and dealing with the subject of the loss of time by firemen and drivers employed at Singleton, Murrurundi, and Armidale?

(2.) Will he, as an act of justice to the men, issue instructions that, in no case, shall any permanent railway servant, who is ready and willing to work, be compelled to lose time?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) The representations made are being inquired into.

(9.) *Ad Valorem* Duties:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What was the amount of revenue received from *ad valorem* duties from 1864 till the end of 1873, stating the amount for each year of that period?

(2.) The amount of the deficit in 1864, and the amount of the surplus at the end of 1873?

Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—

(1.) The total amount received was—£1,178,959 12s. 9d. The amounts for each of the years during the period referred to are as follows:—1864, £4,110 5s. 11d.; 1865, £2,012 15s. 7d.; 1866, £156,350 6s. 1d.; 1867, £104,739 1s. 11d.; 1868, £129,477 13s.; 1869, £169,148 9s. 2d.; 1870, £147,893 19s. 1d.; 1871, £127,328 10s. 9d.; 1872, £148,275 13s.; 1873, £189,622 18s. 3d.

(2.) Deficit of 1864, £407,626 7s. 11d.; surplus of 1873, £720,472 5s. 3d.

2. SYDNEY MECHANICS SCHOOL OF ARTS INCORPORATION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Melville, for Mr. Forsyth, moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to repeal the "Sydney Mechanics School of Arts Incorporation Act of 1874" and to re-incorporate the said Institution and to enable the Committee to borrow money and with the sanction of the members of the said Institution to sell demise or otherwise dispose of either absolutely or by way of mortgage the real or personal property of the said Institution and for other purposes therein mentioned. Question put and passed.

3. MR. METCALF, ENGINEER IN THE ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Garrard moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all minutes, letters, papers, and other documents in connection with the appointment, suspension, and dismissal of Mr. Metcalf, Engineer in the Electric Telegraph Department. Question put and passed.

4. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Divorce Extension Bill postponed until Friday, 13th August.

5. BALMAIN CEMETERIES CLOSING BILL:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill discharged, and Bill withdrawn, on motion of Mr. Garrard.

6. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—

(1) Barristers Bill (No. 2); second reading;—until Friday, 13th August.

(2) Building Societies Bill; second reading;—until Friday, 30th July.

(3) Married Women's Property Act Amendment Bill; second reading;—until Friday, 16th July.

(4) Net-fishing in Port Hacking Prohibition Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of Legislative Council's amendments;—until Friday, 16th July.

(5) Defamation Act Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of Legislative Council's amendments;—until Friday, 30th July.

7. TARIFF:—

- (1.) Mr. Gibbs presented a Petition from George H. Sparkes, as Chairman of a Public Meeting held at Newtown, in opposition to the Customs proposals of the Government; and recommending a well regulated system of retrenchment, together with a land and property tax, as sufficient to meet the present needs of the Colony; and praying favourable consideration of these proposals.
Petition received.
- (2.) Mr. R. B. Wilkinson presented a Petition from certain Producers, Traders, Artizans, and others complaining that for some years past the Public Expenditure has been largely increased; urging that before new burdens of taxation are imposed upon the people, material reductions in the expenditure should be made; suggesting the adoption, if necessary, of a system of direct taxation upon property; and praying the House not to pass any Bill to extend the present Customs Tariff.
Petition received.
- (3.) Mr. Chanter presented a Petition from John Lewis, as Chairman of a Public Assemblage of Residents of Moama and District, in favour of the proposal to impose *ad valorem* Duties of 5 per cent., as being an equitable one, and necessitated by the special circumstances of the Colony; and praying consideration of the matter, with a view to relief.
Petition received.

8. DIVORCE EXTENSION BILL:—

- (1.) Mr. Gould presented a Petition from certain Residents of Singleton, stating that the Petitioners regard the Divorce Extension Bill as contrary to the spirit of the British Constitution and the revealed will of God, and injurious to the people of this Colony; and praying the House not to suffer the Bill to become law.
Petition received.
- (2.) Mr. Garrard presented a Petition from the President and Secretary, representing the Committee of Privileges appointed by the Wesleyan Conference to guard the interests of the Wesleyan portion of the Community, representing that Petitioners are conscientiously opposed to the provisions of the Divorce Extension Bill, for the reasons stated in their Petition; and praying the House to refuse its assent to the said Bill.
Petition received.

9. ST. JAMES' SCHOOL COMPENSATION TRUST BILL:—Mr. Septimus 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 June, 1886; together with Appendix and a copy of the Bill, as amended and agreed to by the Committee.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Septimus Stephen then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday, 30th July.

Question put and passed.

10. PAPERS:—

Mr. Fletcher laid upon the Table,—Annual Report of the Stock and Brands Branch, Department of Mines, for the year 1885.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table,—Correspondence respecting Defence of Albany and Thursday Island.

Ordered to be printed.

11. SIR JOHN ROBERTSON GRANT BILL:—Sir Patrick Jennings presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to give effect to a Resolution of the Legislative Assembly that a sum of money not exceeding £10,000 should be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund to Sir John Robertson,*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

12. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Reid moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

13. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

(1.) Bishops court Sale and Leasing Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to empower the Church of England Property Trust Diocese of Sydney to sell and lease portions of the Bishops court Estate and to provide for the application of the moneys to arise from such sales and leases,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 7th July, 1886.

JOHN HAY,
President.

(2.) Glen Innes Markets Leasing Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Municipal Council of Glen Innes to erect offices upon certain land granted for a Town Hall and Public Markets and to mortgage such land and the buildings to be erected thereon and to lease such offices for terms not exceeding five years,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 7th July, 1886.

JOHN HAY,
President.

(3.)

(3.) Bell's Estate Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable Elizabeth Bell and Richard Holdsworth or other the Trustees or Trustee for the time being of the Will of the late Henry Bell to make leases of certain hereditaments devised by the said Will,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 7th July, 1886.*

JOHN HAY,
President.

(4.) Divorce Procedure Amendment Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Matrimonial Causes Acts' in respect of procedure and certain other matters,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 7th July, 1886.*

JOHN HAY,
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Septimus Stephen, read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 30th July.

(5.) Dairies Supervision Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to establish Sanitary Regulations in respect of the Production and Distribution of Milk,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 7th July, 1886.*

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.

(6.) Prickly Pear Destruction Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to provide for the eradication of the Prickly Pear,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 7th July, 1886.*

JOHN HAY,
President.

PRICKLY-PEAR DESTRUCTION BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 7th July, 1886.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 2, clause 2, line 3. Omit "s" from "plants"
 Page 2, clause 2, line 3. Omit "s" from "names"
 Page 2, clause 2, line 4. Omit "of *Opuntia tuna opuntia ficas Indica* and"
 Page 2, clause 2, line 4. After "*vulgaris*" insert "or the common prickly-pear and any other
 "variety of the cactus tribe which the Governor may declare to be prickly-pear for the
 "purpose of this Act"
 Page 2, clause 2, line 6. After "Crown" insert "for any period exceeding one year"
 Page 2, clause 3, line 17. Omit "from time to time"
 Page 2, clause 3, line 18. Omit "s" from "lands"
 Page 2, clause 3, line 18. Omit "upon any"
 Page 2, clause 3, line 18. Omit "s" from "lands"
 Page 2, clause 6. Omit clause 6.
 Page 2, clause 7. At end of clause add "Provided that it shall be lawful for the Minister to
 "cause such Crown Lands to be offered for lease by auction or tender and to let the
 "same in areas not exceeding six hundred and forty acres and for any term not exceed-
 "ing twenty-one years upon condition that the lessee shall destroy and eradicate such
 "prickly-pear and at such rent and subject to such other conditions and penalties as
 "may be prescribed by regulations in that behalf anything in the 'Land Act of 1884' to the
 "contrary notwithstanding."
 Page 2, clause 8, line 47. Omit "growing"
 Page 2, clause 8, line 48. Omit "s" from "lands"
 Page 2, clause 8, line 51. Omit "s" from "lands"
 Page 2, clause 8, line 53. Omit "s" from "lands"
 Page 3, clause 9, line 1. Omit "growing"
 Page 3, clause 9, line 2. Omit "s" from "lands"
 Page 3, clause 9, line 8. Omit "one" insert "three"
 Page 3, clause 9, line 8. Add "s" to "month"
 Page 3, clause 9, line 13. Omit "ten" insert "twenty-one"
 Page 3, clause 9, line 16. Omit "s" from "lands"
 Page 3, clause 10, line 19. Omit "s" from "lands"
 Page 3, clause 10, line 24. Omit "s" from "lands"
 Page 3, clause 11, line 28. Omit "growing" insert "found"
 Page 3, clause 12, line 37. Omit "seven" insert "twenty-eight"
 Page 3, clause 13, line 45. After "owner" insert "or occupier"

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- Page 3, clause 13, line 46. *After* "inspector" *insert* "or authorized person"
 Page 3, clause 13, line 46. *Omit* "him" *insert* "either of them"
 Page 3, clause 13, line 48. *Omit* "s" from "lands"
 Page 4, clause 17, line 18. *Omit* "s" from "lands"
 Page 4, clause 17, line 23. *Omit* "s" from "lands"
 Page 4, clause 18, line 39. *Omit* "ten" *insert* "twenty-one"
 Page 4, clause 19, line 47. *Omit* "s" from "lands"
 Page 5, clause 20, line 7. *Omit* "on oath"
 Page 5, clause 22, line 30. *Omit* "s" from "lands"
 Page 5, clause 22, lines 32 and 33. *Omit* "such noxious plants" *insert* "the same"
 Page 6, clause 27, lines 15 and 16. *Omit* "nor shall it be lawful for any person" *insert* "or"
 Page 6, clause 27, line 16. *Omit* "s" from "lands"
 Page 6, clause 27, line 19. *Omit* "nor shall it be lawful for any person" *insert* "or"
 Page 6, clause 27, line 21. *Omit* "they" *insert* "it"
 Page 6, clause 30, lines 39 to 41. *Omit* "and payment of any such penalty or money may be enforced by distress and sale of the offender's or defendant's goods and chattels"
 Page 6, clause 30, line 46. *After* "Court" *insert* "or Justices"
 Page 6, clause 30. At end of clause *add* "or Justices"
 Page 6, clause 31. *Omit* clause 31.
 Page 7, clause 33, line 14. *Omit* "an affidavit" *insert* "a statutory declaration"
 Page 7, clause 34, line 28. *Omit* "upon oath"
 Page 8, Schedule A, line 7. *Omit* "s" from "prickly pears"
 Page 8, Schedule A, line 7. *Omit* "are growing" *insert* "is"
 Page 8, Schedule B, line 16. *Omit* "growing"

Examined,—

W. R. PIDDINGTON,
 Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the Council's amendments be taken into consideration on Tuesday next.

(7.) Municipal Gas Act Amendment Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to amend the Municipal Gas Act of 1884*,"—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 July, 1886.

JOHN HAY,
 President.

MUNICIPAL GAS ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

Schedule of the Amendment referred to in Message of 7th July, 1886.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
 Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, clause 1, line 15. *After* "constructing" *insert* "or purchasing"

Examined,—

W. R. PIDDINGTON,
 Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the Council's amendment be taken into consideration on Friday next.

(8.) West Wallsend and Monk-Wearmouth Railway Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to enable the West Wallsend Coal Company (Limited) and the Monk-Wearmouth Colliery Estate Company of Australia (Limited) to construct a Railway from the West Wallsend Coal-fields to the Sydney and Waratah Railway*,"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
 Sydney, 7th July, 1886.

JOHN HAY,
 President.

WEST WALLSEND AND MONK-WEARMOUTH RAILWAY BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 7th July, 1886.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
 Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 2, clause 1, line 19. *After* "feet" *omit* remainder of clause.

Page 6, clause 15, line 45. *Omit* "mesne" *insert* "mean"

Page 6, clause 15, line 47. *Omit* "preserved" *insert* "required"

Page 6, clause 15, line 52. *Omit* "mesne" *insert* "mean"

Page 7, clause 17. At end of clause, *add* "recoverable in a summary way before any two Justices of the Peace."

Page 10, clause 34. *Omit* clause 34.

Page 10, clause 35. *Omit* clause 35.

Page 10, clause 40, lines 52 to 56. *Omit* "the said Justices shall mean Justices of the Peace in and for the territory of New South Wales and when 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"

Page 11, clause 41, line 1. *Omit* "shall be deemed and taken to be a Public"
Page 11, clause 41, lines 1 and 2. *Omit* "and the same"

Examined,—

W. R. PIDDINGTON,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the Council's amendments be taken into consideration on Friday next.

The House adjourned at a twenty-seven 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.

THURSDAY, 8 JULY, 1886.

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

CENTENNIAL EXHIBITION:—Mr. See presented a Petition from John Young, Mayor, as Chairman of a Public Meeting of the Citizens of Sydney, representing that the honor and credit of the Colony demand that the Centenary of Australia should be celebrated in a fitting manner by the Colonists of Australasia; suggesting the holding of an International Exhibition; and praying the House to consider the premises, with a view to invite the co-operation of the Governments of the other Colonies.

And the Petition having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker,—
Petition received.

2. PRECEDENCE OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS ON FRIDAY NEXT:—Sir Patrick Jennings moved, pursuant to Notice, That Government Business take precedence of General Business on Friday next. Mr. Shepherd moved, That the Question be amended by the addition, at the end, of the words "up to 10 o'clock, and that, unless otherwise ordered, General Business take precedence of Government Business on Tuesday in each week."

Debate ensued.

Question put,—That the words proposed to be added be so added.

The House divided.

Ayes, 24.
Mr. Roberts,
Mr. Purves,
Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Garland,
Mr. James Henry Young,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Sir Henry Parkes,
Mr. Shepherd,
Mr. Foster,
Mr. Abigail,
Mr. Gibbes,
Mr. Ives,
Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Neild,
Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Teccc,
Mr. Gould,
Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Burns,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,
Mr. J. F. Smith.

Tellers,

Mr. Hammond,
Dr. Wilkinson.

Noes, 52.

Sir Patrick Jennings,	Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Want,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Davies,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Collins,
Dr. Renwick,	Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Cass,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Hogan,
Mr. Harold Stephen,	Mr. Ryrie,
Mr. Heydon,	Mr. Humphery,
Mr. Forsyth,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Butcher,	Mr. Williamson,
Mr. See,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Dalton,	Mr. Hyam,
Mr. Stokes,	Mr. T. R. Smith,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Gramsic,
Mr. Toohey,	Mr. Olliffe,
Mr. Bowman,	Mr. Quin,
Mr. Bull,	Mr. Abbott,
Mr. Jones,	Mr. Targott,
Mr. Scott,	Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Burke,	Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Melville.
Mr. Day,	
Mr. Slattery,	Tellers,
Mr. Baker,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Hungerford,	Mr. Coonan.

And so it passed in the negative.

Original

Original Question put,—That Government Business take precedence of General Business on Friday next.

The House divided.

Ayes, 52.

Sir Patrick Jennings,	Mr. Dalton,
Mr. Want,	Mr. Butcher,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Hyam,
Dr. Renwick,	Mr. Williamson,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Abbott,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Humphery,
Mr. Bull,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. See,
Mr. Olliffe,	Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Baker,	Mr. Targett,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Hogan,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Rytic,
Mr. Day,	Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Harold Stephen,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. Scott,	Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Coonan,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Burke,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Jones,	Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Heydon,	Mr. Forsyth,
Mr. Toohey,	Mr. Hungerford,
Mr. T. R. Smith,	Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Bowman,	Mr. Copeland.
Mr. Cass,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hammond,	Mr. Quin,
Mr. Davies,	Mr. Melville.
Mr. Cramsie,	

Noes, 24.

Sir Henry Parkes,
Mr. James Henry Young,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. Shepherd,
Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Foster,
Dr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Neild,
Mr. Roberts,
Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Abigail,
Mr. Burns,
Mr. Gould,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,
Mr. Teece,
Mr. J. F. Smith,
Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Gibbes,
Mr. Ives.

Tellers,

Mr. Garland,
Mr. Purves.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

3. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The Orders of the Day of Government Business Nos. 1 to 14 postponed, to follow after Sir Henry Parkes' Notice of Motion No. 7 of General Business.
4. **MR. HENRY ARTHUR HOUGH**:—Mr. McCulloch, 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 11th June, 1886; together with Appendix.
Ordered to be printed.
5. **SELECTIONS BY MESSRS. FISHER AT COONAMBLE**:—Mr. Abigail moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all letters, minutes, reports, appeals, or other documents, having reference to the selections of John W. Fisher, W. Addison Fisher, and Richard John Fisher, selected at Coonamble; also, copies of the proceedings before the Land Board referring to the said cases, tried before them, at Coonamble, about January, 1886.
Question put and passed.
6. **THE LANDING SURVEYOR, CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT**:—Mr. Ives moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all matters referred to the Landing Surveyor of the Customs from 1st July, 1885, to 30th June, 1886, and his decisions thereon.
Question put and passed.
7. **MR. AUGUSTUS BERNEY, CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT**:—Mr. Ives moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all minutes, papers, or memoranda in reference to, and in connection with, the offering of the appointment of Chief Clerk and Cashier in the Custom House to Mr. Augustus Berney, and his replies to same.
Question put and passed.
8. **WANT OF CONFIDENCE IN THE GOVERNMENT**:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice,—
 - (1.) That this House is of opinion that the proposed Customs Taxation now before Parliament would be fraught with great and serious public injury; and that the Government, in seeking to impose such taxation, has not the support of the electors of the country.
 - (2.) That for these and other weighty reasons the present Advisers of the Crown are not entitled to the confidence of this House.
 - (3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
 Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 9 JULY, 1886, A.M.

Mr. McCulloch requiring that the Resolutions be considered *seriatim*,—

Question put,—That the Resolutions be proposed *seriatim*,—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*.

Original Question put.

- (1.) That this House is of opinion that the proposed Customs Taxation now before Parliament would be fraught with great and serious public injury; and that the Government, in seeking to impose such taxation, has not the support of the electors of the country.
- (2.) That for these and other weighty reasons the present Advisers of the Crown are not entitled to the confidence of this House.
- (3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 17.

Mr. Neild,
Mr. James Henry Young,
Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Foster,
Sir Henry Parkes,
Mr. Sydney Smith,
Dr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Shepherd,
Mr. Spring,
Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Burns,
Mr. O'Connor,
Dr. Ross,
Mr. William Clarke,
Mr. Wisdom.

Tellers,

Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Teece.

Noes, 52.

Sir Patrick Jennings, Mr. Fletcher, Mr. Want, Mr. Lyne, Mr. Slattery, Mr. Garvan, Dr. Renwick, Mr. Williamson, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Copeland, Mr. Harold Stephen, Mr. Jones, Mr. Bowman, Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Trickett, Mr. Suttor, Mr. Hawthorne, Mr. Hayes, Mr. Dalton, Mr. Day, Mr. Kidd, Mr. Davies, Mr. Tarrant, Mr. Moore, Mr. Forsyth, Mr. Dawson,	Mr. Coonan, Mr. Wall, Mr. De Courcy Browne, Mr. J. F. Smith, Mr. Olliffe, Mr. J. D. Young, Mr. Heydon, Mr. Scott, Mr. Butcher, Mr. Targett, Mr. Cass, Mr. Mackinnon, Mr. Abbott, Mr. Toohey, Mr. D. A. Ferguson, Mr. Bull, Mr. Burke, Mr. Stokes, Mr. Hassall, Mr. Ryrie, Mr. R. B. Wilkinson, Mr. Melville, Mr. Barbour.
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Tellers,

Mr. Levien,
Mr. Humphery.

And so it passed in the negative.

9. SIR JOHN ROBERTSON GRANT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill,—

Sir Patrick Jennings moved, That the Order of the Day be postponed to follow after the Order of the Day No. 2.

Debate ensued.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Sir Patrick Jennings then moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 52.

Sir Patrick Jennings, Mr. Garvan, Mr. Copeland, Mr. Suttor, Mr. Lyne, Dr. Renwick, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Cass, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Coonan, Mr. Bowman, Mr. Day, Mr. Harold Stephen, Mr. Want, Mr. Slattery, Mr. Fletcher, Mr. Levien, Mr. Scott, Mr. Jones, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Toohey, Mr. Bull, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Ryrie, Mr. Shepherd,	Mr. Forsyth, Mr. Davies, Mr. D. A. Ferguson, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Tarrant, Mr. Moore, Mr. Vaughn, Mr. Burns, Mr. Butcher, Mr. Stokes, Mr. Foster, Mr. Burke, Mr. Teece, Mr. Chanter, Mr. Dalton, Mr. Heydon, Mr. Kidd, Mr. Humphery, Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. Targett, Mr. Mackinnon, Mr. Spring, Mr. Abbott.
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Tellers,

Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
Mr. Sydney Smith.

Noes, 8.

Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Lysaght,
Mr. J. D. Young,
Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Hassall.

Tellers,

Mr. Collins,
Mr. Dawson.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

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 Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Sir Patrick Jennings the report was adopted.

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

10. CUSTOMS DUTIES 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.

Disorder.—Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and stated that, having observed that the proceedings of the said Committee of the Whole House had fallen into grave disorder, he had taken the Chair with the sole object of restoring order.

Mr. Speaker, after a time, left the Chair, and the Committee resumed.

Mr. Speaker again resumed the Chair, having observed that such disorder had been immediately resumed and continued, and repeated that his reason for doing so was to restore order.

And the Honorable Member for Morpeth, Mr. Wisdom, having been guilty of persistent obstruction and disorder,—

Mr.

Mr. Speaker directed the Sergeant-at-Arms to remove that Honorable Member from the Chamber until the termination of the proceedings of that Committee during the present sitting, or until he should sooner engage not further to impede the proceedings of the House or the Committee,—and he was so removed accordingly.

Mr. Speaker, after a time, again left the Chair, and the Committee resumed.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

SATURDAY, 10 JULY, 1886, A.M.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and *Mr. Slattery* reported that a *Point of Order* had arisen in the Committee, and obtained leave to sit again so soon as a decision had been given thereon.

Mr. Slattery then reported the *Point of Order* as follows,—

A motion "That the Chairman leave the Chair" being under consideration in the Committee, Mr. Foster, the Honorable Member for Newtown, submitted "That this Committee is not legally sitting, because at half-past four p.m. on Friday the Speaker should have taken the Chair and the House resumed, and so the Committee of Thursday was superseded,"—upon which he, *Mr. Slattery*, had given his opinion that the Committee was legally sitting,—and the Committee decided that the *Point of Order* should be submitted for the decision of the House.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker stated that the *Point of Order* submitted was important, and not very easy to decide; but he had given it full consideration, and was of opinion that the Committee was properly sitting, the House, through that Committee, being in continuous sitting from Thursday last; and that it was neither proper, nor incumbent on him, to interrupt the still existent sitting by taking the Chair at four o'clock on Friday; nor would it be proper to bring the proceedings of the Committee to a conclusion because four o'clock had arrived without report from such Committee. The Sessional Order, which prescribed that the House "shall meet" "at four o'clock p.m." on certain days, had evidently reference only to the bringing together of a House for a fresh sitting, and did not apply to the case of a continuous sitting, where, in the absence of a break by the carrying of a motion for its adjournment, the House was still transacting the business of a meeting. Sir Patrick Jennings moved,—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the Committee resume.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 30.

Mr. Want,	Mr. Davies,
Sir Patrick Jennings,	Mr. Day,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Coonan,
Mr. Forsyth,	Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Bull,
Mr. Jones,	Mr. Cass,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. T. R. Smith,
Mr. Burke,	Mr. Williamson,
Mr. D. A. Ferguson,	Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Oilliffe,	Mr. Lysaght,
Mr. Creer,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hassall,	Mr. Targett,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. De Courcy Browne.
Mr. O'Sullivan,	

Noes, 9.

Mr. Spring,
Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Foster,
Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Neild,
Mr. Kethel,
Mr. Henson.

Tellers,

Mr. Hugh Taylor,
Dr. Wilkinson,

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the Committee resumed accordingly.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported from the Committee the following *Point of Order*, and obtained leave to sit again after the decision of the House thereon.

The Chairman stated that Clause 2 of the Bill, viz.,—

"The Import Duties mentioned in Schedule A hereto shall be levied and collected upon the importation of all goods in the said Schedule mentioned and upon all such goods in bond which duties shall be in lieu of all duties heretofore chargeable thereon,"—

being under consideration, an objection was taken to an Honorable Member discussing the items of Schedule A,—and that he, the Chairman, had given his opinion against the objection so taken.

Mr. Speaker ruled that the items could not be discussed twice, and that the time proper for the complete discussion of the items would be when the Schedule was under consideration, and not by way of anticipation.

On motion of Sir Patrick Jennings Mr. Speaker left the Chair and the Committee resumed.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

SUNDAY, 11 JULY, 1886, A.M.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and *Mr. Slattery* reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday next.

11. ADJOURNMENT :—Sir Patrick Jennings moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly at twenty-seven minutes before One o'clock, a.m., until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock, p.m.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 91.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

TUESDAY, 13 JULY, 1886.

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

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received a letter from Mr. Trickett, tendering his resignation of the office of Chairman of Committees,—which letter Mr. Speaker read, as follows:—

“ Double Bay, 13 July, 1886.

“ The Honorable E. Barton, M.L.A.,
“ Speaker of the Legislative Assembly,

“ Dear Mr. Speaker,

“ I have the honor to resign my position as Chairman of Committees of the Legislative Assembly, and would ask you to be good enough to notify the same to the Assembly this afternoon.

“ When I was elected to that office I stated that I would hold it if my health did not suffer thereby. The protracted sitting of last week has completely upset me, and I am now confined to bed, suffering from severe headache and nervous prostration, and will not be fit for any work for some days.

“ I regret having to relinquish a position to which I was so honorably elected (after so short a tenure of office), and in which I feel that I had the confidence of so many of my fellow Members; but I find that my health will not bear the severe strain, and that must be my first consideration.

“ Perhaps it would not be asking too much if you would kindly read this note to the House.

“ I remain,

“ Dear Mr. Speaker,

“ Yours faithfully,

“ W. J. TRICKETT.”

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Irrigation:—Mr. Barbour asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) As it is alleged that the inhabitants of the interior are desirous of entering upon irrigation enterprises, when is it his intention to bring a Bill before Parliament to deal with the question?

(2.) Is he aware that the Victorian Parliament passed Acts dealing with irrigation in 1883 and 1885, and are now dealing with a comprehensive measure, involving the expenditure of millions of money?

Mr. Fletcher answered,—

(1.) A Bill has been prepared which deals with dams and weirs. This may be regarded as a first step towards providing for irrigation, and it is hoped this Bill may be dealt with during the present Session. It is proposed next Session, when the Water Conservation Commission has completed its labours, to introduce a more comprehensive measure dealing with the subject of irrigation.

(2.) Yes.

(2.) Alleged removal of Timber from Government Land:—Mr. Toohy, for Mr. Thompson, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Has any report been made to him, either verbally or in writing, that James Coles Ellis had improperly possessed himself of a large quantity of timber from Government land?

(2.) Was any such timber seized; and, if so, how many logs or pieces?

(3.) What was the value of such timber?

(4.) Was such timber marked by any Government official after seizure?

(5.) Was it advertised for sale; and when?

(6.)

- (6.) Was it sold; if not, for what reason, and what has become of it?
- (7.) Has Mr. Ellis had any permission to remove it, or any of it?
- (8.) Has he information that such timber was placed on a forfeited selection, and was seized there?
- (9.) If Mr. Ellis has removed any such timber, who gave him authority to do so?
- (10.) Has Mr. Ellis paid for any such timber?
- (11.) In what state is the matter now?

Mr. Fletcher answered,—

- (1.) It was represented that a large quantity of timber, in the parish of Nerong, county of Gloucester, had been wastefully cut and branded by, or on behalf of, Mr. J. C. Ellis.
- (2.) The timber found on the ground was seized. The Ranger reported there were 1,833 piles, 442 girder logs, 695 saw-mill logs, and 19,665 feet of squared timber.
- (3.) The Ranger estimated the values at 7s. 6d. for piles, 3s. 6d. for girder logs, 6d. per 100 superficial feet for saw-mill logs, and 6s. 3d. per 100 superficial feet for squared timber. A subsequent report by another officer is to the effect that these values are excessive.
- (4.) Yes.
- (5.) Yes, for 18th December, 1885, but postponed to 15th January, 1886. The sale was again postponed, and a preliminary notice of a proposed sale in March was advertised.
- (6.) Not sold, because it was considered desirable that certain timber, balance of a previous seizure of 800 logs and 200 piles released to Mr. Ellis, lying intermixed with this timber, should be first removed. Part of the timber is now lying where it was seized; part has been surreptitiously removed.
- (7.) Yes, the squared timber, 200 piles, and part of a lot of 800 logs.
- (8.) It was reported that 213 piles and 19 logs had been drawn to a forfeited conditional purchase. These were seized; but, upon its being ascertained that the forfeiture had been recommended but not declared, this timber was released.
- (9.) The Minister for Mines gave authority to remove the timber referred to in Question No. 7. Permission has not been granted to remove any other.
- (10.) No, but he paid certain expenses in connection with the 800 logs when they were first seized.
- (11.) The time allowed Mr. Ellis for drawing the released timber to a main road has now expired. The balance remaining on the ground is being counted with a view to its disposal.

(3.) Railway Freight on Goods:—Mr. Hungerford asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that goods, belonging to different owners, can be sent in truck loads by forwarding agents at special rates per truck load?
- (2.) By whom was this by-law framed?
- (3.) Is it a fact that such system is being now availed of to the loss of Railway revenue, and for the benefit of forwarding agents only?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) It is a fact that truck-rates, confined to certain districts, but open to all persons, are established, with the view of securing the traffic to and from that portion of the country, the trade of which is competed for by neighbouring Colonies. Forwarding agents can, in common with others, take advantage of this rate.
- (2.) The rates are fixed by the Governor and the Executive Council. The truck-rate for this purpose was first introduced on the 13th October, 1882, upon the recommendation of the Traffic Manager.
- (3.) It is believed that the revenue is largely enhanced by this system. Forwarding agents may be able to reap a special benefit from it, but not without service rendered; and facility is now being offered to consignors of small quantities to send at the truck instead of the tonnage rate, at a slight advance on truck-rate, to pay for the extra service rendered by the Department.

(4.) The Unemployed:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) How many of the unemployed were placed upon the relief works during the months of February, March, April, May, and June, 1886?
- (2.) How many free passes were issued to unemployed persons during the same period?
- (3.) How many free meals were supplied to the unemployed, by the order of the Government, during the same period?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

- (1.) Men were placed on the various relief works in March, the approximate numbers being:—In March, 1,137; April, 806; May, 1,069; and June, 981. The number at present employed is 752.
- (2.) 1,852 railway passes and 250 steam-ferry passes.
- (3.) 6,000 meals and 524 rations.

(5.) Clerk of Petty Sessions, Orange:—Mr. William Clarke asked the Minister of Justice,—Referring to answers given by him on the 1st instant, respecting the position of Clerk of Petty Sessions at Orange, will he state,—

- (1.) Had the Under Secretary of Justice, up to the date just mentioned, called upon Mr. Stephen Murphy to apologise for the tone of his protest against the action of his Department?
- (2.) Has the Under Secretary in any way intimated to that gentleman his dissatisfaction at the tone of such protest, or called upon him for an explanation?
- (3.) Did the Under Secretary, in January last, and some days after the protest had reached him, offer Mr. Murphy promotion to a position which would have placed him in the same class as the vacancy at Orange?
- (4.) Was any reference to an apology made in such offer, or was any condition whatever attached to it?
- (5.) Has that gentleman had any opportunity of knowing the nature of the correspondence which has passed between the Department and the Board?
- (6.) Will he have any objection, at an early date, to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all letters, minutes, or other communications, in any way referring to Mr. Murphy, which have passed between the Department and the Board, and between the Board and the Department?

Mr.

Mr. Garvan answered,—

- (1.) No.
- (2.) No.
- (3.) Yes.
- (4.) No.
- (5.) No.
- (6.) There will be no objection to lay the papers upon the Table of the House when the case has been disposed of, if moved for in the regular way.

(6.) Outstanding Accounts, Railway Department:—Mr. Abigail asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it the custom of the Railway Department to allow amounts due by customers to stand over for years?
- (2.) What steps (if any) have been taken to obtain payment of the £39 10s. due to the Department by Mr. Barbour; and how long has it been owing?
- (3.) Is it to be written off, or what is to be done with the case?
- (4.) Are there many cases of long outstanding accounts on the railway books; if so, can the Minister state about the amount represented?

Mr. Lync answered,—

- (1.) It is not the custom, certainly, to allow this. In some few instances disputed amounts have stood over for a lengthened time.
- (2.) The Crown Solicitor was instructed to take proceedings for the recovery of the amount some time ago. It has been owing about eighteen months.
- (3.) It is to be recovered.
- (4.) A list is being prepared of outstanding accounts due over six months.

(7.) Issue of Clothing to Permanent Artillery:—Mr. Abigail asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Has the yearly issue of clothing, due 1st April, been delivered to the men of New South Wales Permanent Artillery, stationed at Middle Head; if not, can he state the cause of delay, and when they will be issued?
- (2.) Will he see that men are not punished for not being able to appear presentable for want of these clothes?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

(1.) The yearly issue of clothing for the present year has not been made to the men of the New South Wales Permanent Artillery, either at Middle Head or elsewhere. The contract was taken by the Treasury on 18th September, 1885, and delivery was stipulated for not later than 1st April, 1886; but, owing to delays occasioned by the Military Authorities failing to supply the contractor with the necessary samples in time, it was not until three months later that he was in a position to cable definite instructions to England in regard to the contract. On the 7th June last, the contractor advised the Treasury that he would probably be able to deliver a portion of the clothing by the end of June and the balance in July, which information was conveyed to the Military Authorities. The contractor now states definitely that one moiety of the supply is in the "Patriarch," hourly expected, and the other moiety is shipped by the Mail Steamer to arrive within the present month.

(2.) No trace can be found of men having been punished on this account.

(8.) Patent Rights Bill:—Mr. Abigail asked the Minister of Justice,—Is the new Patent Rights Bill now ready; and, if so, when will he take the necessary steps to introduce it, with the view of repealing the present law, under which the present high charges are made upon those who desire to patent their inventions?

Mr. Garvan answered,—Yes; and the necessary steps are about to be taken for that purpose without delay.

(9.) Selection by Robert Munford:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—Have any steps been taken in the case of an alleged dummy selection, made by one Robert Munford, on the 14th September, 1882 (82-274), of 320 acres, parish of Barton, in the county of Ashburnham; also an additional conditional purchase, 82-287, of 21st September, 1882, of 320 acres, same parish and county, and referred to by Dr. Ross in the House on the 22nd June last; if so, will he state what action (if any) has been taken in the matter, or if it is his intention to cause a thorough investigation to be made into the case, with the view of bringing to justice persons seeking to infringe the provisions of the Land Act?

Mr. Copeland answered,—The official documents do not disclose any case of dummyism. The papers will be forwarded at once to the Local Land Board, with a view to inquiry as to the fulfilment of the conditions prescribed by law.

(10.) Alleged Dummy Selection by James Kelly:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—If it is his intention to see that steps are taken, or that a rigid investigation will be made into the conditional purchase or alleged dummy selection taken up by one James Kelly, on the 14th July, 1881, (81-230), of 320 acres, parish of Barton, county of Ashburnham; also an additional conditional purchase, of 21st July, 1881 (81-240), of 320 acres, same parish and county, with a view to bring to justice persons seeking to infringe the provisions of the Land Act?

Mr. Copeland answered,—The papers are under reference to the local Land Board for the purpose of the necessary inspection being made and subsequent inquiry into the fulfilment of the conditions imposed by law.

(11.) Amended By-laws, Municipality of West Maitland:—Mr. Abbott, for Mr. Thompson, asked the Colonial Secretary,—When will the amended by-laws for the Municipality of West Maitland be laid upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The by-laws are now in the hands of the printer, but they are rather lengthy, and it will take some time to print them. They will, however, be published this week.

- (12.) Customs Department:—Mr. Ives asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Has the present Collector of Customs ever found it necessary to leave his office to visit any Landing Waiter; if so, on what dates, the cause of such visits, and what action or decision he arrived at?
Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—It would, I think, better answer the Honorable Member's object, if he stated specifically dates and names sufficiently to identify the cases about which he seeks information.
- (13.) Examiners of Titles:—Mr. W. J. Fergusson asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Has he appointed an Examiner in the place of Mr. Plomley, and also an additional Examiner in the Real Property Office yet; if not, is he aware the delay is causing a great inconvenience to a large number of people?
(2.) Can he say when the appointments will be made, and cause of delay in making the appointments?
Mr. Dibbs answered,—I have appointed to the vacancy, caused by Mr. Plomley's retirement, Mr. Ould, now in the Crown Solicitor's Office; and, for the 4th Examiner, I have appointed Mr. Parry Long.
- (14.) Iron Railway Bridge between Petersham and Summer Hill:—Mr. Davies asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) Is it proposed to erect an iron bridge on the Railway line between Petersham and Summer Hill; if so, on whose recommendation, and what is the probable cost?
(2.) Were tenders invited in the Colony for its construction?
Mr. Lyne answered,—
(1.) A bridge, the superstructure of which is of iron, with stone and brick piers, is now being erected between Petersham and Summer Hill, to replace the present stone viaduct. The Engineer for Existing Lines recommended this form of bridge, and the probable cost will be about £20,000.
(2.) Yes; but no tenders were received for the construction in the Colony of the ironwork required.
- (15.) Newington Asylum:—Dr. Ross asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Have any complaints been made or any steps taken to improve the sanitary arrangements in connection with the Newington Asylum; if so, will he state what steps have been taken in the matter?
(2.) Is it true that the dietary scale allowed to the inmates is of an insufficient and inferior quality, and will he state what the ordinary dietary scale allowed to each inmate consists of; also, what (if any) medical comforts are provided for invalids in the hospital?
(3.) Can he assign any reason for the excessive mortality (viz., thirty-nine out of an average number of 300 inmates), which, as stated in answer to Mr. Foster's Question of the 17th June last, occurred in that institution during the months of March, April, and May last?
(4.) Has any provision been made to supply the institution with trained nurses; if so, how many?
Mr. Dibbs answered,—I have made a personal inspection of the Newington Asylum, and various matters brought under my attention are now being rectified.
- (16.) Inspector of Asylums—Inspector of Charities:—Mr. Henson asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) What are the duties of the Inspector of Asylums?
(2.) What is the total cost of the Department under his management?
(3.) The same information in regard to the Inspector of Charities?
Mr. Dibbs answered,—
(1.) There is no Inspector of Asylums; but there is a Manager, who has charge of the four Asylums for the Infirm and Destitute at Liverpool, Parramatta, and Newington; the admission and discharge of all inmates; the ordering supplies of food, clothing, and other stores; the passing and transmission of the accounts of contractors and others to the Treasury.
(2.) £26,800.
(3.) The Inspector of Public Charities maintains a general observation over the administration, and especially over the expenditure of public money in connection with all the Public Charities, whether Hospitals or Asylums, throughout the Colony. The expenditure of the Department is £1,565.
- (17.) Government Officers acting on Commissions:—Mr. Henson asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) How many Officers, holding situations under the Government, are appointed to act on Commissions?
(2.) The name of each Officer, his yearly salary, and the amount received for fees by each Officer?
Mr. Dibbs answered,—It would be difficult to furnish the particulars desired by the Honorable Member in reply to a Question, but if he will kindly move for a Return the necessary information shall be supplied.
3. SIR JOHN ROBERTSON GRANT BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—On motion of Sir Patrick Jennings, read a third time, and *passed*.
Sir Patrick Jennings then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to give effect to a Resolution of the Legislative Assembly that a sum of money not exceeding £10,000 should be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund to Sir John Robertson.*"
Question put and passed.
Whereupon Sir Patrick Jennings 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 give effect to a Resolution of the Legislative Assembly that a sum of money not exceeding £10,000 should be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund to Sir John Robertson,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 13th July, 1886,
Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 46.		Noes, 13.
Sir Patrick Jennings,	Mr. Cransie,	Mr. Williamson,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Creer,
Dr. Renwick,	Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Lysaght,
Mr. Want,	Mr. Foster,	Mr. Hammond,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Spring,	Mr. Henson,
Mr. Forsyth,	Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Toohy,	Mr. De Courcy Browne,	Mr. Purkes,
Mr. James Henry Young,	Mr. Teece,	Mr. Ives,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Bolton,	Mr. Gornly.
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Russell Barton,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Garland,
Mr. O'Connor,	Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Hungerford.
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. W. J. Fergusson,	
Mr. Butcher,	Mr. Stokes,	
Mr. Jones,	Mr. O'Sullivan,	
Mr. Bull,	Mr. Hyam,	
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Davies,	
Mr. Day,	Mr. Barbour.	
Mr. Burke,	<i>Tellers,</i>	
Mr. Wisdom,	Mr. Purves,	
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Targett.	
Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

4. **WILLOUGHBY AND GORDON TRAMWAY BILL** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Ives moved, pursuant to Notice,—
 - (1.) That the Willoughby and Gordon Tramway Bill be referred to a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, for consideration and report.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Abbott, Mr. Septimus Stephen, Mr. Burns, Mr. Neild, Mr. William Clarke, Mr. Jones, Mr. Dalton, Mr. Gibbes, and the Mover.
 Question put and passed.
5. **POSTPONEMENT**:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bird Estate Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*) postponed until Friday, 13th August.
6. **PHARMACEUTICAL SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES INCORPORATION BILL**:—Mr. Burns presented a Petition from William Larmer, William Pratt, William Henry McCarthy, Bozon Frederick Bozon, James Mayne, Alfred Joseph Watt, and William Parker, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable William Larmer, William Pratt, William Henry McCarthy, Bozon Frederick Bozon, James Mayne, Alfred Joseph Watt, and William Parker to form a Company, known as the Pharmaceutical Society of New South Wales, into a Body Corporate by the style and title aforesaid, with perpetual succession and a common seal, with power to sue and be sued, and to acquire and hold real and personal estate, and to examine and decide upon the admission or rejection of members thereof, and to grant diplomas to qualified members, and to define the liability of members of the said proposed Body Corporate.
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.
7. **PAPERS**:—

Mr. Fletcher laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 6th July, 1886,—“Diamond Drills.”
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table,—

 - (1.) Report of Grafton Fire Brigades Board, under Fire Brigades Act of 1884.
 - (2.) Report of Goulburn Fire Brigades Board, under Fire Brigades Act of 1884.
 Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Renwick laid upon the Table,—Notifications of resumption of Land for Public School Purposes, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, at Pennant Hills South and Walcha Road.
Ordered to be printed.
8. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT**:—Sir Patrick Jennings made a Ministerial Statement relative to placing a Loan on the London Money Market.
9. **MICALAGO RAILWAY STATION**:—Mr. O'Sullivan presented a Petition from certain Squatters, Farmers, Selectors, Graziers, Traders, Artizans, and others, submitting reasons for adopting another site for the Micalago Railway Station, and praying the House to cause a more suitable site to be adopted.
And the Petition having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker,—
Petition received.
10. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. Garrard moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
11. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The Orders of the Day of Government Business Nos. 2 to 16 postponed until to-morrow.
12. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Sir Patrick Jennings moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 14 JULY, 1886, A.M.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly at ten minutes after Twelve o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 92.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 14 JULY, 1886.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Arms and Ammunition in Ordnance Department:—*Mr. Barbour*, for *Mr. Targett*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) What number of rifles are in the Ordnance Department, and of what make are they?
 (2.) The number of machine guns, and the makers?
 (3.) The number of cartridges, and dates of purchase?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—This information will be supplied in the shape of a Return, and laid upon the Table as soon as possible.

- (2.) Bankruptcy Bill:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for *Mr. W. J. Fergusson*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce a new Bankruptcy Bill this Session?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—It will depend upon the progress made by the Parliament with its other business.

- (3.) Manning River:—*Mr. Roberts* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Are any, and what, steps being taken to supply *Sir John Coode* with the data he has asked for *re* the Manning River?

Mr. Lyne answered,—There are no funds at present available.

- (4.) Hastings River and Port Macquarie:—*Mr. Roberts* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Are any, and what, steps being taken to supply *Sir John Coode* with the data he has asked for *re* the River Hastings and Port Macquarie?

Mr. Lyne answered,—There are no funds at present available.

- (5.) Railway Station, Mount Victoria:—*Mr. T. R. Smith* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it his intention to give instructions to have the urinals, &c., at Mount Victoria seen to at once, as it is alleged they are and have been for a long time in a disgraceful state?

Mr. Lyne answered,—This matter is receiving attention, and men were sent to Mount Victoria yesterday for the purpose of attending to the urinals, &c.

- 2 NEWCASTLE SAND-DRIFT RECLAMATION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Fletcher* 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 of certain portions of land, situate in the parish of Newcastle, and county of Northumberland, for the purpose of enabling the Government to arrest, as far as possible, the further deposit of sand thereon, and to reclaim for public purposes, and dispose of the said lands as hereinafter provided.

Question put and passed.

3. PHARMACEUTICAL SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES INCORPORATION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

(1.) Mr. Burns moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable William Larmer, William Pratt, William Henry McCarthy, Bozon Frederick Bozon, James Mayne, Alfred Joseph Watt, and William Parker, to form a Company, known as the Pharmaceutical Society of New South Wales, into a Body Corporate, by the style and title aforesaid, with perpetual succession and a common seal, with power to sue and be sued, and to acquire and hold real and personal estate, and to examine and decide upon the admission or rejection of members thereof, and to grant diplomas to qualified members, and to define the liability of members of the said proposed Body Corporate.

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 William Larmer William Pratt William Henry McCarthy Bozon Fredrick Bozon James Mayne Alfred Joseph Watt and William Parker to form a Company known as the Pharmaceutical Society of New South Wales into a Body Corporate by the style and title aforesaid with perpetual succession and a common seal with power to sue and be sued and to acquire and hold real and personal estate and to examine and decide upon the admission or rejection of members thereof and to grant diplomas to qualified members and to define the liability of members of the said proposed Body Corporate,*"—read a first time.

4. DISMISSAL OF JOHN FLANAGAN FROM THE POLICE FORCE (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Melville, for Mr. Burke, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the motion—"That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all papers in connection with the dismissal of John Flanagan from the Police Force of New South Wales"—agreed to by this House on 4th June, 1886, be now rescinded, the papers referred to having been laid upon the Table on 15th January, 1884.

Question put and passed.

5. MR. CROPPER, CORONER FOR DISTRICT OF CROOKWELL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Tarrant 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 the papers in connection with the appointment of Mr. Cropper as Coroner for the District of Crookwell.

Question put and passed.

6. PAPER:—Mr. Fletcher laid upon the Table,—Report from the Royal Commission on Collieries on the Accidents at Lithgow Valley Colliery.

Ordered to be printed.

7. SYDNEY MECHANICS SCHOOL OF ARTS INCORPORATION BILL:—Mr. Forsyth 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 repeal the 'Sydney Mechanics School of Arts Incorporation Act of 1874' and to re-incorporate the said Institution and to enable the Committee to borrow money and with the sanction of the members of the said Institution to sell demise or otherwise dispose of either absolutely or by way of mortgage the real or personal property of the said Institution and for other purposes therein mentioned,*"—read a first time.

8. BALMAIN TRAMWAY 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 24th June, 1886, in reference to the Balmain Tramway Bill,—

Insists upon its amendment which proposes to insert new clause 3,—

- (1.) Because the Municipality of Balmain, being the only promoter of the Bill known to the Legislature, should be held responsible for all accidents happening through negligence upon the tramway which it promotes.
- (2.) Because such amendment is necessary for the due protection of the public.
- (3.) Because there is no person or body before the Legislature other than the Municipality of Balmain.

Insists upon its amendments in clause 4,—

- (1.) Because there is nothing in the clause, as originally submitted, to ensure the making of by-laws by the Municipality of Balmain.
- (2.) Because the Municipality, being the promoter of the Bill, ought to be responsible for the making of all by-laws necessary for the due working of the line.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 14th July, 1886.

JOHN HAY,
President.

Ordered, that this Message be taken into consideration in Committee of the Whole on Friday next.

9. MR. SPEAKER'S RULING—CONTINUOUS SITTING:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That the ruling of Mr. Speaker, given on Saturday, 10th July, a.m., on the question raised by Mr. Foster, as recorded in the Votes and Proceedings of 8th July, 1886, "is" contrary alike to the letter of the Standing and Sessional Orders and to the practice of Parliament, as established by former Speakers of this House, and has a direct tendency to curtail the privileges of Parliament, and to undermine the just protection of minorities.

Sir Patrick Jennings moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "is" with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "consistent with the right understanding of the Rules, Orders, and Usages of Parliament; is warranted by precedent; and tends to preserve and protect the due course of Public Business, without infringing the rights of minorities; and this House endorses and confirms the said ruling 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, 33.

Mr. Foster,	Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Vaughn,	Dr. Ross,
Mr. James Henry Young,	Mr. Neild.
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Garland,	Mr. Purves.
Mr. Wisdom,	
Mr. O'Connor,	
Mr. Burns,	
Mr. Brunker,	
Mr. Abigail,	
Mr. Hawthorne,	
Mr. Tait,	
Mr. Henry Clarke,	
Mr. Spring,	
Mr. Meeks,	
Mr. W. J. Fergusson,	
Dr. Wilkinson,	
Mr. Kethel,	
Mr. Tecca,	
Mr. Roberts,	
Mr. Parkes,	
Mr. Sydney Smith,	
Mr. Hammond,	
Mr. Holborow,	
Mr. William Clarke,	
Mr. Henson,	
Mr. Gould,	

Noes, 54.

Sir Patrick Jennings,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Lewis Lloyd,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Burke,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Tarrant,
Dr. Renwick,	Mr. Creer,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Day,
Mr. Williamson,	Mr. Forsyth,
Mr. Coonan,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. Cass,	Mr. Bull,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Dalton,
Mr. Hungerford,	Mr. Toohey,
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. J. D. Young,
Mr. H. H. Brown,	Mr. Abbott,
Mr. See,	Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Davies,	Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Hogan,	Mr. Suttor,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Want,
Mr. Hyam,	Mr. Heydon,
Mr. Gormly,	Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. Bolton,
Mr. Stokes,	Mr. Butcher,
Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,	Mr. Harold Stephen.
Mr. De Courcy Browne,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Macgregor,	Mr. Olliffe,
Mr. Cramsie,	Mr. Humphery.
Mr. Lysaght,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Question put, That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted.

The House divided.

Ayes, 54.

Sir Patrick Jennings,	Mr. Macgregor,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Toohey,
Mr. Want,	Mr. Burke,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Davies,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Barbour,
Dr. Renwick,	Mr. Forsyth,
Mr. Williamson,	Mr. Day,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Bull,
Mr. Creer,	Mr. Dalton,
Mr. Coonan,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. Hungerford,	Mr. Cass,
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Abbott,
Mr. H. H. Brown,	Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Hyam,	Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Hogan,	Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Lewis Lloyd,
Mr. Gormly,	Mr. J. D. Young,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. Harold Stephen,
Mr. De Courcy Browne,	Mr. Tarrant,
Mr. Butcher,	Mr. Bolton,
Mr. Lysaght,	Mr. See,
Mr. Heydon,	Mr. Dawson.
Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Mackinnon,	Mr. Humphery,
Mr. Stokes,	Mr. Olliffe.
Mr. Cramsie,	

Noes, 32.

Mr. Foster,	Mr. Brunker,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Hawthorne.
Mr. James Henry Young,	Mr. Tait.
Sir Henry Parkes,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Vaughn,	Mr. Purves,
Mr. Wisdom,	Mr. McCulloch.
Mr. O'Connor,	
Mr. Garland,	
Mr. Gould,	
Mr. William Clarke,	
Mr. Roberts,	
Mr. Garrard,	
Mr. Tecca,	
Mr. Neild,	
Mr. Sydney Smith,	
Dr. Wilkinson,	
Mr. Abigail,	
Mr. Parkes,	
Dr. Ross,	
Mr. Burns,	
Mr. Henson,	
Mr. Spring,	
Mr. Henry Clarke,	
Mr. Kethel,	
Mr. Meeks,	
Mr. Holborow,	
Mr. Hammond,	
Mr. W. J. Fergusson,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Main Question put,—That the ruling of Mr. Speaker, given on Saturday, 10th July, a.m., on the question raised by Mr. Foster, as recorded in the Votes and Proceedings of 8th July, 1886, is consistent with the right understanding of the Rules, Orders, and Usages of Parliament; is warranted by precedent; and tends to preserve and protect the due course of Public Business, without infringing the rights of minorities; and this House endorses and confirms the said ruling accordingly.

The

The House divided.

Ayes, 54.

Sir Patrick Jennings,	Mr. Macgregor
Mr. Want,	Mr. Toohy,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Burke,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Davies,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Barbour,
Dr. Renwick,	Mr. Forsyth,
Mr. Williamson,	Mr. Day,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Bull,
Mr. Creer,	Mr. Dalton,
Mr. Coonan,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. Hungerford,	Mr. Cass,
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Abbott,
Mr. H. H. Brown,	Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Hyam,	Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Hogan,	Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Lewis Lloyd,
Mr. Gormly,	Mr. J. D. Young,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. Harold Stephen,
Mr. De Courcy Browne,	Mr. Tarrant,
Mr. Butcher,	Mr. Bolton,
Mr. Lysaght,	Mr. See,
Mr. Heydon,	Mr. Dawson.
Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Mackinnon,	Mr. Humphery,
Mr. Stokes,	Mr. Olliffe.
Mr. Cramsie,	

Noes, 33.

Mr. Foster,	Mr. Brunker,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. James Henry Young,	Mr. Tait.
Sir Henry Parkes,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Vaughn,	Mr. Purves,
Mr. Wisdom,	Mr. McCulloch.
Mr. O'Connor,	
Mr. Garland,	
Mr. Gould,	
Mr. William Clarke,	
Mr. Roberts,	
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Mr. Teece,	
Mr. Neild,	
Mr. Sydney Smith,	
Dr. Wilkinson,	
Mr. Abigail,	
Mr. Parkes,	
Dr. Ross,	
Mr. Henson,	
Mr. Spring,	
Mr. Henry Clarke,	
Mr. Burns,	
Mr. Meeks,	
Mr. Kethel,	
Mr. Hammond,	
Mr. Holborow,	
Mr. W. J. Fergusson,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

10. CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES:—Mr. Abbott moved, pursuant to Notice, That "Thomas Michael Slattery, Esquire, Member for Burrowa," be Chairman of Committees of the Whole House for the remainder of the present Session.

Debate ensued.

Mr. W. J. Fergusson moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the words "Thomas Michael Slattery, Esquire, Member for Burrowa," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "Albert John Gould, Esquire, Member for Patrick's Plains."

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,—

THURSDAY, 15 JULY, 1886, A.M.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 49.

Sir Patrick Jennings,	Mr. Day,
Mr. Jones,	Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Hayes,
Dr. Renwick,	Mr. Hungerford,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Burke,
Mr. Williamson,	Mr. Butcher,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Bull,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Cass,
Mr. Toohy,	Mr. Abbott,
Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,	Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Coonan,
Mr. Forsyth,	Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Hogan,	Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Olliffe,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Hyam,	Mr. Tarrant,
Mr. Gormly,	Mr. Heydon,
Mr. Hassall,	Mr. Dalton,
Mr. Humphery,	Mr. J. D. Young,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. Purves,
Mr. Spring,	Mr. See.
Mr. Lysaght,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Lewis Lloyd,	Mr. De Courcy Browne,
Mr. Mackinnon,	Mr. Ewing.
Mr. Harold Stephen,	
Mr. Stokes,	
Mr. Macgregor,	
Mr. Cramste,	

Noes, 25.

Sir Henry Parkes,
Mr. Foster,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Shepherd,
Mr. Garland,
Mr. Davies,
Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Burns,
Mr. Kethel,
Mr. Meeks,
Mr. Henson,
Mr. Henry Clarke,
Dr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Teece,
Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Roberts,
Mr. Abigail,
Mr. William Clarke,
Dr. Ross.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. W. J. Fergusson,
Mr. Neild.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original Question put,—That Thomas Michael Slattery, Esquire, Member for Burrowa, be Chairman of Committees of the Whole House for the remainder of the present Session.

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The House Divided.

Ayes, 49.

Sir Patrick Jennings,	Mr. Cramsie,
Mr. Jones,	Mr. Day,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. O'Connor,
Dr. Renwick,	Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Hungerford,
Mr. Williamson,	Mr. Burke,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Butcher,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Bull,
Mr. Toohey,	Mr. Cass,
Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,	Mr. Abbott,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Forsyth,	Mr. Coonan,
Mr. Hogan,	Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Olliffe,	Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Hyam,	Mr. J. D. Young,
Mr. Gormly,	Mr. Dalton,
Mr. Hassall,	Mr. Heydon,
Mr. Humphery,	Mr. Tarrant,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Spring,	Mr. Sec,
Mr. Lysaght,	Mr. Purves.
Mr. Lewis Lloyd,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Mackinnon,	Mr. De Courey Browne,
Mr. Harold Stephen,	Mr. Ewing.
Mr. Stokes,	
Mr. Macgregor,	

Noes, 22.

Sir Henry Parkes,
Mr. Foster,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Shepherd,
Mr. Garland,
Mr. Davies,
Dr. Ross,
Mr. William Clarke,
Mr. Abigail,
Mr. Roberts,
Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Hawthorne,
Dr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Henson,
Mr. Meeks,
Mr. Kethel,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. McCulloch.

Tellers,

Mr. Teece,
Mr. Neild.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Whereupon Mr. Slattery made his acknowledgments to the House.

Mr. Gould also addressed the House.

The House adjourned at One 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, 15 JULY, 1886.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) *Darlinghurst and Port Macquarie Gaols*:—Mr. Roberts asked the Minister of Justice,—Is it his intention, having in view the alleged overcrowded state of Darlinghurst Gaol, to consider the desirableness of utilizing the large accommodation available for prisoners at Port Macquarie Gaol?

Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—I am informed by the Comptroller-General of Prisons that this old gaol is quite unsuitable for confining prisoners in any consistency with modern principles. It could not be utilized for the class even of short sentenced petty offenders, of whose presence in Darlinghurst the necessity of relief exists, as they would be mostly due for discharge before they could reach their destination. They would have to be brought back, such as did reach, at a public cost. Mr. Maclean also states that to re-establish this gaol would involve an expensive staff.

- (2.) *Alleged Railway Frauds*:—Mr. Abigail asked the Attorney General,—

- (1.) The number of cases discovered, up to the present time, in the alleged wool frauds against each of the firms summoned to answer the charge of defrauding the revenue of the railways?
 (2.) The probable amount of money represented respectively against each firm in such cases?
 (3.) Has it been discovered that copper, tallow, and almost all large lines of produce carried on our railways, have been subjected to the same process, by the same persons, as that adopted in reference to the wool?

Mr. Lyne answered,—In view of the prosecutions which are being proceeded with at the present time, I hope that the Honorable Member will not press for an immediate answer to his question. I am willing to give him full particulars if he will apply to me for them; but I prefer not to answer these questions until the prosecutions are farther advanced.

- (3.) *Trustees, Wolseley Park, Gunnedah*:—Mr. Abigail asked the Colonial Secretary,—Can he state the cause of delay in placing on the Table the papers in connection with the Trustees, Wolseley Park, Gunnedah, in accordance with a motion of this House, carried nearly five months ago?

Mr. Fletcher answered,—The delay has been caused in obtaining the information in detail concerning the amounts advanced to the Trustees and the disbursements of such amounts.

- (4.) *Post and Telegraph Offices, Wagga Wagga*:—Mr. Gormly asked the Postmaster General,—Will he make inquiries, for the purpose of ascertaining if it is desirable to provide additional accommodation for the Post and Telegraph Departments at Wagga Wagga?

Mr. Suttor answered,—If the Honorable Member will refer to letter of the 21st January from my Department, he will see that it has been decided to erect a new building for the Post Office at Wagga Wagga. I have ascertained from the Colonial Architect that plans are now ready, and specifications are being prepared, and will be completed in about three weeks time, when tenders will be invited. The cost is not to exceed the vote of £3,000. It is intended, on completion of the new building, to use the present one for telegraphic purposes.

(5.)

(5.) Mr. Coghlan, Government Statist :—Mr. Abigail asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it true that Mr. Coghlan has been appointed to the post of Government Statist ; if so, has he been sent to Victoria to confer with Mr. Hayter, Government Statist for that Colony ?
- (2.) What particular qualification and experience has Mr. Coghlan to fit him for this important position, and what is the salary ?
- (3.) What position did he hold in the Harbours and Rivers Department, and what salary did he receive in that position ?
- (4.) By whom was he recommended, and were there any other applicants for the position ?
- (5.) Will the Colonial Secretary state why public competition was not invited, and so give all those competent an opportunity to apply ?
- (6.) Is the appointment permanent or only on probation ?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—Mr. Coghlan has been appointed, and is now in Victoria, by direction of this Government, obtaining information regarding the working of the Statistical Department of that Colony. Mr. Coghlan was Assistant Engineer in the Harbours and Rivers Department. He is a Member of the Institute of Civil Engineers, and, I am informed, a good mathematician, and has some literary attainments. Public competition was invited, but no more suitable person could be found amongst the applicants. I will lay upon the Table a paper giving the full particulars of Mr. Coghlan's appointment. The following is the minute which I wrote on the subject:—Appointment of a Statistician.—After carefully examining the numerous applications for the office of Statistician, I have selected Mr. T. A. Coghlan, C.E., &c., now employed in the Harbours and Rivers Department, as an Officer, in my opinion, well qualified for this special work ; but, in view of the importance of the appointment, I have decided that Mr. Coghlan should be considered on probation for two years, in order that his abilities may have a fair trial. If within that period his services should not be deemed unsatisfactory, his appointment shall be confirmed at a salary of £800 per annum. Should Mr. Coghlan retire, from any cause, from the position of Statistician, he shall be permitted to return to his late office. I think, before entering on his duties, Mr. Coghlan should have the opportunity of inspecting the Departments in Victoria. A letter, requesting assistance to this end to be addressed to the Chief Secretary at Melbourne, to be prepared, and Mr. Coghlan to be despatched forthwith.—GEORGE R. DIBBS, Colonial Secretary's Office, Sydney, 23rd June, 1886.

(6.) Tiffin Boring Machine, Bingera :—Mr. Hassall asked the Secretary for Mines,—What is the amount of money expended in connection with the Tiffin Boring Machine at Bingera, the amount of work done, and the number of days spent in doing it ?

Mr. Fletcher answered,—The amount expended in connection with the Tiffin Boring Machine at Bingera is £212 7s. 8d., which includes the cost of carriage of the machine to Bingera. The amount of work done is 111 feet 9 inches. The number of days from the commencement to the finish of the boring, 108 ; number of days actually boring, 49.

2. FOREST RANGERS (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Wall moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing,—

(1.) The number of Forest Rangers and Assistant Forest Rangers employed throughout the Colony, the districts in which they are employed, the remuneration received by each, giving the salary and allowances separately.

(2.) The amount of revenue derived annually from each Forest Ranger's district for timber licenses, royalty, &c.

Question put and passed.

3. CASES TAYLOR v. BARTON, AND OTHERS (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Abigail moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, as early as possible, copies, in detail, of the whole of the costs to the country in the cases of Taylor v. Barton, Taylor v. Cameron, and Taylor v. Harnett, actions for wrongfully suspending Mr. Taylor from taking part in the business of Parliament, he being the duly elected Member for Mudgee.

Question put and passed.

4. PHARMACEUTICAL SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES INCORPORATION BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Burns moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That the Pharmaceutical Society of New South Wales Incorporation Bill be referred to a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, for consideration and report.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Bull, Dr. Ross, Mr. Burdekin, Mr. Gormly, Dr. Wilkinson, Mr. Day, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Tarrant, Mr. Kethel, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

5. SYDNEY MECHANICS SCHOOL OF ARTS INCORPORATION BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Forsyth moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That the Sydney Mechanics School of Arts Incorporation Bill be referred to a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, for consideration and report.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Kidd, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Day, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

6. CONDITIONAL PURCHASES (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Abigail moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing the number and area of all conditional purchases from January, 1861, to December, 1884, the forfeitures of which have been approved of by the Minister, but upon which no refunds have been granted, and the surveys of which have not been approved of by the Surveyor-General within twelve months.

Question put and passed.

7. MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS BILL :—Mr. Foster presented a Petition from certain Residents of the City of Sydney and Suburbs, stating that Petitioners view with apprehension the Medical Practitioners Bill now before the House ; that, for the reasons submitted by them, they are opposed the said Bill ; and praying consideration in the premises.

And the Petition having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker,—

Petition received.

8. NEWCASTLE SAND-DRIFT RECLAMATION BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Fletcher, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 44.

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 in the parish of Newcastle, and county of Northumberland, for the purpose of enabling the Government to arrest, as far as possible, the further deposit of sand thereon, and to reclaim for public purposes, and dispose of the said lands as hereinafter provided."

Government House,
Sydney, 15th July, 1886.

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

9. DEPUTY SPEAKER'S COMMISSION TO ADMINISTER THE OATH:—Mr. Speaker reported that he had received a Commission, under the Seal of the Colony, dated 15th July 1886, and signed by His Excellency the Governor, empowering Thomas Michael Slattery, 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 Charles Robert, Baron Carrington, a Member of Her Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of New South Wales and its Dependencies.

"To all to whom these presents shall come,

"Greeting:

"In pursuance of the authority in me vested in that behalf, I, CHARLES ROBERT, BARON CARRINGTON, as Governor of the Colony of New South Wales, do hereby authorize THOMAS MICHAEL SLATTERY, 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 fifteenth day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-six, and in the fiftieth year of the Reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria.

"CARRINGTON.

"By His Excellency's Command,
GEORGE. R. DIBBS."

10. PAPER:—Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table,—By-laws of the Borough of West Maitland.
Ordered to be printed.
11. CUSTOMS DUTIES 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 Tuesday next.
12. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed until Tuesday next:—
(1.) Newcastle Sand-drift Reclamation Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill.
(2.) Commons Regulation Act Amendment Bill (No. 2); second reading.
(3.) Criminal Law Further Amendment Bill; second reading.
(4.) Church and School Lands Dedication Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
(5.) Dairies Supervision Bill; second reading.
13. PRICKLY PEAR DESTRUCTION BILL:—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 provide for the eradication of the Prickly Pear.*"

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 15th July, 1886.

14. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir Patrick Jennings moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

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

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 94.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 16 JULY, 1886.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Importation of Concentrated Essences of Spirits, &c.:—Mr. Dalton asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is he aware that concentrated essences of spirits and wines are being imported into the Colony; if so, for what purpose are they used?

(2.) Is he aware that one gallon of such essences will produce three hundred gallons of a liquor similar in character and appearance to the wines and spirits usually imported and sold to the public?

(3.) Is it a fact that the revenue from wines and spirits is being affected by the importation of these essences; and is the falling off in the Customs receipts during the last six months upon wines and spirits in any degree the consequence of such importations?

(4.) In the interests of the public, and also for sanitary reasons, is it the intention of the Government to check the importation of compounds of this character by prohibitive legislation?

Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—I have referred this matter to the Collector of Customs, who has furnished me with the following report:—

Report from Collector of Customs:—I am aware that concentrated essences of various kinds are imported into this Colony, and I have reason to believe that such essences are used to flavour various drinks. I am informed that the estimate of the quantity of liquids produced by the addition of essences is greatly exaggerated, and I have no reason to believe that the falling off in the revenue from wines and spirits to an appreciable extent is due to the use of such essences. In view of any possible injury to the public or to the revenue, I have been instructed by the Colonial Treasurer to forward samples of concentrated essences to the President of the Drink Commission now sitting, in order that a searching inquiry may be instituted.

- (2.) Mr. Coghlan, Government Statist:—Mr. Abigail asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it true that Mr. Coghlan has been appointed to the post of Government Statist; if so, has he been sent to Victoria to confer with Mr. Hayter, Government Statist for that Colony?

(2.) What particular qualification and experience has Mr. Coghlan to fit him for this important position, and what is the salary?

(3.) What position did he hold in the Harbours and Rivers Department, and what salary did he receive in that position?

(4.) By whom was he recommended, and were there any other applicants for the position?

(5.) Will the Colonial Secretary state why public competition was not invited, and so give all those competent an opportunity to apply?

(6.) Is the appointment permanent or only on probation?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—I answered these questions last night, with the exception of the position held by Mr. Coghlan and the pay he received prior to his present appointment. He held the office of Assistant Engineer in the Harbours and Rivers Department, with salary at £420.

- (3.) Subordinate Roads:—Mr. Gould asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the money authorized by the May Monthly Supply Bill for Subordinate Roads, both under Officers of the Department and Trustees respectively, be available for distribution?

Mr. Lyne answered,—The money is available, but there is a dispute as to the Bank in which it shall be placed. I anticipate this will be settled next week, when there will be no further difficulty.

2. EMPLOYEES, GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Gould moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all applications, petitions, letters, minutes, and other documents received from, and forwarded to, the locomotive drivers and firemen on the Great Northern Railway, since 1st January, 1880, having reference to complaints of being paid less than full time.
Question put and passed.
3. JUDGMENT CREDITORS REMEDIES EXTENSION BILL (No. 2) (*Formal Motion*):—
(1.) Mr. Williamson moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to extend the remedies of Judgment Creditors.
Question put and passed.
(2.) Mr. Williamson then 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 Friday, 30th July.
4. SUPREME COURT PROCESS FACILITATION BILL (No. 2) (*Formal Motion*):—
(1.) Mr. Williamson moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given 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. Williamson then 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 Friday, 30th July.
5. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed until Friday, 27th August:—
(1.) Abolition of Punishment by Whipping Bill; second reading.
(2.) Ministerial Election Bill; second reading.
6. WATER FRONTAGES RESERVATION BILL:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill discharged, and Bill withdrawn, on motion of Mr. Copeland.
7. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed until Friday, 18th August:—
(1.) West Wallsend and Monk-Wearmouth Railway Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of Legislative Council’s amendments.
(2.) Uther Estate Leasing Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of Legislative Council’s amendments.
8. CROWN LANDS ACT:—Mr. Abbott presented a Petition from the Residents and others interested in the Wentworth District, urging the necessity of recognising the importance of certain proposed amendments which the Petitioners consider should be made in the present Land Law of the Colony.
And the Petition having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker,—
Petition received.
9. PAPERS:—
Mr. Copeland laid upon the Table:—
(1.) Copies of *Gazette* Notices, setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the dedication of certain lands, in accordance with the provisions of the 105th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.
(2.) Memorandum by the Under Secretary for Lands, in reference to Return of Revenue and Expenditure in the various Land Board Districts under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order, made on 15th April, 1886—“*Trial Survey for Railway, Uralla to Inverell*.”
10. COURT OF PETTY SESSIONS, QUAMBONE:—Sir Patrick Jennings presented a Petition from certain Residents of the District in and around Quambone, representing that the Petitioners are subjected to trouble, risk, and expense in travelling long distances to Courts of Petty Sessions; and that, if a Court were established at Quambone, which is centrally situated, it would meet the wants of the Petitioners and a large number of residents in that District.
Petition received
11. REGULATION OF FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—
Dr. Renwick moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Dr. Renwick, 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, 27th August.
12. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir Patrick Jennings 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. Speaker declared the Question to have passed in the *negative*.
13. NEW SOUTH WALES TRUSTEES EXECUTORS AND AGENCY COMPANY’S BILL:—The Order of the Day for the adjourned Debate, on motion of Mr. Thompson, “That this Bill be now read a second time,”—postponed until Tuesday next.
14. MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS 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 Debate not being resumed,—
Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 21.		Noes, 5.
Dr. Renwick,	Dr. Wilkinson,	Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Fletcher,	Sir Patrick Jennings,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Bowman,	Mr. Kethel.
Mr. Tarrant,	Mr. Shepherd,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Sawers,	Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Wisdom,	Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Melville.
Mr. Williamson,	Mr. Harold Stephen.	
Mr. Forsyth,	<i>Tellers,</i>	
Mr. W. J. Fergusson,	Mr. Hassall,	
Mr. Hyam,	Mr. Septimus Stephen.	
Mr. O'Connor,		
Mr. De Courcy Browne,		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Tarrant, 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, 27th August.

15. **POSTPONEMENT**:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Fisheries Acts Amendment Bill postponed until Friday, 13th August.

16. **ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PARSONAGE CAMPERDOWN LAND SALE BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Septimus 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.

17. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—

(1.) Ennis Estate Bill; second reading;—*until Friday, 30th July.*

(2.) Married Women's Property Act Amendment Bill: second reading;—*until Friday, 13th August.*

(3.) Net-fishing in Port Hacking Prohibition Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of Legislative Council's amendments;—*until Friday, 30th July.*

18. **BALMAIN TRAMWAY BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Hyam 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 Legislative Council's Message of 14th July, in reference to the amendments made in this 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 that the Committee did not insist upon its disagreements from the Council's amendments, inserting new clause to follow clause 2, and amending clause 4.

On motion of Mr. Hyam, 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 14th July, in reference to the Balmain Tramway Bill, does not insist upon its disagreements from the Council's amendments, inserting new clause to follow clause 2, and amending clause 4.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 16th July, 1886.*

19. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—

(1.) Parliamentary *Hansard*—Daily Issue; consideration in Committee of the Whole of Resolutions;—

(2.) Municipal Gas Act Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of Legislative Council's amendment;—

(3.) Bennett's Railway Bill; to be further considered in Committee;—*until Tuesday next.*

20. **HAY GAS BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. R. B. Wilkinson, 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 30th June, in reference to the amendments made in this Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported that the Committee did not insist upon its disagreement from the Council's amendment, inserting new clause to follow clause 21.

On motion of Mr. Wilkinson, 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 30th June, in reference to the Hay Gas Bill, does not insist upon its disagreement from the Council's amendment, inserting new clause to follow clause 21.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 16th July, 1886.*

21. CEMETERIES REGULATION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Melville moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Melville, 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, 27th August.

The House adjourned at twenty-five minutes after Eleven o'clock, until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 95.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

TUESDAY, 20 JULY, 1886.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Accommodation for Reporters, House of Parliament:—*Mr. Davies*, for *Mr. Abbott*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) What is the cubic space of each of the compartments set apart in the House for the reporters of the Press?
- (2.) What is the average number of persons using each of those compartments during the sitting of the House?
- (3.) The same information as to the *Hansard* Staff?
- (4.) What is the average feet of cubic air allowed by the space mentioned to each person?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—It will be necessary that these questions should be put in a more definite form before I can answer them.

- (2.) Subordinate Roads under Trustees:—*Mr. Burns* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When the grants for the present year for Roads under Trustees will be issued?

Mr. Lyne answered,—I give the same answer as I gave to *Mr. Gould*, when a similar question was asked on the 16th instant, namely, that the money is available, but there has been some difficulty as to the Bank in which it shall be placed. I anticipate this matter will be settled this week, when there will be no further difficulty.

- (3.) Administration of Justice, Kempsey District:—*Mr. Davies* asked the Minister of Justice,—Has he any objection to lay upon the Table of this House, copies of report, minutes, letters, and all papers having reference to the inquiry instituted into the administration of justice in the Police District of Kempsey?

Mr. Garvan answered,—I have no objection to lay upon the Table of this House copies of the papers in the case referred to. The papers, which are very voluminous, will be copied with all possible expedition.

- (4.) Purchase of Railway Rails by New Lambton Colliery Company:—*Mr. Abigail* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it true that the New Lambton Colliery Company, some time ago, purchased a large quantity of railway rails from the Government?
- (2.) If so, what was the number, and the price charged and paid?
- (3.) The date when the account was presented, and the date of payment?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) Yes, *Mr. Alexander Brown*, Managing Owner of the New Lambton Mine, purchased a quantity of rails from the Government.
- (2.) 1,368 rails and fastenings. The price charged was £2,768 4s. 6d.
- (3.) On the 31st October, 1883. The settlement is held over, pending the adjustment of a contra account of an amount claimed against the Government by the Company.

2. *MR. COGHLAN, GOVERNMENT STATISTICIAN (Formal Motion)*:—*Mr. Abigail* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all applications for the position of Government Statist, together with copies of the recommendations in favour of *Mr. Coghlan*.
Question put and passed.

3. ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PARSONAGE CAMPERDOWN LAND SALE 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 Right Reverend Alfred Barry Lord Bishop of Sydney Trustee of certain land in the County of Cumberland Parish of Petersham at Camperdown to sell the same and to 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 the Right Reverend Alfred Barry Lord Bishop of Sydney Trustee of certain land in the County of Cumberland Parish of Petersham at Camperdown to sell the same 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 Deed of Grant referred to in the Preamble of the Bill.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 20th July, 1886.*

4. OPENING OF THEATRES ON SUNDAYS:—Sir Henry Parkes presented a Petition from the Sydney Women's Prayer Union, and other Residents of New South Wales, stating that the Petitioners regard with deep and earnest concern the fact that in this city the Theatres are allowed to remain open on Sundays, a charge being made for admission; and praying the House to so amend the existing Law that such opening of Theatres on Sundays may be absolutely prohibited, and thus confer an incalculable benefit on the community at large.
Petition received.
5. TARIFF:—Mr. Dawson presented a Petition from certain Producers, Traders, Artizans, and others, complaining that for some years past the Public Expenditure has been largely increased; urging that before new burdens of taxation are imposed upon the people, material reductions in the expenditure should be made; suggesting the adoption, if necessary, of a system of direct taxation upon property; and praying the House not to pass any Bill to extend the present Customs Tariff.
Petition received.
6. WILLOUGHBY AND GORDON TRAMWAY BILL:—Mr. Dawson presented a Petition from Michael McMahon, of St. Leonards, Land Agent, in opposition to the Willoughby and Gordon Tramway Bill; and praying that the Petitioner may be heard in person, or by his solicitor or counsel, before the Select Committee now considering the said Bill.
Petition received, and referred to the Select Committee on the Bill.
7. VOTE OF CREDIT:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Sir Patrick Jennings, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 45.

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 July, or the following month of the year 1886; together with provision for other Services of the year 1886 of an urgent nature.

*Government House,
Sydney, 20th July, 1886.*

Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of Supply.

8. PAPERS:—

Dr. Renwick laid upon the Table,—Notifications of resumptions of land for Public School Purposes, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, at Chaucer and Solferino.

Ordered to be printed.

Sir Patrick Jennings laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return to an Order made on 12th May, 1886—"Colonial Steamers."

(2.) Return to an Order made on 23rd June, 1886—"Police Magistrates and Clerks of Petty Sessions."

(3.) Return of Arms and Ammunition in the Ordnance Department.

(4.) Correspondence, &c., in connection with Loan of £5,500,000, issued on 16th July, 1886.

Ordered to be printed.

9. REMOVAL FROM THE HOUSE OF THE HONORABLE MEMBER FOR MORPETH, BY ORDER OF MR. SPEAKER:—Mr. Foster moved, pursuant to Notice, That the removal and exclusion of the Honorable and Learned Member for Morpeth from the House by the "Speaker," without the Order or Resolution of the House, were contrary to the Law and Usages of Parliament, and the Privileges of this House.

Mr. Want moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "Speaker," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words, "occurring, as it did, at a time when the disorder and excitement were without parallel, and when the authority of the Speaker and the House, and even its existence as a deliberative body, had been openly denied and defied by the Honorable and Learned Member for Morpeth, and when he had repudiated the right of the Chair to restore order and bring back the Committee to a condition when public business could be despatched, in language and with gesticulation calculated to bring the proceedings of Parliament into contempt, the prompt intervention of the Speaker, for the purpose of vindicating the dignity and honor of the House, and the course pursued by him in suppressing disorder and riot, was the proper and suitable method for such an emergency."

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,—

WEDNESDAY, 21 JULY, 1886, A.M.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 29.

Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Henson,
Mr. Shepherd,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Garland,	Mr. Hugh Taylor,
Mr. Foster,	Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Neild,	Mr. James Henry Young,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Dr. Ross,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Gibbes.
Mr. Lee,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Moore,	
Mr. Tarrant,	Mr. Burdekin,
Mr. De Courcy Browne,	Mr. Septimus Stephen.
Sir Henry Parkes,	
Mr. Abigail,	
Mr. Spring,	
Mr. Kidd,	
Mr. McCulloch,	
Mr. Baker,	
Mr. Parkes,	

Noes, 36.

Sir Patrick Jennings,	Mr. Targett,
Mr. Want,	Mr. Dalton,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Russell Barton,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Burke,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Dr. Renwick,	Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. D. A. Ferguson,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Hyam,
Mr. Sawers,	Mr. Day,
Mr. Williamson,	Mr. Lysaght,
Mr. Cass,	Mr. Hogan,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Forsyth,
Mr. Harold Stephen,	Mr. Coonan,
Mr. Bowman,	Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Butcher,	Mr. Toohey.
Mr. Olliffe,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Copeland,	
Mr. Bull,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Scott,	Mr. Fitzgerald.

And so it passed in the negative.

Question put,—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted.

The House divided.

Ayes, 35.

Sir Patrick Jennings,	Mr. Olliffe,
Mr. Want,	Mr. Burke,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Dalton,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. D. A. Ferguson
Dr. Renwick,	Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Lysaght,
Mr. Williamson,	Mr. Day,
Mr. Sawers,	Mr. Coonan,
Mr. Cass,	Mr. Hogan,
Mr. Toohey,	Mr. Hyam,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Targett,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Forsyth,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Barbour.
Mr. Bowman,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Scott,	
Mr. Bull,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Butcher,	Mr. Fitzgerald.
Mr. Harold Stephen,	

Noes, 27.

Mr. Foster,	Mr. Gibbes,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Neild,	Mr. Garland,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Dr. Ross.
Mr. James Henry Young,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Roberts,	
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Septimus Stephen,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Burdekin.
Mr. Spring,	
Mr. Hawthorne,	
Mr. Kidd,	
Mr. Baker,	
Mr. Henson,	
Mr. McCulloch,	
Mr. Parkes,	
Mr. Shepherd,	
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Main Question put,—That the removal and exclusion of the Honorable and Learned Member for Morpeth from the House by the Speaker, occurring, as it did, at a time when the disorder and excitement were without parallel, and when the authority of the Speaker, and the House, and even its existence as a deliberative body, had been openly denied and defied by the Honorable and Learned Member for Morpeth, and when he had repudiated the right of the Chair to restore Order and bring back the Committee to a condition when public business could be despatched, in language and with gesticulation calculated to bring the proceedings of Parliament into contempt, the prompt intervention of the Speaker, for the purpose of vindicating the dignity and honor of the House, and the course pursued by him in suppressing disorder and riot, was the proper and suitable method for such an emergency.

The House divided.

Ayes, 35.

Sir Patrick Jennings,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Want,	Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. D. A. Ferguson,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Burke,
Dr. Renwick,	Mr. Olliffe,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Harold Stephen,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Dalton,
Mr. Williamson,	Mr. Butcher,
Mr. Sawers,	Mr. Bull,
Mr. Cass,	Mr. Scott,
Mr. Toohey,	Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Forsyth,	Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Targett,	Mr. Dibbs.
Mr. Hyam,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hogan,	
Mr. Coonan,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Day,	Mr. Fitzgerald.
Mr. Lysaght,	

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Mr. Foster,	Mr. Gibbes,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Neild,	Mr. Garland,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Dr. Ross.
Mr. James Henry Young,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Roberts,	
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Burdekin,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Septimus Stephen.
Mr. Spring,	
Mr. Hawthorne,	
Mr. Kidd,	
Mr. Baker,	
Mr. Henson,	
Mr. McCulloch,	
Mr. Parkes,	
Mr. Shepherd,	
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

10. SUPPLY :—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 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 :—

(8.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £631,953, being £510,000 to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of July, 1886, at the rates which have been sanctioned for 1885, inclusive of the annual increases on salaries for that year, provided for by the Civil Service Act of 1884, subject to the rate of any reduction that may hereafter be made in the expenditure of the year 1886; and £121,953, being £27,970 for the Colonial Secretary, £3,700 for the Treasurer and Secretary for Finance and Trade, £5,781 for the Secretary for Lands, £76,242 for the Secretary for Public Works, and £8,260 for the Secretary for Mines, amounts urgently required to meet outstanding and pressing claims on account of Services for the year 1886.

On motion of Sir Patrick Jennings, 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 Sir Patrick Jennings, 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 :—

(12.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Services of the Year 1886, the sum of £631,953 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.

On motion of Sir Patrick Jennings, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

12. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 7) :—

(1.) Ordered, on motion of Sir Patrick Jennings, 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 1886.

(2.) Sir Patrick Jennings 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 1886*,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

The House adjourned at fourteen minutes after 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.

WEDNESDAY, 21 JULY, 1886.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Newcastle Railway Station:—*Mr. Barbour*, for *Mr. Olliffe*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact, as alleged, that the bridge causeway at Newcastle, used by passengers travelling from Sydney to the Great Northern Railway Terminus at Newcastle, is dangerous, through the want of lighting in the mornings on the arrival of the steamers from Sydney?

(2.) Is it a fact that this locality is furnished with the necessary lighting appliances; if so, will he state if there is any reason why the lights should not be kept burning during the dark hours of the morning?

(3.) Is it a fact, as alleged, that the waiting-rooms for both ladies and gentlemen at the Newcastle Station are kept in a disgraceful state, being dirty and badly appointed?

(4.) Who is the Officer that is responsible for the proper management of this Station, how long has he been in the Department, and what is his salary?

(5.) Will he cause inquiry to be made as to the correctness of the foregoing, and, if the facts be established, take steps to have the necessary alterations effected?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1 and 2.) Instructions have been given for lighting this foot-bridge during the dark hours of the morning.

(3.) The Traffic Manager has reported that the rooms are kept as clean as circumstances will permit, but he has been instructed to have them kept clean and presentable at all times and under any circumstances.

(4 and 5.) *Mr. Robins* is the Station-master. He has been twenty-three years in the service, and his salary is £290; but, in view of the Traffic Manager's report, that Officer will be held responsible that the rooms are kept in proper order.

(2.) Sydney University Examinations:—*Mr. Gould* asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) How many First-year Students were examined at the Sydney University in March last?

(2.) How many passed such examination?

(3.) Are the subjects embraced in the First-year Course of each Student identical, whether he intends graduating in Arts, Science, Engineering, or Medicine?

(4.) Is it not a fact that the ultimate standard in each School or Faculty (save that of Arts) suffers in consequence of this, by requiring much time to be devoted to subjects foreign to the particular School or Faculty in which Students desire to graduate?

Dr. Renwick answered,—

(1.) Sixty.

(2.) Thirty-six. Ten others passed a deferred First-year Examination in July without losing their year.

(3.) Yes.

(4.) The Senate is of opinion that the arrangements now in force are best suited to the requirements of the Colony.

(3.) Employés, Great Northern Railway:—*Mr. Gould* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the drivers and firemen stationed at Singleton and Murrurundi, or at either place, on the Great Northern Railway, are frequently paid for less than full time; and, if so, is it his intention to cause steps to be taken to avoid this in future?

(2.) Are these men obliged to hold themselves in readiness at all times to perform duty when required?

(3.) Do other employés on the Great Northern Railway than those engaged in the Locomotive Department suffer loss of time, or do they receive full time?

Mr.

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) The question is being inquired into. It is true that the men, owing to the slackness of trade at present, have not always made full time, but when traffic is brisk they make overtime; and it is stated that inquiry will show that in a year's service the overtime fully compensates for the under-time, with very few exceptions.

(2.) Yes, it is the fundamental rule of the Department, and applies to all employés, without exception.

(3.) When employés in Traffic Branch work overtime they are not paid for it, but are allowed leave in lieu thereof. Engine-men have declined to work under a similar system.

(4.) **Postal Notes**:—Mr. Harold Stephen asked the Postmaster General,—Has he arrived at a decision with reference to the introduction of postal notes, respecting which he stated, some months ago, that the matter was under his consideration?

Mr. Suttor answered,—I have called for reports, and I am making inquiries into this subject. I hope to be in a position, in a short time, to establish the postal note system in New South Wales.

(5.) **Railway Workshops, Junee**:—Mr. Abigail asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What was the cost of erecting the Government workshops at Junee?

(2.) Has it been decided to remove them to Wagga Wagga; if so, what public advantage, or saving in working expenses, is it expected will accrue therefrom?

(3.) What is the estimated cost of removing the said workshops to Wagga Wagga, and what are the reports of the Officers on the difference in working the line from Wagga Wagga instead of Junee?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) This information is being obtained.

(2.) It has not been decided to remove the locomotive depôt from Junee to Wagga Wagga, but inquiry is being instituted, upon representations made that it would be more economical to have the running sheds at the latter place.

(3.) A report is being obtained.

(6.) **Boiler for Gladesville Asylum**:—Mr. Barbour, for Mr. Davies, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Were tenders invited for the supply of a boiler for the Gladesville Asylum?

(2.) Is it true that the boiler had been imported from England previous to calling for tenders?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Not that I am aware of.

(7.) **News respecting the Colony in the London Press**:—Mr. Barbour, for Mr. Hugh Taylor, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he, in view of the alleged inadequate news respecting New South Wales appearing in the leading London Press, authorize the expenditure of a sufficient sum, in order that a condensed weekly authentic report of leading events in connection with the Colony be transmitted by cable to London?

Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—This matter is now engaging the attention of the Government.

2. **CROWN LANDS ACT**:—Mr. Sawers presented a Petition from certain Lessees and Occupiers of Crown Lands in the Colony of New South Wales, deprecating the action of the Lands Department in proceeding with the new appraisements in the Western District with the avowed intention to collect increased rents, with arrears for part of the year 1885 and for the whole of 1886, before the mean date of determination of the old Leases, in many instances, has expired; and praying the House to make certain amendments, suggested by the Petitioners, in the present law. And the Petition having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker,—

Petition received.

3. **MUDGEES GASLIGHT AND COKE COMPANY'S BILL**:—Mr. De Courcy Browne 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 'Mudgee Gaslight and Coke Company (Limited)' to construct Gas-works within the town of Mudgee and the suburbs of the said town,*"—read a first time.

4. **PAPERS**:—Dr. Renwick laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return to an Order made on 11th December, 1885—"Business at Land Offices, Armidale, Walcha, Glen Innes, Inverell, and Tenterfield."

(2.) Return showing cancellation of Reserves at Gunnedah, Tamworth, and Murrurundi, during May and June, 1886.

Ordered to be printed.

5. **CUSTOMS DUTIES 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, 22 JULY, 1886, A.M.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

6. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Sir Patrick Jennings moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly at a quarter past Two 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.

THURSDAY, 22 JULY, 1886.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Civil Service Act:—Mr. Abigail asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to pay the Civil Servants their increases, as provided for by the Civil Service Act; if so, when will it be done?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The Bill which I intend to bring in will deal with this matter.

(2.) Government Statistician:—Mr. Abigail asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Referring to the appointment of Government Statist, was Mr. Byron an applicant?

(2.) Was he recommended several times by the Registrar-General for that position?

(3.) Is he the same person who had a good deal to do with compiling the Census Returns in 1871, and did he have sole charge of Census business for 1881?

(4.) Did he, on any occasion, act for the Registrar-General; and was he commended by that gentleman for the manner in which he conducted the business entrusted to him?

(5.) Did he compile the statistical matter and write the historical sketch of New South Wales for the Indian and Colonial Exhibition?

(6.) Were his claims for the position of Government Statist considered when going through the other applications?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) On three occasions.

(3.) Yes, as a Tabulator. No.

(4.) He wrote the Registrar-General's Report on the Census of 1881. Yes.

(5.) Yes; but it was so badly done that it had to be revised by a sub-committee of the Commissioners, and the greater portion of it re-written by one of the members of the Committee.

(6.) Yes.

(3.) Land Office, Walgett:—Mr. Collins asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is he aware that the Lands Office at Walgett is in such a state that it is alleged to be unsafe for the protection of valuable documents and books, and is unsuitable for the purpose?

(2.) Should there be no suitable building obtainable in Walgett, does he intend to place a sum on the Estimates for the erection of a Lands Office?

Dr. Renwick answered,—

(1.) No, but inquiry will be made.

(2.) It is probable that the offices of Land Agent and Clerk of Petty Sessions at Walgett will be amalgamated, and the office transferred to the Court-house premises.

(4.) Police Magistrate, Walgett:—Mr. Collins asked the Minister of Justice,—What steps have been taken with respect to the appointment of a Police Magistrate at Walgett?

Mr. Garvan answered,—The necessary steps are now being taken in this matter, and the appointment will shortly be made.

(5.) Tarriaro Bridge, Namoi River:—Mr. Collins asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is he aware that through the closing of Tarriaro Bridge, stock are unable to cross the Namoi, and the travelling stock route is rendered useless?

(2.) Does he intend to make provision for a new bridge on next Estimates?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

(1.) The Tarriaro Bridge, twenty-four years old, has been closed, as unsafe, against all traffic but sheep and foot passengers. The railway has decreased its importance.

(2.) A stock route is being opened on north bank of river to Boggabri Bridge, which it is thought will render re-construction of Tarriaro Bridge unnecessary.

(6.)

(6.) Railway to Walgett:—Mr. Collins asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Seeing the great necessity which it is alleged exists for the construction of a Railway to Walgett, do the Government intend to ask Parliament to vote a sum of money, during the present Session, for carrying out the work?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—My Honorable Colleague cannot say more at present than the matter will receive consideration when the Government are preparing their railway proposals.

(7.) Exclusion of Strangers:—Mr. Moore asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Have the Government taken into consideration the question whether the recent proceedings of the House and Committee show a necessity for amending the Sessional Order with regard to the exclusion of strangers?

Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—The Government have, so far, been unable to take the question referred to into their consideration.

(8.) Roads in Inverell District:—Mr. Moore asked the Secretary for Public Works,—In view of repeated complaints as to the condition of the roads in the Inverell District, does he intend to cause a competent Officer of the Roads Department to inspect and report upon the same without delay?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The Assistant Engineer will visit Inverell within a week to inspect and report. Black soil roads must be bad in this weather, unless metalled throughout.

(9.) Hunter River Water Supply Works:—Mr. Creer asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What is the amount of money expended on the Hunter River Water Supply Works up to the end of June, 1886?

(2.) What will be the probable total cost of the works when completed?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—I have given directions to have this information carefully prepared, and will lay it upon the Table next week.

(10.) Coal-fields Regulation Act:—Mr. Creer asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Is he aware that the weighing clause, as provided for by the Coal-fields Regulation Act, is not enforced at the Dunkirk and other collieries in the Newcastle District?

(2.) If the miners are not paid by the weight of coal gotten, will the owners of all collieries be compelled to pay their workmen by weight?

(3.) Is he aware that cages used for raising and lowering workmen at Broughall and Griffiths' colliery, near Tighe's Hill, have not a cover overhead, as required by law?

(4.) Is it his intention to cause an inquiry to be made, for the purpose of having the defect (if any) remedied without delay?

Mr. Fletcher answered,—

(1.) No; but instructions were given in May last to the Examiner of Coal-fields to enforce the provisions of the Act in regard to payment by weight in all collieries in which eight or more miners are employed, whose payment depends upon the quantity of coal gotten, and no report has been received that such instructions have not been complied with. Inquiry will, however, be made, and the instructions enforced.

(2.) The Act gives no power to compel owners to pay by weight where the miners agree to be paid by the day or by the yard; but, as soon as the state of business in the House will admit, it is intended to introduce a Bill to amend the Coal-fields Regulation Act, so as to remedy this and other defects.

(3 and 4.) No; but inquiry is being made, and instructions have issued to enforce the law in every case in which it is not being observed.

(11.) Resources of Richmond, Brunswick, and Tweed Rivers:—*Mr. Barbour*, for *Mr. Ewing*, asked the Secretary for Mines,—Does he intend to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, and printed, the report of his Officer, lately made, with reference to resources of Richmond, Brunswick, and Tweed Rivers?

Mr. Fletcher answered,—As soon as the Officer has completed his inspections and furnished his reports thereon they will be laid upon the Table of the House.

2. PRIVILEGE—*MR. BARBOUR*, M.P.:—*Mr. Abbott*, 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 22nd June, 1886.

And the Report having been read by the Clerk, by direction of *Mr. Speaker*,—

Ordered, that the Report and accompanying Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence be printed.

3. AUSTRALIAN JOINT STOCK BANK ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—*Mr. Ives*, 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 15th June, 1886; together with a copy of the Bill, as amended and agreed to by the Committee.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Ives then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday, 27th August.

Question put and passed.

4. MINING OR PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL:—*Mr. Garland* presented a Bill intituled "A Bill to provide for Mining for Gold and Silver on Private Property,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 27th August.

5. PAPERS:—

Mr. Garvan laid upon the Table,—Annual Report on Prisons for 1884.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table,—Annual Report of the Board for the Protection of the Aborigines.

Ordered to be printed.

6. ADJOURNMENT:—*Mr. Abigail* moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Question put and negatived.

7. EMPLOYERS LIABILITY 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 extend and regulate the Liability of Employers to make compensation for personal injuries suffered by workmen in their service*,"—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 July, 1886.

JOHN HAY,
President.

EMPLOYERS LIABILITY BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 22nd July, 1886.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 2, clause 1, lines 12 to 14. Omit "and may recover from the employer compensation by way of damages as for a tort committed by such employer"

Page 2, clause 2, line 37. After "such" insert "injured"

Page 2, clause 2, line 39. Omit "such superior" insert "person so entrusted"

Page 2, clause 2. After clause 2 insert the following new clause:—

"3. The amount of compensation recoverable under this Act shall not exceed such sum as may be found to be equivalent to the estimated earnings during the three years preceding the injury of a person in the same grade employed during those years in the like employment and in the district in which the workman is employed at the time of the injury." Limit of sum recoverable as compensation.

Page 2, clause 3, line 43. Omit "twelve" insert "six"

Page 2, clause 3, line 44. Omit "twelve" insert "six"

Page 2, clause 3, line 45. After "time of death" omit remainder of clause, insert "Provided always that the want of such notice shall be no bar to the maintenance of such action if upon motion made for leave to proceed notwithstanding no such notice has been given a Judge shall be of opinion that there was reasonable excuse for such want of notice And where the action is intended to be brought in any District Court the Judge thereof shall for the purpose of this proviso have all the powers of a Judge of the Supreme Court."

Page 3, clause 5, lines 5 to 8. Omit "All the provisions of this Act shall have effect and be enforced by every Court in every case notwithstanding any contract or agreement excluding all or any of the provisions of this Act or otherwise interfering with the operations thereof Provided that"

Page 3, clause 5, line 12. After "any" omit remainder of clause insert "insurance or compensation to which such person shall have become entitled by virtue of any payment or arrangement made by such employer."

Page 3, clause 6, line 22. Omit "or at all"

Page 3, clause 6, line 23. After "direct" omit remainder of clause.

Page 3, clause 7, line 49. After "inaccuracy" omit remainder of clause.

Page 3, clause 8, line 59. Omit "employed" insert "engaged in manual labour"

Page 4, clause 8, line 4. After "labour" omit remainder of clause.

Examined,—

W. R. PIDDINGTON,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the Council's amendments be taken into consideration on Friday, 13th August.

8. CUSTOMS DUTIES 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, 23 JULY, 1886, A.M.

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

9. COMMONS REGULATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2):—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill read and discharged, and Bill withdrawn on motion of Mr. Fletcher.

The House adjourned at fifteen minutes after One o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

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New South Wales.

No. 98.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 23 JULY, 1886.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Purchase of Railway Rails by New Lambton Colliery Company:—Mr. Abigail asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Referring to the reply given to Mr. Abigail's Question on the 20th instant, *re* the supply of rails to the New Lambton Colliery Company, are the Government charging the Company interest for the amount held back?

Mr. Lyne answered,—The question of charging interest will be taken into consideration upon the final settlement of the accounts between the Government and the Company.

- (2.) Railway, Forbes to Wilcannia:—Mr. Abigail asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 (1.) Have the plans of the proposed line from Forbes to Wilcannia been approved by Parliament; if not, have tenders been invited for sleepers for the same?
 (2.) Has any other action been taken in connection with this line; if so, will he state the nature of the same?
 (3.) Has he any objection to lay copies of all papers referring to the above matters upon the Table of the House?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) The plans have not yet been approved by Parliament. Tenders for the supply of 176,000 sleepers for the Wilcannia end of the line were invited by *Gazette* Notice, dated 8th instant.
 (2.) An indent has been prepared for permanent way materials for the Wilcannia end of the line.
 (3.) There is no objection.

- (3.) Gas-works, Railway Department:—Mr. Abigail asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 (1.) What amount has been paid to Mr. Castner for gas-works in connection with the Railway Department?
 (2.) Has he any objection to lay upon the Table of the House copies of the papers in connection with this transaction?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) The total amount paid was £31,057 18s.
 (2.) There is no objection; but the correspondence is very voluminous, and to furnish copies will involve considerable expense.

- (4.) Inverell Reserve Volunteer Corps:—Mr. Moore asked the Colonial Secretary,—
 (1.) Is he aware that the capitation grant for last year has not yet been issued to the Inverell Reserve Volunteer Corps?
 (2.) Is it his intention to cause the same to be issued forthwith?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

- (1.) I am informed by the Major-General Commanding the Military Forces that all efficient for the year 1885, under special authority, are entitled to capitation grant. No payment has at present been made to any of the Reserve Corps.
 (2.) As soon as funds are available.

- (5.) Major Penrose, R.E.:—*Mr. James Henry Young*, for Mr. Inglis, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
 (1.) Who is Major Penrose; and what position did he hold in the Imperial Service before leaving England?
 (2.) What remuneration did he receive as an Officer in Her Majesty's Service?
 (3.) What is he now receiving from this Government as an Instructor; what are his allowances for house rent and horse forage?
 (4.) What are his duties?
 (5.) Does he render a statement monthly of services performed day by day; if so, what is the nature of these services?
 (6.) How many lectures has he given to the Non-commissioned Officers and members of the Torpedo Corps; where were the lectures delivered; and when?
 Mr.

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Major-General Commanding the Military Forces :—

(1.) A Captain of the Royal Engineers, holding rank as Major while employed locally. He was employed on the Submarine Mining Defences, and as an Instructor at the Royal Artillery Academy, Woolwich.

(2.) £450 per annum.

(3.) £700 per annum; £120 as lodging allowance and £64 for forage.

(4.) (a) To act as Military Adviser on defence matters, on the Staff of the Officer Commanding the Local Forces; (b) to supervise the design and execution of works of defence constructed by the Colonial Architect's Department; (c) to act as Instructor to the Torpedo and Engineer Corps.

(5.) No. He renders a quarterly report to the Officer Commanding Local Forces on instruction, as directed.

(6.) Since his arrival in the Colony, he has delivered the usual quarterly lectures to such members of the Torpedo Corps as have seen fit to attend at the Victoria Barracks; caused a short course of elementary lectures and drills to be given by Sergeant-Major Wood to the Non-commissioned Officers of the Torpedo Corps, prior to the Easter Encampment; and is also giving personally a course of voluntary lectures to the Officers of the Corps at Berry's Bay, which is not yet completed. Number to date, 24.

(6.) Royal Naval Seamen's Home :—*Mr. Garrard*, for Mr. Hawthorne, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has the grant of land, promised repeatedly by the Government, for a Royal Naval Seamen's Home in Sydney been made; if not, when will this matter engage the attention of the Government?

(2.) Is it the intention of the Government to place a sum of money on the Supplementary Estimates to assist in building a Local Home for Royal Naval Seamen?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The Government has promised a piece of land at Dawes' Point, which will be conveyed, for the purpose of erecting a Royal Naval Seamen's Home; and a small sum of money will be placed upon the Estimates to assist in building the Home.

(7.) Railway, St. Peter's to Liverpool :—Mr. Hammond asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has the working plan for the proposed loop line of railway from St. Peter's to Liverpool been yet prepared?

Mr. Lyne answered,—The working plan and section are not ready, but they are in progress and will be completed in a few weeks.

2. J. J. THOMPSON'S CONDITIONAL PURCHASE ON KARoola RUN (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Moore moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Return to Order laid upon the Table by Mr. Farnell on 22nd May, 1884, relating to J. J. Thompson's conditional purchase on Karoola Run, be printed. Question put and passed.

3. MUDGEES GAS-LIGHT AND COKE COMPANY'S BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. De Courcy Browne moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That the Mudgee Gaslight and Coke 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. A. G. Taylor, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Moore, Mr. Hyam, Mr. Davies, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

4. GLADESVILLE ASYLUM (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Sydney Smith moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all correspondence, minutes, &c., having reference to the supply of a boiler for the Gladesville Asylum.

Question put and passed.

5. WORKING CLASSES:—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of Resolutions in reference to this subject, discharged, on motion of Mr. O'Sullivan.

6. SUPREME COURT:—Mr. W. J. Fergusson moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That a Royal Commission should forthwith issue, to inquire into and report upon the present constitution of the Supreme Court and its various branches, and the practice and procedure thereof; and whether it is desirable to introduce any, and what, reforms, with a view to the better administration of justice, and the lessening of the costs of litigation.

(2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 26.

Noes, 17.

Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Henson,	Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Slattery.
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Harold Stephen,	Sir Patrick Jennings,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Garland,	Mr. Foster,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Toohey,	Mr. Neild,	Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Hassall.
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Mr. Suttor,	
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Lee,	Dr. Renwick,	
Mr. Stokes,	Mr. Hungerford,	Mr. Lyne,	
Mr. Moore,	Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Collins,	
Mr. Forsyth,	Mr. Brunker,	Mr. Want,	
Mr. James Henry Young,	Mr. Shepherd,	Mr. Thompson,	
Mr. De Courcy Browne,	<i>Tellers,</i>	Mr. Day,	
Mr. Dawson,		Mr. Rylie,	
Mr. Wall,	Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Bull,	
Mr. Hammond,	Mr. W. J. Fergusson.	Mr. Hawthorne,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

7. SELECT COMMITTEES ON PRIVATE BILLS:—Mr. W. J. Fergusson moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the following Resolutions:—

(1.) That Members nominated and actually serving on Select Committees on Private Bills should be paid.

(2.) That, in order to provide the necessary funds, parties applying for Private Bills should be required to deposit, in addition to the sum required by Standing Order No. 64, a further sum of £25.

(3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be referred to Committee on Standing Orders to report.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 27.

Mr. Wisdom,	Mr. Harold Stephen,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Foster,	Mr. Inglis,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Neild,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Hugh Taylor,
Mr. Stokes,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. Brunker,	Mr. T. R. Smith,
Mr. Forsyth,	Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Hassall,	Mr. Shepherd.
Mr. Dawson,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. W. J. Fergusson,	
Mr. Byrie,	Mr. De Courcy Browne,
Mr. Dalton,	Mr. Collins.
Mr. James Henry Young,	

Noes, 18.

Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Henson.
Dr. Kenwick,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Suttor,	
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Garland,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Hammond.
Mr. Want,	
Mr. Lyne,	
Mr. Davies,	
Mr. Melville,	
Mr. Slattery,	
Mr. Heydon,	
Mr. Burke,	
Mr. Bull,	
Mr. Toohy,	
Mr. Hungerford,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

8. LOW-LYING LAND NEAR GLENMORE ROAD, PADDINGTON:—Mr. Neild moved, pursuant to Notice That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the following Resolutions:—

(1.) That, in the interests of the public health, the low-lying grounds to the north, east, and west of the Glenmore Road, Paddington, should be resumed by the Government.

(2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

Debate ensued.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

9. MANUFACTURE IN THIS COLONY OF IRONWORK REQUIRED BY THE GOVERNMENT:—Mr. Davies moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this "House," all constructive ironwork used in the building of bridges, rolling stock, locomotives, motors, dredges, tugs, punts, water-works, plant, &c., required by the Government, should be "manufactured" in this Colony.

Mr. Targett moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Debate ensued.

Question put.—That this Debate be now adjourned.

The House divided.

Ayes, 13.

Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Scott,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Thompson.
Mr. Lyne,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Harold Stephen,	
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Targett,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Melville.
Mr. Brunker,	
Mr. Slattery,	
Mr. Want,	

Noes, 15.

Mr. Wisdom,	Mr. Dawson,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Davies,	Mr. Abigail,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Henson.
Mr. Garrard,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Forsyth,	
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Toohy,	Mr. Burdekin.
Mr. Kidd,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Original Question again proposed.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Garrard moved, That the Question be amended by the insertion after the word "House" of the words "tenders for;" by the omission of the word "manufactured," and the insertion in its place of the word "invited;" and by the addition at the end of the Resolution of the words "as well as elsewhere."

Question proposed,—That the words "tenders for;" proposed to be inserted, be so inserted.

Debate continued.

Question put,—That the words "tenders for;" proposed to be inserted, be so inserted.

The House divided.

Ayes, 28.

Mr. Harold Stephen,	Mr. Burke,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Toohy,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Davies,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. Garran,	Mr. Want,
Mr. Targott,	Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Henson,	Mr. Forsyth,
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Wisdom,	Mr. Garland,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Copeland.
Mr. Sydney Smith,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Sir Henry Parkes,	
Mr. De Courcy Browne,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Dawson,	Mr. Thompson.

Noes, 2.

Tellers,
Mr. Melville,
Mr. O'Sullivan.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question,—

Question,—That the word “manufactured,” proposed to be omitted, stand part of the Question,—put and negatived.

Question,—That the word “invited,” proposed to be inserted in place of the word omitted, be so inserted,—put and passed.

Question,—That the words “as well as elsewhere,” proposed to be added, be so added,—put and passed.

Main Question,—That, in the opinion of this House, tenders for all constructive ironwork used in the building of bridges, rolling stock, locomotives, motors, dredges, tugs, punts, waterworks, plant, &c., required by the Government, should be invited in this Colony as well as elsewhere,—put and passed.

10. CONDUCT OF SERGEANT CULLEN, PERMANENT ARTILLERY:—Mr. G. A. Lloyd 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 the papers in connection with a Military investigation into the conduct of Sergeant Cullen, which took place in Newcastle, before Lieutenant-Colonel Airey, on the 3rd July.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

11. CLAIM OF MATTHEW M'IVOR TO A TIN-MINE AT PHEASANT'S CREEK:—Mr. Targett 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. Fletcher, Mr. Melville, Mr. Henry Clarke, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Leven, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Jones, Mr. Burke, and the Mover.

(3.) That the Report and Evidence from the Select Committee on the same subject, brought up on 9th October, 1884, be referred to the said Committee.

Question put and passed.

12. RAILWAY FROM COOMA TO BOMBALA:—Mr. Harold Stephen moved, pursuant to Notice, 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 Railway from Cooma to Bombala should be among the first new Railway works undertaken.

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

Debate ensued.

Mr. Dawson moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Question put and passed.

Ordered that the Debate be adjourned until Friday, 20th August.

13. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed until Friday next:—

(1.) New South Wales Trustees Executors and Agency Company's Bill; adjourned Debate, on motion of Mr. Thompson, “That this Bill be now read a second time.”

(2.) Bennett's Railway Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

The House adjourned at sixteen minutes before Eleven o'clock until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 99.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 27 JULY, 1886.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Appraisement of Crown Lands, Dubbo District:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for *Mr. T. R. Smith*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is it a fact that one of the Appraisers in the Dubbo District valued a block of country at 9d. per acre, and that the Land Board reduced it to 2d. per acre; if this be true, what steps does he intend to take so that the State will not be deprived of the fair value for this and other blocks similarly treated?

Mr. Copeland answered,—No. Inquiry has been made, without it being discovered that anything of the kind has occurred. All cases of rental are carefully investigated and determined by myself.

- (2.) Civil Service Act:—*Mr. Gormly* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Have the increases for the year 1886 (due under the Civil Service Act of 1884) been paid to the Officers of the Railway Department?

(2.) If not, will he state when they are likely to be paid?

(3.) If not paid, what is the cause of delay?

Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—

(1.) No.

(2 and 3.) Provision will be made for the payments referred to in the Amending Bill now before Parliament.

- (3.) Railway Workshops, Eveleigh:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for *Mr. Sutherland*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) The total amount paid for land at Eveleigh for workshops?

(2.) The total amount paid from Loan Votes on account of the Railway Workshops at Eveleigh?

(3.) The total estimated expenditure yet required for the completion of these works?

(4.) The name of the Officer who estimated the cost of these works?

Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—

(1.) £104,284, including interest and expenses of conveyance of land.

(2.) £338,310, exclusive of land.

(3.) £136,500.

(4.) The Engineer for Existing Lines.

- (4.) Railway Workshops, Eveleigh:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for *Mr. Sutherland*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What was the total cost of filling in and preparing the ground on which the Eveleigh running shed is built, including all expenditure, of whatever kind, for work in connection with the building not done by contract?

(2.) What work was done by contract in connection with the Eveleigh running shed, the name of contractor, amount of tender, date of acceptance, date of completion according to contract, date when completed, amount of fine according to conditions, amount of fine paid, amount of extras on, or deductions from, contract price?

(3.) The total cost of sub-way to running shed, with grades both ways from turn-table?

(4.) Total cost of coal-stage in Eveleigh yard?

Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—This information is being prepared, and will be laid upon the Table of the House in the shape of a Return on an early day.

- (5.) Railway Loop-line, St. Peter's to Liverpool:—*Mr. Henson* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has the route for the proposed loop-line of railway from St. Peter's to Liverpool been finally decided upon?

Mr. Lyne answered,—It has not yet been finally decided upon.

2. ILLAWARRA RAILWAY (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Williamson moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all correspondence in connection with contract of section No. 3, Illawarra Railway, between the contractors and the Government; and all correspondence between Mr. McLaughlin and Government and Attorney-General, and Mr. Alex. Graham and the Government.
Question put and passed.
3. PAPERS:—
Mr. Fletcher laid upon the Table,—Annual Report of the Forest Branch, Department of Mines, for the year 1885.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Copeland laid upon the Table,—Final Return to an Order, made on 24th September, 1885,—“Removal of Land Office from Armidale to Glen Innes.”
Ordered to be printed.
4. COMMONS REGULATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL (No. 3):—
(1.) Mr. Fletcher moved, That the Resolution agreed to by this House on the 3rd June, 1886, a.m., on which the Commons Regulation Act Amendment Bill (No. 2) had been founded, be now read.
Question put and passed.
And the said Resolution (*as recorded in Votes and Proceedings, No. 70, Entry 13*) read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker.
(2.) Mr. Fletcher then presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to amend the ‘Commons Regulation Act of 1873’ and to validate certain appointments of Trustees purporting to have been made thereunder,*”—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday next.
5. RAILWAY FROM KIAMA TO JERVIS BAY:—Mr. Lyne moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House approves of the Plan, Section, and Book of Reference of a proposed railway from Kiama to Jervis Bay (Part No. 1), laid before the House on the 20th May, 1886, in accordance with the 9th section of the Government Railway Act, 22 Victoria No. 19.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
6. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 7):—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir Patrick Jennings moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
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 Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.
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 to-morrow.
7. CUSTOMS DUTIES 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 JULY, 1886, A.M.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

The House adjourned at seventeen minutes after Three 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

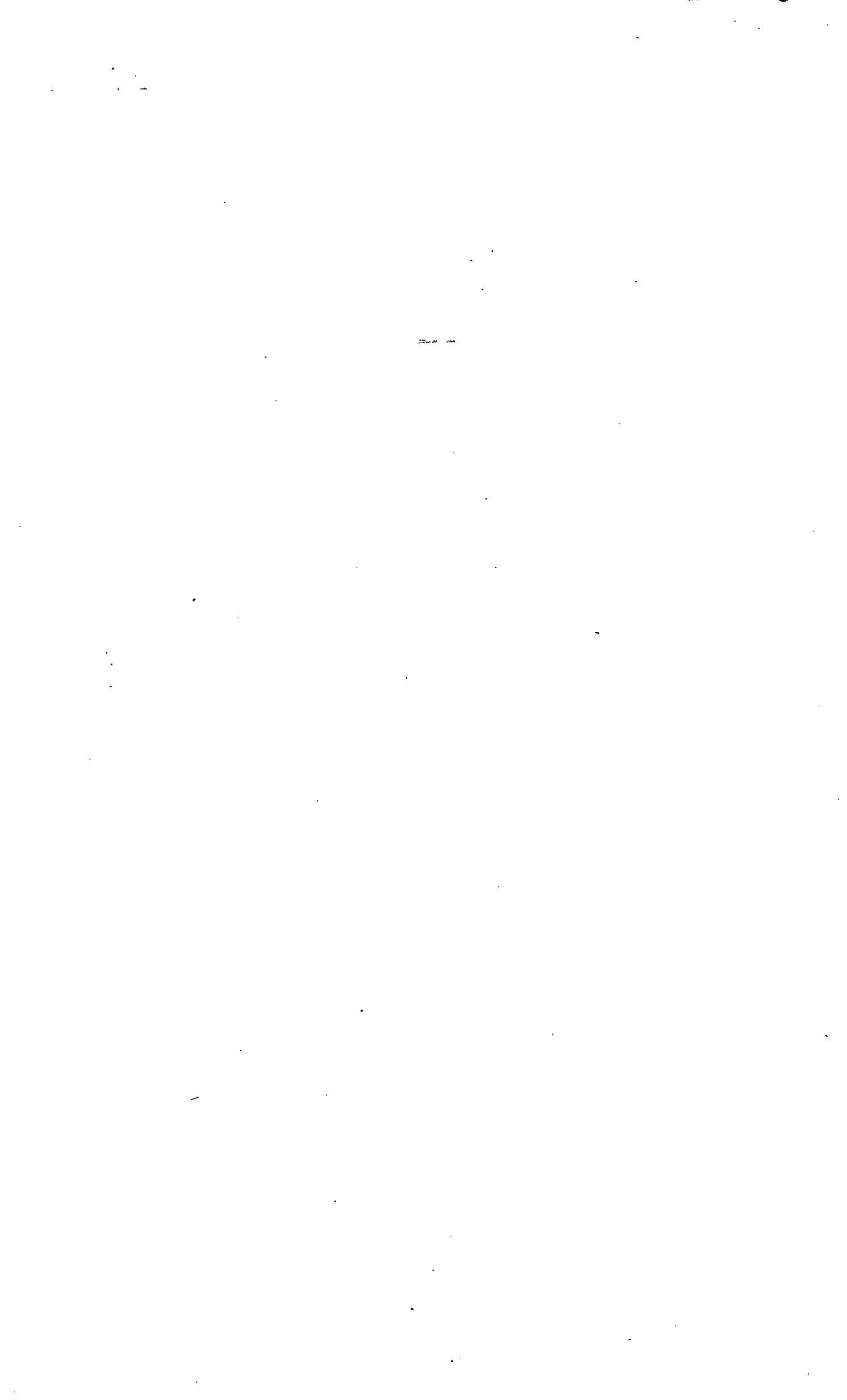
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 28 JULY, 1886.

There being only nineteen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely,—Mr. Abigail, Mr. Baker, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Burns, Mr. Davies, Mr. Day, Mr. W. J. Fergusson, Mr. Forsyth, Mr. Garvan, Mr. Gormly, Sir Patrick Jennings, Mr. Kethel, Mr. Lyne, Mr. O'Sullivan, Dr. Renwick, Dr. Ross, Mr. Slattery, Mr. Toohey, and Mr. Williamson,—

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. 101.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 29 JULY, 1886.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Civil Service:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Secretary,—
 (1.) How many Civil Servants are there in New South Wales, including railway employes, artisans, labourers, policemen, and postal officials?
 (2.) What is the proportion of Civil Servants to the population of New South Wales?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

- (1.) 24,389.
 (2.) 2.43 per cent.

- (2.) Train from Picton to Moss Vale:—Mr. Hugh Taylor, for Mr. Kidd, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What time does it take for the train to run from Picton to Moss Vale on Friday nights, and what is the distance?
 (2.) What wages are paid separately to the driver, fireman, and guard, for performing that specific duty; and, if any allowances in cash are made to them for being from home, what is the amount per man?
 (3.) The amount of coal and oil consumed on the trip from Picton to Moss Vale and back to Picton?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) 1 hour and 50 minutes, including stoppages. The distance is 33 miles. The grades are very heavy.
 (2.) No separate amount is paid. The service is included in the day's work for the men employed.
 (3.) 35 cwt. of coal and 5 pints of oil.

- (3.) Fidelity Guarantee for Collectors of Revenue:—Mr. Abigail asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that, while Colonial Treasurer, the Honorable G. R. Dibbs set aside the system of fidelity guarantee in vogue with respect to Collectors of Revenue?
 (2.) If so, what has been substituted therefor?
 (3.) Will the Government have any objection to lay upon the Table of this House, copies of all letters, minutes, and reports, and all other papers relating to the subject?

Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—

- (1.) No; the Collectors of Public Revenue are still under guarantee.
 (2.) The system, however, is altered, by the establishment of a Government Guarantee Fund, to supersede the private Guarantee Societies.
 (3.) No objection whatever.

- (4.) Mr. W. Shoobridge's Selections, Camden District:—Mr. Abigail asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Have the Land Board for the Camden District had under their consideration, during the present month, the case of the selections made in the name of Mr. W. Shoobridge by R. Barbour, as agent, at or near Picton Lakes; if so, what decision did they arrive at?
 (2.) Did Mr. Shoobridge receive notice to appear; and, if so, did he appear to defend his application; if not, by whom was he represented?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

- (1.) Yes; the application was disallowed, a portion of the land being within the population area, and the balance not adjoining the original conditional purchase.
 (2.) Yes; Mr. Shoobridge was present, and was represented also by his agent, Mr. Barbour.

- (5.) Railway Refreshment Rooms:—Mr. T. R. Smith asked the Secretary for Public Works,—The amount paid by Mr. Castner for rents of refreshment rooms, the number of refreshment rooms let to Mr. Castner, and where situated, and the length of lease of each?

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Mr. Lyne answered,—The amount paid annually is £1,559, for thirteen refreshment rooms, situated at Sydney, Mittagong, Goulburn, Yass, Harden, Junee, Wagga Wagga, Parramatta, Penrith, Mount Victoria, Bathurst, Wellington, and Nyngan. The lease of the whole of these terminates on the 31st December, 1890.

(6.) Exploration of New Guinea:—*Mr. James Henry Young*, for Mr. Neild, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has the Geographical Society of Australasia expended the whole of the £4,000 granted by the Governments of this and other Colonies for the exploration of New Guinea?

(2.) Have the accounts of the New Guinea Expedition been audited by the Auditor-General?

(3.) Is the Government aware that dissatisfaction has been expressed in Queensland (one of the contributing Colonies) at the non-receipt by the branch of the Society there of its fair share of the results of the Expedition?

(4.) Is the Government willing to intimate to the New South Wales Branch of the Geographical Society of Australasia that it must fulfil its engagements towards the other contributing Colonies?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Honorary Secretary to the New South Wales Branch of the Geographical Society of Australasia:—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) No. The Honorary Treasurer of the Society is now engaged upon the preparation of the accounts for adjustment by the Auditor-General.

(3.) No.

(4.) The other contributing Colonies have had their share of the curiosities procured by the New Guinea Expedition, and their share of the mineralogical, botanical, and other scientific specimens will be forwarded when the same have been classified, of which fact they have been duly advised.

(7.) Rebate allowed by Railway Department:—*Mr. Abigail* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What amount of rebate has been allowed by the Railway Department during the years 1883, 1884, 1885, and 1886?

(2.) To whom was the above granted, and the amount in each case, and by whose authority?

(3.) Will he have any objection to lay upon the Table of the House copies of all correspondence on the subject?

Mr. Lyne answered,—A Return will be prepared and laid upon the Table of the House as soon as it is completed.

(8.) Centenary of the Colony:—*Mr. Harold Stephen* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Whether, in view of the urgent necessity for arriving at an early decision in the matter, he is prepared to give up a portion of a Government night for the discussion of the motion, standing in the name of Mr. Reid, relative to the celebration of the Centenary of the Colony?

Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—In the present state of public business the Government are not prepared to give up any portion of any Government night for the discussion of the motion referred to.

(9.) Death Rate, Borough of Parramatta:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Does the death rate, as reported by the Registrar-General, for the Borough of Parramatta, include deaths from Government Institutions in that town?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—Yes, deaths in Government Institutions are included.

(10.) Crown Lands Act:—*Mr. Day* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Have any applications been received by the Department under the second and third sub-sections of clause 75 of the Crown Lands Act of 1884?

(2.) If so, how many, and what area has been applied for under each sub-section?

(3.) Have any applications been referred to the Local Land Boards, and has any land been finally dealt with under these sub-sections?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Under sub-section 2 the number of applications has been 274, representing an area of 67,033 acres; under sub-section 3 there have been 171 applications, the area of which is 49,913 acres.

(3.) Yes.

(11.) Railway Employés:—*Mr. Abigail* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it true that any of the porters on our railways are kept at work for twelve or thirteen hours a day, and receive no consideration for overtime work?

Mr. Lyne answered,—I am informed that no porters are kept at work continuously for twelve and thirteen hours a day. Inquiry will be made whether, at any time, such hours of labour have been enforced.

(12.) Assistant Under Secretary for Lands:—*Mr. Abigail* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Was the appointment of Assistant Under Secretary for Lands made in accordance with the provisions of the Civil Service Act, passed for the purpose of regulating promotions and appointments in such cases?

(2.) Has the work of the Central Office so increased under the new Land Act as to necessitate this additional appointment?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1.) Yes; in accordance with the 29th section.

(2.) I will presently lay upon the Table of the House the papers relating to the appointment.

(13.) Railway Dump Cars:—*Mr. Abigail* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Have the Government paid the claims for the whole of the dump cars; if so, what is the amount?

(2.) Who are the parties from whom they were ordered, and who acted as Sydney agents for the firms?

(3.) If a settlement has not been made, will the Minister state the reason?

Mr.

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) No, the sum of £35,900 has been paid.
 - (2.) Carson Woods and Co. were the contractors. Messrs. Gibbs, Bright, and Co. acted as their Sydney agents.
 - (3.) Because Carson Woods and Co. will not accept the final offer made, certain deductions having been made from the contract sum.
- (14.) Mr. Stevenson, C.P.S., Kempsey:—*Mr. James Henry Young*, for Mr. Neild, asked the Minister of Justice,—Referring to the recent investigation, held at Kempsey by Mr. Abbott, S.M., into matters arising out of the petition to unseat Mr. R. B. Smith, M.P.,—
- (1.) Did Mr. E. H. Becke, J.P., charge Mr. S. Stevenson, C.P.S., with obtaining his (Mr. Becke's) signature to a warrant by fraud?
 - (2.) Did the Commissioner, at the conclusion of the inquiry, tell Mr. Stevenson that he need not make any defence?
 - (3.) Has Mr. Stevenson been called upon to show cause why he should not be removed from the Department of Justice, or has he been called upon for an explanation?
 - (4.) Is it proposed to remove Mr. Stevenson from his present position in the Civil Service?

Mr. Garvan answered,—

- (1.) No.
 - (2.) No.
 - (3.) No. Mr. Stevenson was afforded the fullest opportunity to make any explanation he desired to offer in his defence, and he gave evidence on oath before the Commissioner, and called witnesses on his behalf, and was allowed to cross-examine witnesses at the inquiry; and I learn from the report that both Messrs. Stevenson and Dangar thanked the Commissioner for the facilities afforded them to prove everything they desired.
 - (4.) Yes.
2. PATENTS AND DESIGNS BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Garvan 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 re-model the law relating to the protection of inventions and the registration of designs.
Question put and passed.
3. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 7) (*Formal Order of the Day*),—On motion of Sir Patrick Jennings, read a third time, and *passed*.
Sir Patrick Jennings 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 1886.*"
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 1886,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 29th July, 1886.

4. RAILWAY COLLISION AT ALLANDALE (*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 inquiry held on behalf of the Railway Department into the late collision at Allandale.
Question put and passed.
5. DAIRIES SUPERVISION BILL:—Mr. Williamson presented a Petition from certain Dairymen and others, stating that the Dairies Supervision Bill contains provisions likely to affect injuriously all interested in the milk trade, and urging the House to amend the said Bill in accordance with their suggestions.
And the Petition having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker,—
Petition received.
6. TARIFF:—
- (1.) Mr. Abigail presented a Petition from the Grand Master and Board of Directors of the Manchester Unity of the Independent Order of Oddfellows in New South Wales, in opposition to the proposal to impose a duty on medicines imported into the Colony, which, if passed, would entail a serious increase in the expenditure of the Manchester Unity; and praying the House to withdraw the proposed duties.
And the Petition having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker,—
Petition received.
 - (2.) Mr. Suttor presented a Petition from the members of the Bathurst Farmers' Union and others directly and indirectly interested in the agricultural industry, representing that the series of taxes proposed by the present Ministry will press most unfairly on the agricultural industry; and praying the House not to consent to any *ad valorem* duties on imports of any kind, unless imported farm produce be included.
And the Petition having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker,—
Petition received.
7. PAPERS:—
Mr. Copeland laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Religious Purposes, in accordance with the 5th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1.
 - (2.) Copies of *Gazette* Notices, setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the dedication of certain lands, in accordance with the provisions of the 105th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

(3.)

(3.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 101st section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

(4.) Abstract of Alterations of Designs of Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the 107th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

(5.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from sale until surveyed for the Preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, in accordance with the 101st, 109th, and 112th sections of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

(6.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Public Purposes, in accordance with the 104th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

(7.) Papers respecting the appointment of an Assistant Under Secretary for Lands.
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table,—Regulations of Bathurst Fire Brigades Board, under Fire Brigade Act, 1884.

Ordered to be printed.

8. CUSTOMS DUTIES 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 JULY, 1886, 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 Wednesday next.

9. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

- (1.) Consolidated Revenue Fund Bill (No. 7):—

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 1886*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 29th July, 1886.

JOHN HAY,
President.

- (2.) Sir John Robertson Grant Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to give effect to a Resolution of the Legislative Assembly that a sum of money not exceeding £10,000 should be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund to Sir John Robertson*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 29th July, 1886.

JOHN HAY,
President.

10. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir Patrick Jennings moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly at twenty minutes before Nine o'clock, a.m., until Four o'clock, p.m. This Day.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker

New South Wales.

No. 102.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 30 JULY, 1886.

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

THE ACTING-CLERK SUMMONED:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that the Acting-Clerk had received a Summons to appear before the Court of General Quarter Sessions, at Darlinghurst, Sydney, on Monday, the second day of August next, in the case "The Queen against Bradley," personating at an Election; to produce and show to the said Court the Writ issued for the election of three Members to represent the Electoral District of Central Cumberland in the Legislative Assembly; And having reminded the House that the Acting-Clerk could not comply with such Summons without leave of the House,—put a Question,—That the Acting-Clerk have leave to comply with the said Summons personally, or by one of the Officers of his Department, as may be most convenient to the business of this House,—which passed in the affirmative.

2. ASSENT TO BILLS:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Mr. Dibbs, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

- (1.) Consolidated Revenue Fund Bill (No. 7):—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 46.

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 1886*,"—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 July, 1886.

- (2.) Sir John Robertson Grant Bill:—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 47.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to give effect to a Resolution of the Legislative Assembly that a sum of money not exceeding £10,000 should be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund to Sir John Robertson*,"—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 July, 1886.

- (3.) Prickly Pear Destruction Bill:—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 48.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the eradication of the Prickly Pear*,"—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, 30th July, 1886.

(4.)

(4.) Glen Innes Markets Leasing Bill:—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 49.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Municipal Council of Glen Innes to erect offices upon certain land granted for a Town Hall and Public Markets and to mortgage such land and the buildings to be erected thereon and to lease such offices for terms not exceeding five 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 forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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Sydney, 30th July, 1886.

(5.) Bishops court Sale and Leasing Bill:—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 50.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to empower the Church of England Property Trust Diocese of Sydney to sell and lease portions of the Bishops court Estate and to provide for the application of the moneys to arise from such sales and leases,*"—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.

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Sydney, 30th July, 1886.

(6.) Hay Gas Bill:—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 51.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable Alfred George Stanger and Arthur Budden to construct Gas-works within the Municipal District and Suburbs of Hay,*"—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, 30th July, 1886.

(7.) Balmain Tramway Bill:—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 52.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorize the Borough of Balmain to contract for the construction and maintenance of Tramways within the said Borough,*"—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.

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Sydney, 30th July, 1886.

(8.) Bell's Estate Bill:—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 53.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable Elizabeth Bell and Richard Holdsworth or other the Trustees or Trustee for the time being of the Will of the late Henry Bell to make leases of certain hereditaments devised by the said Will,*"—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.

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3. QUESTION:—

(1.) Instruction in Training, High, and Sydney Grammar Schools:—Mr. R. B. Willinson asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) How many hours a week have been devoted during the past three months to instruction in each subject by each teacher in the Training Schools, High Schools, and Sydney Grammar School?
- (2.) What number of pupils attended each class?
- (3.) What apparatus or illustrative appliances are used in teaching each of the different subjects?
- (4.) What class books are used by each class?
- (5.) How many hours instruction a week did each class receive in each subject?

Dr. Renwick answered,—As these questions refer to a large number of particulars, I will endeavour to lay upon the Table the information requested, in the form of a Return, on Tuesday next.

4. CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Abigail moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing,—
- (1.) All Officers appointed on the Permanent Staff of the Customs Department, from 1st January, 1880, to the 30th June, 1886.
 - (2.) The name of each Officer, his length of service, and status in the Department before his appointment.
 - (3.) On whose recommendation were they appointed, and what appointment they received.
 - (4.) The number of Officers dismissed and disrated during the above period; by whom were their cases investigated; and the offences for which they were dismissed or disrated; their names, status, and length of service.
 - (5.) The number of tide waiters, or those classified as such, doing duty as landing waiters, lockers, and clerks, stating in what cases fidelity bonds have been given for the faithful performance of their duties.
- Question put and passed.
5. PURCHASE OF RAILS BY NEW LAMBTON COLLIERY COMPANY (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Abigail moved pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all letters, papers, minutes, or other documents having reference to the purchase of rails by the New Lambton Colliery Company from the Government.
- Question put and passed.
6. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
- (1.) Public Vehicles Regulation Act Amendment Bill; second reading;—*until Friday, 27th August.*
 - (2.) Parliamentary *Hansard*; consideration in Committee of the Whole of Resolutions;—*until Friday, 27th August.*
 - (3.) Building Societies Bill; second reading;—*until Friday, 10th September.*
 - (4.) Judgment Creditors Remedies Extension Bill (No. 2); second reading;—*until Friday, 13th August.*
 - (5.) Supreme Court Process Facilitation Bill (No. 2); second reading;—*until Friday, 13th August.*
 - (6.) Parliamentary *Hansard*—Daily Issue; consideration in Committee of the Whole of Resolutions;—*until Friday, 13th August.*
 - (7.) New South Wales Trustees Executors and Agency Company's Bill; adjourned Debate, on motion of Mr. Thompson, "That this Bill be now read a second time";—*until Friday, 10th September.*
 - (8.) Select Committees on Private Bills; consideration in Committee of the Whole of Resolutions;—*until Friday, 10th September.*
7. RANDWICK CEMETERY UNUSED LANDS SALE BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Tarrant moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
- Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
- On motion of Mr. Tarrant, 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. Tarrant, the report was adopted.
- Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
8. COOMA CHURCH OF ENGLAND PARSONAGE BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Dawson moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
- Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
- On motion of Mr. Dawson, 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. Dawson (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.
- Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
9. MRS. PAYTEN'S ESTATE LEASING 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 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 Tuesday next.
10. TRUSTEE ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. W. J. Fergusson, 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. Fergusson, 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 'Trustee Act of 1852'*"—including the amendment in the Title.

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Sydney, 30th July, 1886.*

11. **PARRAMATTA PUBLIC BATHS BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Hugh 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 without amendment.
 On motion of Mr. Taylor, the report was adopted.
 Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
12. **PARRAMATTA CHURCH SCHOOL BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Hugh Taylor moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 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 on Tuesday next.
13. **LIGHT-HOUSE ON SMOKY CAPE**:—The Order of the Day being read,—on motion of Mr. Kethel, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the following Resolutions:—
 (1.) That, in view of the magnitude and importance of the shipping interests of the Colony, and for the safer navigation of our Northern Coasts, it is desirable that a light-house be erected on Smoky Cape, and a light of the first order displayed and maintained there.
 (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, in view of the magnitude and importance of the shipping interests of the Colony, and for the safer navigation of our Northern Coasts, it is desirable that a light-house be erected and maintained on Smoky Cape.
 (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
 On motion of Mr. Kethel the Resolutions were read a second time, and agreed to.
14. **INVERELL CHURCH OF ENGLAND LAND SALES 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 Tuesday next.
15. **BOWENFELS COAL-MINING AND COPPER SMELTING COMPANY'S RAILWAY (SALE AND VESTING) 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. **POSTPONEMENT**:—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of Legislative Council's amendments in the Defamation Act Amendment Bill, postponed until Friday, 13th August.
17. **ST. JAMES' SCHOOL COMPENSATION TRUST BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Septimus 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. **DIVORCE PROCEDURE AMENDMENT BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Septimus Stephen 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. 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 progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Friday, 13th August.

19. **ENNIS ESTATE BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Davies moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Davies, 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. Davies, the report was adopted.

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.

20. **NET-FISHING IN PORT HACKING PROHIBITION 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 prohibit Net-fishing or other wholesale destruction of Fish in the Waters of Port Hacking,*" including the amendment in the Title.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 30th July, 1886.

21. **MUNICIPAL GAS ACT AMENDMENT BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Abbott, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolve 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. 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 amend the 'Municipal Gas Act of 1884.'*"

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 30th July, 1886.

22. **BENNETT'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. Humphery (*with the concurrence of the House*), the Report was adopted.

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.

23. **ADJOURNMENT:**—Mr. Dibbs 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. Burns, Mr. Dibbs, Mr. W. J. Fergusson, Mr. Fletcher, Mr. Garland, Mr. Garrard, Mr. Garvan, Mr. Gould, Mr. Hammond, Mr. Humphery, Mr. Kethel, Mr. Moore, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Proctor, Mr. Slattery, Mr. Septimus Stephen, Mr. Tarrant, Mr. Thompson, and Mr. Wisdom,—

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House at ten minutes before Seven o'clock until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 103

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 3 AUGUST, 1886.

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

THE ACTING CLERK SUMMONED:—

- (1.) Mr. Speaker informed the House that the Acting Clerk had received a Summons to appear before the District Court at Cooma, on Friday, the 6th day of August, 1886, in the case "West v. Wigg," Libel; to produce the Return to Order laid upon the Table of the Legislative Assembly, and ordered to be printed, on 6th May, 1886, in reference to Private Schools, and all other books, papers, writings, and other documents relating to the said action, which may be in his custody, possession, or power;—
- (2.) Mr. Speaker also informed the House that the Acting Clerk had received a summons to appear before the Court of General Quarter Sessions, at Darlinghurst, Sydney, on Thursday, the fifth day of August instant, in the case "The Queen against Bradley," personating at an Election; to produce and show to the said Court the Balloting Papers used at the election of three Members to represent the Electoral District of Central Cumberland in the Legislative Assembly on the twenty-ninth day of October last;—
- And having reminded the House that the Acting Clerk could not comply with such Summonses without leave of the House,—put a Question,—That the Acting Clerk have leave to comply with the Summonses personally, or by one of the Officers of his Department, as may be most convenient to the business of this House,—which passed in the affirmative.

2. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Railway Station Micalago:—Mr. Abigail, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Does he know that, at a very large meeting of the residents of the Micalago District, resolutions were passed, setting forth that the site chosen by the Department for a Railway Station is a most unsuitable one, the opposition vote being six—a Government Officer being among that number?
- (2.) Did a deputation place the facts before him, and did he promise to make further inquiry into the matter?
- (3.) Was the assertion made, and were maps relied on to show, that the land for miles around the proposed site belongs to one man, while all the land north of the township is thickly populated with farmers, selectors, graziers, and others, and that these persons would all be inconvenienced if the present site is adhered to?
- (4.) Was it pointed out that there is no road leading to the proposed site, while a Government road has been surveyed at a point at which the people wish the station to be placed, and that road leads to all the back country known as the Burra, Little Plains, Tindera Vale, Jingera, and other places, and also enables all the people resident along the Main Cooma and Queanbeyan Road to gain easy access to the place suggested by the people as the best site for the station?
- (5.) Is it true that the proposed site is over two miles from the township?
- (6.) Has the land been purchased; if so, from whom, and what is the price?
- (7.) Has he reconsidered the matter; and, if so, will he have the goodness to state the result?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) It was so represented by the deputation which waited upon me, excepting that I do not recollect the opposition number to have been stated as six, and a Government Officer amongst the number.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) It was said the land principally belonged to one owner, and a sketch was shown showing the population, &c.
- (4.) It was alleged by the deputation that the farmers and others living back would find the township the most convenient site, and that the proposed site would be inconvenient; but a road approach has been resumed to it.
- (5.) I understand it was 1½ mile.

(6.)

- (6.) The land was resumed in the usual way. Mr. A. Ryrie made the claim, but the compensation (£509 1s. 3d.) was paid into Court. I have had the papers before me since, and Mr. Whitton reports as follows:—"The site was selected by him as being the only suitable one in the neighbourhood, and "without reference to, or knowledge of, the ownership of the land. The grade is 1 in 400, and "that of the proposed site at township—if it be, as supposed, opposite the "Hibernian Hotel,"—"1 in 50, which is an impracticable position for a station."
- (7.) I have not finally determined the matter.
- (2.) Railway Refreshment Rooms:—Mr. T. R. Smith asked the Secretary for Public Works,—The amounts received from Mr. Castner for each Railway Refreshment Room, the length of each lease, and the dates when each lease terminates?
- Mr. Lyne answered,—Sydney, £54 12s. per annum; Mittagong, £63 per annum*; Goulburn, £156 13s. per annum; Yass, £84 15s. per annum; Harden, £92 per annum; Junee, £772 per annum; Wagga Wagga, £50 8s. per annum; Parramatta, £63 per annum; Penrith, £49 per annum; Mount Victoria, £101 12s. per annum; Bathurst, £35 per annum; Wellington, £14 per annum; Nyngan, £23 2s. per annum; and 7 per cent., in addition, for all capital expended for additions and improvements. Under this head, the rent of the Refreshment Rooms at Mount Victoria, Wellington, and Nyngan, will be increased from the date the additions were completed. The lease of the whole of these terminates on the 31st December, 1890.
- * Building erected by Mr. Castner at his own expense.
- (3.) Railway Refreshment Rooms, Northern Lines:—Mr. Hugh Taylor, for Mr. Thompson, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) What are the names of the persons to whom the Refreshment Rooms on the Northern Lines are let, and what are the rents for same?
 - (2.) Is there any power in the leases by which the lessees can sub-let?
 - (3.) Is he aware of any sub-letting?
 - (4.) Are the lessees subject to any tariff of prices; if so, will he cause copies of tariffs to be laid upon the Table of the House?
- Mr. Lyne answered,—
- (1.) Singleton, Mr. H. B. Ballard, £307 4s. per annum; Murrurundi, Mr. J. P. Quinn, £264 per annum; Werris Creek, Mr. J. P. Quinn, £720 per annum; Armidale, Mr. J. P. Quinn, £156 per annum.
 - (2.) Yes, with the consent of the Commissioner, under Seal.
 - (3.) No.
 - (4.) Yes, I will presently lay copies of the tariffs upon the Table of the House.
- (4.) Court of Petty Sessions for Glebe District:—Dr. Wilkinson asked the Minister of Justice,—Is it the intention of the Government to consider the advisability of establishing a Court of Petty Sessions in the Glebe District, for the convenience of the residents of the Glebe, Forest Lodge, Annaudale, Leichhardt, and surrounding parts?
- Mr. Garvan answered,—Yes, and will receive consideration when preparing Estimates for next year.
- (5.) Randwick Asylum:—Dr. Wilkinson asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that sums, aggregating nearly £40,000, have been expended from the Consolidated Revenue upon the buildings of Randwick Asylum?
 - (2.) What proportion, approximately, of the Randwick Society's Reserve Fund of £50,000 has accumulated from payments made to the Society from the Consolidated Revenue; and how much has been carried to the said fund under wills and bequests?
 - (3.) The total number of children in Randwick Asylum (including apprentices and inmates of Catherine Hayes Hospital and Receiving House) on 31st December, 1885, and on 30th June, 1886?
 - (4.) The number of children over twelve years of age in Randwick Asylum on 30th June, 1886?
 - (5.) Is it compulsory, by law, that so soon as inmates of the Institution have attained twelve years of age they shall be apprenticed?
 - (6.) How many children are now apprenticed to the Institution; and is it in accordance with the Society's Act of Incorporation and By-laws that they shall be so apprenticed, instead of being sent to applicants outside the Institution in the usual way?
 - (7.) Are the children apprenticed to the Institution maintained, and their wages paid, from the funds held by the Society for the support of destitute children?
 - (8.) Is he aware that the only children eligible by law for admission to Randwick Asylum are—(a) Children abandoned by their parents or left without friends and protection; (b) children whose parents may, from profligate habits or conviction for crime, be unable to support, or unfit to educate them; and that all other children are, by law, specifically excluded?
 - (9.) Is it true that a large number of children, not included in either of these classes, are in Randwick Asylum, and that children of the following classes are now received and partially paid for by their parents:—(a) The children of widowers, who are not of profligate habits or destitute; (b) the children of widows; (c) the children of parents residing in their own homes?
 - (10.) Is it not a fact that the Randwick Directors were informed by the late Sir Alexander Stuart, when Colonial Secretary, that it was illegal to receive such children into the Institution?
 - (11.) How many such children are at present in Randwick Asylum, and how many of each class have been received since 1st January, 1886?
 - (12.) The average cost per head, during 1885 of maintaining children in the Randwick Asylum, at Biloela, on the "Vernon," and under the control of the State Children's Relief Board?
 - (13.) Will he take steps to compel the Directors of Randwick Asylum to exclude from the Institution children who are ineligible by law to be admitted, and to remove those who may be at present there illegally; and is it the intention of the Government (in view of the large interest which the State has in the buildings, land, and Reserve Fund) to assert its right to exercise future control over the Institution?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—I suggest that the Honorable Member should put his questions in the form of a motion for a Return. The matter is too voluminous for a question.

(6.) Civil Service:—Mr. Hammond asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Are probationers under the Civil Service Act required to pass the University Junior Examination before they can receive promotion?

(2.) If so, is it the intention of the Government and the Civil Service Board to allow any Temporary Officers, who have not passed the Civil Service Examination, and have entered the Service since January, 1885, to be placed upon the Permanent Staff, without requiring them to pass the University Junior Examination?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Not unless they pass the examination, or give proof of possessing educational attainments not inferior thereto.

(7.) Companies Act:—Mr. W. J. Fergusson asked the Minister of Justice,—Whether the Judges of the Supreme Court have made any rules concerning the mode of proceeding for winding up companies, under the 221st section of the Companies Act, similar to the rules issued by the Lord Chancellor in England on the passing of English Company's Act; if not, the cause of delay?

Mr. Garvan answered,—In reply to inquiry made through the Prothonotary of the Supreme Court, in reference to the Honorable Member's question, I have received a minute from His Honor the Chief Justice, of which the following is a copy:—"The person who has given notice of the above question can ascertain, without difficulty, himself whether such rules as he speaks of have been made or not. The inquiry touching the supposed delay calls for no remark from the Judges, who decline to be catechised in this manner."

(8.) Great Northern and North-western Railways:—*Mr. James Henry Young*, for Mr. Gould, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the Return, promised by him on the 23rd June, as to the number of empty waggons despatched from Glen Innes and Narrabri, on the Great Northern and North-western Railways respectively, and from and through Armidale and other stations then mentioned, by up-trains, during the first five months of the present year, together with the cost attendant upon running such empties, be laid upon the Table of the House?

Mr. Lyne answered,—This Return, as far as it is possible to compile it, is being prepared, and will be laid upon the Table of the House within fourteen days.

(9.) Wood-paving for Parramatta Road:—Mr. Hawthorne asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government to place a sufficient sum of money on the Supplementary Estimates for the present year to cover the cost of laying wood-blocks on that portion of the Parramatta Road over which the Leichhardt and Camperdown tram runs?

Mr. Lyne answered,—There is no present intention of carrying out this work.

(10.) Crown Lands Act:—Mr. Barbour asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is there any good reason for the delays that occur in paying refund vouchers in connection with the land administration?

(2.) Is it not possible for the necessary auditing and other clerical work to be performed, and the vouchers to be in the Pay Office ready to be paid, on the second day after issuing from the Land Office, in place of ten days as at present?

Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—

(1.) No unnecessary delay takes place in dealing with refund vouchers in the Treasury.

(2.) When such vouchers are received they are at once forwarded to the Auditor-General for verification, and when returned they are passed for payment. In some cases, however, the necessary information to admit of the identification, &c., of the amounts has to be obtained, thus causing some delay, which is unavoidable.

(11.) Railway from Tarana to Oberon:—Mr. Targett asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it his intention to include the Tarana to Oberon Line in the list of railways proposed to be constructed?

Mr. Lyne answered,—The Government have not yet considered any railway policy.

(12.) Report on Jam made by Mr. Peacock:—*Mr. James Henry Young*, for Mr. Foster, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has he any objection to give Mr. Peacock, or lay upon the Table of this House,—

(1.) Report from Mr. Hamlet, obtained by the Board of Health at Mr. Peacock's special request, being, it is alleged, a more complete explanation of the condition of jam alleged to have caused illness, than a prior report dated 5th June. The report now asked for was delivered to Board of Health at 4:30 p.m., Monday, 26th instant?

(2.) Also, copy of document, signed William Peacock, presented to Board of Health, Monday, 26th instant, asking permission for Mr. Hamlet to give report above referred to?

(3.) Will he also lay upon the Table of the House, original document, stated by Mr. Dibbs to have been given Mr. Hamlet by Mr. Peacock to sign?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—I suggest that the Honorable Member should move for the information in the form of a Return.

(13.) District Surveyors under Crown Lands Act:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Secretary for Lands,—When will the Order of this House, made on the 12th May last, at the instance of Mr. Fitzgerald, in reference to "District Surveyors under Crown Lands Act," be complied with?

Mr. Copeland answered,—I will presently lay copies on the Table of the House.

3. **MINING LEASES IN THE BINGERA DISTRICT** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Hassall moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing,—
- (1.) The number of mining leases applied for in the Bingera District, from the 31st December, 1880, to the 31st December, 1885, with date of applications and names of applicants.
 - (2.) The number of leases dealt with, and the number still under consideration.
 - (3.) The amount of moneys paid on the same, and the amount now due, with names and dates.
 - (4.) The number of leases refused; also, the number of leases where the labour conditions have been carried out.
 - (5.) The number of official visits paid by the Warden to the various mining centres, the number of Warden's Courts held, and the number of mining cases dealt with during the present Warden's term of office.
- Question put and passed.
4. **COMPANIES ACT AMENDMENT BILL** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. W. J. Fergusson moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the 57th section of the Companies Act, 1874.
- Question put and passed.
5. **RAILWAY FREIGHT ON MERCHANDISE** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Dalton moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all letters, minutes, reports, or other documents having reference to concessions made by the Railway Department since the year 1880, for the carriage of merchandise on the railways of the Colony, to Messrs. Barton & Goold, or other persons engaged in business in the Northern, Western, and Southern Districts.
- Question put and passed.
6. **ROAD OVER BURRAGORANG MOUNTAIN** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Olliffe, for Mr. Targett, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
- (1.) Copy of contract between the Roads Department and John S. Kent for the construction of a road over Burragorang Mountain.
 - (2.) Copies of all plans, drawings, schedules, and measurements connected with same.
 - (3.) Copies of all correspondence whatever between the Commissioner for Roads and contractor, and reports, letters, &c., by Inspector Miller, Inspecting Engineer, and other Officers.
 - (4.) A statement showing the practice of the Roads Department in making payment to contractors of instalments or sums due to contractors.
 - (5.) A report on the manner in which a sum of £30 was agreed to be paid to John S. Kent, but, instead thereof, was handed to and disbursed by Inspector Miller.
- Question put and passed.
7. **RANDWICK CEMETERY UNUSED LANDS SALE 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 authorize the Trustees for the time being of the Randwick Cemetery to sell lands situate at Randwick originally granted for the purpose of the interment of the dead and apply the proceeds to the extension of the Church of Saint Jude's and to make such further provision for Church extension in the parish of Randwick as may be deemed necessary.*"
- 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 Trustees for the time being of the Randwick Cemetery to sell lands situate at Randwick originally granted for the purpose of the interment of the dead and apply the proceeds to the extension of the Church of St. Jude's and to make such further provision for Church extension in the parish of Randwick as may be deemed necessary,*"—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 Deed of Grant referred to in the Preamble of the Bill.
- Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 3rd August, 1886.*
8. **MRS. PAYTEN'S ESTATE LEASING 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 Trustees of a Settlement made on the marriage of Edward Payten and Hannah Rebecca Pye Rose to accept a surrender of a lease of part of the lands comprised in the said Settlement and to extend the power to grant leases conferred by the said Settlement on the Trustees 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 a settlement made on the marriage of Edward Payten and Hannah Rebecca Pye Rose to accept a surrender of a lease of part of the lands comprised in the said settlement and to extend the power to grant leases conferred by the said settlement on the Trustees 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 Mrs. Payten's Marriage Settlement, dated 25th January, 1853, the Deed of Partition referred to in the Preamble, and the Lease of the Land described in the Schedule of the Bill.
- Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 3rd August, 1886.*

9. PARRAMATTA PUBLIC BATHS BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—On motion of Mr. Hugh Taylor, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Taylor then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to enable the Council of the Borough of Parramatta to construct establish and maintain Public Baths within the Borough of Parramatta upon part of a portion of land originally granted to the said Council as a site for a Market in Parramatta North.*"

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 Council of the Borough of Parramatta to construct establish and maintain Public Baths within the Borough of Parramatta upon part of a portion of land originally granted to the said Council as a site for a Market in Parramatta North,*"—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 Deed of Grant referred to in the Preamble of the Bill.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 3rd August, 1886.*

10. PARRAMATTA CHURCH SCHOOL BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—On motion of Mr. Hugh Taylor, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Taylor then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to enable the Right Reverend Alfred Barry D.D. Lord Bishop of Sydney and his successors the Bishops of Sydney to sell or demise a certain plot of Church Land situate in the Town of Parramatta and to apply the proceeds.*"

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 Alfred Barry D.D. Lord Bishop of Sydney and his successors the Bishops of Sydney to sell or demise a certain plot of Church Land situate in the Town of Parramatta and to apply the proceeds,*"—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 an attested copy of the Deed of Grant referred to in the Preamble of the Bill.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 3rd August, 1886.*

11. INVERELL CHURCH OF ENGLAND LAND SALES 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 Right Reverend James Francis Turner D.D. Bishop of Grafton and Armidale William Clare Cardew James Harvey Hindmarsh and George Thomas Thankful Butler Trustees of certain lands situate in the Town of Inverell to sell the said lands and 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 James Francis Turner D.D. Bishop of Grafton and Armidale William Clare Cardew James Harvey Hindmarsh and George Thomas Thankful Butler Trustees of certain lands situate in the Town of Inverell to sell the said lands and 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 two Deeds of Grant and the Conveyance referred to in the Preamble of the Bill.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 3rd August, 1886.*

12. BOWENFELS COAL-MINING AND COPPER-SMELTING COMPANY'S RAILWAY (SALE AND VESTING) 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 authorize and empower the Directors for the time being of the 'Bowenfels Coal-mining and Copper-smelting Company (Limited)' to carry out an Agreement for the sale of land on part of which the Railway of the Company is constructed and other property and to vest such land and other property in the purchaser.*"

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 and empower the Directors for the time being of the 'Bowenfels Coal-mining and Copper-smelting Company (Limited)' to carry out an Agreement for the sale of land on part of which the Railway of the Company is constructed and other property and to vest such land and other property in the purchaser,*"—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 Bowenfels Coal-mining and Copper-smelting Company's Railway Act, the Articles of Association of the Company, a Memorial of Registration, and the Certificate of Title to the land described in the second Schedule of the Bill.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 3rd August, 1886.*

13. SAINT JAMES' SCHOOL COMPENSATION TRUST BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—On motion of Mr. Septimus Stephen, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Stephen then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to declare the Trusts of certain moneys in the hands of the Church of England Property Trust Diocese of Sydney representing the compensation paid by the Government of New South Wales for the resumption of St. James' School.*"

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 Trusts of certain moneys in the hands of the Church of England Property Trust Diocese of Sydney representing the compensation paid by the Government of New South Wales for the resumption of St. James' School.*"—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 an attested copy of the Deed of Grant referred to in the Preamble of the Bill, a Conveyance of Land described in the Schedule, and a Declaration of Trust referring to the same land.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 3rd August, 1886.*

14. ENNIS ESTATE BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—On motion of Mr. Davies, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Davies then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to enable the Trustees of certain land at Rocky Point to lease mortgage or sell the same and to provide for the application of the moneys so obtained 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 enable the Trustees of certain land at Rocky Point to lease mortgage or sell the same and to provide for the application of the moneys so obtained and for other purposes.*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 3rd August, 1886.*

15. BENNETT'S RAILWAY BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—On motion of Mr. Humphery, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Humphery then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to authorize the construction of a Railway from and connecting the line of Railway from Sydney to Parramatta near the Clyde Railway Station to and with the Parramatta River at a point opposite Old Redbank.*"

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 of a Railway from and connecting the line of Railway from Sydney to Parramatta near the Clyde Railway Station to and with the Parramatta River at a point opposite Old Redbank.*"—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, 3rd August, 1886.*

16. SILVERTON TRAMWAY BILL:—Mr. Burns presented a Petition from Kenric Brodribb, Charles Chapple, William Robert Wilson, Murdock Macleod, Henry Byron Moore, and Charles Godde Lush, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the construction and maintenance of a Tramway from the terminus on the western boundary of the Colony of New South Wales of the South Australian Railway to Broken Hill.

And Mr. Burns having produced the *Government Gazette* and *The Silver Age* and the *Daily Telegraph* newspapers, containing the Notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.

17. CROWN LANDS ACT:—Mr. R. B. Wilkinson presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of Nymagee, Gilgunnia, and the surrounding Districts, stating the disabilities under which the pastoral interest is suffering in their districts ; and praying the House to alter the Crown Lands Act in the manner suggested by them.

And the Petition having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker,—
Petition received.

18. PARENTS AND DESIGNS BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Garvan, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 54.

In accordance with 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 remodel the law relating to the protection of inventions and the registration of designs.

*Government House,
Sydney, 30th July, 1886.*

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

19. **WILBERFORCE COMMON**:—Mr. Bowman presented a Petition from certain Trustees for the Wilberforce Common, and residents of Wilberforce, and the neighbourhood having a right of commonage thereto, representing that the proposed sale of certain portions of the Wilberforce Common would, if carried into effect, be highly prejudicial to the Petitioners, for the reasons given by them in their Petition; and praying the House not to sanction the resumption and sale referred to. And the Petition having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker,—
Petition received.
20. **WILLOUGHBY AND GORDON TRAMWAY BILL**:—Mr. Ives, 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 July, 1886; together with Appendix and a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Ives then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday, 10th September.
Question put and passed.
21. **PAPERS**:—
Mr. Copeland laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 11th May, 1886—"District Surveyors under Crown Lands Act."
Ordered to be printed.
Dr. Renwick laid upon the Table,—Information respecting Training Schools, High Schools, and Sydney Grammar School.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table,—
(1.) *Tariff of prices at Refreshment Rooms on the Great Northern and North-western Railways.*
(2.) *Return of Expenditure on the Hunter River Water Supply Works to 30th June, 1886, and estimated cost of completion.*
Ordered to be printed.
22. **RAILWAY FROM CULCAIRN TO COROWA**:—Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table (*as Exhibits only*), Plan, Section, and Book of Reference of a proposed Railway from Culcairn to Corowa.
23. **RAILWAY FROM GUNDAGAI TO TUMUT**:—Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table (*as Exhibits only*), Plan, Section, and Book of Reference of a proposed Railway from Gundagai to Tumut.
24. **RAILWAY FROM TARAGO TO BRAIDWOOD**:—Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table (*as Exhibits only*), Plan, Section, and Book of Reference of a proposed Railway from Tarago to Braidwood.
25. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. Shepherd moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
26. **NEWCASTLE SAND-DRIFT RECLAMATION BILL**:—
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Fletcher 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 authorize the resumption of certain portions of land, situate in the parish of Newcastle, and county of Northumberland, for the purpose of enabling the Government to arrest, as far as possible, the further deposit of sand thereon, and to reclaim for public purposes, and dispose of the said lands as hereinafter provided.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole accordingly.
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 of certain portions of land, situate in the parish of Newcastle, and county of Northumberland, for the purpose of enabling the Government to arrest, as far as possible, the further deposit of sand thereon, and to reclaim for public purposes, and dispose of the said lands as hereinafter provided.
On motion of Mr. Fletcher, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
- (2.) Mr. Fletcher then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to authorize the resumption of certain portions of land situate in the parish of Newcastle and county of Northumberland for the purpose of enabling the Government to arrest as far as possible the further deposit of sand thereon and to reclaim for public purposes and dispose of the said lands as hereinafter provided*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
27. **COMMONS REGULATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL (No. 3)**:—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 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 on Thursday next

28. PATENTS AND DESIGNS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—On motion of Mr. Garvan, 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 remodel the law relating to the protection of inventions and the registration of designs.
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 remodel the law relating to the protection of inventions and the registration of designs.
On motion of Mr. Garvan, the Resolution was read a second time and agreed to.
29. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to prohibit the importation of grape vines, grape vine cuttings, and grapes, and otherwise to deal with the disease known as phylloxera, postponed until tomorrow.
30. POSTAL CONTRACT WITH THE ORIENT STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Suttor moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the following Resolutions:—
(1.) That this House approves of a contract with the Orient Steam Navigation Company (Limited) providing for a Mail Service once a fortnight to and from Sydney and England, sanctioned by this House on the 25th October, 1883, being extended so as to terminate in February, 1888, concurrently with the contract held by the Government of Victoria with the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company.
(2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole accordingly.

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 a contract with the Orient Steam Navigation Company (Limited) providing for a Mail Service once a fortnight to and from Sydney and England, sanctioned by this House on the 25th October, 1883, being extended so as to terminate in February, 1888, concurrently with the contract held by the Government of Victoria with the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company.

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

On motion of Mr. Suttor, the Resolutions were read a second time, and agreed to.

31. POSTAL COMMUNICATION BETWEEN SYDNEY AND SAN FRANCISCO, *via* AUCKLAND AND HONOLULU:—The Order of the Day having been read,—On motion of Mr. Suttor, 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 a contract being entered into jointly with New Zealand with the owners of steamships of not less tonnage than those employed in the late contract with the Pacific Mail Company, for a line of mail communication between Sydney and San Francisco, *via* Auckland and Honolulu, Sydney being the terminal port on this side.

(2.) That, for such service, this Colony do contribute one-third of the contract amount, or a sum not exceeding £12,333 6s. 8d. per annum, and be entitled to receive, in reduction thereof, one-half the contribution or postage rates from the other Australian Colonies, and one-third of any contribution made by the Postmaster General of the United States.

(3.) That the foregoing Resolutions 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 a contract being entered into jointly with New Zealand with the owners of steamships of not less tonnage than those employed in the late contract with the Pacific Mail Company, for a line of mail communication between Sydney and San Francisco, *via* Auckland and Honolulu, Sydney being the terminal port on this side.

(2.) That, for such service, this Colony do contribute one-third of the contract amount, or a sum not exceeding £12,333 6s. 8d. per annum, and be entitled to receive, in reduction thereof, one-half the contribution or postage rates from the other Australian Colonies, and one-third of any contribution made by the Postmaster-General of the United States.

(3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

On motion of Mr. Suttor, the Resolutions were read a second time, and agreed to.

32. MAIL COMMUNICATION BETWEEN GREAT BRITAIN AND AUSTRALIA, *via* SUEZ:—The Order of the Day having been read,—On motion of Mr. Suttor, 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 agreement, dated 21st August, 1885, made between the respective Postmasters General of the Colonies of New South Wales, Victoria, and South Australia, and which was laid upon the Table of this House on the 9th December, 1885, having reference to providing mail communication between Great Britain and Australia, *via* Suez, on the termination of the existing mail contracts with the Orient Steam Navigation Company and the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company, in January, 1888.

(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 agreement, dated 21st August, 1885, made between the respective Postmasters General of the Colonies of New South Wales, Victoria, and South Australia, and which was laid upon the Table of this House on the 9th December, 1885, having reference to providing mail communication between Great Britain and Australia, *via* Suez, on the termination of the existing mail contracts with the Orient Steam Navigation Company and the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company, in January, 1888.

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

On motion of Mr. Suttor, the Resolutions were read a second time, and agreed to.

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. 104.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

WEDNESDAY, 4 AUGUST, 1886.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Local Land Boards, Eastern and Central Divisions:—*Mr. W. J. Fergusson*, for Mr. Vaughn, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) How many conditional purchases have been applied for between 1st August, 1885, and 30th June, 1886, in each Land District in the Eastern and Central Divisions of the Colony?

(2.) The number of these conditional purchases that have been dealt with by the Local Land Boards in each District during the same period?

(3.) The number of certificates, as required by clause 39 of the Regulations, for the carrying out of the Land Act of 1884, in Form G, that have been issued by the Boards in each District during the same period, and how many were for disallowance, and how many for confirmation?

(4.) The total cost of each Land Board in each Land District of the Eastern and Central Divisions for the like period?

Mr. Copeland answered,—The information will be compiled and supplied in the shape of a Return.

- (2.) Crown Lands Act:—*Mr. Gormly* asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is it his intention to bring in a Bill, during the present Session of Parliament, to amend the Crown Lands Act of 1884?

Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—Yes; it is the intention of the Government to bring in an Amending Land Bill this Session.

- (3.) Prospect Reservoir:—*Mr. Kethel* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House a Return, showing the number of persons employed at the Prospect Reservoir, and also members of the families of such, whether adults or children, who have died there, specifying the injuries or diseases from which they died?

(2.) Is the Government aware that the navvies employed at the Prospect Reservoir have repeatedly complained of the absence of a doctor; and is there any reason why one should not be immediately appointed to reside at the works?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

(1.) The information asked for by the first question will take some time to prepare, and I therefore suggest to the Honorable Member that he should move for it as a Return.

(2.) I am informed by the Medical Adviser to the Government that no complaint respecting the absence of a medical man from Prospect Camp has been received; but, at a recent meeting of the employés, it was resolved that the services of a qualified medical man, to reside at the Camp, should be secured.

- (4.) Railway, Werris Creek to Gunnedah:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. Abbott, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) When will the Order of the Legislative Assembly in reference to the Railway, Werris Creek to Gunnedah, made on the 6th September, 1881, be complied with?

(2.) What has caused the delay of nearly five years in complying with the Order?

Mr. Lyne answered,—The Return referred to was compiled and laid upon the Table of the House on the 7th November, 1883. It was subsequently printed and copies distributed in the usual way.

- (5.) Licensing Act:—*Mr. Reid* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce a measure this Session for the amendment of the Licensing Laws?

Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—It will be impossible for the Government to introduce this Session any measure for the amendment of the Licensing Laws.

(6.)

- (6.) Water Supply for Cowra :—Mr. Baker asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has he come to a decision about the construction of works at Cowra for a water supply to that town and district ; and, if so, when is it probable the works will be commenced ?

Mr. Lyne answered,—I have the Report of the Officer who visited Cowra, in connection with a water supply for that place, before me ; but, at present, I can come to no decision on the matter, as there are no available funds. It is proposed, however, to ask Parliament for further supply on account of country towns water-works, and this particular case shall then be considered.

- (7.) Railway Station, Micalago :—Mr. Abigail asked the Secretary for Public Works,—The amount of the claim made by Mr. A. Ryrie, the Honorable Member for Braidwood, for the land resumed on his property by the Government for a Railway Station at Micalago ?

Mr. Lyne answered,—£843 15s.

- (8.) Sentence of Flogging on Howard and M'Knight :—Mr. Abigail asked the Minister of Justice,—Does he propose taking any action in reference to the Magistrates whose action is the subject of his minute read in the Legislative Assembly on the 3rd August instant ?

Mr. Garvan answered,—I do not consider any further action necessary.

2. COOMA CHURCH OF ENGLAND PARSONAGE BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—On motion of Mr. Dawson, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Dawson then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to authorize and empower Robert Dawson the surviving Trustee of certain Church of England lands at Cooma and to authorize and empower the said Robert Dawson and James Litchfield David Ryrie and John Edward Pretty Walker the Trustees of certain lands dedicated by the Crown for a site for a Church of England Parsonage at Cooma aforesaid to sell the said respective lands and to 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 authorize and empower Robert Dawson the surviving Trustee of certain Church of England lands at Cooma and to authorize and empower the said Robert Dawson and James Litchfield David Ryrie and John Edward Pretty Walker the Trustees of certain lands dedicated by the Crown for a site for a Church of England Parsonage at Cooma aforesaid to sell the said respective lands 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 copies of the three Deeds of Grant and the original Receipts for the purchase of the land referred to in the Preamble of the Bill.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 4th August, 1886.

3. COMPANIES ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—Mr. W. J. Fergusson presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the 57th section of the 'Companies Act of 1874,'*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 27th August.

4. PAPERS :—

Mr. Garvan laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 2nd June, 1886—"Mr. Coman, J.P." Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table,—Further Return to an Order made on 30th June, 1886—"Messrs. A. Forsyth & Co. v. The Minister for Public Works." Ordered to be printed.

5. VINE DISEASES BILL :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Dibbs, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

CARRINGTON,

Governor.

Message No. 55.

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 prohibit the importation of grape vines, grape vine cuttings, and grapes, and otherwise to deal with the disease known as phylloxera.

Government House,

Sydney, 4th August, 1886.

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 for the adoption of the report from the Committee of the Whole on this Bill,—Dr. Renwick moved, "That" the report be now adopted.

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 "the adoption of the report stand an Order of the Day for this day six months."

Debate ensued.

Disorder :—Exception was taken to certain remarks made by Mr. Shepherd, an Honorable Member for East Macquarie, which remarks were ruled by Mr. Speaker to be out of Order ; and Mr. Shepherd having thereupon used words reflecting on the Chair, was called to Order by Mr. Speaker, and requested to withdraw the same ; and the Honorable Member declining to submit to the authority of the Chair, Mr. Speaker called on Mr. Shepherd by name,—

Whereupon the Honorable Member was heard in his place, and withdrew the words, and apologized to the Chair.

Debate continued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY,

THURSDAY, 5 AUGUST, 1886, A.M.

Question put,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
The House divided.

Ayes, 42.

Sir Patrick Jennings,	Mr. J. F. Smith,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Harold Stephen,
Dr. Renwick,	Mr. Macgregor,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Sawers,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Forsyth,
Mr. Chauter,	Mr. Dalton,
Mr. Lync,	Mr. Olliffe,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Cass,
Mr. Burke,	Mr. Day,
Mr. Levin,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. Williamson,	Mr. Scott,
Mr. Gormly,	Mr. Lysaght,
Mr. Hyam,	Mr. Bull,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Ryrie,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Hassall,	Mr. Suttor.
Mr. De Courcy Browne,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Wall,	
Mr. Bolton,	Mr. Targett,
Mr. Coonan,	Mr. Melville.
Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,	
Mr. Davies,	

Noes, 21.

Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. Foster,
Sir Henry Parkes,
Mr. Shepherd,
Mr. James Henry Young,
Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Burns,
Mr. Collins,
Mr. Brunker,
Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Reid,
Dr. Ross,
Mr. Henson,
Mr. Gould,
Dr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Teccc,
Mr. Spring,
Mr. Parkes.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Garland,
Mr. Burdekin.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original Question,—That the report be now adopted,—put and passed.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.

7. ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PARSONAGE CAMPERDOWN LAND SALE 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 enable the Right Reverend Alfred Barry Lord Bishop of Sydney Trustee of certain Land in the county of Cumberland parish of Petersham at Camperdown to sell the same and to provide for the application of the proceeds thereof,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 4th August, 1886.

JOHN HAY,
President.

8. VINE DISEASES 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 prohibit the importation of grape vines, grape vine cuttings, and grapes, and otherwise to deal with the disease known as phylloxera.

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 prohibit the importation of grape vines, grape vine cuttings, and grapes, and otherwise to deal with the disease known as phylloxera.

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

(2.) Mr. Dibbs then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to prohibit the importation of grape vines grape vine cuttings and grapes and to deal with the disease known as phylloxera,*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time 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. 105.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 5 AUGUST, 1886.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Schedules of Insolvents:—Mr. Melville asked the Minister of Justice,—Is it his intention to direct the Chief Clerk in Insolvency to number the schedules of insolvents as they are handed into his hands, prior to their being sent to the Chief Commissioner?

Mr. Garvan answered,—I am informed that Petitions in Insolvency cannot be numbered until accepted by the Chief Commissioner.

(2.) Model Farms:—Mr. Day, for Mr. Purves, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Has the Officer that was sent to select a site for a Model Farm on the Clarence or Richmond Rivers returned to Sydney?

(2.) Has he visited the Clarence River?

(3.) Has he sent in any report, and will the Minister lay this report on the Table of the House?

Mr. Fletcher answered,—The Officer referred to has not yet visited the Clarence River District, but it is intended that he shall do so as soon as he returns from the Western District.

(3.) Railway Refreshment Room, Penrith:—Mr. Sydney Smith, for Mr. T. R. Smith, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Were tenders called for Penrith Refreshment Rooms; if so, when, and for what period?

(2.) The name of each tenderer?

(3.) The amount offered by each?

(4.) Is it a fact that £200 per annum or over was offered by one of the tenderers?

(5.) The amount of Mr. Castner's tender at that time?

(6.) Is it a fact that Mr. Squires paid about £5 per week for the rooms while he had them leased?

(7.) Has it since been let to Mr. Castner at £49 per annum; and, if so, under what circumstances?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1, 2, 3, 4, and 5.) Tenders were called in October, 1883, for a period of five years. The following tenders were received:—J. L. Castner, £215 per annum; W. Clarke, £204 per annum; Elam Squires, £78 per annum; W. T. Gurnet, £156 per annum.

(6.) It is not.

(7.) The papers, with regard to the leasing of the Refreshment Rooms to Mr. Castner, will be laid upon the Table of the House directly they are copied, in response to a Resolution of the House, passed on the 17th June last, and all particulars with regard to the Refreshment Room at Penrith will be given in the Return.

(4.) Civil Service Act:—Mr. Kidd asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government to pay the increase of salary which should have been paid to the Officers of the Railway Department in January last under the Civil Service Act; if so, when?

Mr. Lyne answered,—They will be paid when the other Officers of the Civil Service are paid their increases under the Act.

(5.) Carriage of Stores for Berrima Gaol:—Mr. Kidd asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Are tenders called annually for the carriage of stores between Sydney and Berrima Gaol?

(2.) If so, whose tender was accepted for this year, and what are the conditions of the contract?

Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—No; the last tender was accepted in 1882.

(6.) Public School Teachers:—Mr. Abigail asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Have any teachers of Public Schools had their salaries reduced below their classification by examination, in consequence of the diminution of attendance; and was such diminution of attendance caused by opening Private Schools in the neighbourhood of the Public Schools?

(2.) Will he take any steps to prevent the reductions in salary where the teachers are in no way responsible for the diminution of attendance of children?

Dr.

Dr. Renwick answered,—

(1.) When it appears that teachers are not responsible for diminished attendance, and that they are deserving of favourable consideration, their salaries are not reduced below the rates attached to their classifications by examination. It is usual to make allowance in cases where diminished attendance is caused by the opening of Private Schools, provided it is clear that the opening of such schools is not attributable to mismanagement on the part of the Public School teachers concerned.

(2.) In such cases as these it is the rule, not to make reductions in salary, but to remove the teachers as soon as practicable to better schools.

(7.) Concessions and Reductions in Railway Rates:—Mr. Davics asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What are the names of the persons who received concessions and reduction of rates referred to in the evidence given by Mr. Kircaldie at the Water Police Court in the case against Wright, Heaton, & Co.?

(2.) Who were the Ministers that gave sanction or approved of the concessions or reductions?

(3.) Who was the Minister that approved of the system of averaging bales of wool, and by whom was the same recommended?

Mr. Lyne answered,—It is not possible to get the information asked for at once. Considerable research will be requisite to compile an accurate Return. I ask him to postpone the questions for a few days.

(8.) Railway Station, Michelago:—Mr. Abigail asked the Secretary for Public Works,—The area of the land resumed on Mr. Ryrie's property at Michelago for a Railway Station for which he claims £843 15s.?

Mr. Lyne answered,—The area of the land resumed on Mr. Ryrie's property at Michelago, for which he claimed £843 15s., was 37 acres 0 roods 30 perches. Of this area, 24 acres 0 roods 38 perches was taken for the line of Railway, and the remaining 12 acres 3 roods 32 perches for the Railway Station.

2. COMMONS REGULATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL (No. 3) (*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 amend the 'Commons Regulation Act of 1873' and to validate certain appointments of Trustees purporting to have been made thereunder.*"

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 passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Commons Regulation Act of 1873' and to validate certain appointments of Trustees purporting to have been made thereunder,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 5th August, 1886.

3. PAPERS:—

Mr. Garvan laid upon the Table,—Return to an Address, adopted on 2nd June, 1886—"Case of Mrs. Foote."

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Fletcher laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order, made on 21st May, 1886—"Lithgow Colliery Disaster."

4. ROAD FROM FELLTIMBER CREEK TO CARCOAR:—Mr. Lyne (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Clerk have leave to return to the Department of Public Works the Return to Order, "Road from Felltimber Creek to Carcoar," laid upon the Table of this House on 29th September, 1885; and also the Further Return to Order on the same subject, laid upon the Table of this House on 2nd April, 1886.

Question put and passed.

5. GOVERNMENT RAILWAY BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Dibbs, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

CARRINGTON,

Governor.

Message No. 56.

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 constitute the Office of Minister for Railways; to make better provision for the construction, maintenance, and management of Government Railways and Tramways; and for the regulation of persons employed in the Railway and Tramway Services; and for other purposes.

Government House,

Sydney, 5th August, 1886.

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

6. VINE DISEASES 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 with amendments.

Ordered, that the adoption of the Report stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

7. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The following Orders of the Day postponed until Tuesday next:—
 (1.) Dairies Supervision Bill; second reading.
 (2.) Criminal Law further Amendment Bill; second reading.
8. **LAND TAX BILL (No. 2)**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir Patrick Jennings moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed.
 Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.
9. **POSTPONEMENT**:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Church and School Lands Dedication Act Amendment Bill postponed until Wednesday next.
10. **GOVERNMENT RAILWAY BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. Lyne 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 constitute the Office of Minister for Railways; to make better provision for the construction, maintenance, and management of Government Railways and Tramways; and for the regulation of persons employed in the Railway and Tramway Services; and for other purposes.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed.
 Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole accordingly.
 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 constitute the Office of Minister for Railways; to make better provision for the construction, maintenance, and management of Government Railways and Tramways; and for the regulation of persons employed in the Railway and Tramway Services; and for other purposes.

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

11. **MUDGE GAS-LIGHT AND COKE COMPANY'S BILL**:—Mr. De Courcy Browne, 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 July, 1886; together with a copy of the Bill as agreed to by the Committee.
 Ordered to be printed.
 Mr. De Courcy Browne then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday, 10th September.
 Question put and passed.
12. **MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

(1.) **Cremation Bill**:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorize the establishment of Sites and Apparatus for purposes of Cremation*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
 Sydney, 5th August, 1886.*

JOHN HAY,
 President.

Bill, on motion of Dr. Renwick, read a first time.
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 10th September.

(2.) **Stamp Duties 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 'Stamp Duties Act of 1880'*,"—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 August, 1886.*

JOHN HAY,
 President.

STAMP DUTIES ACT AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2.)

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 5th August, 1886.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
 Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 1, clause 2, line 16. *After* "repealed" *insert* "during the continuance of this Act"
 Page 1, clause 2, line 17. *After* "so" *insert* "temporarily"
 Page 2, clause 2, line 1. *After* "so" *insert* "temporarily"
 Page 2, clause 2, line 3. *After* "such" *insert* "temporary"
 Page 2, clause 2. At end of clause *add* "which at the time appointed for the cessation of this Act shall again form part of the Principal Act in the same way to all intents and purposes as if this Act had not been passed."

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Page 2, clause 4, line 17. *Omit* "Neglect or"

Page 3, clause 6. *After* clause 6 *insert* the following new clause :—

Duration of Act.

"7. This Act shall continue and be in force for the period of three years only from the date
" of its commencement."

Examined,—

W. R. PIDDINGTON,
Chairman of Committees.

Mr. Speaker informed the House that it appeared, from the Message just received, that certain amendments had been made by the Legislative Council, as to which it would be his duty to make a communication to the House. He had no doubt the consideration of these amendments would be made an Order for a future day, and he preferred to give the House his views of the Constitutional question involved in these amendments when that Order of the Day should be read.

Ordered, that the Council's amendments be taken into consideration on Tuesday next.

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

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 106.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 6 AUGUST, 1886.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Local Land Boards:—Mr. Wall asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will instructions be issued to the Local Land Boards to leave a copy of the judgments given at the sittings of such Boards with the Local Land Agents, for the information of the general public?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—It is not considered necessary that copies of decisions should be left as proposed. The cases are heard in open Court, and the decisions are pronounced in a similar manner, and therefore every publicity is given. In addition to this, the parties receive notice of the decisions, and they are recorded in the Local Land Offices, and are invariably reported in the local papers.

- (2.) Police Magistrate and Clerk of Petty Sessions, Wollombi:—Mr. Hassall asked the Minister of Justice,—Is it a fact that the Police Magistrate and Clerk of Petty Sessions at Wollombi attends his office for an hour only in the mornings, leaving a notice on the door requesting all applicants on business to call upon him at his private residence, thereby causing great inconvenience?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—No; my Honorable Colleague is informed that it is not a fact; but a more explicit reply is expected by next post, the Police Magistrate having been absent from home.

- (3.) Mr. C. E. Jamieson, Draftsman, Railway Survey Branch:—*Mr. Day*, for Mr. Purves, asked the Secretary for Public Works.—

(1.) Has Mr. C. E. Jamieson, Draftsman in the Railway Survey Branch of the Works Department, been absent from his office without leave?

(2.) What is his salary?

(3.) Has he been reinstated in the Public Service; and, if so, on whose recommendation?

(4.) Is it a fact that the Railway Survey Staff has lately been reduced, on the grounds of inability to find employment for the Officers of the Staff?

(5.) Is it a fact that, since such reductions took place, Mr. C. E. Jamieson has been reinstated in the Department of Railways, and work found for him?

(6.) Was this Officer one of the number who received notice, at the same time as others did, that his services would be no longer required?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) He has been absent on the plea of ill-health.

(2.) £250 per annum.

(3.) He was never removed from the Service, and was allowed to resume duty by the Engineer-in-Chief because of extenuating circumstances, supported by medical certificates; but his salary was stopped for the greater portion of the period of absence.

(4.) A reduction has been made in the Field Staff.

(5.) He was allowed to resume duty on the Officer-in-Charge reporting that work could be found for him.

(6.) No reduction in the Office Staff has as yet been recommended by the Officer-in-Charge.

- (4.) Passenger Traffic, Southern Line.—*Mr. Davies*, for Mr. Kidd, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) When will it be arranged, as promised, to book second-class passengers to and from Sydney to Mittagong, Bowral, and Moss Vale by the express train?

(2.) When will arrangements be made for passengers to be carried between Picton and Mittagong, in lieu of passenger train discontinued between those two stations?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) If possible, I intend this to be carried out.

(2.) The arrangements have been made, and will be brought into operation at once.

(5.)

- (5.) Railway Employé, named Stuart:—Mr. Burke asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 (1.) Is there a person in the employ of the Railway Department, at Darling Harbour, by the name of Stuart?
 (2.) Was he an Officer of Police in this Colony?
 (3.) Was he discharged from the Police Force, and for what offence?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) Yes; he first joined the Department in August, 1884, as night watchman at West Maitland, but subsequently made an exchange with a porter at Darling Harbour.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) The Inspector-General of Police has reported as follows:—"The abovenamed man was discharged from the Police Force on the 24th June, 1884. His conduct was not satisfactory, but he was a determined, active constable, who had, on more than one occasion, behaved very well in the discharge of his duty, and strong recommendations were made to me to procure him other employment."

- (6.) Railway Station, Michelago:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What steps (if any) have been taken to inquire into the possibility of obtaining a better site for the Michelago Station than that recommended by the Engineer-in-Chief for Railway Extension, in response to the Petition presented by Mr. O'Sullivan?

(2.) Is it a fact that a site, more convenient for the residents of Michelago than that on Mr. Ryrie's property, can be obtained?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) The Engineer-in-Chief has reported that he is not aware of any other suitable site in the neighbourhood of Michelago, but has suggested that the inhabitants of the district should be invited to name the position at which they wish the station to be placed, and it will be examined as regards its capabilities for the purpose.

(2.) It has been stated that a site opposite the "Hibernian Hotel" would be convenient to the residents, but the Engineer has reported that the gradient is unsuitable, being 1 in 50, as against 1 in 400 at the site selected by the Department.

- (7.) Road across Molonglo Plains:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Has any Officer of his Department been deputed to report upon the desirableness of opening a road across Molonglo Plains, in order to shorten the route to Hoskington and Captain's Flat?

(2.) If such report has been received, what is the nature of it?

Mr. Fletcher answered,—

(1.) Yes; an Officer has, in accordance with my promise to the deputation, been instructed to report upon the road in question.

(2.) The report has not yet been received.

2. SILVERTON TRAMWAY BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

(1.) Mr. Burns moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the construction and maintenance of a tramway from the terminus, on the western boundary of the Colony of New South Wales, of the South Australian Railway to Broken Hill.
 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 authorize the construction and maintenance of a Tramway from the terminus on the western boundary of the Colony of New South Wales of the South Australian Railway to Broken Hill,*"—read a first time.

3. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

4. CLAIM OF CHARLES STEVENS:—Mr. Vaughn, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this subject was referred on 21st May, 1886.

Ordered to be printed.

5. MR. HENRY ARTHUR HOUGH:—Mr. McCulloch moved, pursuant to Notice, "That" the report from the Select Committee on "Mr. Henry Arthur Hough," brought up on the 8th July, 1886, be now adopted.

Sir Patrick Jennings moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 16.

Sir Patrick Jennings,	Mr. Sec,
Dr. Renwick,	Mr. Sawers.
Mr. Fletcher,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Dibbs,	
Mr. De Courcy Browne,	Mr. Williamson,
Mr. Garland,	Mr. Thompson.
Mr. Garvan,	
Mr. Levien,	
Mr. Dalton,	
Mr. Burke,	
Mr. Harold Stephen,	
Mr. Dawson,	

Noes, 21.

Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. James Henry Young,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Wisdom,	Mr. Gibbes,
Mr. Vaughn,	Mr. Teece,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Foster,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. William Clarke,
Mr. W. J. Fergusson,	Mr. Shepherd.
Mr. Sydney Smith,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Gormly,	
Mr. Hyam,	Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Gould.
Mr. Henson,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Original Question again proposed.

Debate ensued.

Mr.

Mr. Burns 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 House having considered the report of the Select Committee on 'Mr. Henry Arthur Hough,' recommend his case to the consideration of the Government."

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

Debate continued.

Mr. Sydney Smith moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Debate continued.

Question put,—That this Debate be now adjourned.

The House divided.

Ayes, 28.

Sir Patrick Jennings,	Mr. Purves,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. William Clarke,
Dr. Renwick,	Mr. Want,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Shepherd,
Mr. Williamson,	Mr. Burke,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. Harold Stephen,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Garland,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Henson,
Mr. Wisdom,	Mr. Teece
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Dalton.
Sir Henry Parkes,	
Mr. See,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Burdekin,	Mr. De Courcy Browne,
Mr. Gibbes,	Mr. Olliffe.

Noes, 12.

Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Spring,
Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Trickett,
Mr. Gormly,
Mr. James Henry Young,
Mr. Forsyth,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. W. J. Ferguson.

Tellers,

Mr. Roberts,
Mr. Gould.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Friday, 20th August.

6. CENTENARY OF THE COLONY :—Mr. Reid moved, pursuant to Notice, "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, there should be held in Sydney, in celebration of the first Centenary of New South Wales, an Exhibition, displaying the resources and progress of Australasia.
 - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

Mr. Harold Stephen moved, pursuant to *Contingent Notice*,—That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the first word "That" with a view to the insertion in their place of the words, "a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the best means for celebrating the First Centenary of New South Wales.

"(2.) That such Committee consist of Sir Patrick Jennings, Mr. Reid, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Septimus Stephen, Mr. Davies, Mr. Dawson, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Toohy, Mr. Hammond, and the Mover."

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

Debate ensued.

Proposed amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Original motion, by leave, withdrawn.

7. REMOVAL OF RAILWAY WORKSHOPS FROM JUNEE TO WAGGA WAGGA :—Mr. Abigail moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all letters, minutes, reports, or other documents having reference to the proposed removal of the Government Railway workshops from Junee Junction to Wagga Wagga, together with an estimate of the additional cost of carrying on the work at Wagga Wagga.
- Question put and passed.

8. MR. DANIEL BEHAN :—Mr. Abigail 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 Mr. Daniel Behan, who petitioned this House for redress on the 11th of December, 1885, has suffered any injustice through being dismissed from the Permanent Force.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Hawthorne, Mr. Kidd, Mr. Tarrant, Mr. Teece, Mr. Suttor, Mr. Henson, Mr. Holborow, and the Mover.
- Question put and passed.

9. ROBERT MACKRELL'S SELECTION AT FORBES :—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 case of a selection at Forbes, made in 1878 by Robert Mackrell, and now recommended for forfeiture, and all circumstances connected with the fulfilment of conditions.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Stokes, Mr. Day, Mr. Coonan, Mr. Garland, Mr. Neild, and the Mover.

Mr. Dibbs moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Friday, 20th August.

10. RAILWAY, URALLA TO GLEN INNES :—Mr. Williamson moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—

(1.) Comparative statements, showing the Engineer-in-Chief's original estimate of quantities contained in the work of formation and ballasting the Uralla to Glen Innes section of the Northern Railway, together with the quantities under each schedule item which have been actually paid for on the same contract when completed.

(2.) All papers, Government minutes, and correspondence between the Engineer-in-Chief, the Commissioner for Railways, the Honorable the Treasurer, the Crown Solicitor, or any other Government official and the Bank of New Zealand, or their Solicitors, or other persons, relating to the conversion of the said contract by the Bank of New Zealand, or in connection with said contract, with copies of all accounts or claims for further works done rendered by the said Bank, and

and stating if such accounts or claims have been wholly or in part allowed or paid; such papers and correspondence to date from September, 1884, to present time.

(3.) Statement, showing dates and amounts for which certificates have been issued by the Engineer-in-Chief or the Commissioner for Railways, under which the Bank of New Zealand has obtained various payments since September, 1884?

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. De Courcy Browne, Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Fletcher, Mr. Garrard, Mr. Garvan, Mr. Hassall, Mr. Hawthorne, Sir Patrick Jennings, Mr. Kethel, Mr. Melville, Mr. Olliffe, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Reid, Dr. Renwick, Mr. Shepherd, Mr. Harold Stephen, Mr. Trickett, Mr. Vaughn, and Mr. Williamson.

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House at twenty-two minutes before Twelve o'clock until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 107.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 10 AUGUST, 1886.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Local Land Boards:—*Mr. Barbour*, for *Mr. Wall*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is it true that a Chairman of one of the Local Land Boards was disgraced for falsifying vouchers; if so, will he say if he was dismissed; and, if not, what was the reason for his retention?

Dr. Renwick answered,—A Chairman of a Local Land Board was suspended for rendering vouchers for travelling expenses not incurred. His explanation to the Executive Council was not considered satisfactory; but, in view of the number of years he had been in the Service, and the knowledge he had acquired of conditional purchase matters, it was decided to remove him from the position of Chairman, and re-appoint him to that of a Conditional Purchase Inspector.

- (2.) Water Conservation Commission:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for *Mr. Humphery*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has the Water Conservation Commission made any recommendations, with a view to devising schemes of water conservation in various parts of the Colony, other than those mentioned in their reports laid before Parliament?

(2.) If so, will he have any objection to state the substance of the recommendations, and what (if any) action the Government has taken in reference thereto?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) On the 18th March, 1886, the following resolution was passed at a meeting of the Commissioners:—"Resolved, that the Honorable the Colonial Secretary be asked to have placed on the Estimates for the current year the sum of £12,000, to defray the cost of at least eight survey parties for a period of twelve months, to be employed in surveying the principal western and coastal basins of the Colony." This resolution was communicated to the Colonial Secretary on the 20th March, 1886. An engineer and party have been engaged in surveying the depressions along the course of the Barwon River; but, in consequence of the late protracted floods, operations have had to be suspended, and the services of the party dispensed with. It is thought that the information already collected by the Commission should be sufficient to enable the Government to draft a Bill on this important subject during the next Parliamentary Recess.

- (3.) Alleged Frauds on Railway Department:—*Mr. Abigail* asked the Attorney-General,—

(1.) Have any steps been taken to ascertain if frauds have occurred in connection with the carriage of tobacco, tallow, hides, sheep skins, and other large lines of produce carried upon the Government Railways?

(2.) If so, and if it will not interfere with the administration of justice, will he have any objection to state to the House the nature of the same?

Mr. Want answered,—Yes; steps have been taken in the matter referred to, and an information filed.

- (4.) Tramway Conductors:—*Mr. Harold Stephen* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Have the tramway conductors been supplied with winter overcoats, as promised; if not, will he give instructions that the overcoats be issued before the close of the present winter?

(2.) Will he cause lockers to be placed in the conductors' waiting room for their use?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) Tenders have been received for the supply of these overcoats, and they will be issued as soon as supplied.

(2.) Yes.

(5.)

- (5.) Erection of Goods Sheds at Tamworth:—Mr. Burke asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 (1.) When will tenders be invited for the erection of goods sheds at Tamworth?
 (2.) Has the site been decided upon; if so, where?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) Within one month from this date.
 (2.) Yes; on the northern side of the Railway Line, between White and Fitzroy Streets.

- (6.) Port Macquarie Licensing Board:—Mr. Henson asked the Minister of Justice,—
 (1.) Has a report been received from the Port Macquarie Licensing Board, in regard to their proceedings on the 28th day of April last?
 (2.) If so, when will the report be laid upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Garvan answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
 (2.) There will be no objection to lay copies of the papers in the case on the Table of the House, if moved for in the regular manner.

- (7.) Prisoners under Sixteen Years of Age:—Sir Henry Parkes asked the Colonial Secretary,—The number of prisoners, under sixteen years of age, in each of the undermentioned prisons:—Darlinghurst, Parramatta, Bathurst, Maitland, Goulburn, and Berrima?

Mr. Garvan answered,—I am informed that in Darlinghurst Gaol there is only one prisoner at present under the age of sixteen; none in any of the other gaols mentioned. I have called for the like information with respect to the other gaols in the Colony not mentioned in the Honorable Member's question, and I have also called for a return of the number of prisoners under seventeen years of age in each prison in the Colony. When this information has been received, it will be laid upon the Table.

- (8.) Subordinate Roads:—Mr. Burns asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the grants for Subordinate Roads for this year be available for expenditure, and official notice thereof be sent to the respective Trustees?

Mr. Lyne answered,—Money is now available, and Trustees will be advised to-morrow.

- (9.) Special Conductors, Tramway Department:—Mr. Hawthorne asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) How many Revenue Inspectors or Detectives are there employed in connection with the Tramway Department?
 (2.) What is the salary per annum of each of these Officers?
 (3.) How many convictions have they obtained during the past six months against persons who have tried to evade payment of tram fares?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) There are four Special Conductors, whose duty it is, amongst other duties, to watch the collection of fares.
 (2.) Three of them receive £163 a year, and one £182.
 (3.) One conviction has been obtained during the past six months; but their services are valuable, more as a preventative of wrong doing than as a correction of it.

- (10.) Andrew Cavanough:—Mr. Hawthorne asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that a person named Andrew Cavanough has been, or is about to be, appointed to a position in connection with his Department?
 (2.) If so, is this the same individual that was dismissed for misconduct from the Tramway Department a few months since?

Mr. Fletcher answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
 (2.) He is the individual who was charged with having taken too much intoxicating drink while employed in the Tramway Department, and who, in consequence, resigned. He has since then been a total abstainer, and is so still.

- (11.) Low-lying Land at Rushcutter's Bay:—Mr. Trickett asked the Minister for Mines,—Referring to the answer given by him to a deputation on Friday respecting the proposed resumption by the Government of certain land at Rushcutter's Bay, is it the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill this Session to prevent such land being built on or used in such a way as to prejudicially affect the health of the locality?

Mr. Fletcher answered,—A Bill on the subject, dealing with all such land throughout the Colony, is now being prepared.

2. SYDNEY TOWN HALL AND STREETS MUNICIPAL LOAN BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

- (1.) Mr. Dibbs moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Municipal Council of Sydney to raise, by Debentures, a further sum of £200,000 for the completion of the Town Hall, and a further sum of £100,000 for the paving of public highways within the said City. Question put and passed.

- (2.) Mr. Dibbs presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable the Municipal Council of Sydney to raise by Debentures a further sum of Two hundred thousand pounds for completion of the Town Hall and a further sum of One hundred thousand pounds for the Paving of Public Highways within the said City*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

3. PLACES OF DETENTION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

- (1.) Mr. Garvan moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the law relating to the detention and transfer of convicted offenders. Question put and passed.

- (2.) Mr. Garvan presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Law relating to the detention and transfer of Convicted Offenders*,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

4. SILVERTON TRAMWAY BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Burns moved, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) That the Silverton Tramway Bill be referred to a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, for consideration and report.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Burdekin, Mr. Barbour, Mr. De Courcy Browne, Mr. Collins, Mr. Day, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Hayes, Mr. Jones, Mr. Lyne, and the Mover.
 Question put and passed.
5. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the adjourned Debate on the subject of the claim of Captain Armstrong, postponed until Friday, 24th September.
6. PENRITH WATER AND GAS SUPPLY BILL :—Mr. T. R. Smith presented a Petition from Thomas Sellwood Huntley and Walter Barnard, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable Thomas Sellwood Huntley and Walter Barnard to establish a system of Water Supply, and to construct Gasworks within the Borough and Suburbs of Penrith.
 And Mr. Smith having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald*, the *Evening News*, and the *Nepean Times* newspapers, containing the Notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
 Petition received.
7. TARIFF :—Mr. O'Sullivan presented a Petition from S. H. Hyam, as Chairman of a Public Meeting of the Residents of Leichhardt and Petersham, in favour of a Protective Policy, and the imposition of a duty of 10 to 15 per cent. upon all imported goods that can be manufactured in the Colony.
 Petition received.
8. PAPERS :—
 Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table,—
 (1.) Amended By-law, Municipal District of Hamilton, under Nuisances Prevention Act, 1875.
 (2.) Amended By-law, Municipal District of Wentworth.
 (3.) Further Return to an Address adopted on 6th July, 1877—"Immigration"—Steamships "Port Victor" and "Energia."
 Ordered to be printed.
- Sir Patrick Jennings laid upon the Table,—
 (1.) General Abstract of Bank Liabilities and Assets for the quarter ended 30th June, 1886.
 (2.) Return to an Order made on 8th July, 1886—"The Landing Surveyor, Customs Department."
 (3.) Return to an Order made on 8th July—"Mr. Augustus Berney, Customs Department."
 (4.) Return to an Order made on 6th July, 1886—"Bonded Warehouses."
 (5.) Convention respecting the Commercial Relations between the Governments of Great Britain and Spain.
 Ordered to be printed.
9. GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS BILL :—Mr. Lyne presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to constitute the Office of Minister for Railways to make better provision for the construction maintenance and management of Government Railways and Tramways and for the regulation of persons employed in the Railway and Tramway Services and for other purposes*,"—which was read a first time.
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
10. STAMP DUTIES ACT AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2) :—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Legislative Council's amendments in this Bill,—
 Mr. Speaker, referring to the amendments made by the Legislative Council, stated that two of such amendments were of serious import—that which proposed the omission of the words "Neglect or," and that which proposed the insertion of a new clause, limiting the duration of the Act to three years. He felt bound to notice this action as an infringement of the rights of this House. He desired to point out that, although unimportant amendments had sometimes been accepted in Money Bills, the uniform practice had been to refuse to entertain substantial amendments in Bills of Taxation or Supply, such Bills being the property of the representative branch of the Legislature, on the principle that representation and taxation should go hand in hand. The correctness of this view had recently been established by a decision of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, in a case submitted by the two Houses in Queensland; and he submitted that the amendments to which he had adverted should not be entertained,—
 (1.) Because they were not in accordance with constitutional practice or with the principles which this House had consistently asserted.
 (2.) Because they were illegal, as shown by the recent decision of the highest authority.
 Whereupon Sir Patrick Jennings moved, That the Order of the Day be discharged.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed.
 Sir Patrick Jennings then moved, That the Bill be laid aside.
 Question put and passed.
11. STAMP DUTIES ACT AMENDMENT BILL (No. 3) :—
 (1.) Sir Patrick Jennings moved, That the Resolution of Ways and Means No. 6, agreed to on the 13th May last, and on which the Stamp Duties Act Amendment Bill had been founded, be now read.
 Question put and passed.
 And the said Resolution (*as recorded in Votes and Proceedings No. 59, Entry 6*) read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker.
 (2.) Ordered, on motion of Sir Patrick Jennings, that a Bill be brought in, founded on Resolution of Ways and Means No. 6, to amend the Stamp Duties Act of 1880.
 (3.) Sir Patrick Jennings then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the 'Stamp Duties Act of 1880,'*"—which was read a first time.
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

12. **LAND TAX BILL (No. 2)**:—The Order of the Day having been read for the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Sir Patrick Jennings, "That this Bill be now read a second time." And the Question being again proposed,—the House resumed the said adjourned Debate. Question put,—That this Bill be now read a second time.

The House divided.

Ayes, 55.

Sir Patrick Jennings,	Mr. James Henry Young,
Mr. Want,	Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Henson,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Wisdom,
Dr. Renwick,	Mr. Dalton,
Mr. Sutor,	Sir Henry Parkes,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Creer,	Mr. Mecke,
Mr. Hungerford,	Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
Mr. Judd,	Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Gormly,	Mr. Tecece,
Mr. Williamson,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Day,	Mr. Spring,
Mr. Hyam,	Mr. O'Sullivan.
Mr. Olliffe,	Mr. Baker,
Mr. Dawson,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Hammond,	Mr. Moore,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. De Courcy Browne,
Mr. See,	Mr. Macgregor,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Harold Stephen,
Mr. Lysaght,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Trickett,	Mr. Dibbs,
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Purves.
Mr. Burke,	
Mr. Bull,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Garland,	Mr. Fitzgerald,
Mr. H. H. Brown,	Mr. Hassall.
Mr. Forsyth,	

Noes, 6.

Mr. Haydon,
Mr. Davies,
Mr. J. F. Smith,
Mr. McCulloch.

Tellers,

Mr. Humphery,
Mr. Burdekin.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

Ordered, that the Bill be considered in Committee to-morrow.

13. **VINE DISEASES 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. Sutor moved, "That" the report be now adopted. Mr. Dibbs 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." 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,—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 further amendments. On motion of Mr. Dibbs (*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 six minutes before Twelve o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,

Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 108.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 11 AUGUST, 1886.

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 1885, 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.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Water Supply, Wagga Wagga Railway Station:—*Mr. Gormly*, for Mr. Bolton, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What is the annual cost to the Railway Department of pumping water from the Murrumbidgee to the Wagga Wagga Railway Station, including wear and tear?

(2.) Is it the intention of the Government to negotiate with the Borough Council of Wagga Wagga for the supply of water to the Railway Department at Wagga Wagga, if it can be shown that thereby a saving of twenty-five per cent. can be made, and the pumping gear now in use made available for other services?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) £740, or 9½d. per thousand gallons.

(2.) The Government will be glad to enter into negotiation if the saving is guaranteed.

(2.) Public Instruction Act:—Mr. Harold Stephen asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Is it a fact that, under the Public Instruction Act of 1880, the onus of proof of non-attendance of children at school is thrown by the Bench upon the Crown, and therefore conviction cannot be obtained?

(2.) If so, will he take steps to remedy this defect as soon as possible?

Dr. Renwick answered,—The provisions contained in clause 20 of the Act, commonly known as the Compulsory Clause, are not very explicit, the result being that different Benches of Magistrates interpret it differently. I shall give the matter consideration, and deal with it, in the best interests of the Department and the public, on an early date.

(3.) Diseases in Sheep Act:—Mr. R. B. Wilkinson asked the Secretary for Mines,—What is the cause of the assessment, under the Diseases in Sheep Act, being increased to 10s. per 1,000 during the present year?

Mr. Fletcher answered,—The assessment under the Diseases in Sheep Act is the same as last year; and it is kept at the present rate on account of the decrease in stock, and to meet increased expenditure, caused by the outbreak of scab and the appointment of additional Inspectors.

(4.) Reserves in Electoral District of The Upper Hunter:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. Fitzgerald, asked the Secretary for Lands,—When will the promised Return of reserves in the Electoral District of The Upper Hunter be laid upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Suttor answered,—The Honorable Member appears to refer to a verbal promise. The information is being compiled, and will probably be completed next week.

(5.) Railway Employés:—*Mr. Hawthorne*, for Mr. Gould, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a rule has recently been promulgated that good conduct holidays will only be granted to engine-men stationed on the Great Northern and North-western Railways north of Maitland, in accordance with the mileage run by them during the preceding twelve months?

(2.)

- (2.) Does such a rule exist in connection with the men stationed at Newcastle, and also on the Great Southern and Great Western Lines of Railway; and, if so, at what districts?
 (3.) When, and by whom, was the system of good conduct holidays introduced?
 (4.) What were the requirements at that time to entitle men to these holidays?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) No.

(3.) By Mr. Secretary Sutherland, on the recommendation of the Commissioner for Railways, in July, 1878.

(4.) General good conduct, and a full year's work.

- (6.) Sale of Land in West Molong :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—When will the recently surveyed town and suburban lots in the town of West Molong be offered for sale by public auction?

Mr. Suttor answered,—The land will shortly be advertised for sale, and probably be offered about the end of October.

- (7.) Elective Legislative Council :—Mr. Thompson asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Having in view certain recent events, is it the intention of the Government to introduce a measure for remodelling the Legislative Council on an elective basis, in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution Act?

Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—The Government do not intend to introduce a measure this Session to deal with this question.

- (8.) Chinese Gambling Houses :—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Secretary,—What steps (if any) have been taken, in accordance with a promise made by the Colonial Secretary to Mr. O'Sullivan in December last, to inquire into the alleged wholesale gambling in Chinese shops in George-street and other portions of the city?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—In accordance with the advice of the Attorney-General, fresh proceedings have been taken against keepers of Chinese gambling-houses. They were convicted, and the conviction was sustained by the Supreme Court. Other prosecutions will follow, and the police have been instructed to take further action.

- (9.) Civil Service :—Mr. Hammond asked the Colonial Secretary,—When will the Return, asked for by Order of this House, dated 17th June last, showing the number of appointments to the Civil Service since 1st January, 1885, be laid upon the Table?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—This Return has entailed a very large amount of labour, and considerable difficulty has been experienced in obtaining information from the various Departments. As soon as it has been furnished the Return will be laid upon the Table.

- (10.) Blue Book for 1885 :—Mr. William Clarke asked the Colonial Secretary,—When will the Blue Book for the year 1885 be laid upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The Blue Book is in the press, but the index has not been completed. It will be issued during the present month?

- (11.) Report from Commissioner for Railways for 1885 :—Mr. William Clarke asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the Report of the Commissioner for Railways for the year 1885 be laid upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Lyne answered,—I will presently lay this Report upon the Table of the House.

3. PRIVILEGE—"THE DAILY TELEGRAPH" :—Mr. Thompson drew the attention of the House to a paragraph published in *The Daily Telegraph* of 11th August instant—a copy of which newspaper he laid upon the Table,—and moved, That an extract from such paragraph be read by the Clerk. Question put and passed.

Whereupon the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, read the extract as follows :—

"It also shows that had the Government chosen to tread the paths of political honesty, in place of conspiring behind the country's back with the Protectionists—instead of having a wretched majority of suborned nonentities, trembling at the prospect of being sent to their constituents—they would have had the much larger and solid support of an independent and almost unanimous House."

4. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Wall moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

5. PHARMACEUTICAL SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES INCORPORATION 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 15th July, 1886; 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, 27th August.

Question put and passed.

6. PAPERS :—

Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table,—Report of the Commissioner for Railways upon the Railways and Tramways of New South Wales for the year 1885.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Suttor laid upon the Table,—Thirty-first Annual Report of the Postmaster-General, being for the year 1885.

Ordered to be printed.

7. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR :—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Sir Patrick Jennings, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

(1.) Stamp Duties Act Amendment Bill (No. 3) :—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 57.

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 expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill to amend the "Stamp Duties Act of 1880."

Government House,
Sydney, 11th August, 1886.

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

(2.) Land Tax Bill (No. 2) :—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 58.

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 expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill for imposing a Tax on Land.

Government House,
Sydney, 11th August, 1886.

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

8. STAMP DUTIES ACT AMENDMENT BILL (No. 3) :—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 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 Bill.

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 so soon as the decision of the House had been given thereon.

The Chairman then reported the *Point of Order* as follows :—

Clause 4, viz. :—

If any person shall—

(i) Give any receipt liable to duty and not duly stamped—

(ii) Refuse to give a receipt duly stamped in any case where a receipt would be liable to duty—

(iii) Upon a payment to the amount of two pounds or upwards give a receipt for a sum not amounting to two pounds or separate or divide the amount paid with intent to evade the duty—

he shall incur a penalty of not less than two pounds nor more than ten pounds. Provided that a demand for any such receipt shall not in any way affect the validity of a tender otherwise legal.

being under consideration, Mr. Thompson, the Honorable Member for West Maitland, proposed to insert, at the commencement of sub-section (II), the words "Neglect or," and exception being taken to that amendment by Mr. James Henry Young, the Honorable Member for The Hastings and Manning, on the ground that the insertion of the words would increase taxation, and the proposal was therefore out of Order,—

He (the Chairman) had given his opinion that the amendment, not being the imposition of a tax or impost, but a penalty, was properly before the Committee.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker ruled in accordance with the opinion given by the Chairman.

On motion of Sir Patrick Jennings, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the Committee resumed.

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 to-morrow.

9. SYDNEY TOWN HALL AND STREETS MUNICIPAL LOAN BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Dibbs moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Burns moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Debate continued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 12 AUGUST, 1886, A.M.

Question put, That this Debate be now adjourned.

The House divided.

Ayes, 8.

Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Heydon,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Henson,
Mr. Burns.

Tellers,

Mr. Hammond,
Mr. Thompson.

Noes, 19.

Mr. Burdekin,	Mr. Harold Stephen,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. D. A. Ferguson,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Gibbes,	Mr. Bull,
Dr. Renwick,	Mr. O'Sullivan.
Sir Patrick Jennings,	Tellers,
Mr. Want,	
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Creer,	Mr. Melville.
Mr. Cass,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Original

Original Question put, That this Bill be now read a second time.
The House divided.

Ayes, 20.

Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. D. A. Ferguson,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Burdekin,
Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Bull,
Sir Patrick Jennings,	Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Want,	Mr. Gibbes,
Dr. Renwick,	Mr. Garvan.
Mr. Creer,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Cass,	
Mr. Dawson,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Harold Stephen,	Mr. Hassall.

Noes, 6.

Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Heydon,
Mr. Henson.

Tellers,

Mr. Hammond,
Mr. Thompson.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

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 Bill.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole accordingly.

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.

The House adjourned at six minutes before One o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 109.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

THURSDAY, 12 AUGUST, 1886.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Special Railway Carriage occupied by Mr. J. C. Neild, M.P.:—*Mr. Barbour*, for *Mr. Williamson*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it a fact, as alleged, that the Honorable Member for Paddington, Mr. J. C. Neild, occupied a special carriage, marked "engaged," to convey him from Newcastle to the Northern District?
 (2.) Did he pay for the carriage?
 (3.) Is it a fact, as alleged, that many persons were inconvenienced by his sole occupation of the carriage?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
 (2.) No.
 (3.) The Traffic Manager reports that he is not aware that great inconvenience was caused, as alleged.

- (2.) Diseases in Sheep Act:—*Mr. Harold Stephen* asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) What amount of money was received and expended under the Diseases in Sheep Act last year?
 (2.) The like information with reference to the current year?
 (3.) What balance remains now to credit?
 (4.) Is it a fact that an increased assessment was demanded this year; and, if so, for what reason?

Mr. Fletcher answered,—

- (1.) Received, £19,891 5s. 3d.; expended, £21,060 17s. 8d.
 (2.) Received, £21,284 14s. 5d.; expended, £11,284 5s. 3d.
 (3.) Credit balance, £9,155 14s. 7d.
 (4.) The assessment under the Diseases in Sheep Act is the same as last year, and it is kept at the present rate on account of the decrease in stock, and to meet increased expenditure, caused by the outbreak of scab and the appointment of additional Inspectors.

- (3.) Railway Workshops, Eveleigh:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for *Mr. Sutherland*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) What is the total amount paid to date for machinery, of whatever kind, for the Eveleigh workshops?
 (2.) What is the total amount paid for labour, of whatever kind, in connection with the machinery?
 (3.) What is the amount of all other charges in connection therewith?
 (4.) What Officer recommended the purchase and erection of the machinery?

Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—This question has been referred to the Minister for Works, who will supply the required information.

- (4.) Albion-street School, Surry Hills:—*Mr. Forsyth* asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—What was the sum of money paid to *Mr. Kidman* and *Mr. Fletcher*, respectively, for the land resumed from them for the Albion-street School, Surry Hills; and the respective areas and frontages of each to either *Napier*, *Selwyn*, or *Albion Streets*?

Dr. Renwick answered,—*Amounts paid*—To *Mr. Kidman*, principal and interest, £3,353 13s. 5d.; to *Mr. Fletcher*, principal and interest, £3,348 3s.; law costs, £105 17s. 4d.; total, £3,454 0s. 4d.
Areas of land:—Of *Mr. Kidman's*, 1 rood 17½ perches; of *Mr. Fletcher's*, 2 roods 29¼ perches.
Frontages:—Of *Mr. Kidman's* land, *Napier-street*, 130 feet, *Selwyn-street*, 121 feet, *Albion-street*, 130 feet; of *Mr. Fletcher's* land, *Selwyn-street*, 230 feet.

(5.)

(5.) Importation of Iron Pipes for Water Supplies :—Mr. Teece asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What was the total cost, in England, of the reticulation pipes, special castings, &c., for the water supplies of Bathurst, Wagga Wagga, Goulburn, and Albury, respectively ?

(2.) The amount of freight, from England to Sydney, charged upon the pipes, castings, &c., for each town ?

(3.) The amount of trainage charged by the Commissioner for Railways for conveying the pipes, &c., to each town ?

(4.) What per centage of the total cost does the railway freight amount to ?

Mr. Lyne answered,—A Return shall be prepared, showing the information required by the Honorable Member, and laid upon the Table as quickly as possible.

(6.) Civil Service Act :—Mr. Davies asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has his attention been directed to a reply from the Commissioner for Railways (based, it is alleged, on the authority of the Attorney-General), respecting application by over 500 Officers and Clerks in the Railway Department for a refund of the 4 per cent. deducted from their salaries since 1st January, 1885 ?

(2.) Is it his intention, in view of such reply, to introduce a measure authorizing the refund, and making payments to Superannuation Fund purely optional to those employés of the Government under clauses 7 and 8 of the Civil Service Act ?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

(1.) I am aware of the decision of the Civil Service Board to this effect, which was communicated to the Honorable Member by the Commissioner for Railways, in reply to the Petition presented by him.

(2.) It is not my intention to interfere with the action of the Legislature in this respect.

(7.) The Chinese :—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) How many Chinese (other than those who have been to China from New South Wales and returned), have arrived in New South Wales since the 1st of January, 1886 ?

(2.) How many Chinese have paid the £10 poll-tax since that date ?

Sir Patrick Jennings answered.—

(1.) 449.

(2.) 449.

(8.) Parliamentary *Hansard* :—Mr. Hammond asked the Colonial Secretary,—When will the report from the Principal Shorthand Writer of the Parliamentary Reporting Staff, in reference to the question of a Daily Parliamentary *Hansard*, ordered on the 9th of June last, be laid upon the Table of this House ?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—This matter is now under the consideration of the President and the Speaker.

(9.) Weigh-bridges for Molong and Borenore Stations :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government to supply the Railway Stations at Molong and Borenore with a cart weigh-bridge ; if so, when ?

Mr. Lyne answered,—Yes ; one will be supplied to Molong at once, and Borenore as soon as possible.

(10.) Lennox Bridge, Parramatta :—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Was the sum of £4,000 voted by Parliament for the widening of Lennox Bridge, in the centre of the town of Parramatta ; and is he aware that, on account of the large increase of traffic, such widening is urgently required ?

(2.) When will tenders be called for this work, and what is the cause of delay in doing so ?

Mr. Lyne answered,—The following answer to a question, asked by Mr. Taylor on 15th April, 1886, still applies :—“ This vote (£4,000) was originally taken for widening stone bridge ; then a cantilever widening was proposed and assented to by those interested. As the cantilevers would spoil appearance of bridge, which is to a certain extent monumental, and as the traffic is decreased materially by the Gasworks Bridge, it is considered, in the present state of the finances, that this matter can stand over, and the £4,000 be saved.”

(11.) Civil Service Act—Refund of Deductions :—Mr. Davies asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a refund of the 4 per cent. has been made to an employé in the Railway Department ?

(2.) If so, what was the amount paid, and by whose authority was the refund made ?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

(1.) Yes ; the amount was deducted in error, the person in question being temporarily employed only, and not therefore liable to contribution.

(2.) Amount of refund, £8 19s. 9d. ; by the authority of the Commissioner for Railways.

(12.) Railway Freight on Farm Produce :—Mr. W. J. Fergusson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has he arrived at any decision in reference to carrying farm produce at a reduced rate, instead of running empty trucks on the railway line ?

Mr. Lyne answered,—No determination in the matter has yet been arrived at, but the question is receiving consideration.

(13.) Lock-up and Police Quarters, Tingha :—Mr. Moore asked the Colonial Secretary,—Referring to the reply given to his Question of 30th June last, has any tender been accepted for erection of Police-quarters at Tingha ?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The matter is at present at a stand still for want of funds.

2. STAMP DUTIES ACT AMENDMENT BILL (No. 3) (*Formal Order of the Day*),—On motion of Sir Patrick Jennings, read a third time, and *passed*.

Sir Patrick Jennings then moved, that the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to amend the 'Stamp Duties Act of 1880.'*"

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 'Stamp Duties Act of 1880.'*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 12th August, 1886.*

3. PENRITH WATER AND GAS SUPPLY BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

(1.) Mr. T. R. Smith moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable Thomas Sellwood Huntley and Walter Barnard to establish a system of water supply and to construct gas-works within the borough and suburbs of Penrith.
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 Thomas Sellwood Huntley and Walter Barnard to establish a system of Water Supply and to construct Gas-works within the borough and suburbs of Penrith.*"—read a first time.

4. PAPERS:—

Mr. Fletcher laid upon the Table,—General Report of the Public Parks Branch, Department of Mines, for 1885.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Suttor laid upon the Table,—Amended Regulations under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.

Ordered to be printed.

MR. DIBBS laid upon the Table,—

(1.) By-laws, under the Municipalities Act of 1867 and Nuisances Prevention Act of 1875, for the Borough of Darlington.

(2.) Statistical Register for 1885,—Parts I, II, and III.

Ordered to be printed.

(3.) Return to an Order made on 10th June, 1886—"Oriental Interpreter."

5. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

- (1.) Randwick Cemetery Unused Lands Sale Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorize the Trustees for the time being of the Randwick Cemetery to sell lands situate at Randwick originally granted for the purpose of the interment of the dead and apply the proceeds to the extension of the Church of Saint Jude's and to make such further provision for Church extension in the parish of Randwick as may be deemed necessary.*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 12th August, 1886.*

JOHN HAY,
President.

- (2.) Mrs. Payten's Estate Leasing Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Trustees of a settlement made on the marriage of Edward Payten and Hannah Rebecca Pye Rose to accept a surrender of a lease of part of the lands comprised in the said settlement and to extend the power to grant leases conferred by the said settlement on the Trustees thereof.*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 12th August, 1886.*

JOHN HAY,
President.

- (3.) Kiss's George-street Property Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Trustees of the Will of George Kiss deceased to grant building leases of certain lands in George-street and to raise moneys by mortgage of the said lands for the purpose of improving the same.*"—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; together with a copy of the Probate and Will and Codicil of the late George Kiss, and a Plan of the property described in the Schedule of the Bill.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 12th August, 1886.*

JOHN HAY,
President.

Bill, on motion of Sir Patrick Jennings, read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

6. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Abigail moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

7. **LAND TAX BILL (No. 2)** :—Mr. Hayes presented a Petition from certain landholders and others in the Hume Electorate, representing that the proposal in the Land Tax Bill will, if passed, operate as a tax upon the energy, industry, and perseverance of the inhabitants of the Colony; and praying the House not to pass the said Bill.
Petition received.
8. **MRS. CATHERINE BUTTERLY** :—Mr. Williamson presented a Petition from Catherine Butterly, of Sydney, widow, detailing the circumstances under which her son lost his life whilst in the execution of his duty as a Railway Porter at the Blayney Platform; and praying favourable consideration in the premises, and such relief as will recompense, in some measure, the irreparable loss sustained by her through the death of her only son.
And the Petition having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker,—
Petition received.
9. **SYDNEY TOWN HALL AND STREETS MUNICIPAL LOAN BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Fletcher moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 44.		Noes, 2.
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Lyne,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Garland,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Chanter,	Mr. Davies.
Dr. Renwick,	Mr. Hogan,	
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. James Henry Young,	
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Toohey,	
Mr. Forsyth,	Mr. Burns,	
Mr. Creer,	Mr. Hungerford,	
Mr. Thompson,	Mr. Kettle,	
Mr. Williamson,	Mr. Septimus Stephen,	
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Hyam,	
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	Dr. Wilkinson,	
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Kidd,	
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Gibbes,	
Mr. Russell Barton,	Mr. Holborow,	
Mr. Wall,	Mr. William Clarke,	
Mr. Day,	Mr. Purves,	
Mr. Dawson,	Mr. Trickett.	
Mr. Humphery,	<i>Tellers,</i>	
Sir Patrick Jennings,	Mr. Melville,	
Mr. Want,	Mr. Teece.	
Mr. Slattery,		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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 Municipal Council of Sydney to raise by Debentures a further sum of Two hundred thousand pounds for the completion of the Town Hall and a further sum of One hundred thousand pounds for the Paving 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 :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Municipal Council of Sydney to raise by Debentures a further sum of Two hundred thousand pounds for the completion of the Town Hall and a further sum of One hundred thousand pounds for the Paving of Public Highways within the said City,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 12th August, 1886.

10. **LAND TAX BILL (No. 2)** :—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 Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 13 AUGUST, 1886, A.M.

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

11. **NEWCASTLE SAND-DRIFT RECLAMATION 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 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 twenty-one 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.

FRIDAY, 13 AUGUST, 1886.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Engineers in Charge of Trains:—*Mr. Barbour*, for *Mr. Olliffe*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it a fact, as alleged, that engineers in charge of trains, while travelling under foot-bridges, allow surplus steam to escape, to the injury of pedestrians travelling over the said bridges?
 (2.) If true, will he cause regulations to be framed to remedy the evil complained of?
 (3.) Has any action been taken, or threatened to be taken, against the Department for injuries thus received?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1 and 2.) Nothing is known of this in the Department. No complaint has been received. Inquiry will, however, be made; and, if any practice of the kind exists, a stop will at once be put to it.
 (3.) No.

- (2.) Prisoners under Sixteen Years of Age:—*Sir Henry Parkes* asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) What is the number of male persons, under sixteen years of age, charged with offences against the criminal law before the Police Courts of Sydney, Newtown, Balmain, Paddington, Redfern, and St. Leonards, and convicted or committed for trial, in the years 1883, 1884, 1885, and the first six months of 1886, respectively?
 (2.) The like information in respect to females under sixteen years of age for the same periods?

Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—It would be impracticable to supply this information to-day. It will be obtained as early as practicable.

- (3.) Nautical School Ship "Vernon":—*Sir Henry Parkes* asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) What is the number of boys (if any) on the Nautical School Ship "Vernon" who had been convicted of offences against the criminal law, or charged with such offences, before they were committed to that Industrial School?
 (2.) What were the special circumstances under which such boys were sent to the "Vernon"?

Dr. Renwick answered,—

- (1.) Eighty-five.
 (2.) The greater number have been committed for petty theft. In the case of some who were committed for trial, the Crown declined to prosecute, upon the understanding that proceedings would be taken against them under the "Industrial Schools Act."

- (4.) Tarrago Railway Station;—*Mr. William Clarke*, for *Mr. Hugh Taylor*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What were the total receipts at the Tarago Railway Station during the last six months of 1885?
 (2.) The like information during the first six months of 1886?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) £2,092.
 (2.) £2,100.

- (5.) Mineral Conditional Purchases:—*Mr. William Clarke*, for *Mr. W. J. Fergusson*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill to validate mineral conditional purchases on gold-fields?

Mr. Suttor answered,—The matter is now receiving the consideration of the Ministers for Lands and Mines, questions as regards mineral leases being involved in many instances.

(6.)

(6.) Messrs. Harper and Millington, Surveyor-General's Department:—Mr. Abbott asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that Messrs. Harper and Millington, two of the surveyors on the Staff of the Surveyor-General, have gone to Norfolk Island?
- (2.) Have they gone there under instructions from the Department?
- (3.) If so, what were those instructions?
- (4.) Are those Officers in the receipt of pay, and are their expenses to Norfolk Island charged to any Public Department?
- (5.) If so, what Department, and did they receive an advance?

Mr. Suttor answered,—

- (1.) Mr. Harper has been sent to Norfolk Island, and has been allowed two assistants.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) To adjust certain boundaries of holdings, survey roads, &c.
- (4.) Yes; Mr. Harper £3 3s. per diem, and assistants £1 1s. each per diem during the time they are away, with cost of conveyance to and from Norfolk Island.
- (5.) Charged to Survey Votes for the present, pending any other arrangements which it may be found necessary to make. Mr. Harper received an advance of £150.

(7.) Cost of Running Ordinary and Goods Trains:—*Mr. Davies*, for Dr. Ross, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) At what rate or cost per mile are ordinary trains at present run on our railways, including coal, wages, and all other expenses?
- (2.) The same with regard to goods trains?

Mr. Lyne answered,—The cost for 1885 was, within a fraction, 4s. 4½d. per mile. The cost per train of coaching and goods traffic is not kept separate.

2. DISEASES IN SHEEP ACT (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. R. B. Wilkinson* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return, showing the revenue and expenditure under the Diseases in Sheep Act during the last five years.

Question put and passed.

3. PREMISES LEASED FOR GOVERNMENT PURPOSES IN SYDNEY (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Harold Stephen* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing,—

- (1.) What houses, and rooms in houses, in the city of Sydney are leased for Government purposes.
- (2.) For what purpose each of the abovenamed premises is used, and what rental is paid by the Government in each case.

Question put and passed.

4. PENRITH WATER AND GAS SUPPLY BILL (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. T. R. Smith* moved, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) That the Penrith Water and Gas Supply Bill be referred to a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, for consideration and report.
- (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Teece, Mr. James Henry Young, Mr. Harold Stephen, Mr. Day, Mr. Burdekin, Mr. Bull, Mr. Dalton, Mr. Chanter, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

5. NEWCASTLE SAND-DRIFT RECLAMATION 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 authorize the resumption of certain portions of land situate in the parish of Newcastle and county of Northumberland for the purpose of enabling the Government to arrest as far as possible the further deposit of sand thereon and to reclaim for public purposes and dispose of the said lands as hereinafter provided.*"

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 of certain portions of land situate in the parish of Newcastle and county of Northumberland for the purpose of enabling the Government to arrest as far as possible the further deposit of sand thereon and to reclaim for public purposes and dispose of the said lands as hereinafter provided.*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 13th August, 1886.

6. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed until Friday, 10th September:—

- (1.) Fisheries Acts Amendment Bill; second reading.
- (2.) Parliamentary *Hansard*—Daily Issue; consideration in Committee of the Whole of Resolutions.

7. ASSENT TO BILLS:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by *Mr. Dibbs*, and read by *Mr. Speaker*:—

(1.) Trustee Act Amendment Bill:—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 59.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to facilitate the discharge of mortgages.*"—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, 13th August, 1886.

(2.)

(2.) Municipal Gas Act Amendment Bill :—

CARRINGTON,

Message No. 60.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Municipal Gas Act of 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, 13th August, 1886.

(3.) Net-fishing in Port Hacking Prohibition Bill :—

CARRINGTON,

Message No. 61.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to prohibit Net-fishing in the Waters of Port Hacking,*"—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, 13th August, 1886.

(4.) St. Stephen's Church of England Parsonage Camperdown Land Sale Bill :—

CARRINGTON,

Message No. 62.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Right Reverend Alfred Barry Lord Bishop of Sydney Trustee of certain land in the county of Cumberland parish of Petersham at Camperdown to sell the same 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, 13th August, 1886.

8. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Abbott moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
9. GARDEN PALACE GROUNDS :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Burdekin, 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 the necessary steps to be taken to make provision for lighting the Garden Palace Grounds with electric light, in order that the said Grounds may be used as an evening promenade by the people.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.
10. PAPER :—Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 30th June, 1886—"Police Superintendent Brown, of Deniliquin."
11. DIVORCE EXTENSION BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Neild moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Mr. O'Connor moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that Debate be adjourned until Friday, 24th September.
12. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Barristers Bill (No. 2) postponed until Friday, 24th September.
13. BIRD ESTATE BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Purves moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Purves, 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. Purves, the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
14. WEST WALLSEND AND MONK-WEARMOUTH RAILWAY BILL,—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. G. A. Lloyd, 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. Lloyd, 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 West Wallsend Coal Company (Limited) and the Monk-Wearmouth Colliery Estate Company of Australia (Limited) to construct a Railway from the West Wallsend Coal-fields to the Sydney and Waratah Railway.*"

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 13th August, 1886.*

15. **UTHER ESTATE LEASING BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—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 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, except that omitting the second paragraph of the Schedule, to which it disagreed.
On motion of Mr. Teece, the report was adopted.
16. **MARRIED WOMEN'S PROPERTY ACT AMENDMENT BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Reid moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Reid, 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. Reid, the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Wednesday next.
17. **EMPLOYERS LIABILITY BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Garrard, 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. Garrard, 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 extend and regulate the Liability of Employers to make Compensation for Personal Injuries suffered by Workmen in their service.*"

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 13th August, 1886.*

18. **JUDGMENT CREDITORS REMEDIES EXTENSION BILL (No. 2)**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Williamson 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. Williamson, 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 only nineteen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely :—Mr. De Courcy Browne, Mr. Bull, Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Forsyth, Mr. Garrard, Mr. Garvan, Mr. Heydon, Sir Patrick Jennings, Mr. Kethel, Mr. Melville, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Reid, Mr. Slattery, Mr. Spring, Mr. Harold Stephen, Mr. Suttor, Mr. Trickett, and Mr. Williamson,—

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House at nineteen minutes before Twelve o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,

Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 111.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 17 AUGUST, 1886.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Improvements on Pastoral Holdings:—*Mr. Davies*, for *Mr. Spring*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—Has he given, or will he give, directions to have a record made, in a tabulated form, of the information furnished to the various Local Land Boards by the Inspectors of Runs as to the value and nature of the improvements that have been made by the Crown Lessees on the pastoral holdings of the Colony?

Mr. Copeland answered,—No. The information will, however, be obtained by sworn evidence at the Appraisement Courts, and the respective Chairmen will be requested to tabulate it in a form already decided upon.

- (2.) Civil Service Act:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for *Mr. Abigail*, asked the Postmaster-General,—

(1.) Is it true that officials who hold the position of postal assistants and operators have not yet received their classification; if so, will he state the cause of delay, and when they are likely to have their classification?

(2.) Have any Officers in Head Office or country branches been receiving the annual increases, in accordance with the Civil Service Act; if so, how many, and when; and if the amount has not yet been paid, when will it be?

Mr. Suttor answered,—

(1.) Officials holding the position of postal assistants or operators, and who were in receipt, at the time of the passing of the Civil Service Act, of salaries of £100 a year or over, have been classified. All such officials received their increments of £10 a year for 1885, except some few operators, who, in addition to their telegraph salaries, were in receipt of small postal salaries attached to the country offices in which they were employed. There seems to have been some misunderstanding as to those persons receiving the increments, but the matter is now being arranged.

(2.) All Officers have been paid the increases for 1885, in accordance with the Civil Service Act; but no provision has yet been made by Parliament for the payment of increases for the present year.

- (3.) Coal-fields Act:—*Mr. Melville* asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Have all collieries at work in New South Wales since 1876 complied with the regulation of the Coal-fields Act of 1876—"That, within one year and six months after commencing of working of any boards, stalls, or longwall workings in any mine, there shall be made and completed at least two separate and distinct openings to the day on surface from such mine, inter-communicating with each other, by means of either of which opening all persons employed in the colliery may at all times pass in and out"?

(2.) The names of all collieries fined for breach of this rule?

Mr. Fletcher answered,—

(1.) Yes, except in one or two cases in which the Minister has permitted apparatus to be erected at the furnace shaft, and the latter used as a second shaft to the day.

(2.) No colliery owners have been fined. Proceedings were taken in one case, but it was dismissed on a technical objection.

- (4.) Roman Catholic Orphan School, Parramatta:—*Dr. Wilkinson*, for *Mr. William Clarke*, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) What was the total cost of the buildings in Parramatta known as the Roman Catholic Orphanage?

(2.) What is the total amount of expenditure (exclusive of cost of buildings) in connection with the said Orphanage up to the end of the year 1885?

Dr. Kenwick answered,—I must ask the Honorable Member to postpone this question; and I request that the next question may also be postponed. I am dealing with the whole question; and it is my intention to make a report to the House in reference to it.

(5.)

(5.) Randwick Asylum:—Dr. Wilkinson asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that an opinion has been given that the only children eligible, by law, for admission to Randwick Asylum are:—(a) Children abandoned by their parents, or left without friends and protection; (b) children whose parents may, from profligate habits or conviction for crime, be unable to support or unfit to educate them; and that all other children are, by law, specifically excluded?

(2.) Is it true that a large number of children, not included in either of these classes, are in Randwick Asylum, and that children of the following classes are now received and partially paid for by their parents:—(a) The children of widowers, who are not of profligate habits or destitute; (b) the children of widows; (c) the children of parents residing in their own homes?

(3.) Is it not a fact that the Randwick Directors were informed by the late Sir Alexander Stuart, when Colonial Secretary, that it was illegal to receive such children into the Institution?

(4.) How many such children are at present in Randwick Asylum, and how many of each class have been received since 1st January, 1886?

(5.) Will he take steps to compel the Directors of Randwick Asylum to exclude from the Institution children who are ineligible, by law, to be admitted, and to remove those who may be at present there illegally; and is it the intention of the Government (in view of the large interest which the State has in the buildings, land, and Reserve Fund) to assert its right to exercise future control over the Institution?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—It is quite impossible to supply answers to all these questions at once. Perhaps the Honorable Member will move for the information in the form of a Return, when I have no doubt he will obtain all the particulars he requires.

(6.) Prisoners under Sixteen Years of Age:—Mr. Day, for Mr. Thompson, asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) What number of boys, under the age of sixteen, have been brought before the Police Courts in Sydney during the years 1884, 1885, and 1886?

(2.) What has been the character of the offences with which these boys have been charged?

(3.) How have these boys been dealt with?

Mr. Suttor answered,—Replies to the above questions will be included in a Return which is now being prepared, in reference to similar information which has been called for by the Honorable Member for St. Leonards, and which will be ready shortly.

(7.) Sydney Hospital:—Mr. Day, for Mr. Vaughn, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What is the mode adopted for the issue of admission passes for in-door patients to the Sydney Hospital?

(2.) Who are the persons authorized to issue such passes, what remuneration is given in connection therewith, and during what hours of the day or night are such passes obtainable?

(3.) At what places in the city of Sydney or suburbs are intending patients examined for admission?

(4.) Are there any means provided by which poor persons, unable to present themselves, may be examined, with a view to admission; and, if so, what are they?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

(1.) With reference to persons admitted to the Sydney Hospital, the expense of whose treatment is to form a charge against the vote for the support of sick paupers, the following plan is at present adopted:—Persons desirous to be admitted are invited to attend at 407, Pitt-street, every lawful day, between 11 a.m. and noon. After inquiry by a Medical Officer into the nature of the disease, and by an Officer of the Inspector of Public Charities into their circumstances, they are immediately provided with admission orders by the Inspector of Public Charities. Where cases of urgency are taken direct to the Hospitals and admitted, application must be made by the Hospital authorities to the Medical Adviser to the Government, who, after inquiry, grants an order for payment out of the "Pauper Vote."

(2.) The Principal Under Secretary, the Medical Adviser to the Government, and the Inspector of Public Charities. No extra remuneration is received by these Officers in connection with this duty. Dr. Sinclair is paid £150 per annum for examining all patients who apply at 407, Pitt-street. Cab-hire is always paid by the Government when necessary. As stated in answer to question 1, urgent cases can be admitted into Hospital at any hour of the day or night; but, as a rule, the formal admission order is only issued during office hours?

(3.) No. 407, Pitt-street, where a Medical Officer attends for that purpose?

(4.) When such cases are reported at the Health Office, a Medical Officer is sent to examine the patient; but, as a rule, such cases present themselves to the Hospital authorities in the first instance, when they are at once admitted, if found to be suitable?

(8.) Fisheries Inspector Quinan:—Mr. Tecece, for Mr. Abigail, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Whether, having regard to the opinion expressed by Sir Alexander Stuart, when Colonial Secretary, of the conduct of Mr. Quinan, and that Officer's conduct since, it is the intention of the Government to remove the present suspension, for the purpose of giving him an appointment in another Department?

(2.) How long has Mr. Quinan been under suspension, and will he receive salary for such time?

(3.) When will his case be finally dealt with?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—Mr. Quinan's suspension has been removed, and it is intended to transfer him to another appointment. He has been under suspension since the 20th April last, and will receive salary from that date to the date of his transfer.

(9.) Invitation to Right Honorable W. E. Gladstone:—Mr. Garland asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he consider the advisableness of communicating with the various Governments of Australasia, with a view of inviting the Right Honorable William Ewart Gladstone to visit these Colonies during his contemplated tour for the benefit of his health?

Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—The Government do not deem it necessary to communicate with the various Governments of Australasia, with the view of initiating any such invitation to the Right Honorable gentleman.

2. VINE DISEASES 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 prohibit the Importation of Grape-vines Grape-vine-cuttings and Grapes and to deal with the disease known as Phylloxera.*"
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 the Importation of Grape-vines Grape-vine-cuttings and Grapes and to deal with the disease known as Phylloxera,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 17th August, 1886.*
3. SUBWAY UNDER RAILWAY LINE AT ALT-STREET, ASHFIELD (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Henson moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Return to Order, "Subway under Railway Line at Alt-street, Ashfield," laid upon the Table of this House on the 25th May last, be printed.
Question put and passed.
4. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day for the third reading of Bird Estate Bill postponed until to-morrow.
5. Uther Estate Leasing Bill :—Ordered, on motion of Mr. Teece, 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 1st July, 1886, requesting its concurrence in certain amendments made by the Council in the Uther Estate Leasing Bill,—agrees to the amendments, except that omitting the second paragraph of the Schedule, to which it disagrees, because the property described in such paragraph should be included in the Schedule.
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 17th August, 1886.*
6. DIVORCE EXTENSION BILL :—
(1.) Mr. Kidd presented two Petitions from certain Residents in this Colony, representing that Petitioners are conscientiously opposed to the provisions of the Divorce Extension Bill, for the reasons stated in their Petition; and praying the House to refuse its assent to the said Bill.
Petitions received.
(2.) Mr. Abbott presented a similar Petition from certain Ministers of the several Churches in the City of Newcastle and surrounding Districts.
Petition received.
7. PAPERS :—
Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Report on the Coast Hospital, Little Bay, for 1884.
(2.) Report on the Coast Hospital, Little Bay, for 1885.
(3.) Return to an Order made on 18th June, 1886—"State Children's Relief Department."
Ordered to be printed.
(4.) Return to an Order made on 20th July, 1886—"Mr. Coghlan, Government Statistician."
Dr. Renwick laid upon the Table,—Notice of cancellation of part of the 26th Timber and State Forest Regulation of 18th August, 1835.
Ordered to be printed.
Sir Patrick Jennings laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 30th July, 1886—"Customs Department."
Ordered to be printed.
8. ALLEGED ABUSES IN CONNECTION WITH THE SHIPPING OF NEW SOUTH WALES :—Mr. O'Sullivan presented a Petition from Thomas Davidson Hay, of Sydney, Secretary of the Australasian Institution of Marine Engineers, stating that, as the interests of the Petitioner and the other Members of the Australasian Institution of Marine Engineers are involved in the matters referred to the Select Committee appointed to consider the alleged abuses in connection with the shipping of New South Wales, he and they are desirous that the said Institution should be represented before such Committee; and praying for leave so to appear, on behalf of the said Institution, in person or by solicitor or counsel, and, if necessary, to produce papers and witnesses, and examine and cross-examine witnesses produced before the said Committee.
Petition received, and referred to the Select Committee on the subject.
9. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. W. J. Fergusson moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
10. MR. GEORGE STEVENSON :—Mr. Davies presented a Petition from certain Residents of the Macleay River, referring to the recent inquiry into certain alleged irregularities in the discharge of Mr. Stevenson's official duties as Clerk of Petty Sessions, Kempsey; stating their opinion that an injustice has been done to him; and praying that a full and searching inquiry be made by a Select Committee of this House.
And the Petition having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker,—
Petition received.
11. INCOME TAX BILL :—
(1.) Ordered, on motion of Sir Patrick Jennings, that a Bill be brought in, founded on Resolution of Ways and Means No. 10, for imposing a Tax on Incomes.
(2.) Sir Patrick Jennings then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill for imposing a Tax on Incomes,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday next.

12. RAILWAY FROM GRAFTON TO THE TWEED RIVER:—Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table (*as Exhibits only*), Plan, Section, and Book of Reference of a proposed Railway from Grafton to the Tweed River—Part No. 1.
13. LAND TAX 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,—

WEDNESDAY, 18 AUGUST, 1886, A.M.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

14. INCOME TAX BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Sir Patrick Jennings and read by Mr. Speaker:—

CARRINGTON,

Message No. 63.

Governor.

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 expediency of making provision to meet the requisite expenses in connection with a Bill for imposing a Tax on Incomes.

Government House,

Sydney, 17th August, 1886.

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

15. PLACES OF DETENTION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Suttor moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Suttor, 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. Suttor, the report was adopted.

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

The House adjourned at twenty-three minutes after One o'clock, a.m., until Four o'clock, p.m. This Day.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 112.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 18 AUGUST, 1886.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Railway Employés:—Mr. Gould asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that much complaint has been expressed by engine-men on the Great Northern and North-western Railway at the loss of time they sustain?
- (2.) Is it a fact that the men stationed on these lines (with the exception of those at Newcastle and Morpeth) frequently suffer from this loss?
- (3.) Are the men precluded from engaging in any other occupation?
- (4.) Are engine-men, not on duty each day, paid for the aggregate number of hours only they may work, and are men engaged each day, though not aggregating a full week's time (fifty-five hours), paid for the full week? Thus—Is a man, working for five days, aggregating fifty hours, paid for that time alone; and is a man, working on each of the six days, but for only forty hours in the aggregate, paid a full week of fifty-five hours?
- (5.) If this be the case, is it his intention to direct that the men referred to receive their full week's pay, as in the case of men engaged each day, although not aggregating fifty-five hours each week?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) I understand that some complaint has been made; but, on inquiry, it has been found that the cause has been exaggerated.
 - (2.) The regulation time (fifty-five hours a week) is not uniformly worked—sometimes less time and at other times more. As an illustration, it may be stated that, although in the first of the last two pay periods, they lost $5\frac{1}{2}$ days in the last fortnight they worked, and were paid for $10\frac{1}{2}$ days overtime.
 - (3.) Necessarily so.
 - (4.) No; if a man work fifty hours during 5 days, he is paid for $5\frac{1}{2}$ days; but if he be called out for duty on each day for 6 days, although he may not be employed for fifty-five hours, he is paid a full week's pay.
 - (5.) There seems to be no necessity to interfere with the present liberal arrangement.
- (2.) Government Statistician's Department:—Mr. William Clarke asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) How many Officers did the Government Statist ask to be appointed to the Statistical Branch of the Service?
 - (2.) How many have been appointed?
 - (3.) Under what provision of the Civil Service Act were the appointments made?
 - (4.) Were the Civil Service Board consulted, or did they recommend the appointments?
 - (5.) In making the appointments, have the claims of Permanent Officers for promotion been considered?
 - (6.) Have any appointments been made from the Temporary Staff?
 - (7.) Have any Officers been appointed who were under suspension?
 - (8.) Will he furnish a list of the names of persons appointed, showing present position in Service, length of service, and what additional salary they are to receive, and whether they have passed the University Examination?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

- (1 and 2.) No special number was asked for; but twelve have been appointed, and their services will be fully required.
- (3.) 29th section.
- (4, 5, and 6.) Yes; the Civil Service Board was consulted, and pointed out that, being new appointments under the above-named section, they were outside its jurisdiction.
- (7.) Yes, one.
- (8.) There will be no objection to furnish a list of names of persons asked for; but I may state that most of them were selected for special qualifications, and nine of those appointed are transfers from other Departments.

(3.)

- (3.) Railway from Pearce's Corner to Crow's Nest, North Shore :—Mr. William Clarke asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government to call for tenders for the railway from Pearce's Corner to Crow's Nest, North Shore; if so, when will the tenders be called?
Mr. Lyne answered,—It is the intention, but I cannot say when tenders will be called.
- (4.) Temporary Draftsmen, Survey Office :—Mr. Neild asked the Colonial Secretary,—When will the papers relating to "Temporary Draftsmen, Survey Office," ordered, by Resolution of this House, on the 23rd June, 1886, be laid upon the Table?
Mr. Dibbs answered,—In the course of a few days.
- (5.) Railway Freights from Bourke :—Mr. Davies asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) Is it correct that an Officer of the Railway Department was deputed, about twelve months ago, to visit the Wilcannia District, with a view of securing to the Railway certain traffic (particularly wool), which, before the opening of the line to Bourke, was usually conveyed by water to Adelaide and Melbourne; if so, will the Minister explain what instructions were given to that Officer for the object named, and what has been the result of such visit, and what are the recommendations made by the Officer referred to?
(2.) Is it correct that one suggestion made by that Officer was to still further reduce the present rate for wool from certain distances, in order to secure this river traffic; and is his suggestion to be acted on?
Mr. Lyne answered,—
(1.) Yes; instructions were given to the Officer to make inquiries, and report upon the method best calculated to divert the trade of the Darling to Sydney. Certain modifications of the rates were recommended. They were approved and adopted.
(2.) Yes; his suggestion has been acted upon.
- (6.) City of Sydney Improvement Act :—Mr. Day, for Mr. G. A. Lloyd, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Is it a fact that summonses have been issued, by the authority of the Mayor of Sydney, calling upon the owners of property which has been condemned to appear at the Water Police Court on Friday, the 20th instant?
(2.) Having in view the provisions of the 31st clause of the City Improvement Act, do the Government intend to take such steps as will compel the Mayor first to comply with that clause, and stay proceedings pending his compliance?
Mr. Dibbs answered,—Yes; and the matter is now engaging the earnest attention of the Government.
- (7.) Tramway between Randwick and Waverley :—Mr. Trickett asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the construction of the tramway line between Randwick and Waverley be commenced?
Mr. Lyne answered,—The question is now ripe for decision, and it will be decided upon in a few days.
- (8.) Reserve, Bronte, Nelson's Bay :—Mr. Trickett asked the Secretary for Mines,—Referring to previous promises by the Minister, what steps are being taken to resume or purchase the land at Bronte, Nelson's Bay, for purposes of a public reserve?
Mr. Fletcher answered,—Steps have been taken, with a view to the purchase of the land; but, owing to the large number of owners interested, and the difficulty of making reasonable terms with them, it is thought that it will be necessary to resume the land; and it will be resumed without unnecessary delay.
- (9.) Glen Innes-Inverell Railway :—Mr. Moore asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When is it his intention to move the adoption of the Plans, &c., of the Glen Innes-Inverell Railway?
Mr. Lyne answered,—It is my intention to move the adoption of the Plans and Books of Reference of proposed Railways so soon as the Government taxation proposals are passed this House, which, I hope, will be the end of next week.
2. PLACES OF DETENTION BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—On motion of Mr. Suttor, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Suttor then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to amend the Law relating to the detention and transfer of Convicted Offenders.*"
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 detention and transfer of Convicted Offenders,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 18th August, 1886.
3. MARRIED WOMEN'S PROPERTY ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—On motion of Mr. Reid, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Reid then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to amend the 'Married Women's Property Act.'*"
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 'Married Women's Property Act,'*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 18th August, 1886.

4. BIRD ESTATE BILL. (*Formal Order of the Day*).—On motion of Mr. Trickett, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Trickett then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to enable John Humphries or other the Trustee or Trustees for the time being of a Settlement bearing date the second day of August one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight and made between Thomas Bird deceased of the first part Trophina Bird his wife also deceased of the second part and Francis Smith and the Reverend John Joseph M'Encroe of the third part to sell certain land and houses in Oatley-street and Park-road in the city of Sydney and to 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 John Humphries or other the Trustee or Trustees for the time being of a Settlement bearing date the second day of August one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight and made between Thomas Bird deceased of the first part Trophina Bird his wife also deceased of the second part and Francis Smith and the Reverend John Joseph M'Encroe of the third part to sell certain land and houses in Oatley-street and Park-road 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 certified copies of the Deeds referred to in the Preamble of the Bill.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 18th August, 1886.

5. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of Kiss's George-street Property Bill postponed until Friday, 10th September.
6. PENRITH WATER AND GAS SUPPLY BILL:—Mr. T. R. 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 13th August, 1886; together with Appendix and 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, 10th September.

Question put and passed.

7. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Neild 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.) St. James' School Compensation Trust Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to declare the Trusts of certain moneys in the hands of the Church of England Property Trust Diocese of Sydney representing the compensation paid by the Government of New South Wales for the resumption of Saint James' School,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 18th August, 1886.

JOHN HAY,

President.

- (2.) Parramatta Church School Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Right Reverend Alfred Barry D.D. Lord Bishop of Sydney and his successors the Bishops of Sydney to sell or demise a certain plot of Church Land situate in the Town of Parramatta and to apply the proceeds,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 18th August, 1886.

JOHN HAY,

President.

- (3.) Cooma Church of England Parsonage Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to authorize and empower Robert Dawson the surviving Trustee of certain Church of England lands at Cooma and to authorize and empower the said Robert Dawson and James Litchfield David Ryrie and John Edward Pretty Walker the Trustees of certain lands dedicated by the Crown for a site for a Church of England Parsonage at Cooma aforesaid to sell the said respective lands 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, 18th August, 1886.

JOHN HAY,

President.

COOMA CHURCH OF ENGLAND PARSONAGE BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 18th August, 1886.

JOHN J. CALVERT,

Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 2, clause 1, line 26. Omit "After the passing of this Act."

Page 2, clause 2, line 41. Omit "After the passing of this Act."

Page 2, clause 3, line 58. Omit "clauses" insert "sections"

Examined,—

W. R. PIDDINGTON,

Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the Council's amendments be taken into consideration on Friday, 27th August.

(4.)

(4.) Parramatta Public Baths Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to enable the Council of the Borough of Parramatta to construct establish and maintain Public Baths within the Borough of Parramatta upon part of a portion of land originally granted to the said Council as a site for a Market in Parramatta North,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 18th August, 1886.

JOHN HAY,
President.

PARRAMATTA PUBLIC BATHS BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 18th August, 1886.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 2, clause 3, line 45. Omit "Bill" insert "Act"
 Page 2, clause 3, line 50. After "thereof" insert "and all such penalties shall be recoverable in a
 "summary way before any two Justices of the Peace"
 Page 2, clause 3, line 53. After "Gazette" omit remainder of clause.
 Page 2, clause 4, line 58. After "confirmed" insert "and"
 Page 2, clause 4, line 59. After "published" omit remainder of clause.
 Page 3, clause 6, line 6. Omit "Bill" insert "Act"
 Page 3, clause 6, line 7. Omit "Bill" insert "Act"

Examined,—

W. R. PIDDINGTON,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the Council's amendments be taken into consideration on Friday, 27th August.

(5.) Bowenfels Coal-mining and Copper-smelting Company's Railway (Sale and Vesting) Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to authorize and empower the Directors for the time being of the 'Bowenfels Coal-mining and Copper-smelting Company (Limited)' to carry out an agreement for the sale of land on part of which the Railway of the Company is constructed and other property and to vest such land and other property in the purchaser,*"—with the amendment indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendment the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 18th August, 1886.

JOHN HAY,
President.

BOWENFELS COAL-MINING AND COPPER-SMELTING COMPANY'S RAILWAY (SALE AND VESTING) BILL.

Schedule of the Amendment referred to in Message of 18th August, 1886.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 2, Preamble, line 51. Omit "K.C.M.G."

Examined,—

W. R. PIDDINGTON,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the Council's amendment be taken into consideration on Friday, 27th August.

9. LAND TAX 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 at a later hour of the day.
10. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT :—Sir Patrick Jennings, referring to the Question No. 2, answered this day, stated that a difference of opinion existed between the Government and the Honorable the Colonial Secretary (Mr. Dibbs) as to the creation of the Statistician's Department, and that Mr. Dibbs had tendered his resignation.
 Mr. Dibbs also addressed the House.
11. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Wisdom moved, That this House do now adjourn.
 Question put and negatived.
2. LAND TAX 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 Sir Patrick Jennings (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.
 Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.
13. CHURCH AND SCHOOL LANDS DEDICATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read, Dr. Renwick moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed.
 Bill read a second time.
 On motion of Dr. Renwick, 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,—

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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.
On motion of Dr. Renwick (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

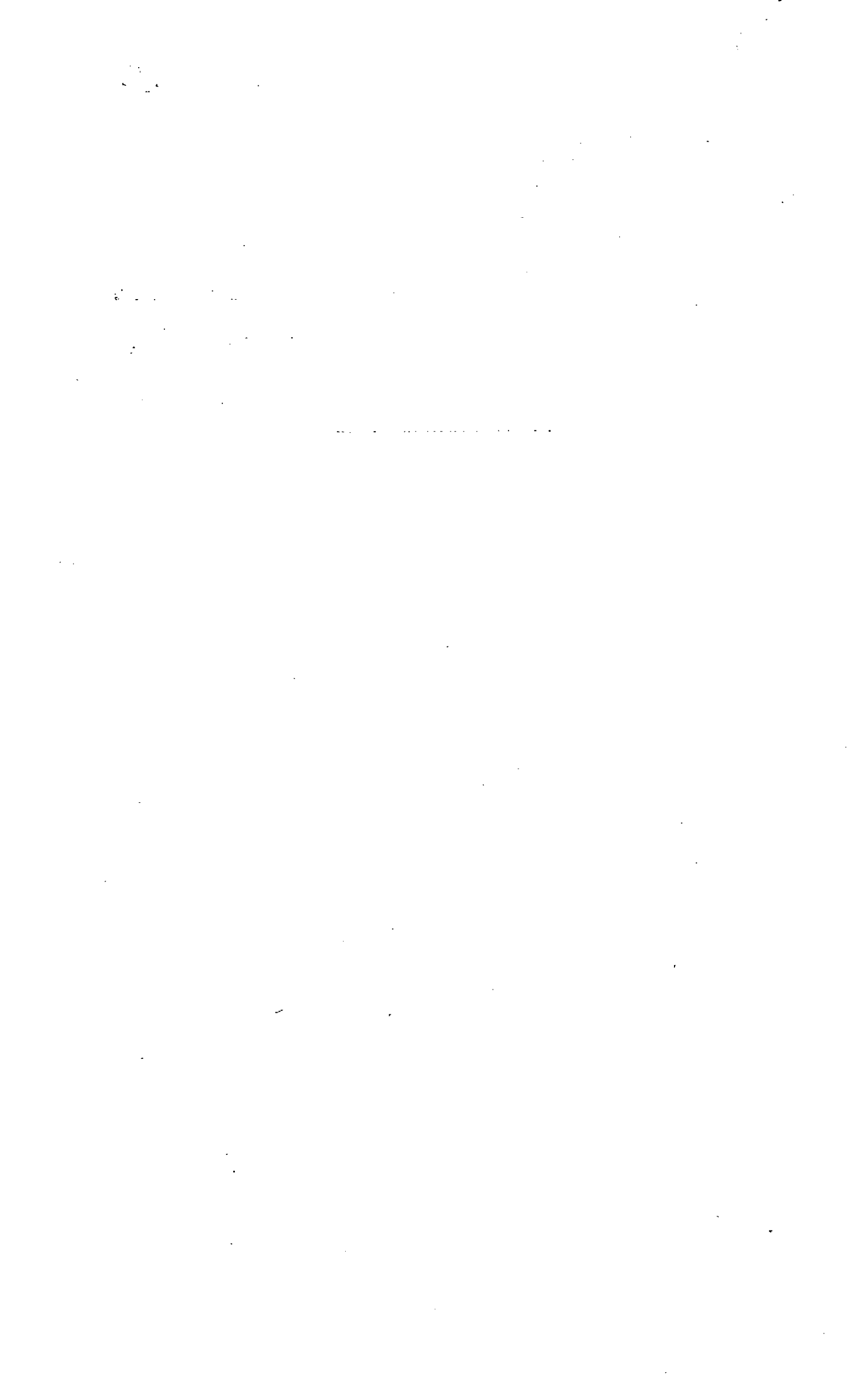
14. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir Patrick Jennings moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly at half-past Twelve 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.

THURSDAY, 19 AUGUST, 1886.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Railway Station, Hornsby Junction, or Pearce's Corner:—Mr. Teece asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the erection of the railway station buildings at Hornsby Junction, or Pearce's Corner, be proceeded with?

Mr. Lyne answered,—Tenders will be called without delay.

- (2.) Railway Employés:—Mr. Gould asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Referring to his reply to Mr. Gould, on Wednesday, 12th instant, relative to railway employés, will he be pleased to say what is meant by a full year's work, and if it is in any way dependent on the mileage run, or does it simply require attendance to duties when required?

Mr. Lyne answered,—A full year's work, in the sense referred to, means uninterrupted and good conduct service for twelve months. It is not dependent upon the mileage run.

- (3.) Site for Presbyterian Church at Molong:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—The cause of the delay in issuing the deeds of land granted as a site for the Presbyterian Church at Molong, and when will the same be ready for delivery?

Mr. Copeland answered,—The delay rests with the Church authorities. The deed can be prepared immediately they arrange as to the Trustees to whom the land is to be conveyed.

- (4.) Bridge at Larras Lake, near Molong:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) Was the contract for repairs to the bridge at Larras Lake, near Molong, let by tender, or how, at what price, to whom, and when will the contract be finished?
(2.) Is it the custom of the Department to allow the District Road Superintendent to let contracts for local public works without calling for tenders for the same?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) Let by tender. W. Raphael's tender, £201 10s., was accepted for repairs to bridges at Copper Hill, Bridgewater, Larras Lake, Three Rivers, and Newrea. Local Officer reported, on 12th July, that work was nearly completed.

(2.) No; unless in specially exceptional or urgent cases, when suitable tenders have not been obtained.

- (5.) Local Land Offices at Forbes and Parkes:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) The number of selections and the number of acres of land that have been selected at the Land Office at Forbes since the Land Act of 1884 came into operation to the present date, and the amount received from the same?

(2.) The same information in regard to the number of selections, the area selected, and the amount received from the same at the Land Office at Parkes during the same period?

Mr. Copeland answered,—Up to the 12th instant, 116 applications for conditional purchases, under the provisions of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, have been made at the Land Office, Forbes, embracing an area of 38,645 acres 3 roods 11 perches; deposit paid thereon, £3,939 7s. 6d. At the Land Office, Parkes, 117 applications have been made, embracing an area of 49,054½ acres; deposit paid, £5,094 18s. 6d.

- (6.) Ministerial Special Trains:—Mr. Neild asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) How many special trains have been run in connection with Ministerial visits to different parts of the country during the last three months?

(2.) The total cost of such trains?

(3.) Have such trains been paid for, or are they to be paid for, by the Ministers using them?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) Eight trains have been run.

(2.) £276.

(3.) No.

2. WOLLONGONG PUBLIC SCHOOL SITE SALE BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

(1.) Dr. Renwick moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to remove doubts as to the power of selling the old Public School Site at Wollongong under the Public Instruction Act of 1880.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Dr. Renwick then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to remove doubts as to the power of selling the old Public School Site at Wollongong under the 'Public Instruction Act of 1880,'*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

3. CHURCH AND SCHOOL LANDS DEDICATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—

On motion of Dr. Renwick, read a third time, and passed.

Dr. Renwick then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to amend the 'Church and School Lands Dedication Act 1880.'*"

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 'Church and School Lands Dedication Act 1880'*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 19th August, 1886.*

4. PAPERS:—

Mr. Copeland laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Public Purposes, in accordance with the 104th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

(2.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from sale until surveyed for the Preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, in accordance with the 101st, 103rd, 109th, and 112th sections of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

(3.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 101st section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

(4.) Copies of *Gazette* Notices, setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the dedication of certain lands, in accordance with the provisions of the 105th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

(5.) Abstract of Alterations of Designs of Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the 107th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

Ordered to be printed.

Dr. Renwick laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Report of the Trustees of the Australian Museum for 1885.

(2.) Notification of resumption of land for Public School Purposes, under Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, at Enmore and Noorooma.

(3.) Report on University of Sydney for 1885.

Ordered to be printed.

5. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Davies moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

6. ASSENT TO BILLS:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Sir Patrick Jennings and read by Mr. Speaker:—

(1.) Randwick Cemetery Unused Lands Sale Bill:—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 64.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorize the Trustees for the time being of the Randwick Cemetery to sell lands situate at Randwick originally granted for the purpose of the interment of the dead and apply the proceeds to the extension of the Church of Saint Jude's and to make such further provision for Church extension in the parish of Randwick as may be deemed necessary,*"—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.

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Sydney, 17th August, 1886.*

(2.) Mrs. Payten's Estate Leasing Bill:—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 65.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Trustees of a settlement made on the marriage of Edward Payten and Hannah Rebecca Pye Rose to accept a surrender of a lease of part of the lands comprised in the said settlement and to extend the power to grant leases conferred by the said settlement on the Trustees 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, 17th August, 1886.*

(3.) Ennis Estate Bill :—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 66.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Trustees of certain land at Rocky Point to lease mortgage or sell the same and to provide for the application of the moneys so obtained 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.

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Sydney, 19th August, 1886.

7. VOTE OF CREDIT:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Sir Patrick Jennings and read by Mr. Speaker :—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 67.

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 August, or following month, of the year 1886, together with provision for other Services of the year 1886 of an urgent nature, and also for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan.

Government House,
Sydney, 19th August, 1886.

Ordered to be printed and referred to the Committee of Supply.

8. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council :—

(1.) Stamp Duties Act Amendment Bill (No. 3) :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Stamp Duties Act of 1880'*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 19th August, 1886.

JOHN HAY,
President.

(2.) Uther Estate Leasing Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having taken into consideration the Legislative Assembly's Message, dated 17th August, 1886, in reference to the Uther Estate Leasing Bill,—does not insist upon that portion of its amendment in the Schedule disagreed to by the Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 19th August, 1886.

JOHN HAY,
President.

9. ILLAWARRA STEAM NAVIGATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—Mr. Henry Clarke presented a Petition from Robert Deane, Michael Metcalfe, Walter Friend, Charles James Manning, and Thomas William Eady, Directors of the Illawarra Steam Navigation Company, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to amend an Act, intituled "*An Act to incorporate the Proprietors of a certain Company called the 'Kiama Steam Navigation Company' and for other purposes herein mentioned*" and also to amend an Act intituled "*An Act to alter the title of the 'Kiama Steam Navigation Company' to that of the 'Illawarra Steam Navigation Company' and in other respects to amend and extend the provisions of the Act of Incorporation of the said Company.*"

And Mr. Clarke having produced the *Government Gazette* and the *Sydney Morning Herald* newspaper, containing the Notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.

10. PAPER :—Mr. Suttor laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 7th July, 1886—"Mr. Metcalfe, Engineer in the Electric Telegraph Department."
Ordered to be printed.

11. LAND TAX BILL (No. 2.) :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Dr. Renwick moved "That" this Bill be now read a third time.

Sir Patrick Jennings 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 2, 16, and 32."

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 clauses 2, 16, and 32,—put and passed.

On motion of Sir Patrick Jennings, 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 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.

12. SUPPLY :—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 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,

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 there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £946,666, being £510,000 to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of August, 1886, at the rates which have been sanctioned for 1885, inclusive of the annual increases on salaries for that year, provided for by the Civil Service Act of 1884, subject to the rate of any reduction that may hereafter be made in the expenditure of the year 1886; and £436,666, being £25,000 to recoup the Treasurer's Advance Vote for sums paid therefrom on account of Relief Works for and relief to the unemployed, and to admit of further payments being made as required; £21,666 balance of Special Grant to Country and Suburban Municipalities; £50,000 for Sydney Water Supply, further sum, and £340,000 for Railways, further sum, in anticipation of Loan Votes.

On motion of Sir Patrick Jennings, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

13. **WAYS AND MEANS**.—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 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:—

(13.) *Resolved*.—That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Services of the Year 1886, the sum of £946,666 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.

On motion of Sir Patrick Jennings, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

14. **CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 8)**:—

(1.) Ordered, on motion of Sir Patrick Jennings, 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 1886, and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan.

(2.) Sir Patrick Jennings 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 1886 and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan*,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

The House adjourned at three 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.

FRIDAY, 20 AUGUST, 1886.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Railway to Inverell:—Mr. Inglis asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What is the distance from Uralla to Inverell, *via* the trial survey line, by way of Bundarra?
- (2.) What is the distance between the same places, *via* the Great Northern Railway, and from Glen Innes?
- (3.) What is the greatest altitude obtained by each route?
- (4.) What is the difference of altitude in favour of the trial survey route by way of Bundarra?
- (5.) What particular advantage (if any) is expected to be gained by the greater ascent (about 1,000 feet, *vide* Assembly Paper 315, of 1883), per the Great Northern Railway, than by the trial survey line?
- (6.) Has he any objection to lay upon the Table of the House a Return showing the grades and curves on each line?
- (7.) What is the estimated cost of haulage required to surmount the higher altitude, and to compass the greater distance of the route by the Great Northern Railway, and from Glen Innes?
- (8.) Is it the intention of the Government to refer the question of the construction of a Railway to connect Inverell with the Great Northern Railway to a Select Committee?

Dr. Renwick answered,—

- (1.) 77 miles.
- (2.) 123 miles.
- (3.) By the Uralla and Bundarra route, 3,485 feet above sea level near Uralla; and, by the Northern Railway and Glen Innes route, 4,513 feet above sea level at Ben Lomond.
- (4.) 1,028 feet.
- (5.) The advantage could only be in the saving of the construction of 32 miles of railway, being the difference between a direct line from Uralla to Inverell of 77 miles, as against 45 miles from Glen Innes to that town.
- (6.) There is no objection.
- (7.) As the steepest grade on the proposed direct line will probably be the same as on the main line, *viz.*, 1 in 40, and as the other grades will be proportionately the same, the estimated cost of haulage per mile would be the same on each, the difference in total cost being due to the extra distance, which is about 60 per cent. in favour of the direct line from Uralla to Inverell.

- (2.) Railway to Inverell:—Mr. Inglis asked The Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What is the distance between Newcastle and Inverell, *via* Glen Innes?
- (2.) What is the distance between Newcastle and Inverell, *via* Uralla and Bundarra?
- (3.) What is the estimated cost of the construction of the line from Glen Innes to Inverell, including estimated cost of lands to be resumed?
- (4.) The same information in regard to the line between Uralla and Inverell, *via* Bundarra?

Dr. Renwick answered,—

- (1.) 369 miles.
- (2.) 323 miles.
- (3.) £534,636, as estimated from working section; £578,000 voted.
- (4.) £956,483, as estimated from section of trial survey.

- (3.) Prisoners under Sixteen Years of Age:—Sir Henry Parkes asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) What is the number of male persons, under sixteen years of age, charged with offences against the criminal law before the Police Courts of Sydney, Newtown, Balmain, Paddington, Redfern, and St. Leonards, and convicted or committed for trial, in the years 1883, 1884, 1885, and the first six months of 1886, respectively?
- (2.) The like information in respect to females under sixteen years of age for the same periods?

Mr. Suttor answered,—In accordance with the answer given on the 13th instant to the Honorable Member, I will presently lay upon the Table replies to the above questions in the shape of a Return.

(4.)

(4.) Supply of Water to Junee Railway Station :—*Mr. Wall*, for Mr. Abbott, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Have the Government decided to abandon the proposed scheme of pumping water from the Murrumbidgee, at Wagga Wagga, for the supply of the railway establishment at Junee ?

(2.) If so, what representations have been made to the Government to induce them to take this course, and what alternative scheme do the Government propose for supplying the establishment at Junee with water ?

(3.) Have the Government any scheme in contemplation for supplying the establishment with water from Houlaghan's Creek ; if so, what are briefly the details of the scheme ?

(4.) Have the Government in their possession statistical data, collected since the laying out of the branch line to Narrandera and Hay, showing the capacity of Houlaghan's Creek for the storage of water, and the area of the watershed of the creek, and the general character of the country through which this creek passes ?

(5.) Is it a fact that any pastoral lessee, having a dam on that creek, has expressed his willingness to supply water to the Department for the use of Junee, and supplied water accordingly ?

(6.) Is it a fact that this lessee has ceased to supply the water, and given as his reason that the quantity of water required by the railway would not leave enough for his own wants ?

(7.) Is it a fact that important additions are being made to the railway establishment at Junee, notwithstanding the uncertainty of obtaining a water supply ?

Dr. Renwick answered,—

(1 and 2.) No ; the matter is still under consideration.

(3 and 4.) Inquiry is being made. Nothing definite can be said on the subject until the project has been inquired into.

(5.) Mr. Hammond's dam, at Old Junee, was availed of for the supply of water for locomotive depôt at Junee Junction.

(6.) The supply was stopped for a time, because Mr. Hammond feared that his own requirements would be interfered with.

(7.) Not at the present time.

(5.) Illawarra Railway :—*Mr. Judd* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government to cause those stations now lighted with kerosene, on the Illawarra Railway Line, in the immediate vicinity of which gas mains are laid, to be lighted with gas ; and, if so, when ?

Dr. Renwick answered,—It is proposed to light St. Peters' Station with gas from the Company's main. The question of lighting Marrickville and Tempe Stations with gas will receive further consideration. Kerosene is less expensive than gas ; but, as the traffic increases, the extra outlay will be incurred.

(6.) Resumed Area of Messrs. Amos' Runs, Castlereagh River :—*Mr. Davies* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Minister has advertised to be submitted to auction, on the 29th September next, the whole of the measured portions fronting the Castlereagh River, and situated on the resumed area of the Messrs. Amos' runs ?

(2.) If so, will instructions be issued to withdraw such land from sale ?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1.) Some frontage portions, as described, are advertised for sale on the 28th September.

(2.) I am not at present aware of any reason for the withdrawal of the land from sale, but will look carefully into the matter.

(7.) Railway Engine Sheds, Wellington and Dubbo :—*Mr. Abigail* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has he arrived at any decision in the matter of the engine sheds of Wellington and Dubbo ; if so, will he state the nature of the same ?

Dr. Renwick answered,—A final decision has not yet been arrived at.

(8.) Audit of Railway Accounts :—*Mr. Thompson* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) How many Clerks are employed in the Audit Department of the Railways ?

(2.) What is the annual cost of that Department ?

(3.) How long has that Department been in existence ?

(4.) Do Officers from the Audit Office of the Treasury go through the accounts of the Railways, and how often ?

Dr. Renwick answered,—

(1.) Fifty-seven Clerks, including the auditing of the Tramway Accounts, and the preparation of statistical information unconnected with the Audit.

(2.) £9,300.

(3.) Since the Railways were established in 1855.

(4.) Yes, both of the Auditor-General's Department and of the Treasury. There is a continual examination and audit of the Expenditure Account, and also of the Revenue Account, by Inspectors under the Auditor-General.

(9.) Mail Train from Newcastle :—*Mr. Gould* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it contemplated to make a change in the hour of departure of the mail train from Newcastle ; and, if so, will he please state what that change will probably be, and in what manner the convenience of the travelling public in the Hunter River District will be provided for when desiring to travel to the northern and north-western portions of the Colony ?

Dr. Renwick answered,—The question is under consideration, and nothing can be said definitely on the subject until the project is determined upon or abandoned.

(10.) Sewer at Comber-street, Paddington :—*Mr. Neild* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the construction of the sewer at Comber-street, Paddington, be commenced ?

Dr. Renwick answered,—Tenders have been received, the lowest recommended for acceptance, and the work will be commenced without delay.

- (11.) Roadway and Wood-paving at Circular Quay :—Mr. Burdekin asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
 (1.) When will the roadway at the Circular Quay, leading from Pitt-street to the A.S.N. Company's wharf, and from Pitt-street to Fort Macquarie, be repaired?
 (2.) When is it intended to proceed with the wood-paving in this locality?

Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—Both these matters are under consideration, and will be dealt with as soon as possible.

2. CIRCUIT COURTS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Hugh Taylor, for Mr. Holborow, 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 showing,—
 (1.) The number of hours the Judges have sat in the several Circuit Courts of the Colony during the last four Circuits, distinguishing the cases within, and those beyond, the jurisdiction of the Quarter Sessions and District Courts, and the times occupied in Criminal and Civil business respectively.
 (2.) The amount that has been expended or contracted to be expended in the erection of Court-houses in the several Circuit Towns.

Question put and passed.

3. ILLAWARRA STEAM NAVIGATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—
 (1.) Mr. Henry Clarke moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend an Act, intituled "An Act to incorporate the Proprietors of a certain Company, called the 'Kiama Steam Navigation Company,' and for other purposes herein mentioned; and also to amend an Act, intituled 'An Act to alter the title of the Kiama Steam Navigation Company' to that of the 'Illawarra Steam Navigation Company'; and, in other respects, to amend and extend the provisions of the Act of Incorporation of the said Company."

Question put and passed.

- (2.) Mr. Clarke 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 amend an Act intituled 'An Act to incorporate the Proprietors of a certain Company called the 'Kiama Steam Navigation Company' and for other purposes herein mentioned and also to amend an Act intituled 'An Act to alter the title of the 'Kiama Steam Navigation Company' to that of the 'Illawarra Steam Navigation Company' and in other respects to amend and extend the provisions of the Act of Incorporation of the said Company,'"—read a first time.

4. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the adjourned Debate on the subject of the Railway from Cooma to Bombala postponed until Friday, 17th September.

5. PAPERS :—

Dr. Renwick laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 15th July, 1886—"Forest Rangers." Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Suttor laid upon the Table,—Return of Convictions and Committals of Persons under Sixteen Years of Age for years 1883, 1884, 1885, and portion of 1886.

Ordered to be printed.

6. FREE RAILWAY PASSES TO SCHOOL CHILDREN :—Mr. Stokes moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this "House," a free pass upon 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.

Debate ensued.

Mr. James Henry Young moved, That the Question be amended, by the omission of all the words in paragraph (1.) after the word "House," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words, "it is not the duty of the State to carry children to public or private schools free of charge, either by rail or otherwise; and that, in the public interest, the practice should be discontinued."

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 put.

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, a free pass upon 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, 22.

Sir Patrick Jennings,	Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Day,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Olliffe.
Mr. O'Connor,	
Mr. O'Sullivan,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Toobey,	Mr. Moore,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Williamson.
Mr. Forsyth,	
Mr. Septimus Stephen,	
Mr. Hassall,	
Mr. Harold Stephen,	
Mr. J. D. Young,	
Mr. Lyssaght,	
Mr. Stokes,	
Mr. Rylie,	
Mr. Dalton,	
Mr. Cass,	

Noes, 31.

Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Abigail,
Dr. Renwick,	Mr. Scott,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Teccc,
Mr. Foster,	Mr. Lee,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Inglis,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Judd,
Mr. Thompson,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. Sec,	Mr. Henson,
Mr. Tarrant,	Mr. Kethel,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. H. H. Brown,	Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. J. F. Smith.
Mr. De Courcy Browne,	
Mr. Lyne,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Humphery,
Mr. Davies,	Mr. Neild.
Mr. T. R. Smith,	

And so it passed in the negative.

7. RAILWAY CONTRACTS WITH MESSRS. HUDSON BROTHERS:—Mr. Forsyth moved, pursuant to *amended* Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—

(1.) Copies of all existing contracts between Messrs. Hudson Bros. (Limited) and the Department of Public Works for the manufacture of railway rolling stock and supply of articles and materials for the Railway Department, for which public tenders were called by advertisements; likewise the contracts taken over from Mr. Ritchie for rolling stock, and being carried out by Messrs. Hudson Bros. (Limited).

(2.) A statement of the number and description of carriages, trucks, vans, and waggons, and materials and articles supplied under such contracts, with their respective prices and total cost.

(3.) A statement of the number and description of carriages, trucks, vans, and waggons, and articles supplied under such contracts, on which extras were allowed, with the respective contract prices and the extras on each and total cost.

(4.) A statement of the number and description of carriages, trucks, vans, and waggons, and all other work done and materials supplied by the said firm to the Railway Department, for which public tenders were not called by advertisement, with their respective prices and total cost, from date of first existing contract for rolling stock to 30th June, 1886.

(5.) A return of the entire payments on account of the Railways, in detail, made to Messrs. Hudson Brothers (Limited), from the date of the first existing contract up to 30th June, 1886, and the dates of payment.

Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

SATURDAY, 21 AUGUST, 1886, A.M.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 8.

Mr. Ryrie,
Mr. Olliffe,
Mr. Toohy,
Mr. Forsyth,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Stokes.
Tellers,
Mr. De Courey Browne,
Mr. Hassall.

Noes, 28.

Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Scott,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Burns,
Sir Patrick Jennings,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Kethel,
Mr. Neild,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Dr. Renwick,	Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Cass,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Harold Stephen,
Mr. Thompson,	Mr. Williamson,
Mr. Sec,	Mr. Wall.
Mr. Fletcher,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Henson,	Mr. T. R. Smith,
Mr. Spring,	Mr. Teece.
Mr. Abigail,	

And so it passed in the negative.

8. PATRICK HANNAN'S MINING CLAIM AT TEMORA:—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Report of the Select Committee on "Patrick Hannan's Mining Claim at Temora," brought up on the 16th June, 1886, be now adopted.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

9. TRAVELLING EXPENSES IN THE PUBLIC SERVICE:—Mr. Sydney Smith 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 expenditure for travelling expenses in connection with all the Departments of the Public Service.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Neild, Mr. Davies, Mr. Chanter, Mr. Burdekin, Mr. Baker, Mr. Abigail, Mr. Teece, Mr. Hammond, Mr. Kethel, and the Mover.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Williamson moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Friday, 10th September.

The House adjourned at twenty minutes after One o'clock a.m., until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 115.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 24 AUGUST, 1886.

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

MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:—Sir Patrick Jennings, adverting to his Statement made to the House on Wednesday last, stated that the resignation of the Honorable the Colonial Secretary had not been accepted by the Cabinet, and that the proposed Statistician's Department would not be created; but that the Statistical Branch of the Registrar-General's Department would be utilised for the performance of the duties of the proposed new Department.

Sir Henry Parkes also addressed the House.

2. **QUESTIONS:**—

(1.) **Local Land Boards:**—Mr. Gormly asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is it his intention to make inquiries, for the purpose of ascertaining if there are still a number of persons who applied for land in 1885 at the Land Offices of Wagga Wagga, Narrandera, Urana, and Hillston, whose applications have not yet been finally dealt with by the Local Land Boards and Survey Department?

Mr. Copeland answered,—Action has been taken, with a view to expediting the final disposal of all outstanding applications. Any cases of delay of which particulars may be communicated to me will be specially inquired into.

(2.) **Reserves on Resumed Areas:**—Mr. Gormly asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is it his intention to have the reserves on the resumed portion of pastoral holdings that are not required for public purposes withdrawn from reserve and thereby be made available for conditional purchase?

Mr. Copeland answered,—The revision of the temporary reserves throughout the Colony is being proceeded with as speedily as possible. Pressure of current work has prevented some of the District Surveyors from dealing with the general question of reserves in their districts, but it is hoped that there will be an early opportunity of taking action towards the cancellation of such of the reserves now remaining as may be deemed unnecessary. From 1st January to 31st July, in the present year, no less than 1,025 of such reserves have already been revoked.

(3.) **Martin McCormack's Application for Conditional Purchase:**—Mr. Gormly asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Did Martin McCormack apply to conditionally purchase, at the Lands Office, Wagga Wagga, on the 8th of October, 1885, 159 acres 3 roods of land, being a forfeited conditional purchase on the leasehold portion of a pastoral holding?

(2.) Did the Local Land Board confirm the application?

(3.) Did the pastoral tenants appeal against the decision?

(4.) Did the Secretary for Lands dismiss the appeal?

(5.) Will he make inquiries, for the purpose of ascertaining if the conditional purchaser referred to has been served with a writ by the lessees of the run, claiming £500 damages, for having occupied the land since the appeal was dismissed?

(6.) After making such inquiries, will the Minister consider if it is advisable to state a case for the Supreme Court, to decide if it is legal to conditionally purchase a forfeited conditional purchase on a leasehold area?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1 to 4.) Yes.

(5.) I do not deem it necessary to do so.

(6.) A case has been stated, for the purpose of obtaining a decision from the Supreme Court, which it is expected will be heard during the present week.

(4.)

(4.) Roman Catholic Orphan School, Parramatta:—Mr. William Clarke asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) What was the total cost of the buildings in Parramatta known as the Roman Catholic Orphanage?
- (2.) What is the total amount of expenditure (exclusive of cost of buildings) in connection with the said Orphanage up to the end of the year 1885?

Dr. Renwick answered,—

- (1.) The total expenditure has been about £144,368 9s. 1d., up to June, 1885?
- (2.) The accounts have not been kept in such a way as will enable the cost of the buildings to be separated from the expenditure.

(5.) Roman Catholic Orphan School, Parramatta:—Mr. Abigail asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Did the Honorable Member for Paddington, Mr. Trickett, while Minister of Public Instruction, fix the annual rental of the Roman Catholic Orphan Asylum at Parramatta at over £1,500, and were the Roman Catholic authorities informed of the fact; if so, what reply did they make to it?
- (2.) What is the area of the land attached to the Asylum, and about how much public money has been spent upon the buildings erected on the same, and what was the estimated value of the whole that led to the rental being fixed at over £1,500 per annum?
- (3.) What are the powers of the Committee that manage this Asylum, and how were such powers acquired?
- (4.) Has the Cardinal furnished, in reply to the Minister's request, additional documentary evidence that will in any way sustain the claim made by him on behalf of the Roman Catholic authorities to this valuable property?

Dr. Renwick answered,—

- (1.) Yes; the Roman Catholic authorities were informed of the fact, but did not reply specially to the offer.
- (2.) (a) 6 acres 3 roods 27 perches; there is also a separate farm of 53 acres 2 roods 8 perches. (b) About £144,368 9s. 1d. have been spent by the Government on the Institution, up to June, 1885. (c) Messrs. Richardson & Wrench assessed the property at £1,500 per annum; Messrs. Mills & Pile assessed the property at £1,600 per annum.
- (3.) To bind the children as apprentices, under Act 5 William IV. No. 3. These powers were acquired by appointment from the Government.
- (4.) The Cardinal has furnished, in reply to the Minister's request, copies of certain letters; but, as the information contained in them was already in the possession of the Government, the claim of the Roman Catholic authorities is not strengthened thereby.

(6.) Clerk of Petty Sessions, Orange:—Mr. William Clarke asked the Minister of Justice,—Is it his intention to give effect to the recommendation by the Under Secretary for Justice and the Civil Service Board of Mr. Stephen Murphy to the position of Clerk of Petty Sessions at Orange; if so, when will the appointment be made?

Mr. Garvan answered,—The present occupant of the office of Clerk of Petty Sessions at Orange is on the Temporary Staff. He has discharged the duties of that office efficiently, and to the entire satisfaction of the local magistrates, legal profession, and general public. I am not prepared to give effect to the recommendation of the Civil Service Board at present, as it would necessitate the dismissal of present temporary occupant of office. The permanent filling of the position will receive my early attention.

(7.) Imported Railway Material:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What is the price paid by the Government, per set, for the imported stock-switches, point-rods, slide-chairs, and lever-stands, as used on the Government Railways?

Mr. Lyne answered,—Delivered in the Colony, £17 16s. 6d.

(8.) Court of Petty Sessions for Eastern Suburbs:—Mr. T. R. Smith, for Mr. Trickett, asked the Minister of Justice,—What steps are being taken to have a Court of Petty Sessions erected on the site purchased for the purpose on the Point Piper Road, Paddington, and which the Minister recently promised to expedite?

Mr. Garvan answered,—Plans are being prepared with all possible expedition, preparatory to calling for tenders for erection of Court-house on site purchased for the purpose.

(9.) Employés in Public Works Department:—Mr. T. R. Smith asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he give instructions to the Heads of every Department under his control, that the employés should receive the increase of pay and promotion to which they are entitled under the Classification Sheet?

Mr. Lyne answered,—The increased wages under the Classification Sheets have been paid; the salaried Officers will be paid their increases when the Officers under the Civil Service Act are paid.

(10.) Railway Siding, Cross Roads, Penrith:—Mr. T. R. Smith asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) The total amount of revenue received at Cross Roads Siding, Penrith, during the last six years, for inward and outward goods, &c.?
- (2.) When will the platform at Cross Roads, Penrith, be commenced, as promised to Mr. T. R. Smith and deputation, by previous Ministers?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) 1880, £1,182 10s. 2d.; 1881, £2,040 15s. 10d.; 1882, £2,216 0s. 2d.; 1883, £2,420 5s. 6d.; 1884, £3,159 6s. 4d.; 1885, £2,854 6s. 1d.

- (2.) The matter is under consideration.

- (11.) Railway Combination Trucks :—Mr. Russell Barton asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
What are the earnings and mileage of the combination trucks now in use, from the 1st January to the 31st June, 1886, distinguishing goods freight and live stock freight, as compared with ordinary trucks?
Mr. Lyne answered,—I will lay this information, in the shape of a Return, upon the Table of the House in a few days.
- (12.) Mr. A. S. Board's Application for a Commission :—Mr. Neild asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Has a letter, dated the 10th June, addressed to His Excellency Lord Carrington, as Commander-in-Chief of the Military Forces, by Mr. A. S. Board, Sergeant in Second Regiment, appealing against the Colonial Secretary's decision *in re* Mr. Board's application for a Commission, been forwarded to the Governor by the Minister?
(2.) If not so sent, what is the cause of the delay, and when will the letter be forwarded?
Mr. Dibbs answered,—
(1.) Yes.
(2.) The letter in question was sent to the Commander-in-Chief, who decided that Sergeant Board's appeal could not be entertained.
- (13.) Coal Fields Act :—Mr. Melville asked the Secretary for Mines,—
(1.) What was the name of the colliery cited to appear at Newcastle, on the 6th April last, for an alleged breach of the regulation referred to by Mr. Melville in his question of the 17th instant?
(2.) What was the amount of the fine imposed on said colliery, and to what fund has the fine been placed?
Mr. Fletcher answered,—
(1.) The Wickham and Bullock Island Coal Company.
(2.) £10; it was paid into Treasury, under section 35 of the Act 39 Victoria No. 31.
[I regret to say that the information supplied, to enable me to answer the question put by the Honorable Member on the 17th instant, was incorrect.]
- (14.) Export of Coals from Sydney Harbour :—Mr. Kethel asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
In view of the expected completion of the Illawarra and Homebush-Waratah Railways, and the increase in the traffic in coals and other minerals that it is alleged will result therefrom, is it the intention of the Government to provide facilities for the export and shipment of coals in and from Sydney Harbour?
Mr. Lyne answered,—Yes.
- (15.) Suspension of Officer in Lands Department :—Mr. Abigail asked the Secretary for Lands,—
(1.) Is it a fact that a superior Officer of the Lands Department is now under suspension on a charge of having repeatedly charged travelling expenses for the same days to different Departments?
(2.) Is it a fact that the Civil Service Board have recommended that the offence of this Officer should be condoned, notwithstanding that such charges have been clearly established?
Mr. Copeland answered,—
(1.) Yes.
(2.) Yes, the statement having been accepted by the Board that the charges were made under a misapprehension; but it has not yet been determined whether the recommendation of the Board will be adopted. The case will, however, be finally dealt with in a few days.
- (16.) Inspector of Public Charities :—Mr. Hawthorne asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) What has been the total amount appropriated as travelling expenses for the Inspector of Public Charities during the last five years?
(2.) How much of this amount has been written off, and what amount has been granted to Mr. Hugh Robison?
(3.) Is a free railway pass provided for Mr. Hugh Robison when visiting Government Institutions?
Mr. Dibbs answered,—I will presently lay upon the Table a Return by the Auditor-General, giving the desired information.
- (17.) Government Statistician's Department :—Mr. William Clarke asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) What is the total amount of salaries per annum now paid to the Temporary Officers who have been promoted to the Statistician's Branch of the Service?
(2.) What is the total amount of salaries per annum to be paid to the Temporary Officers who have been promoted to this Department?
(3.) What is the total amount of salaries per annum to be paid to the other gentlemen who have received appointments in this Department?
(4.) What are the names of the Temporary Officers appointed to the Statistician's Branch, their present position in the Service, salaries, and length of service?
(5.) Have all the appointees passed the University Examination?
(6.) What are the names of the gentlemen appointed who are not on the Temporary Staff of the Service?
Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—I presume that, in view of the statement I have made to the House, this information will not be required, as there is no Statistician's Branch to be made.
- (18.) Entertainment at Newington Asylum :—Mr. T. R. Smith asked the Colonial Secretary,—Were orders given to stop the entertainment at the Newington Institution last week; if so, on what grounds, and were entertainments, similar to the one proposed to be given at Newington, held at Liverpool and Parramatta Asylums?
Mr. Dibbs answered,—The proposed entertainment at the Newington Institution has been postponed for the present, pending an inquiry into the management which is now going on

(19.) Inspector of Public Charities:—Mr. T. R. Smith asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) What are Mr. Robison's duties?

(2.) The number of times he has officially visited Parramatta, Liverpool, and Newington Asylums during the last five years?

(3.) The dates he visited each place?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

(1.) They are set forth, in part, in the Act 30 Vic. No. 19; but he has, besides, many other duties. His chief work is in connection with an examination of the public expenditure in the charities—such work is continuous. He visits, as required by the Colonial Secretary, all charitable institutions subsidised or supported by the State, and reports on matters to which his attention is directed. As opportunities offer, he visits charitable institutions beyond Sydney, and examines into the manner in which they are carried on. Thus, during the last twelve months, the institutions named, viz.—Cootamundra, Gundagai, Hay, Narrandera, Windsor, Bathurst, Orange, Wellington, Dubbo, Bourke, Newcastle, Maitland, Singleton (on two occasions), Bowral, and Wollongong; also, by his Inquiry Officer—Muswellbrook, Murrurundi, Tamworth, Gunnedah, Narrabri, Armidale, Glen Innes, Tenterfield, Emmaville, and Inverell,—have been inspected. He corresponds with, suggests, and advises their committees in all difficulties and irregularities. He reports, after examination, on all matters referred to him on following subjects:—Applications for grants of money to be expended for charitable purposes, claims for subsidy on account of moneys locally raised for similar purposes, proposed dedications of land for institution sites, plans of buildings to be erected thereon which involve public expenditure, inquiries and reports on applications on behalf of women and children for State support, inquiry and granting admissions at the Government expense into the Metropolitan Hospitals of persons applying under the Pauper Vote, and generally obtaining and supplying the Colonial Secretary and the Minister of Public Instruction with information on every subject in connection with the public charities, or those institutions which have been brought within his inspection. His Annual Report gives detailed information on every charitable institution in the Colony within his inspection, describing sources of income and manner of expenditure, hospital patients, and diseases treated, accommodation and particulars relating to Schools of Art, &c., &c.

(2.) It is impossible to answer this question. Formerly, Mr. Robison made frequent visits to above Asylums; but, since the clerical work of his department has increased, he has been unable to visit them so frequently. The Manager of Government Asylums is, however, himself in frequent and direct communication with the Colonial Secretary.

(3.) He has not been to Liverpool during the present year, but has twice visited the Parramatta Asylums.

(20.) Government Statistician's Department:—Mr. Abigail asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Did the Government Statistician apply for furniture, &c., for the Statistician's Branch; if so, on what date?

(2.) Was such application approved of by the Colonial Secretary, and the date of such approval?

(3.) Were seven wash-stands with furniture, six hat stands, and four clocks required, among a host of other articles?

(4.) How many furnished rooms will be required for this branch of the Public Service?

(5.) Will he give the names of those appointed, together with the salary to be paid to each?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—Yes; on the 9th instant application for furniture was forwarded to the architect, in the usual approved form, for report in the first instance; but no furniture whatever has yet been supplied, and no rooms have been furnished. The number of furnished rooms required will depend on the extent of the work to be done.

(21.) Aborigines in the Singleton District:—Mr. Henson, for Mr. Gould, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Have a number of aborigines in the Singleton District been recently examined by the Medical Officer of the District, and reported as "badly in need of better care than they are now getting," and recommending certain weekly rations in excess of those usually allowed?

(2.) Is it his intention to direct that such allowance be forthwith authorized?

(3.) Will he cause to be laid upon the Table of the House a copy of the foregoing report of the Medical Officer of Singleton District, forwarded to him by the Rev. Dr. White?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

(1 and 3.) I am informed by the Chairman of the Aborigines Protection Board that Dr. Read reported as follows:—"I have examined the aborigines (names mentioned at back), and certify that they are aged, infirm, and diseased, and strongly recommend that they be allowed the following rations per week, viz., 10 lbs. beef, 10 lbs. flour, $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. tea, 2 lbs. sugar, and $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. tobacco; children half rations."

(2.) The Board have authorized the issue of requisite increased supplies, also clothing to the sick, aged, or infirm; also to helpless children.

(22.) Local Government Bill:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce and proceed with the Local Government Bill during the present Session of Parliament; if not, will he give his reasons?

Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—It is not the intention of the Government to introduce and proceed with a Local Government Bill during the present Session, in consequence of the already excessive length of the Session and of the large amount of work yet before Parliament. It may be possible for me to lay a Local Government Bill upon the Table; and I will do so if it be possible, because I look upon it as the most important piece of legislation we can deal with.

(23.) Public School, Windsor:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Minister for Public Instruction,—Will he cause an inquiry to be made, on behalf of the 450 children attending the Public School at Windsor, as to the necessity of resuming the piece of land adjoining that school for their better accommodation as a recreation ground?

Dr. Renwick answered,—I have already taken steps to inquire into the matter.

(24.) Railway from Glen Innes to Inverell :—Mr. W. J. Fergusson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he state the date on which it is his intention to move the adoption of the Plans, &c., of the railway from Glen Innes to Inverell ?

Mr. Lyne answered,—I am unable to give the exact date at present. I stated, in reply to a similar question, asked by Mr. Moore on the 18th instant, that it was my intention to move the adoption of the Plans so soon as the Government taxation proposals were passed by this House.

(25.) Ministerial Special Trains :—Mr. Neild asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Does the sum of £276 (the cost of running Ministerial excursion trains during the last three months) cover the cost of refreshments, catering, and attendants, consumed and employed during such excursions ?

Mr. Lyne answered,—No.

(26.) Workmen's and Season Tickets on Tramways :—Mr. Hawthorne asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has he abandoned his previously expressed willingness to introduce a system of workmen's and season tickets on all Government Tramways ?

(2.) If not, will he endeavour to introduce them during the current quarter ?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) I expressed my willingness to consider any practical suggestion for overcoming the difficulties in the way of the adoption of the proposal.

(2.) No practical suggestion has yet been made.

3. ILLAWARRA STEAM NAVIGATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Henry Clarke moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That the Illawarra Steam Navigation Act Amendment Bill be referred to a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, for consideration and report.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Burns, Mr. Davies, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. See, Mr. Teece, Mr. Hogan, Mr. Day, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

4. COST OF PRINTING AND BINDING PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS AND "HANSARD" (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. G. A. Lloyd moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing,—

(1.) The number of Votes and Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly printed after each day's sitting.

(2.) The cost of printing the same.

(3.) The cost of printing all Parliamentary Papers, *Hansard* excepted, for the Session ending 1st November, 1884.

(4.) The number of volumes which that Session comprised.

(5.) The total number of volumes bound.

(6.) The cost of binding.

(7.) The same information with regard to *Hansard*, for the Session ending 1st November, 1884.

Question put and passed.

5. PAPERS :—

Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return respecting Travelling Expenses of Inspector of Public Charities during the last five years.

(2.) Statistical Register for 1885, Part IV.

(3.) Regulations of Forbes Fire Brigade Board, under Fire Brigade's Act, 1884.

(4.) Repeal of By-law of Borough of Albury, under Nuisances Prevention Act, 1875.

(5.) Amended By-law for the Municipal District of Parkes.

(6.) By-laws for the Municipal District of Nowra.

(7.) Minutes respecting the Conduct of Military Correspondence.

(8.) By-laws for the Municipal District of Strathfield.

(9.) Return to an Address adopted on 23rd July, 1886—"Conduct of Sergeant Cullen, Permanent Artillery."

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Copeland laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 23rd June, 1886—"Temporary Draftsmen, Survey Office."

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Notification of resumption of land for approaches to Bridge over Mandurama Creek.

Ordered to be printed.

(2.) Return to an Order made on 28th May, 1886—"Road Superintendents."

6. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Abigail moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

7. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 8) :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir Patrick Jennings moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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 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.

8. **INCOME TAX BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir Patrick Jennings moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate ensued.
 Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
 Question put and passed.
 Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until to-morrow.
9. **POSTPONEMENTS:**—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committees of Supply and Ways and Means postponed until to-morrow.
10. **WOLLONGONG PUBLIC SCHOOL SITE SALE BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—Dr. Renwick moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed.
 Bill read a second time.
 On motion of Dr. Renwick, 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,—

WEDNESDAY, 25 AUGUST, 1886, A.M.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
 On motion of Dr. Renwick the report was adopted.
 Ordered that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

The House adjourned at a quarter past One o'clock, a.m., until Four o'clock, p.m., This Day.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 116.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 25 AUGUST, 1886.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Return from Railways—Granville to Goulburn, Goulburn to Albury:—Mr. Teece asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What was the return per cent. for 1885 on the capital invested in connection with the railway from Granville to Goulburn?

(2.) The like information as regards the railway from Goulburn to Albury?

Mr. Lyne answered,—The information has not been kept separately. The section is from Granville to Albury, including the branch from Goulburn to Bungendore.

- (2.) Volunteer Easter Encampment:—*Mr. O'Sullivan*, for Mr. J. D. Young, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Were public tenders called for the conveyance of all Volunteers and Artillery baggage and returning the same, in connection with Volunteer Encampment last Easter?

(2.) Who were the successful tenderers?

(3.) The total amount of the tender, and the amount paid, or to be paid?

(4.) Will there be any objection to lay all the papers in connection with this business upon the Table of the House?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—In the absence of General Richardson, I must ask the Honorable Member to postpone this question until next week.

- (3.) Sale of Lands, Tent Hill:—*Mr. W. J. Fergusson* asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is it his intention to have the lands at Tent Hill, advertised for sale at Tenterfield, sold at Emmaville instead of at Tenterfield—60 miles distant from Tent Hill?

Mr. Copeland answered,—The land was offered for sale, at noon to-day, at Tenterfield.

- (4.) Windsor Railway Station:—*Mr. T. B. Smith*, for Mr. Hugh Taylor, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the railway station at Windsor is situated within fifty yards of the gas-works?

(2.) Are all the other Government institutions in that town supplied with gas?

(3.) Is it the intention of the Government to cause the railway station and yards at Windsor, now lighted with kerosene, to be lighted with gas?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) No; the distance is considerably over this—nearer 120 yards.

(2.) I believe so.

(3.) It does not seem to be necessary. There is only one train arriving at Windsor after nightfall, and the greater expense required for lighting with gas would not be justified for this train, which, in the summer time, arrives in daylight.

- (5.) Royal Commission on Theatres, &c.:—*Mr. Dawson*, for Mr. Davies, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has he received the report of the Royal Commission appointed to inquire into and report upon the safety of theatres and other public halls in case of fire or panic?

(2.) Is it a fact that two city theatres have been reported against; and, if so, where are they situated?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—I have not received the report of the Royal Commission, but a letter from the President, calling my attention to the condition of two theatres, and recommending the non-renewal of their licenses until alterations have been made. The recommendation is receiving attention.

(6.) Acting Railway Traffic Inspector, Wellington :—*Mr. Dawson*, for *Mr. Davies*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) On what date did the Acting Traffic Inspector at Wellington enter the Railway Service, and what sum is paid him for salary and expenses?

(2.) Will he explain on what grounds this gentleman has been placed in the position referred to?

(3.) Is it a fact that Officers of much longer standing in the Railway Service have been passed over?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) 19th April, 1880; salary, £240 per annum; he is allowed 8s. 6d. per night for travelling expenses when absent from home.

(2.) He is the Senior Relieving Station-master, and the practice of the Department has been to require the Officer holding this position to take the place of the Traffic Inspector when that Officer is absent.

(3.) No; there are Officers of longer standing who, if the office of Traffic Inspector were vacant, would be entitled to the position before the Senior Relieving Station-master, but not for temporary occasions for the purpose of relieving.

(7.) Tramways :—*Mr. T. R. Smith* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has he received any letters regarding the introduction of first-class tram tickets, and the alteration of cars into first and second class; if so, from whom, and the action taken?

Mr. Lyne answered,—The Honorable Member wrote to me on the subject. Inquiry has been made as to the practicability of doing this, and the question is under consideration.

(8.) Government Statistician's Department :—*Mr. Abigail* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Are the twelve Officers appointed by the Colonial Secretary to positions in the Statistician's Office to retain those positions; if so, will he state the names and salaries in each case?

Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—It has been arranged that the Officers who were recommended for appointment in the Statistician's Branch, which it was proposed to establish, shall remain in the positions from which it was suggested to transfer them.

(9.) Government Oriental Interpreter :—*Mr. Abigail* asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) How many languages does the Government Oriental Interpreter speak, and what are they?

(2.) Is it a fact that, before Judge Docker, at the Darlinghurst Court-house, on the 10th instant, the Government Oriental Interpreter, called upon to interpret a Madrassé prisoner's evidence, did not comprehend the language, and sometimes spoke English to the prisoner, and sometimes Hindostanee; and, through the Interpreter's incompetency, a miscarriage of justice is alleged to have taken place, and the prisoner was sentenced to two years hard labour?

(3.) Can he state what language the Interpreter spoke to the prisoner "Seena," a Madrassé, and whether the prisoner spoke sufficient English to enable the Judge and Jury to understand him?

(4.) Has he any objection to lay upon the Table all the depositions taken by Judge Docker; and also, to furnish reports from Senior-Sergeant Perry and Inspector Attwell on the above case, and full particulars of the Interpreter's abilities?

Mr. Garvan answered,—It will be impossible to reply to the above questions to-day, as a report from Judge Docker, the Acting Clerk of the Peace, and the Inspector-General of Police would appear to be necessary.

(10.) Ministerial Special Trains :—*Mr. Neild* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Was the cost of catering for all, or any, of the Ministerial excursions by railway, during the past three months, defrayed from the public revenue; if so, what sum was paid for such services?

Mr. Lyne answered,—The sum of £9 5s. 5d. has been paid on this account.

(11.) Extermination of Rabbits :—*Mr. Neild* asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Has he received an offer from *Mr. F. Kramer* to undertake the extermination of rabbits?

(2.) Has *Mr. Kramer* offered to give practical proof of his method, free of remuneration, and at small expense; and is it intended to accept such offer?

Mr. Fletcher answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) *Mr. Kramer's* latest offer is to give proof of the efficacy of his method, at a cost to the Government of about £5 per day, the result to be demonstrated in nine months, on the understanding that, if his method be not adopted by the Governments of Australia, no one should be allowed to use it in Australia without his consent. No such guarantee could be given at present, but it is intended to introduce a Bill, securing to any person making known a process of rabbit extermination the full benefit of such process, without necessitating the expense and trouble of obtaining patent rights; and then he would be protected in this Colony. A very large number of proposals have been made, and it is intended to consider them during the recess.

2. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS (*Formal Motion*) :—*Mr. Copeland* 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, intituled "A Bill to confirm and declare valid in certain cases the title or claim to lands held as additional conditional purchases mineral conditional purchases and conditional leaseholds and also to declare valid reservations of Crown Lands from sale and the revocations thereof."

Question put and passed.

3. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 8) (*Formal Order of the Day*),—On motion of *Sir Patrick Jennings*, read a third time, and passed.

Sir Patrick Jennings 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 1886 and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan."

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 apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Year 1886 and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 25th August, 1886.*

4. RAILWAY TRAFFIC MANAGER'S OFFICE (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Davies moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return, showing the names and salaries of all clerks permanently or temporarily employed in the Traffic Manager's Office, Sydney, during the year 1880; also, the names of all clerks permanently or temporarily employed at the present time, together with their date of appointment and salary paid to each.
Question put and passed.
5. PAPER:—Dr. Renwick laid upon the Table,—Memorandum regarding question of ownership of the Roman Catholic Orphan School, Parramatta, and Cabinet Minute relative to the Orphan Schools, Parramatta.
Ordered to be printed.
6. CROWN LANDS TITLES AND RESERVATIONS VALIDATION BILL:—
 - (1.) Mr. Copeland moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to confirm and declare valid in certain cases the title or claim to lands held as additional conditional purchases mineral conditional purchases and conditional leaseholds and also to declare valid reservations of Crown Lands from sale and the revocations thereof.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
 - (2.) Mr. Copeland then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to confirm and declare valid in certain cases the title or claim to lands held as additional conditional purchases mineral conditional purchases and conditional leaseholds and also to declare valid reservations of Crown Lands from sale and the revocation thereof*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time at a later hour of the day.
7. WOLLONGONG PUBLIC SCHOOL SITE SALE BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Fletcher moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 52.

Sir Patrick Jennings,	Mr. Bull,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. See,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Meeke,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Cass,
Dr. Renwick,	Mr. Foster,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. James Henry Young,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. D. A. Ferguson,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Day,
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. De Courey Browne,
Mr. Creer,	Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Davies,	Mr. Heydon,
Mr. Russell Barton,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Targett,
Mr. Thompson,	Mr. Septimus Stephen,
Mr. Forsyth,	Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Harold Stephen,	Mr. Olliffe.
Mr. Hammond,	Mr. J. D. Young,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Dalton,
Mr. Want,	Mr. Abbott,
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Melville.
Mr. T. R. Smith,	Mr. Hogan,
Mr. Bowman,	Mr. R. B. Wilkinson.
Mr. Burke,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Scott,	
Mr. Jones,	Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Toohy,	Mr. Williamson.

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Mr. Gibbes,
Mr. Neild,
Mr. Shepherd,
Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. Gould,
Mr. Holborow,
Dr. Ross,
Mr. William Clarke,
Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Lec,
Mr. Ives,
Mr. W. J. Fergusson.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Teece,
Mr. Inglis.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Dr. Renwick, *passed*.

Dr. Renwick then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to remove doubts as to the power of selling the Old Public School Site at Wollongong under the 'Public Instruction Act of 1880.'*"

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 remove doubts as to the power of selling the Old Public School Site at Wollongong under the 'Public Instruction Act of 1880.'*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 25th August, 1886.*

8. CROWN LANDS TITLES AND RESERVATIONS VALIDATION BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Copeland moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
Ordered, that the Bill be considered in Committee to-morrow.
9. ADJOURNMENT :—Sir Patrick Jennings moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 26 AUGUST, 1886, A.M.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly 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. 117.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

THURSDAY, 26 AUGUST, 1886.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Inspector of Public Charities:—Mr. Hawthorne asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) How many times, during the last five years, has Mr. Hugh Robison, Inspector of Public Charities, inspected the several Government Asylums?

(2.) Upon what dates were these visits of inspection made in each case?

(3.) How many reports have been made, and sent in to the Government, by Mr. Hugh Robison, as to the working of these several Government Asylums?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

(1 and 2.) No record has been kept. Formerly, visits were frequently made; but, since additional duties than those of Inspector have been assigned to him, he has been unable to leave the office, excepting at considerable intervals.

(3.) Besides a report furnished each year, giving details of expenditure, &c., twenty-four reports, on subjects arising from time to time, have been made.

- (2.) Auditor-General's Department:—Mr. William Clarke asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Have there been any new appointments to the Auditor-General's Department during the last three months; if so, how many, and what are their names?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—No new appointments have been made during the last three months. Mr. Hurley was provisionally employed, on the 4th May, for three months, and has, within the last few days, been recommended for a probationary appointment.

- (3.) Railway Loop Line, St. Peter's to Liverpool:—Mr. Judd asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Have the Government definitely decided upon the route for the St. Peter's to Liverpool loop line?

(2.) Is it the intention of the Government to place upon the Estimates a sum of money for the construction of this line; if so, when?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) No decision on this point has been arrived at.

- (4.) Gundaroo Gold-field Reserve:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a portion of the Gundaroo gold reserve extension was cancelled, in order to be thrown open for selection?

(2.) Is it also a fact that the same land is now advertised for sale by auction?

(3.) Will he cause the said land to be withdrawn from sale, in order that it may be thrown open for selection?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1.) No; but an area of 30,942 acres is about to be withdrawn from the gold-field reserve.

(2.) No.

(3.) It has not been advertised for sale by auction, and there is no present intention of so dealing with it; consequently, the land in question will be open to ordinary conditional purchase.

- (5.) Railway from Pearce's Corner to Crow's Nest, North Shore:—Mr. William Clarke asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What is the cause of delay in calling for tenders for the line of railway from Pearce's Corner to Crow's Nest, North Shore?

Mr. Lyne answered,—It is the intention to call for tenders, but I cannot say when tenders will be called?

- (6.) Bank-street, Molong :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has any tender been accepted for metalling Bank-street, which passes through the town of Molong; if so, will he state the name of the successful tenderer, and the amount of the tender accepted (if any)?
Mr. Lyne answered,—Yes, for maintenance metal; J. Neasmith's tender for £33 15s. accepted.
- (7.) Road, Molong to the Peabody :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When are tenders to be invited for clearing the road from Molong to the Peabody, on the Bore Road; and will he state the cause of delay in proceeding with the work?
Mr. Lyne answered,—A tender has been accepted, and work will be proceeded with at once.
- (8.) Railway Conveyance of Parcels :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government to make any arrangements whereby small parcels may be conveyed on our railways at a more reasonable rate than at present, which is usually at so much per hundredweight, whether such parcel may weigh a hundredweight or not?
Mr. Lyne answered,—The Honorable Member is in error, as regards the minimum charge for a parcel being that for a hundredweight. The minimum weight is 3 lbs., and there is a graduated scale for parcels, and the charges for parcels, above that weight.
- (9.) Darlinghurst Gaol :—Mr. Davies, for Mr. Hammond, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Have the matting looms in Darlinghurst Gaol been removed from their former position, in order to provide extra sleeping accommodation for prisoners?
Mr. Garvan answered,—I am informed by the Comptroller-General of Prisons that no looms have been removed.
2. PATENT FEES (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. James Henry Young, for Mr. Garrard, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House forthwith, a Return showing,—
(1.) The amount received as patent fees in each year since 1880.
(2.) The amount received in each year by the Attorney-General, Crown Solicitor, Secretary and Board of Examiners, respectively.
(3.) The amount retained in each year by the Treasury, and to what purpose it is applied.
Question put and passed.
3. INDUSTRIAL SKILL OF PRISONERS IN GAOLS (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Kidd moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return tending to show, approximately, the industrial skill or proficiency in knowledge of a useful money earning trade, of all male inmates of the gaols in the Colony,—
(1.) The full number of male prisoners under twenty years and over twenty years in each gaol.
(2.) The number of the above respectively having, in the opinion of the gaoler, a sufficient knowledge of a *bonâ fide* profession, trade, handicraft, or useful money earning industry, requiring training previous to its exercise, to justify being classed as proficient.
(3.) The number, under the two respective age headings, having but an imperfect or moderate knowledge of such vocations.
(4.) The number having practically no knowledge of any industry, requiring previous technical training, to enable it to be exercised in a way to afford a means of livelihood.
Question put and passed.
4. SILVERTON TRAMWAY 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 10th August, 1886; 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, 24th September.
Question put and passed.
5. PAPERS :—
Dr. Renwick laid upon the Table,—Notifications of resumption of land for Public School Purposes, under Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, at Kegworth Estate and Rockdale.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Garvan laid upon the Table,—Proceedings and Papers having reference to the Inquiry into the Administration of Justice, Kempsey District.
Ordered to be printed.
6. INCOME TAX BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Sir Patrick Jennings, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—
And the Question being again proposed, the House resumed the said adjourned Debate.
Question put,—That this Bill be now read a second time.
The House divided.

Ayes, 31.

Sir Patrick Jennings,	Mr. Burke,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. De Courcy Browne,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Williamson,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Dr. Renwick,	Mr. Harold Stephen,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Toohey,	Mr. D. A. Ferguson,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Creer,
Mr. Thompson,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Lysaght,	Mr. W. J. Ferguson.
Mr. Lyne,	
Mr. Cass,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Bull,	Mr. Meeks,
Mr. Jones,	Mr. Melville.
Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,	

Noes, 26.

Mr. Gibbes,	Mr. J. F. Smith,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Davies,
Mr. Septimus Stephen,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Hammond,	Mr. Hayes,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Trickett,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Hogan,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Sec.
Mr. T. R. Smith,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Neild,	
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Bowman,	Mr. Hawthorne.
Mr. Burdekin,	
Mr. Abigail,	
Mr. Henry Clarke,	
Mr. Lee,	
Mr. Ives,	
Mr. Heydon,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.
Bill read a second time.

Sir

Sir Patrick Jennings 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.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 27 AUGUST, 1886, A.M.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 32.

Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Bull,
Mr. Want,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Burke,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. De Courcy Biowne,
Sir Patrick Jennings,	Mr. Williamson,
Dr. Renwick,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Harold Stephen,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Toohy,	Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. W. J. Fergusson,
Mr. Thompson,	Mr. Creer,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Macgregor,	Mr. Holborow.
Mr. Lysaght,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Lyne,	
Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,	Mr. Meeks,
Mr. Cass,	Mr. Melville.

Noes, 27.

Mr. Gibbes,	Mr. Heydon,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. J. F. Smith,
Mr. Septimus Stephen,	Mr. Davies,
Mr. Hammond,	Mr. Dawson,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Hayes,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Trickett,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Hogan,
Mr. T. R. Smith,	Mr. See.
Mr. Neild,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Dr. Ross,	
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Bowman,	Mr. Hawthorne.
Mr. Burdekin,	
Mr. Abigail,	
Mr. Henry Clarke,	
Mr. Lee,	
Mr. Ives,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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.

7. 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 1886 and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

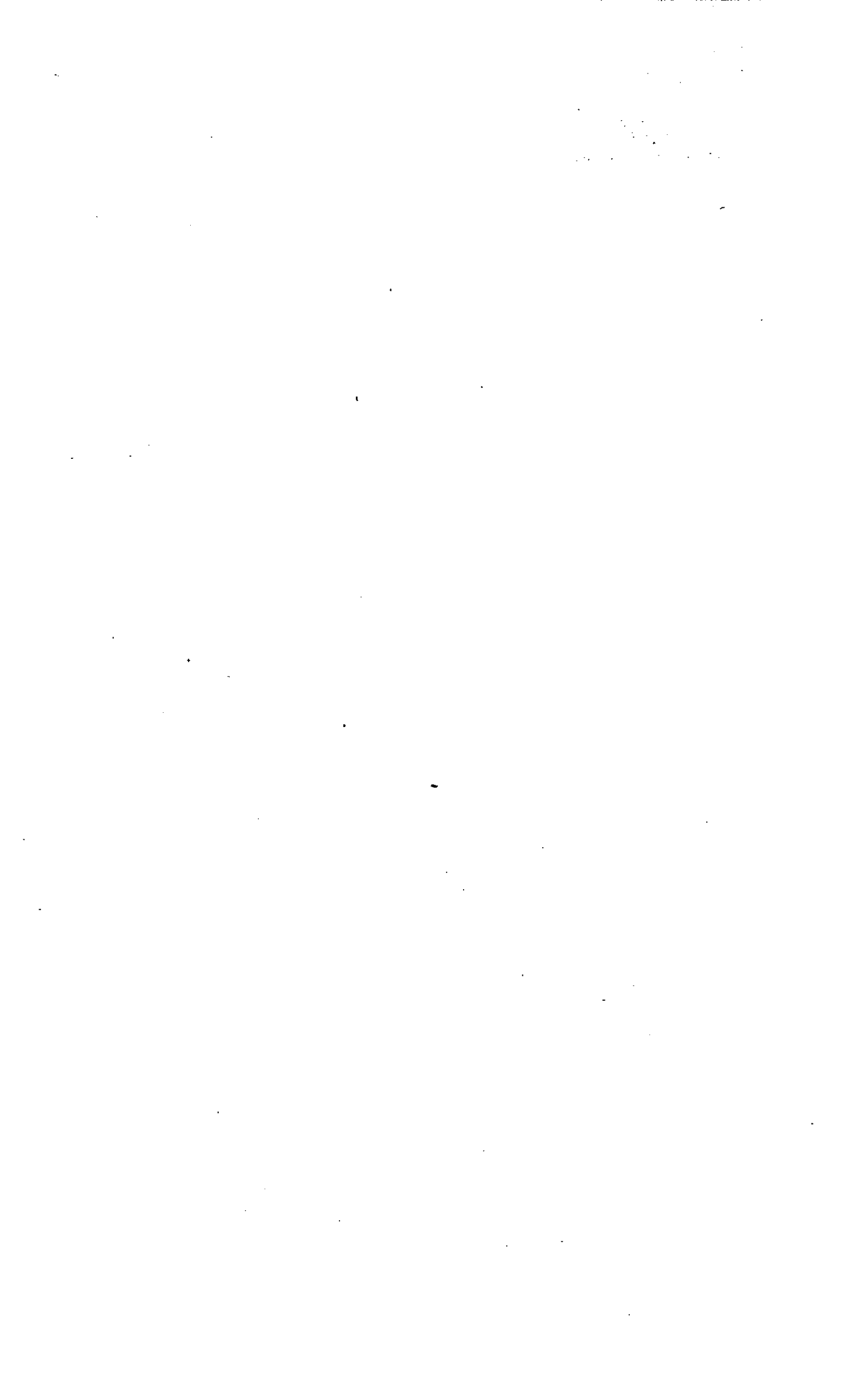
Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 26th August, 1886.

JOHN HAY,
President.

8. CLAIM OF MATTHEW M'IVOR TO A TIN-MINE AT PHEASANT'S CREEK :—*Mr. Levien*, on behalf of Mr. Targett, 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 23rd July, 1886; together with Appendix.
Ordered to be printed.
9. POSTPONEMENTS :—The Orders of the Day of Government Business Nos. 2 to 10 postponed until Tuesday next.
10. ELECTRIC LIGHT IN PARLIAMENTARY BUILDINGS :—Mr. Garrard 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 all matters in connection with the lighting of the Parliamentary Buildings by electricity.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Davies, Mr. Suttor, Mr. Teece, Mr. Collins, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Melville, Mr. Hawthorne, Mr. Day, and the Mover.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
11. ADJOURNMENT :—Sir Patrick Jennings moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly at eighteen minutes after Twelve 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.

FRIDAY, 27 AUGUST, 1886.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Prisoner Bertrand:—*Mr. Abigail*, for Mr. William Clarke, asked the Minister of Justice,—
 (1.) Has the subject of the release of the prisoner Bertrand, now serving a life sentence on a charge of murder, been at any time under the consideration of the Government?
 (2.) Have any petitions or other documents at any time been presented to the Executive Council on the said prisoner's behalf; if so, by whom were they so presented?
 (3.) Was the release of Bertrand recommended at any time by a Member of the Executive Council; and, if so, who was the Minister who did so?
 (4.) Were any communications at any time made to the prisoner in question, which might lead him to believe that his sentence would be mitigated; and, if so, when, and by whom?

Mr. Garvan answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
 (2.) Yes; several petitions have been forwarded to the Government, praying a mitigation of prisoner's sentence, from the prisoner's mother and wife, and certain citizens of Sydney.
 (3.) No.
 (4.) I am informed that a petition in prisoner's case having been under consideration, directions thereon (under date 13th July, 1885) were given to the Comptroller-General of Prisons that the case should be re-submitted in July of this year. According to the practice in such cases, prisoner was informed by the Gaoler, by direction of the Comptroller-General, that his case would be re-submitted at the time named.
- (2.) Management of Railways:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 (1.) Are the railways in Victoria managed by a Board or by a Railway Commissioner?
 (2.) Can he state, approximately, what number of accidents have occurred, during the last five years, on the railways in Victoria compared with New South Wales, the number killed, the number injured, together with the amount of compensation awarded in each Colony; also, the number of miles of railway opened in each Colony?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) They are managed by a Board of Commissioners.
 (2.) I have no doubt the information could be obtained; but, as regards Victorian railways, only upon application to the railway authorities there.
- (3.) Graving Dock, Biloela:—*Mr. Barbour*, for Mr. Kethel, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 (1.) Is it a fact that the Government are constructing a graving dock at Cockatoo Island with freestone?
 (2.) Is he aware that it is alleged that freestone will not withstand the action of salt water?
 (3.) Is he aware that there is an unlimited supply of granite, of the very best quality, obtainable from Crown Lands at Trial Bay?
 (4.) Will the Government make inquiries as to these allegations before it is too late?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) The masonry of the dock is to consist partly of concrete, partly of sandstone, and partly of granite, the latter material being used in the coping, broad altar, quoins, sills, and other parts where the wear and tear and liability to injury are greatest. The floor consists of Melbourne bluestone, laid on a bed of concrete, and the lower altars are all of concrete. A careful examination has been made by experienced men, and all sandstone of a doubtful quality, or likely to fret away under exposure to the air and water, has been condemned.
 (2.) The good qualities of sandstone, if carefully selected, will last for ages.

(3.)

(3.) I am aware that there is an unlimited supply of granite at Trial Bay, but the cost of procuring it would not justify its use wholly in the masonry.

(4.) This matter has been already carefully investigated, and no sandstone will be used which is not of a perfectly reliable character.

(4.) Road, Bowan Park to Cudal :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has any money been expended in repairing the road between Bowan Park and Cudal during the last two years; if so, will he state the amount so expended, and the nature of the work performed?

(2.) Is he aware that the road at present is in a bad state?

Mr. Lync answered,—Information not yet received from local Officer.

(5.) Registrar-General's Office :—*Mr. Davies*, for Mr. Hugh Taylor, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) The hours the Registrar-General's Office is required to be open to the public?

(2.) The hours the Examiners of Titles are required to be in their offices, attending to the duties of the office?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—From 10 o'clock in the morning till 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

(6.) Railways—Orange to Molong, Blayney to Bourke :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the Returns respecting "Railways—Orange to Molong, Blayney to Bourke," moved for on the 2nd of June last, be laid upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Lync answered.—In a few days.

(7.) Railways—Long-distance Travellers :—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to take any steps whereby better provision may be made for the comfort of the travelling public in first and second class carriages, travelling long journeys, such as from Sydney to Dubbo and Bourke, and Sydney to Albury?

(2.) To carry out such a reform, is it not possible (at a small outlay) to have one or two large carriages (such as are in use on the suburban lines) fitted up with two compartments, one set apart for males and the other for females, with a convenience attached to each, such as are in use in sleeping cars?

Mr. Lync answered,—The carriages now provided are preferred by the public for the long-distance journeys. Some time ago the long American carriages were used for these journeys; but, to meet the public demand, they were removed, and English carriages substituted. Conveniences for both males and females are provided in the brake-vans of all through passenger trains.

(8.) Railway to Inverell :—*Mr. Neild*, for Mr. Inglis, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will he be good enough to lay upon the Table of this House, as promised, the Return of grades and curves on the respective railway routes to Inverell?

Mr. Lync answered,—I will lay the Return upon the Table in a few days.

(9.) Postal Notes :—*Mr. Targett* asked the Postmaster-General,—

(1.) Has his attention been called to the utility of the postal note system in other Colonies?

(2.) Will he consider the advisableness of introducing the system in his Department?

Mr. Suttor answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) The necessary arrangements are being carried out, with the view of bringing into operation the postal note system.

(10.) Railway through Narrabri :—*Mr. Collins* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Referring to the two trial surveys recently made for a deviation of the railway from the Rocky Crossing through the town of Narrabri,—

(1.) Was the cost estimated by Mr. Secretary Wright at £70,000, and does the Department now estimate it at £180,000?

(2.) Will he state how the discrepancy in the estimate of cost is occasioned?

Mr. Lync answered,—Nothing is known of the figures given in the Honorable Member's question. The estimate of the Engineer-in-Chief, for the extra cost of the proposed deviation, is £101,614.

2. RAILWAY FREIGHTS (*Formal Motion*) :—*Mr. Davies* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all letters, minutes, reports, or other documents, having reference to the introduction of the reduced charges on goods forwarded by railways in consignments aggregating six tons in weight; together with a statement showing, separately, to what extent the concession has been availed of by individual consignors and the various railway carrying firms of this Colony, for the last six months of the year 1885, the total tonnage carried and revenue earned by the railways being shown in each case; and also, the approximate loss to the revenue, as compared with the amount that would have been earned had no such reduction in ordinary rates been sanctioned.

Question put and passed.

3. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of Resolutions relative to Parliamentary *Hansard* postponed until Friday, 10th September.

§ 4. ILLAWARRA STEAM NAVIGATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—*Mr. Henry Clarke*, 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 August, 1886; together with a copy of the Bill, as agreed to by the Committee.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Clarke then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday, 10th September.

Question put and passed.

5. ASSENT TO BILLS :—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Mr. Dibbs, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

(1.) Stamp Duties Act Amendment Bill (No. 3) :—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 68.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Stamp Duties Act of 1880,'*"—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, 27th August, 1886.*

(2.) Married Women's Property Act Amendment Bill :—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 69.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Married Women's Property 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, 27th August, 1886.*

(3.) Employers' Liability Bill :—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 70.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to extend and regulate the Liability of Employers to make compensation for personal injuries suffered by Workmen in their service,*"—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, 27th August, 1886.*

(4.) Uther Estate Leasing Bill :—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 71.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorize Walter Iredale Uther and Hulston Smyth King or other the Trustee or Trustees for the time being of the Will of Reuben Uther late of Sydney deceased to lease portion of the real estate of the said Reuben Uther,*"—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.

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Sydney, 27th August, 1886.*

(5.) Parramatta Church School Bill :—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 72.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Right Reverend Alfred Barry D.D. Lord Bishop of Sydney and his successors the Bishops of Sydney to sell or demise a certain plot of Church Land situate in the Town of Parramatta and to apply 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.

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Sydney, 27th August, 1886.*

(6.) St. James' School Compensation Trust Bill :—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 73.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to declare the Trusts of certain moneys in the hands of the Church of England Property Trust Diocese of Sydney representing the compensation paid by the Government of New South Wales for the resumption of Saint James' School,*"—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.

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(7.)

(7.) West Wallsend and Monk-Wearmouth Railway Bill :—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 74.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the West Wallsend Coal Company (Limited) and the Monk-Wearmouth Colliery Estate Company of Australia (Limited) to construct a Railway from the West Wallsend Coal-fields to the Sydney and Waratah 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, 27th August, 1886.

6. ABOLITION OF PUNISHMENT BY WHIPPING BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Harold Stephen moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 19.

Mr. Hammond,
Mr. Roberts,
Mr. Fletcher,
Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Harold Stephen,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Garvan,
Mr. Sawers,
Sir Henry Parkes,
Mr. Slattery,
Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Melville,
Mr. Toohy,
Mr. D. A. Ferguson,
Mr. Stokes.

Tellers,

Mr. Moore,
Mr. Targett.

Noes, 39.

Mr. Lyne,	Dr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Collins,
Dr. Renwick,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Barbour,
Mr. James Henry Young,	Mr. Davies,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Bull,
Mr. Want,	Mr. Septimus Stephen,
Mr. Vaughn,	Mr. W. J. Fergusson,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Cass,
Mr. Hungerford,	Mr. Kidd,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Tarrant,
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Heydon,
Mr. Burdekin,	Mr. Ives,
Mr. Trickett,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Kethel,
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Crcer.
Mr. Tecce,	Tellers,
Mr. Lec,	
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Humphery,
Mr. Foster,	Mr. Sydney Smith.
Mr. Garrard,	

And so it passed in the negative.

7. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Ministerial Election Bill postponed until Friday, 10th September.

8. REGULATION OF FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS 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 that a *Point of Order* had arisen in the Committee, and obtained leave to sit again so soon as a decision had been given thereon.

The Chairman then stated the *Point of Order* as follows,—

Clause 12 of the Bill being under consideration, the Honorable Member for St. Leonards, Sir Henry Parkes, submitted the question whether this Bill, a measure in the hands of an unofficial Member, can be proceeded with by a Responsible Minister, or whether if so proceeded with, it should not be classed as a Government measure, the said Bill having been introduced by the Honorable Member in charge of it before he became a Minister of the Crown,—

And that he, the Chairman, had expressed the opinion that the Bill was not properly before the Committee.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker ruled that the question was one of Constitutional propriety rather than of order; that the measure was a Public Bill, introduced by a non-official Member; and that the fact of his becoming a Responsible Minister did not necessarily make it a Government measure. Precedents showed that other Bills, introduced under similar circumstances, had been allowed to proceed and become law. These cases did not materially differ from the present, and he considered that the procedure hitherto adopted with reference to this Bill could not be pronounced out of order. Whether it should become a Government measure would be for Minister's to determine; and, if they did not adopt it, the House would of course decide whether it should be left in its present position.

On motion of Dr. Renwick, 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 on Tuesday next.

9. MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS 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 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, 24th September.

10. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT** :—Sir Patrick Jennings, according to promise, stated what the Government considered the most appropriate way of celebrating the Centenary of the Colony.
11. **CEMETERIES REGULATION 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, 24th September.
12. **AUSTRALIAN JOINT STOCK BANK ACT AMENDMENT BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Ives moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Ives, 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. Ives, the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
13. **POSTPONEMENT** :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Mining on Private Property Bill postponed until Friday, 8th October.
14. **PUBLIC VEHICLES REGULATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Trickett 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. Trickett, 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. Trickett (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
15. **POSTPONEMENTS** :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—
(1.) Companies Act Amendment Bill; second reading;—*until Friday, 10th September.*
(2.) Pharmaceutical Society of New South Wales Incorporation Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—*until Tuesday next.*
16. **COOMA CHURCH OF ENGLAND PARSONAGE BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Dawson, 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. Dawson, 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 and empower Robert Dawson the surviving Trustee of certain Church of England lands at Cooma and to authorize and empower the said Robert Dawson and James Latchfield David Rylie and John Edward Pretty Walker the Trustees of certain lands dedicated by the Crown for a site for a Church of England Parsonage at Cooma aforesaid to sell the said respective lands and to provide for the application of the proceeds thereof.*"
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 27th August, 1886.
17. **PARRAMATTA PUBLIC BATHS BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. James Henry Young, 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. Young 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 Council of the Borough of Parramatta to construct establish and maintain Public Baths within the Borough of Parramatta upon part of a portion of land originally granted to the said Council as a site for a Market in Parramatta North.*"
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 27th August, 1886.
18. **BOWENFELS COAL-MINING AND COPPER-SMELTING COMPANY'S RAILWAY (SALE AND VESTING) BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—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 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. Teece, 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 amendment made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorize and empower the Directors for the time being of the 'Bowenfels Coal-mining and Copper-smelting Company (Limited)'* to carry out an agreement for the sale of land on part of which the Railway of the Company is constructed and other property and to vest such land and other property in the purchaser."

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 27th August, 1886.

19. **POSTPONEMENTS** :—The following Orders of the Day postponed until Friday, 10th September :—
- (1.) Mr. Henry Arthur Hough; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. McCulloch.
 - (2.) Robert Mackrell's Selection at Forbes; adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Vaughn.
 - (3.) Supreme Court Process Facilitation Bill (No. 2); second reading.
 - (4.) Defamation Act Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of Legislative Council's amendments.
20. **DIVORCE PROCEDURE 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 without amendment.
- On motion of Mr. Stephen, the report was adopted.
- Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
- The House adjourned at twenty-three minutes after Eleven o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 119.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 31 AUGUST, 1886.

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

CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 8):—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Dibbs, and read by Mr. Speaker,—

CARRINGTON,

Message No. 75.

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 1886 and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan*,"—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, 27th August, 1886.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Defence of the Colony:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) The number of trained men ready to defend New South Wales in the event of war, including Permanent Force, Volunteers, and Reserves?
- (2.) The number of rifles in the Colony at the command of the Government of New South Wales, other than those now in the hands of the Forces referred to?
- (3.) The quantity of powder in the Colony at the command of New South Wales?
- (4.) The number of torpedoes available for service in New South Wales?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—8,396. With reference to the other questions of the Honorable Member, I do not think it is politic to make public what stores we have; but I may say that we have ample for the purpose of a vigorous defence.

(2.) Trans-trucking Goods between New South Wales and Victoria:—Mr. Moore asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What is the average cost per ton of trans-trucking goods between the New South Wales and Victorian Railways?

Mr. Lyne answered,—About 10d. a ton.

(3.) District Surveyors:—Mr. Barbour, for Mr. Abbott, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the District Surveyors, or any of them, complain that their progress, in dealing with conditional or other purchases under the Land Act of 1884, is retarded, by reason of the delay in the survey of lands taken up under the repealed Acts?
- (2.) Have instructions been issued to the District Surveyors to deal with all cases under the repealed Acts in their respective districts conjointly with cases under the Act of 1884?
- (3.) Will he obtain reports from the District Surveyors upon the subjects contained in the foregoing questions, and lay such reports upon the Table of the House before the Estimates are dealt with?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1.) No special complaint can be traced; but there is a general one, arising out of the fact of no interval being allowed between the operation of the old and new Acts. Consequently, the District Surveyors, on 1st January, 1885, held 3,767 instructions under the repealed Acts, nearly 3,000 of which came to them in the latter part of 1884. This, with the rush of work under the new Act, has seriously impeded the District Surveyors.

(2.)

(2.) No special instruction to that effect was necessary as to measurement, as the District Surveyors had full control over the surveyors who held instructions, old and new; but the system of acceptance of plans under the old Acts is still in operation, with respect to land applied for under those Acts.

(3.) I have no objection to obtaining such reports if time permits.

(4.) Stone Quarry, Quarantine Ground :—Mr. James Henry Young asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that Mr. W. H. Jennings, the contractor, has opened a stone quarry within the Quarantine Ground?

(2.) Is it true that the Medical Board reported against Mr. Jennings being allowed to do this?

(3.) By whom was permission given to Mr. Jennings to open this quarry?

(4.) Was any Officer of the Lands Department instructed to report on the subject?

(5.) What rate of payment is charged to Mr. Jennings for the privilege of quarrying in the place referred to?

(6.) What amount of money has been paid by Mr. Jennings on this account to date?

(7.) What amount is now owing?

Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) No.

(3.) By the Colonial Treasurer, on the recommendation of the Minister for Lands, concurred in by the Health Officer.

(4.) Yes.

(5.) 6d. per ton of 18 cubic feet, measured in the building.

(6.) None.

(7.) No computation has yet been made. I will presently lay upon the Table copies of correspondence, which sets forth fully the agreement with Mr. Jennings.

(5.) Land selected by Mr. Carl Martin at Shoalhaven :—Mr. Abigail asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it a fact that Mr. Carl Martin selected land, at Shoalhaven, which is claimed by Mr. Berry, and to which, it is said, Mr. Berry has no Crown title?

(2.) When the matter was brought before the Minister for Lands, at the Land Court, last month, did he order a survey of the land to be made, with a view of ascertaining if Mr. Berry had any land in excess of that given him by Crown grant?

(3.) Is that survey to be made; if so, when?

(4.) Has the Local Land Board ignored the Minister's order, and disallowed Martin's selection a second time, without first taking any steps to ascertain if the land selected is the property of the Crown?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) The District Surveyor was instructed in accordance with my decision in Court of Appeal.

(4.) No; Carl Martin's application has not been brought before the Board a second time.

(6.) Ministerial Special Trains :—Mr. Neild asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What is the actual or estimated amount due or payable for the catering expenses of Ministerial Railway Excursions during the past three months, in addition to the sum already paid, viz., £9 5s. 5d.?

Mr. Lyne answered,—The sum named is the amount paid to date. No doubt there will be other items, but these cannot be given at present.

(7.) Wood-paving, Oxford-street, Paddington :—Mr. Neild asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has any report been obtained by him with reference to the wood-paving of portion of Oxford-street, Paddington; and, if so, has any decision been arrived at in respect of the execution of the work?

Mr. Lyne answered,—A report has been obtained, and is under consideration.

(8.) Road, Grenfell to Goolagong :—Mr. Vaughn asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Was Joseph Marks's tender for £174 8s. 1d. the lowest tender sent in for work on the Grenfell to Goolagong Road; was it accepted; and, if not, what was the reason for its non-acceptance?

(2.) Was C. Marks's tender for £204 7s. 8d. the lowest tender, upon the re-tendering for the same work; if so, what was the reason that this tender was not accepted?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) Yes, on first occasion tenders were invited for 16s; amount of tender, £172 1s. 8d. Tender was not accepted as it was informal, not having been made out as provided for by specification.

(2.) No.

3. NOXIOUS TRADES SITES 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 provide for the resumption and regulation of sites for noxious trades. Question put and passed.

4. PAPERS :—

Mr. Garvan laid upon the Table,—Report of the Comptroller-General of Prisons on Port Macquarie Gaol.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Fletcher laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return to an Address adopted on 16th April, 1886—"Mr. H. Vindin, Inspector of Rabbits."

(2.) Report from the Royal Commission on Collieries on the Accidents at Ferndale Colliery.

Ordered to be printed.

5. CROWN LANDS TITLES AND RESERVATIONS VALIDATION BILL:—Mr. W. J. Fergusson presented a Petition from Joseph Tarrant, of Castlereagh-street, Sydney, Gentleman, referring to certain land held under lease from the Crown by the Redhead Coal-mining Company (Limited), and also to the Crown Lands Titles and Reservations Validation Bill, now before the House; praying that the said Bill may be so amended as to fully preserve to Petitioner his rights to the said land, now in dispute; and further praying to be allowed to be heard at the Bar of the House by Counsel in support of this Petition.
Petition received.

6. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Lysaght moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.

7. BOROUGH OF EAST ST. LEONARDS WHARVES BILL:—Sir Henry Parkes presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Borough of East St. Leonards, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Borough of East Saint Leonards to lease and acquire Lands, and to erect thereon Wharves, &c.

And Sir Henry Parkes having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald*, and *St. Leonards Recorder* newspapers containing the Notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—

Petition received.

8. PATENTS AND DESIGNS BILL:—Mr. Garvan presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to remodel the Law relating to the Protection of Inventions and the Registration of Designs*,”—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday next.

9. ADDITIONAL STIPENDIARY MAGISTRATE BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Garvan, and read by Mr. Speaker,—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 76.

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 appointment of additional Stipendiary Magistrates within the Metropolitan Police District.

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Sydney, 31st August, 1886.*

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

10. PAPERS:—

Mr. Garvan laid upon the Table,—Further Return (*in part*) to an Order made on 15th February, 1884—“Spirits, Wine, and Beer—Convictions under the Licensing Act.”
Ordered to be printed.

Sir Patrick Jennings laid upon the Table,—Correspondence between the Treasury and Mr. W. H. Jennings with reference to the use of a Quarry at the Quarantine Station, near Manly.

Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table,—Notification of resumption of land required in connection with approach to the “Spit” Ferry, Middle Harbour, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Copeland laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Amended Regulations under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.

(2.) Supplementary Return of the area available within the reserves cancelled in the Land Districts of Tamworth, Murrumbidgee, and Gunnedah, from 1st January to 31st May, 1886.

Ordered to be printed.

11. AUSTRALIAN JOINT STOCK BANK ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—On motion of Mr. Ives, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Ives then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, “*An Act to amend the ‘Australian Joint Stock Bank Act.’*”

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 ‘Australian Joint Stock Bank Act,’*”—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, 31st August, 1886.*

12. DIVORCE PROCEDURE AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—On motion of Mr. Septimus Stephen, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Stephen then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, “*An Act to amend the Matrimonial Causes Acts in respect of procedure and certain other matters.*”

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 Matrimonial Causes Acts in respect of procedure and certain other matters,*”—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 31st August, 1886.*

13. **INCOME TAX 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.
14. **CROWN LANDS TITLES AND RESERVATIONS VALIDATION BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Copeland 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 the 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 with amendments.
On motion of Mr. Copeland (*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 nineteen minutes before Two 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, 1 SEPTEMBER, 1886.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Mr. Midelton, Locomotive Engineer:—Mr. Abigail asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
Has he arrived at any decision in reference to Mr. Midelton, Locomotive Overseer, who has been under suspension for twelve months; if so, will he state the nature of the same?
Mr. Lyne answered,—Yes; the promotion of Mr. Downe, and the appointment of Mr. Midelton to Mr. Downe's present position.
- (2.) Industrial School Ship "Vernon":—Mr. See, for Mr. Tarrant, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to convert the Industrial School Ship "Vernon" into a Reformatory, and place her under the control of the Minister of Justice?
(2.) If such is the case, will he have any objection to state what other provision will be made for the boys at present on board the "Vernon"?
Dr. Renwick answered,—
(1.) Yes.
(2.) It is the intention of the Government to use the "Wolverene" for the boys at present on board the "Vernon."
- (3.) Centenary of the Colony:—Mr. Burns, for Mr. G. A. Lloyd, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) Have the Government authorized the Agent-General to invite any members of the British Association, and, if so, how many, to the celebration of our Centenary?
(2.) What is the estimated expense of their visit, if the invitation is accepted?
Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—No definite invitation has yet been given. The Government are in communication with the Agent-General on the subject.
- (4.) Bench of Magistrates, Windsor:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—Was a letter received by him from the Bench of Magistrates at Windsor, complaining of a leading article in the *Australian* newspaper of 12th June, published in that town; if so, is it his intention to take any steps to prevent the administration of justice being held up to contempt, and to protect gentlemen who give their time and ability to carry out the important duties of their Court?
Mr. Dibbs answered,—No such letter has been received by the Minister of Justice or in my Department.
- (5.) Centenary of the Colony:—Mr. Abigail asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) Has a definite invitation been sent through the Agent-General to the members of the British Association to visit the Colony on the occasion of the Centenary?
(2.) Does the Government propose incurring any expense in connection with the elaborate scheme shadowed forth by the Premier, on Friday evening last, for celebrating the Centenary of the Colony, without first obtaining Parliamentary sanction to the same?
Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—
(1.) No definite invitation has been given. The Government are in communication with the Agent-General on the subject.
(2.) No.
- (6.) The Australian Portrait Gallery:—Mr. Abigail asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) How many copies of the Australian Portrait Gallery have been sent to the Dubbo Electorate at the public expense?
(2.) If any were sent, will he state who sent them, and to whom were they addressed?
Mr. Dibbs answered,—As far as I can ascertain, no copies of the Australian Portrait Gallery have been forwarded to the Dubbo Electorate.

(7.)

(7.) Metropolitan Branch Post Offices :—Mr. Davies asked the Postmaster-General,—What was the amount of Postal, Telegraph, Money Order Office, and Government Savings Bank business transacted at the Branch Post Offices, Paddington, William-street, Oxford-street, and Haymarket, during the years 1878, 1883, 1884, 1885?

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

(8.) Cost of Bridging Namoi River, Rocky Crossing, Narrabri :—Mr. Collins asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What was the estimated cost of bridging the Namoi River at the Rocky Crossing, near Narrabri, when the trial survey was made for a railway from Gunnedah to Mungindi?

Mr. Lyne answered,—I am not aware that any estimate was ever prepared for this line, and consequently no amount was estimated for bridging the Namoi at the place indicated.

(9.) Richmond River Bar :—*Mr. Barbour*, for Mr. Ewing, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—With reference to present state of Richmond River Bar,—

(1.) Will he inform the House when surveyors will be at the Richmond River to get necessary borings and soundings?

(2.) Is it intended to send surveyors there as soon as possible?

(3.) Is it the intention of the Government to obtain Sir John Coode's opinion so soon as such information is obtained?

(4.) Will he be prepared to submit a scheme for the improvement to the Bar when such opinion is obtained?

Mr. Lyne answered,—When funds shall have been made available surveyors will be sent.

(10.) Duplication of Railway Line, Granville to Liverpool :—*Mr. Bull*, for Mr. McCulloch, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government to proceed with the construction of the duplication of the line of railway from Granville to Liverpool; and, if so, when will the work be commenced?

Mr. Lyne answered,—Nothing has yet been definitely decided in this matter.

(11.) Rabbit-proof Fence from Narromine to Bourke :—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) To what distance underground is it intended to take the wire of the barrier fence about to be erected from Narromine to Bourke?

(2.) Are there any authenticated cases, within the knowledge of his officials, in which rabbits have been known to burrow 2 feet under ground?

Mr. Fletcher answered,—

(1.) To a depth of from 8 to 12 inches.

(2.) Yes.

(12.) Lands Titles Commissioners :—Mr. Trickett asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the two Commissioners of Titles, under the Real Property Act, received £162 10s. for their fees for the month of August, 1886?

(2.) How many sittings of the Commissioners took place in August?

(3.) What was the average length of each such sitting?

(4.) Is it the intention of the Government to introduce a short Bill this Session to do away with the Commissioners, and appoint a Master of Titles at a fixed salary in their stead?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

(1.) They will receive the sum mentioned.

(2.) Four.

(3.) Two hours.

(4.) No; the question will be considered in the ensuing Session.

2. CROWN LANDS TITLES AND RESERVATIONS VALIDATION 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 confirm and declare valid in certain cases the title or claim to Lands held as Additional Conditional Purchases Mineral Conditional Purchases and Conditional Leaseholds and also to declare valid reservations of Crown Lands from sale and the revocation 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 confirm and declare valid in certain cases the title or claim to lands held as Additional Conditional Purchases Mineral Conditional Purchases and Conditional Leaseholds and also to declare valid reservations of Crown Lands from sale and the revocation thereof.*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 1st September, 1886.

PUBLIC VEHICLES REGULATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—On motion of Mr. Trickett, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Trickett then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to amend the 'Public Vehicles Regulation Act of 1873.'*"

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 'Public Vehicles Regulation Act of 1873.'*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 1st September, 1886.

4. **POSTPONEMENT** :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Pharmaceutical Society of New South Wales Incorporation Bill, postponed until Friday 8th October.
5. **PAPER** :—Mr. Suttor laid upon the Table,—Return, showing the business transacted at the Branch Post Offices Paddington, William-street, Oxford-street, and Haymarket.
Ordered to be printed.
6. **SYDNEY MECHANICS SCHOOL OF ARTS INCORPORATION BILL** :—Mr. Forsyth, 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 15th July, 1886; together with a copy of the Bill, as amended and agreed to by the Committee.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Forsyth then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday, 17th September.
Question put and passed.
7. **ADDITIONAL STIPENDIARY MAGISTRATE BILL** :—Mr. Garvan 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 appointment of an additional Stipendiary Magistrate for the Metropolitan Police District.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
8. **NOXIOUS TRADES SITES 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 to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the resumption and regulation of sites for noxious trades.
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 resumption and regulation of sites for noxious trades.
On motion of Mr. Dibbs, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
9. **INCOME TAX 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 that a *Point of Order* had arisen in the Committee, and obtained leave to sit again after a decision had been given thereon.
The Chairman then stated the *Point of Order* as follows :—
The Honorable Member for Yass Plains, Mr. Heydon, proposed, as an amendment to clause 6, to insert, after the word “be” in line 27, the words,—“all persons resident outside the Colony receiving profits and gains such as are described in the Schedules to section 1 or their attorney or agent resident in the Colony”—
And objection being taken to it, he, as Chairman, had given his opinion that the amendment was not admissible, being inconsistent with Schedule B of clause 1, already agreed to by the Committee.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Speaker ruled, in accordance with the Chairman’s opinion, that the amendment was not coherent and consistent with the context of the Bill.
On motion of Sir Patrick Jennings, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the Committee resumed.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that another *Point of Order* had arisen in the Committee, and obtained leave to sit again so soon as the Question of Order had been decided.
The Chairman then stated the *Point of Order* as follows :—
Mr. Heydon having proposed to amend clause 6, by inserting, after the word “be” in line 27, the words,—“all persons resident outside the Colony receiving profits and gains such as are described in the Schedules in section 1 and as to which persons resident outside the Colony are thereby made subject to taxation or the attorney or agent resident in the Colony of such persons”—
An objection was urged to the amendment, on the ground that it was similar in effect to the last amendment, upon which an adverse decision had been given by the House,—and that he, the Chairman, had expressed his opinion that the amendment was substantially the same as the previous one.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Speaker ruled that there was so little difference between the two amendments, that this one was subject to the same objection as the other, and that the Chairman’s opinion should be upheld.
On motion of Sir Patrick Jennings, Mr. Speaker left the Chair and the Committee resumed.

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.

10. NOXIOUS TRADES SITES BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Dibbs, and read by Mr. Speaker,—

CARRINGTON,

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 provide for the Resumption and Regulation of Sites for Noxious Trades.

Government House,

Sydney, 1st September, 1886.

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

11. POSTPONEMENTS:—The remaining Orders of the Day of Government Business postponed until to-morrow.

12. BOROUGH OF EAST ST. LEONARDS WHARVES BILL:—

(1.) Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Borough of East Saint Leonards to lease and acquire lands and to erect thereon wharves &c.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Sir Henry Parkes 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 Borough of East Saint Leonards to lease and acquire Lands and to erect thereon Wharves &c.*,"—read a first time.

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. 121.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 2 SEPTEMBER, 1886.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Mr. R. W. Knolles' Selection:—Mr. Abigail asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Did Mr. R. W. Knolles select 320 acres (74-654), being portion No. 63, and was it reported as having been improved up to £120?
- (2.) Was any deduction made, or instalment of purchase money paid, upon the conditional purchase on 7th December, 1882?
- (3.) Is it true that the said Mr. Knolles did not reside in the district for more than one year?
- (4.) Was the said land re-selected by John Nisbet, and was he informed that the land stood in the name of Knolles?
- (5.) Did a *Gazette* Notice of 17th June, 1884, appear, stating the selection of R. W. Knolles, now James Balfour, was notified as lapsed for want of declaration, &c.?
- (6.) Was such land again selected by Nisbet on 17th July, 1884, and did he make considerable improvement on such land?
- (7.) Was he informed, on the 26th February, 1885, that the country had been sufficiently improved to bar selection?
- (8.) Has this same selection been transferred by Knolles to James A. Mackinnon?
- (9.) Has this case been before the Local Land Board; if so, what is the report?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

- (1.) Yes; Mr. R. W. Knolles selected 320 acres (C.P. 74-654), being portion 63, and the Surveyor reported on 23rd November, 1874, that it was improved to the value of £120 by Mr. Knolles.
 - (2.) No; the area has never been reduced, and instalment was not paid upon the date mentioned; but overdue interest, amounting to £71 10s 9d., was paid to Suspense Account, at the Treasury, on the 5th August, 1882.
 - (3.) The Minister, Mr. Farnell, was satisfied that residence for the three years had been carried out.
 - (4.) Yes; John Nisbet, by C.P. 82-70, selected 640 acres on 23rd March, 1882, including portion 63 of 320 acres; but the conditional purchase was reduced to 320 acres, and Mr. Nisbet was informed that portion 63 would not be available until after the expiration of thirty clear days from *Gazette* Notice of lapsing.
 - (5.) Yes; but the lapsing was reversed on 24th February, 1885.
 - (6.) Yes; portion 63 was re-selected by John Nisbet on 17th July, 1884, but the application (C.P. 84-41) was declared void on 26th February, 1885. There is no evidence to show that the portion in question was considerably improved by Mr. Nisbet.
 - (7.) Yes.
 - (8.) Yes.
 - (9.) No; the selection having been approved of, there is nothing requiring investigation by the Board.
- (2.) Railway to Inverell:—Mr. W. J. Fergusson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he state how he makes the difference on carriage of goods from Newcastle to Inverell, *via* Glen Innes, 60 per cent. more than by a line from Uralla, as stated in answer to a question by Mr. Inglis, M.P., on 20th August?
- Mr. Lyne answered,—The difference between the distance by the direct line from Uralla to Inverell (77 miles) and the distance *via* the Main Line and Glen Innes (123 miles) is 46 miles—equal to 60 per cent. in favor of the direct line, the grades and curves on each route being of a similar character.
- (3.) Inspector of Slaughter-houses, Penrith:—Mr. T. R. Smith asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Who is the Inspector of Slaughter-houses at Penrith?
 - (2.) Is he supposed to inspect stock and take their brands and descriptions before cattle are slaughtered?
 - (3.)

(3.) Will he state the number of times the different slaughter-houses in the Penrith District have been visited by the Inspector during the last twelve months?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

(1.) Police Sergeant G. Dove.

(2.) Yes, as far as practicable. There are twenty licensed butchers in the district, the majority of whom live from 10 to 20 miles from Penrith.

(3.) The Inspector has kept no record of such inspections, but states that they have numbered some hundreds.

(4.) Mr. Douglass's Selection, County of Hunter:—Mr. Henson asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Is he aware that a person named Henry Douglass is in possession of a 40-acre block of land in the Eastern Division, county of Hunter, parish of Wonga?

(2.) Is it true that the Forest Ranger for the above district has reported that Mr. Douglass is in illegal possession?

(3.) If true, when will steps be taken to remove Douglass from the land?

Dr. Renwick answered,—

(1.) The surveyor who recently surveyed 40 acres applied for by H. A. Wilson as a conditional purchase, reported that Henry Douglass was occupying a portion of it, believing it to form part of his property.

(2.) Yes; but it was only upon the survey before referred to being made that the report was confirmed.

(3.) Steps are being taken.

(5.) Advertised Land Sale, Walgett:—Mr. Abigail asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Are nearly 3,000 acres of land advertised to be sold by auction, on September 29th, at Walgett?

(2.) Is this land situated upon the resumed area of the Towindah holding, and has a considerable portion of this land frontage to the Castlereagh River?

(3.) Has this measured land submitted to auction been applied for by the lessees of the run known as the Towindah holding?

(4.) Do these lessees at present hold an occupation license for this particular land and the remaining portion of the resumed area which surrounds it?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1.) Yes; but since withdrawn.

(2.) The land is situated on the resumed area of Youendah holding.

(3.) Not recently. It was measured for auction some years ago.

(4.) Yes.

(6.) Alleged Grant of Land for Church Purposes, Booth-street, Waverley:—Mr. Abigail asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has a grant of land, situated at the southern end of Booth-street, Waverley or Randwick, been granted for Church purposes as late as 1884 or 1885; if so, to whom was it granted?

(2.) If so granted, what is the extent of the said land, and is it not opposed to the practice or usage to make any grants for Denominational purposes?

(3.) Is it true that this land was Crown Lands up to 20th March, 1885?

(4.) By whom was the grant made, and are the deeds issued?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The Records of the Department of Lands do not disclose any such dedication, nor can Booth-street be identified.

(7.) Railway Stations, Goulburn, Junee, and Bathurst:—Mr. Teece asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) The number of engines stationed at Goulburn, Junee, and Bathurst, respectively?

(2.) The number of men employed in the engineering workshops, viz., fitters, turners, boilermakers, and others engaged in general repairs at Goulburn?

(3.) The like information as regards Junee and Bathurst?

(4.) Have any locomotives or trucks, or portions of either, been forwarded from Goulburn to Junee for repairs; if so, the number?

(5.) The number of trains that run in and out of Junee (exclusive of water trains), Bathurst, and Goulburn during each week?

(6.) The total amount of revenue derived at Goulburn, Bathurst, and Junee, respectively, during 1885?

(7.) The number of apprentices under indentures to the Government in the Engineering Departments, at Goulburn, Junee, and Bathurst?

Mr. Lyne answered,—The information is being prepared, and will be laid upon the Table of the House in the shape of a Return on an early day.

(8.) Weigh-bridges for Molong and Borenore Railway Stations:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Public Works,—In view of the approaching wool season, will he see that instructions are issued to have the railway stations at Molong and Borenore supplied, without delay, with suitable cart weigh-bridges?

Mr. Lyne answered,—Yes, without unnecessary delay.

3. IMPORTED RAILWAY MATERIAL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Hugh Taylor moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing,—

(1.) The number of sets of stock-switches, point-rods, chair-slides, and lever-stands, imported during the last two years, and the cost of same, per set, delivered from the store ready for use.

(2.) The cost of machinery imported expressly for carrying out this work, and the cost of same made at permanent-way workshops.

Question put and passed.

3. **NOXIOUS TRADES SITES BILL**:—Mr. Dibbs presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to provide for the Resumption and Regulation of Sites for Noxious Trades*,”—which was read a first time. Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
4. **MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

(1.) Wollongong Public School Site Sale Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled “*An Act to remove doubts as to the power of selling the Old Public School Site at Wollongong under the ‘Public Instruction Act of 1880,’*”—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 September, 1886.

JOHN HAY,

President.

WOLLONGONG PUBLIC SCHOOL SITE SALE BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 2nd September, 1886.

JOHN J. CALVERT,

Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, clause 1, line 18. Omit “and”

Page 2, clause 1, lines 3 and 4. Omit “(forty-third Victoria number twenty-three)”

Page 2, clause 1. At end of clause add “and shall unless required for the purposes of Public Instruction be sold by public auction as soon as may be after the passing of this Act.”

Examined,—

W. R. PIDDINGTON,

Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the Council’s amendments be taken into consideration on Tuesday next.

(2.) Sydney Town Hall and 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 a further sum of Two hundred thousand pounds for the completion of the Town Hall and a further sum of One hundred thousand pounds for the Paving of Public Highways within the said City*,”—with the amendment indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendment the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 2nd September, 1886.

JOHN HAY,

President.

SYDNEY TOWN HALL AND STREETS MUNICIPAL LOAN BILL.

Schedule of the Amendment referred to in Message of 2nd September, 1886.

JOHN J. CALVERT,

Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 3, clause 4, line 41. Omit “not”

Examined,—

W. R. PIDDINGTON,

Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the Council’s amendment be taken into consideration on Tuesday next.

5. **INCOME TAX 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 Tuesday next.

6. **RAILWAY FROM KIAMA TO JERVIS BAY**:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having appointed a Select Committee on the “*Railway from Kiama to Jervis Bay*,”—and that Committee being desirous to examine Harman John Tarrant, 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, 2nd September, 1886.

JOHN HAY,

President.

Sir Patrick Jennings moved, That Harman John Tarrant, Esquire, have leave to attend and give evidence before the Select Committee of the Legislative Council on “*Railway from Kiama to Jervis Bay*,” 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 Harman John Tarrant, Esquire, a Member of the Legislative Assembly, to attend and be examined before a Select Committee of the Legislative Council on “*Railway from Kiama to Jervis Bay*,”—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, 2nd September, 1886.

7. DAIRIES SUPERVISION 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 progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday next.

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

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 122.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 3 SEPTEMBER, 1886.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Lithgow Valley Colliery Accident:—Mr. Olliffe asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) In view of the facts disclosed in the Commissioners' report on the accidents of Lithgow Valley Colliery, and set out in finding 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 of said report, will he state what steps (if any) have been taken to rectify the deficient arrangements shown to have existed in the said colliery?
- (2.) Will he state how many collieries in New South Wales have underground boilers erected in the centre of a "coal-bord," and on a portion of a coal-seam, as described in pages 8, 9, and 10 of such report?
- (3.) Will he take immediate steps to prevent owners of collieries living in the "Fool's Paradise" described at pages 8, 9, and 10 in said report?
- (4.) Will he take immediate steps to cause his Officers to inspect and report fully upon all underground boilers, their size, mode of erection, disposal of flues, smoke, cinders, and small coal, as well as all underground furnaces, the disposal of their cinders, &c.?
- (5.) Will he also direct the attention of the proper Officer to the condition of all return air-courses in the collieries of New South Wales, and report thereon with the least possible delay?
- (6.) Will he have any objection to lay upon the Table of this House the reports referred to in questions 4 and 5 when compiled?

Mr. Fletcher answered,—

- (1.) The portion of the mine alluded to in the Commissioners' report has been abandoned, and effectually sealed up by means of substantial brick stoppings.
- (2.) There are now no collieries in New South Wales which have underground boilers erected in the centre of a coal-bord and on a portion of a coal seam; but there is one colliery in which an underground boiler is in the main return air-way, but it is not on a portion of a coal seam, is protected by brickwork on both sides and by ironwork on the roof, and care is taken to remove the soot periodically.
- (3.) Imperative orders were given, some time since, that the provisions of the Coal-fields Act be strictly enforced in every particular.
- (4.) Such a report has been obtained already in respect to the only underground boiler used in a colliery.
- (5.) It is the duty of the Inspector to examine the return air-courses on the occasion of each inspection.
- (6.) No objection to lay upon the Table of this House a copy of the report referred to in answer to No. 4.
- (2.) Volunteer Easter Encampment:—Mr. O'Sullivan, for Mr. J. D. Young, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Were public tenders called for the conveyance of all Volunteers and Artillery baggage and returning the same, in connection with Volunteer Encampment last Easter?
- (2.) Who were the successful tenderers?
- (3.) The total amount of the tender, and the amount paid, or to be paid?
- (4.) Will there be any objection to lay all the papers in connection with this business upon the Table of the House?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The following information has been supplied by the Major-General Commanding the Military Forces:—

- (1.) No, as such course is not usual.
- (2.) Messrs. Wright, Heaton, & Co. conveyed the baggage, according to arrangement.
- (3.) £120 was agreed for and paid for carriage of camp equipment, and a further sum of £146 10s. 8d. was paid for other description of baggage to various persons.
- (4.) There will be no objection. (3.)

- (3.) Associate to Mr. Justice Innes:—Mr. William Clarke asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Was the son of the Honorable the Colonial Secretary recently appointed Associate to His Honor Justice Innes?
 - (2.) Was Mr. Justice Innes' late Associate (whom Mr. Dibbs succeeded) appointed, or promised an appointment, on the Statist's Staff at a salary of £350 per annum; or, if not, at what salary?
 - (3.) Had Mr. Dibbs' predecessor been in the Civil Service of the Colony; and, if so, how long?
 - (4.) How long had that gentleman been resident in the Colony?
 - (5.) Who recommended him for appointment on the Statist's Staff?
 - (6.) Will his appointment be carried out, and had all the eligible Officers for the position already in the Civil Service been considered before making this appointment?
 - (7.) What appointment is the late Associate of Mr. Justice Innes to receive?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

(1.) The Office of Judge's Associate is in the gift of the Judges of the Supreme Court. Mr. Justice Innes has appointed a gentleman to that Office. In the mean time, and for a few months, the son of the Colonial Secretary will act as his *locum tenens*.

(2, 3, 5, and 7.) The late Associate, a gentleman of special talents, of University education, and a mathematician, will probably receive an appointment under the Statistician.

(4.) I do not know how long this gentleman has resided in the Colony.

(6.) Yes.

- (4.) Moree Land District:—Mr. Hassall asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) What is the total area of land held under mineral conditional purchases in the Moree Land District?

(2.) Are the whole of the resumed areas in the same district held under annual occupation license?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1.) 3,029 acres 1 rood.

(2.) Yes.

- (5.) Offer of Buildings for Government Offices:—Mr. Abigail asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Are the Government endeavouring to arrange with Messrs. Bakewell Brothers, supposed owners of a block of land in Phillip-street, opposite the Government Printing Office, to erect buildings thereon for Government use?

(2.) Have they offered to put up a building, to cost about £50,000, on the following terms:—For the first seven years the Government to pay a yearly rental of £8,500, and for a second term of seven years £10,000 per annum?

(3.) If the above be true, who are the agents through whom the business is being done?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—An offer of an economical nature, with regard to offices, has been made to the Government; but, pending its full consideration by the Government, it is not considered prudent to make the proposals known. When consideration has been given, the papers will be laid upon the Table, and every information afforded.

- (6.) Mr. W. M. Cooper, Trustee of Bungendore Park:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Who is Mr. W. M. Cooper, recently appointed one of the Trustees of Bungendore Park?

(2.) On whose recommendation was Mr. Cooper appointed?

Mr. Fletcher answered,—

(1.) Mr. Cooper is the Surveyor of Public Parks.

(2.) He is appointed in pursuance of a minute by a previous Minister, to the effect that the Surveyor of Public Parks be added to the Trustees of each Park, in order that he might assist them, more especially in regard to the laying out the Park.

2. BOROUGH OF EAST ST. LEONARDS WHARVES BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That the Borough of East St. Leonards Wharves Bill be referred to a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, for consideration and report.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Copeland, Mr. Dalton, Mr. Ives, Mr. Jones, Mr. Kethel, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

3. ELECTRIC LIGHT IN PARLIAMENTARY BUILDINGS:—Mr. Garrard presented a Petition from Harry Hyde Kingsbury, of Sydney, Electrical Engineer, representing that the Petitioner is the contractor and agent for the Edison Company, and that his interests, and those of his Company, are involved in the matters referred to the Select Committee on "Electric Light in Parliamentary Buildings"; and praying for leave to appear before that Committee on behalf of himself and his Company, in person, or by Solicitor or Counsel, and to produce papers and witnesses, and examine and cross-examine witnesses produced before the said Committee.
- Petition received, and referred to the Select Committee on the subject.

4. PAPER:—Mr. Suttor laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 30th March, 1886—"Case of Blakeney v. Pegus."

5. CLAIM OF CHARLES STEVENS:—Mr. Vaughn moved, pursuant to Notice, That the report from the Select Committee on the "Claim of Charles Stevens," brought up on the 6th August, 1886, be now adopted.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Burns 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 Friday, 17th September.

6. **SETTLED ESTATES BILL**:—Mr. Septimus 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 14th May, 1886; together with Appendix, and a copy of the Bill as agreed to by the Committee.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Stephen then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday, 24th September.

Question put and passed.

7. **NORTH COAST RAILWAY**:—Mr. James Henry Young moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the following Resolutions:—

(1.) That, having regard to the large population settled in the North Coast Districts, the varied resources and the very productive nature of the lands of those districts, this House is of opinion that a railway connecting them with the Great Northern Line, in the neighbourhood of Morpeth or Maitland, would be a profitable undertaking, and should be provided for and proceeded with without unnecessary delay.

(2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

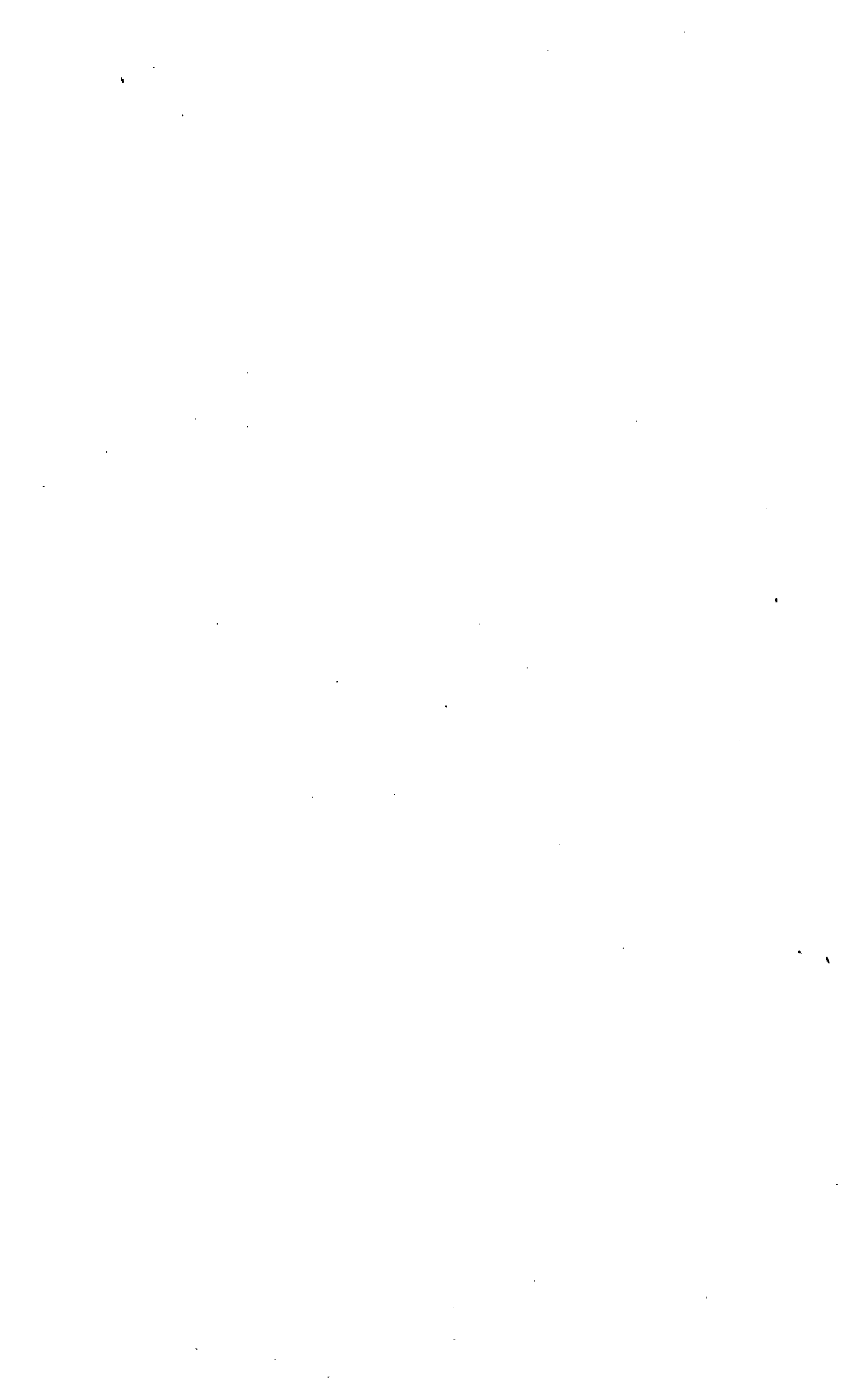
Mr. Roberts moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Friday, 17th September.

The House adjourned at three minutes after 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, 7 SEPTEMBER, 1886.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Maps showing Resumed and Leased Areas of Runs:—*Mr. Barbour*, for *Mr. Baker*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Are parish or other maps published, for distribution to the public, which show the boundaries of the resumed and leased areas of the various runs?

(2.) If there be no such maps furnished by the Lands Department, will he cause maps (parish or others) to be made, showing the boundaries of the resumed and leased areas of the runs?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1.) Yes, in all parish maps published since July, 1885.

(2.) The practice will be continued.

(2.) Parish Maps:—*Mr. Barbour*, for *Mr. Baker*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it a fact that some of the parish maps are several years old?

(2.) Will he cause an inquiry to be made into the present state of the parish maps, with a view to their being kept better charted up?

(3.) Are parish maps to be obtained at the various Country Land Offices?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1.) Yes; the average age of editions is some three or four years.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) Yes; at the Land Offices of the districts in which the parishes are situated.

(3.) Special Areas:—*Mr. Gormly* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Who recommended the following portions of land to be made "Special Areas," at prices from £2 to £3 per acre, for residence conditional purchases, as per *Gazette Notice*, 25th August, 1886:—Resumed area, Widgiewa holding, 4,464 acres 1 rood; Mahonga holding, 3,066 acres 3 roods Cocketgedong holding, 1,803 acres; Urangeline holding, 1,067 acres 1 rood, within the Land District of Urana, and Land Board District of Wagga Wagga?

(2.) Are the lands gazetted to be sold by auction at Urana, 15th and 28th September, at 25s. per acre, upset price, included in the above Special Areas?

(3.) After being declared Special Areas, can the land be sold by auction; if so, if not selected, will it be offered for sale at 25s. per acre as gazetted, or at the prices put on the Special Areas?

(4.) Who made application to have the land sold by auction, and who recommended the price at 25s. per acre?

(5.) Was there an offer made for the land of £2 10s. and £3 per acre, and by whom; and was it through this offer being made that the lands were proclaimed Special Areas?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1.) The District Surveyor at Wagga Wagga.

(2.) The lands gazetted to be offered at auction at Urana, on the 15th and 28th instants, are not in the "Special Areas" referred to in the first question; but the lands in those "Special Areas" are advertised to be offered at auction at Urana, on the 29th instant, at prices ranging from £1 10s. per acre for the back blocks to £3 per acre for the frontage blocks.

(3.) Land in Special Areas can be sold at auction, if not selected or otherwise disposed of prior to day of sale, the 29th instant, at the prices mentioned in preceding reply (No. 2).

(4.) The land to be submitted to auction on the 15th and 28th instants was not applied for to be offered, but was advertised under Departmental instructions, and the price fixed by me. The land to be offered on the 29th instant is in the "Special Areas" referred to in Question No. 1, and the price at auction was fixed by me.

(5.) No offer was made to purchase the land at £3 per acre; but statements were made that the lands would be bought at £2 and £2 10s. per acre.

(4.)

- (4.) Surplus Storm Water, Dubbo:—*Mr. Hawthorne*, for Mr. Abigail, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Have any reports and plans been submitted to the Government for relieving Dubbo from the surplus storm water; if so, will he state by whom they have been prepared, and what has been the cost?

Mr. Lyne answered,—Three reports, with plans of different proposals for relieving Dubbo from surplus storm water, have been prepared by Mr. District Engineer Watson, of Bathurst. The cost has been £36.

- (5.) Postmaster at Goulburn:—*Mr. Hawthorne*, for Mr. Abigail, asked the Postmaster-General,—
- (1.) How many inquiries have been held by the Department into the conduct of the Goulburn Postmaster?
 - (2.) The number of times the said Officer has been censured while in charge of the Goulburn Office?
 - (3.) Is it true that he has taken advantage of the insolvency laws by filing his schedule?
 - (4.) What is the total salary and emoluments he receives?
 - (5.) Has the Postmaster-General finally decided the case of this Officer; if so, will he state the result?

Mr. Suttor answered,—

(1.) Three, viz., on 1st July, 1885, by a Board consisting of the Superintendent, Money Order Office, and a Postal Inspector; on the 11th June, 1886, by another Postal Inspector; and, in July, 1886, by a Board composed of a Postal Inspector and the Police Magistrate, Goulburn.

(2.) Four times; but only twice in connection with the abovementioned inquiries.

(3.) Yes.

(4.) £400 per annum and quarters.

(5.) Yes. The inquiry held in July last corroborated the report of the Board in July, 1885, that there was no foundation for the most serious charges preferred against the Postmaster at that time, and which had been revived since by anonymous communications; and proved that the charge of intemperance, made against the Postmaster in June, 1886, was also without foundation, the persons who, it was stated, would prove the charge, actually proving the contrary. The Board recommended that the hours of attendance of the Postmaster and Assistants be fixed and rigidly adhered to, and that if the Postmaster did not himself observe them, and see that his assistants remained in the office during the allotted hours, he would be removed. The Board also pointed out that, no doubt, a deal of mischief and underhand work had been caused by the meddlesome disposition of some of the Assistants, and that when their removal (which had already been decided upon) took place, a better state of affairs would exist. The recommendations of the Board were approved of.

- (6.) Bondi Sewer:—*Mr. Hawthorne*, for Mr. Abigail, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Who are the contractors for the No. 7 Contract of the Bondi Sewer?

(2.) Are they proceeding with the work; if not, who is carrying it on, and has the original contract been cancelled?

(3.) Has any communication been made to the Department, setting forth that a certain person has been guilty of bribing certain Government officials; and was it stated that if any inquiry was held the above, and much more, would be proved?

(4.) Has the person making these charges sent the name of the person who received the bribe, and sent it enclosed to the Government officials?

(5.) Is it true that a large fracture and subsidence has taken place in the sewer, in consequence of the plans not being adhered to; and what will be the cost of making good the same?

(6.) Is it his intention to cause a thorough investigation into this matter, and make known, as early as possible, to the House the result?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) Messrs. Moore & Knox.

(2.) Yes; the original contract has been transferred—not cancelled.

(3.) Several letters have been received, purporting to be written by Smith & Co., the contractors, and by George Proudfoot, for Smith & Co., referring to money having been given by their agents to certain persons to bribe Government officials. Inquiry was made, as far as the vague nature of the information admitted, and the truth of the statements was denied. No allegation was made that any official had received a bribe, and the Crown Solicitor reported that the statements were too indefinite to justify the prosecution of the makers.

(4.) A person named Rooney is believed to be referred to as the man who received the money, and enclosed the bribe to Government officials, which the officials denied strenuously having received, and would have prosecuted the persons making the charges if the guarded nature of the letters had not prevented them.

(5.) No; a slight fracture, and a subsidence, varying from nothing to a maximum of 1½ inches, on a length of 150 feet occurred. This is being repaired, but cost is not known to the Department.

(6.) Investigation has been made, as far as the indefinite nature of the charges admitted.

- (7.) Legalizing Defective Conditional Purchases:—Mr. Burns asked the Secretary for Lands,—Whether it is the intention of the Government to introduce, during the present Session, a measure for legalizing defective conditional purchases in approved cases?

Mr. Copeland answered,—A Bill will be introduced either during this or early next Session.

- (8.) Forest Ranger, Mudgee District:—Mr. James Henry Young asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) What amount of revenue has been received from the Mudgee District from timber licenses, or from other sources of revenue overlooked by the Forest Ranger, for the years 1883, 1884, and 1885?

(2.) What was the amount paid to this Officer during these three years by way of salary and travelling expenses?

(3.) Is it his intention to appoint a successor to the late Forest Ranger, who has been recently transferred to another district?

Mr.

Mr. Fletcher answered,—

- (1.) In 1883, £284 8s. 9d. ; 1884, £279 10s. ; 1885, £186 10s.
- (2.) 1883—salary, £200 ; travelling expenses, £158 15s. ; total, £358 15s. 1884—salary, £200 ; travelling expenses, £191 5s. ; total, £391 5s. 1885—salary, £205 ; travelling expenses, £205 5s. ; total, £410 5s. The travelling expenses are largely increased, in consequence of the duties of Crown Bailiff and inspections of ringbarking performed by the Forest Ranger.
- (3.) Mr. Forest Ranger P. Cullen, recently stationed at Singleton, has been transferred to Mudgee temporarily ; but it is possible that a Ranger will not be retained in that district.

- (9.) Repairs to Railway Rolling Stock :—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) How many locomotives are now waiting for repairs in the railway yards at Redfern and Eveleigh ?
 - (2.) The like information with regard to railway carriages ?
 - (3.) Is it not possible to have some of the repairs referred to executed in private workshops ?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) Twenty-two.
- (2.) Three.
- (3.) I am now making inquiries as to how far this can be carried out.

- (10.) Proposed Tramway, Windsor to Sackville Reach :—Mr. Bowman asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has he ever received a Petition from the inhabitants of Windsor and others for a tram line from Windsor to Sackville Reach ; if so, will he please state what steps have been taken, and if a survey is in progress ?

Mr. Lyne answered,—A Petition has been received ; but, as the North Coast Railway will afford the residents on the Hawkesbury River the means of getting their produce to Sydney, it was not considered necessary or desirable to construct a line from Windsor to Sackville Reach. A survey is not in progress.

- (11.) Fines in Post and Telegraph Department :—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Dr. Ross, asked the Postmaster General,—

- (1.) The number of persons employed in the Post and Telegraph Department on whom fines have been inflicted during the last six months ?
- (2.) The amount received for fines during the same period ?
- (3.) Is any portion of this fund paid over for good conduct and to meritorious Officers, or how is the amount collected for fines disposed of ?

Mr. Suttor answered,—

- (1 and 2.) I have not had sufficient time to enable me to answer questions one and two.
- (3.) No ; it is paid into the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

- (12.) Fines in Railway and Tramway Department :—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Dr. Ross, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) The number of persons employed in the Railway and Tramway Department on whom fines have been inflicted during the last six months ?
- (2.) The amount received for fines during the same period ?
- (3.) Is any portion of this fund paid over for good conduct and to meritorious Officers, or how is the amount collected for fines disposed of ?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) Railways, 306 ; Tramways, 163 ; total, 469.
- (2.) £212 6s. 8d.
- (3.) The fines are paid to the Sick and Accident Society's Fund, unless in cases in which the Department has suffered pecuniary loss through the negligence of the employes fined, in which cases the fines are credited to Revenue.

- (13.) Temporary Appointments to Civil Service :—Mr. Hammond asked the Colonial Secretary,—When will the Return asked for by order of the House on the 17th June last, "Temporary Appointments to Civil Service," be laid upon the Table ?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—I will presently lay upon the Table a Return, or part of a Return, to the Order referred to.

- (14.) Road over Burragorang Mountain :—*Mr. Day*, for Mr. Targett, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the Return to Order, "Road over Burragorang Mountain," be laid upon the Table of this House ?

Mr. Lyne answered,—Copies will at once be made, and laid upon the Table at an early date ?

2. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT :—Sir Patrick Jennings informed the House of the order in which the Government would proceed with their Business, with a view to the early closing of the Session.
3. TRAMWAY BETWEEN WAVERLEY AND RANDWICK :—Mr. Neild presented a Petition from certain Owners of Property and Electors in the Boroughs of Randwick, Coogee, and Waverley, referring to the proposal to connect, by a loop-line, the Train Terminus at Waverley with the Engine-sheds at Randwick ; submitting that numerous advantages are offered by an alternative connection *via* Coogee ; and praying that a survey be made of the route suggested by the Petitioners. Petition received.

4. PAPERS :—

Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table,—Return, showing total cost of Reticulation Pipes, Special Castings, &c., for Water Supply for towns of Bathurst, Wagga Wagga, Goulburn, and Albury.
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return to an Order made on 10th June, 1886—"Government Medical Officers."
 - (2.) Return (*in part*) to an Order made on 17th June, 1886—"Temporary Appointments to Civil Service."
- Ordered to be printed.

5. **NOXIOUS TRADES SITES 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 with amendments.
On motion of Mr. Dibbs (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.
6. **SYDNEY TOWN HALL AND STREETS MUNICIPAL LOAN 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 Municipal Council of Sydney to raise by Debentures a further sum of Two hundred thousand pounds for the completion of the Town Hall and a further sum of One hundred thousand pounds for the Paving of Public Highways within the said City.*"
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 7th September, 1886.
7. **DAIRIES SUPERVISION 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 the Bill with amendments.
On motion of Mr. Dibbs (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted (after Debate).
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.
8. **PATENTS AND DESIGNS BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Garvan moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Garvan, 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 seventeen minutes after One o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 124.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 8 SEPTEMBER, 1886.

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

DIVORCE PROCEDURE AMENDMENT BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Dibbs, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

CARRINGTON,

Governor.

Message No 78.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Matrimonial Causes Acts in respect of Procedure and certain other matters*,"—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, 8th September, 1886.

2. **QUESTIONS:**—

(1.) **Road Expenditure:**—Mr. Wall asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What is the amount of per centage that has been deducted from the Vote for Road Expenditure during the present year?

Mr. Want answered,—5 per cent. from Vote for Minor Roads under Department, as noted on Schedule. About 20 per cent. from Votes for Main Roads, except those within Municipal limits, as shown by reduced amounts on Estimates.

(2.) **Bench of Magistrates, Windsor:**—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Attorney-General,—Was a letter received by him from the Bench of Magistrates at Windsor, complaining of a leading article in the *Australian* newspaper of 12th June, published in that town; if so, is it his intention to take any steps to prevent the administration of justice being held up to contempt, and to protect gentlemen on the Commission of the Peace, who give their time and ability to carry out the important duties of their Court?

Mr. Want answered,—A letter was received from four of the Windsor Bench of Magistrates, calling attention to the newspaper article referred to. Although the article no doubt reflected on the action of those gentlemen, in a certain case in which they adjudicated, it was not, in my opinion, of such a nature as to call for any action on my part, as Attorney-General, with respect to it.

(3.) **Grievances of Trainees and Ex-Trainees:**—Mr. Neild asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Was a meeting of Trainees and ex-Trainees recently held, at which a deputation was appointed to wait upon the Minister, and bring under his notice certain grievances under which they considered they were suffering?

(2.) Did he receive such deputation; and, if not, will he state the reason?

(3.) Have any of those who took part in the meeting been suspended, or called on to show cause why they should not be dismissed the Service for taking part in such meeting?

Dr. Renwick answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) I declined to receive the deputation, because, although I am willing at all times to receive any representation or suggestion in departmental matters from all persons, these gentlemen neglected to make known their wants to the Department in the prescribed way, and their proceedings in other respects were a gross breach of the Regulations.

(3.) Yes; three have been so dealt with.

(4.) **Tramway between Randwick and Waverley:**—*Mr. Neild*, for *Mr. Trickett*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Referring to answer given to *Mr. Trickett* on 18th August, what decision has been come to with regard to the Tramway from Randwick to Waverley?

Mr. Want answered,—Pressure of other business has prevented the consideration of this question, but it will be decided upon an early day. (5.)

- (5.) Site for Public School, Windsor:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Has any report been received with reference to the resumption of the land at Windsor for the Public School; if so, will he state if it is the intention of the Government to resume the land?

Dr. Renwick answered,—Yes; the Municipal Council have been asked to state whether they have any objections to urge against the grant of the land—a Market Reserve—for school purposes.

- (6.) Public School, Pennant Hills:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Have any tenders been accepted for the building of Public School at Pennant Hills South; if so, what is the name of the successful tenderer, and the amount?

Dr. Renwick answered,—Yes; the tender of William Taylor, for the sum of £1,990, has been accepted.

3. NOXIOUS TRADES SITES 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 provide for the Resumption and Regulation of Sites for Noxious Trades.*"

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 provide for the Resumption and Regulation of Sites for Noxious Trades,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 8th September, 1886.*

4. PAPER:—Mr. Lync laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 22nd Junc, 1886—"Wharf at Putney Point, Parramatta River."
Ordered to be printed.

5. DAIRIES SUPERVISION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Dr. Renwick moved, "That" this Bill be now read a third time.

Mr. Dibbs 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 13."

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 13,—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.
On motion of Mr. Dibbs (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

6. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Chanter 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.) Commons Regulation Act Amendment Bill (No. 3):—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Commons Regulation Act of 1873' and to validate certain appointments of Trustees purporting to have been made thereunder,*"—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, 8th September, 1886.*

JOHN HAY,
President.

COMMONS REGULATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL (No. 3).

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 8th September, 1886.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, Title. Omit "purporting to have been made thereunder"

Page 1, Preamble, line 3. Omit "purporting to have been made under the authority of the said Act."

Page 1, clause 1, line 17. Omit "and"

Page 1, clause 1. At end of clause add

"Commoner' shall mean any person whose name is contained in the Commoners' roll in force for the time being as hereinafter provided."

"Commoners' boundaries' shall mean the boundaries of the area notified in the *Govern-ment Gazette* within or in respect of which the persons entitled to the use of the Commons mentioned in the notification reside or hold the prescribed qualification" and

"Minister' shall mean the Minister charged with the administration of this and the Principal Act."

Page 2, clause 2. *Omit* clause 2 *insert* the following new clauses :—

“The Trustees of every existing Common shall within six months after the passing of this Act and the Trustees of every Common notified or set apart after the passing of this Act shall within the like period after the notification or setting apart of such Common or such extended time in each case as the Minister may in any case allow make out a roll of the persons entitled to the use and enjoyment of such Common in accordance with the grant dedication or notification in the *Gazette* or with any proclamation or other declaration of the Governor and Executive Council relating to such Common And no person whose name is not on such Commons' roll shall be entitled to exercise any of the rights of Commoners under the Commons Acts of 1873-1886' or any regulations made thereunder All such rolls shall be made out revised published and otherwise dealt with in accordance with regulations to be made under this Act.” Commoners' roll.

“The Governor may with respect to any Common—whether dedicated or set apart before or after the passing of this Act—fix the boundaries within which rights of Commonage shall attach to such Common and may also alter or extend such boundaries and subject to the regulations in force with respect to any such Common all persons over the age of twenty-one years entitled to such right of Commonage shall be entitled to vote at all elections of Trustees for such Common Provided however that where land is in the occupation of any person other than the owner thereof such owner shall not be entitled to any Commonable rights in respect of such land No alteration of any such boundaries shall affect any right of Commonage vested at the time of such alteration.” Fixing and alteration of Commoners' boundaries.

Page 2, clause 3, line 22. *After* “Common” *omit* remainder of clause.

Page 2, clause 5, at end of clause. *Add* “the Governor may also appoint the first Trustees of every Common notified or set apart after the passing of this Act.”

Page 2, clause 6, line 43. *After* “removed” *insert* “from their office”

Page 3, clause 8, line 6. *Omit* “the payment of such penalty shall not be” *insert* “no proceedings under this section shall be”

Page 3. *After* clause 8 *insert* the following new clauses :—

“The only rights to which a Commoner shall be entitled after the commencement of this Act in respect of any Common shall be the common of pasturage of stock (including the right of watering such stock) upon the Common and with the permission of the Trustees of any Common and subject to the payment of such charges as they shall by their rules and regulations impose the right to take fallen timber or underwood from the Common but the Minister may subject to the payment of such charges as he shall impose grant a license to any person to take and remove from a Common soil stone or minerals or to cut and remove therefrom any timber.” Limitation of Commoners' rights.

“Any *bona fide* carrier teamster traveller or drover shall have the right of pasturage upon any Common for the animals actually in use by him for carriage riding or droving during three days consecutively without charge and for such longer period as may be rendered necessary by rain or floods but after such period in either case such animals if still depasturing on the Common may be impounded by the Trustees thereof Provided however that the Trustees of a Common may in the case of any such animals and also in that of any travelling stock upon the payment to the Trustees of such fees as shall be prescribed by regulations under this Act allow such animals or stock to be depastured upon such Common for any time not exceeding one week within any period of six months.” Carriers' teamsters' travellers and drovers' privileges on Commons.

“Every drover of travelling stock taking such stock through or over or along any common shall give the Trustees or herdsman thereof the like notice as he is by law required to give to any owner or occupier of land through or along which he intends to drive any stock.” Drovers to give Trustees or herdsman notice.

“At any meeting of Commoners five Commoners shall form a quorum and at any meeting of Trustees three Trustees shall form a quorum and if at any such meeting the votes are equal the Chairman shall in addition to his vote as a Commoner or Trustee (as the case may be) have also a casting vote.” Quorum of Commoners and Trustees and casting vote.

“Any animal infected with any contagious or infectious disease found on a Common may be destroyed by order of the Trustees of such Common after notice describing with reasonable accuracy the animal intended to be destroyed shall have been exhibited for twenty-four hours at the police station nearest to the Common and given to the owner of such animal if known to the Trustees stating that it is their intention to destroy such animal and no such destruction shall entail any liability at common law or otherwise upon any person giving or acting under any such order.” As to infected animals found on Commons.

“The Governor may in regard to any Common or class of Commons make regulations with respect to all or any of the following matters namely :—” Regulations.

“(I) The payment of fees by teamsters travellers and drovers and travelling stock for extended pasturage and for the appropriation of such fees and the like with regard to license fees for removing soil stone or minerals and for cutting and removing timber from any Common

“(II) For their enforcement

“(III) All other matters of detail necessary for carrying this and the Principal Act into effect

“And all such regulations on being published in the *Gazette* shall have the full force of law.”

Examined,—

W. R. PIDDINGTON,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the Council's amendments be taken into consideration to-morrow.

(2.) Places of Detention Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled “*An Act to amend the Law relating to the detention and transfer of Convicted Offenders*,”—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 8th September, 1886.

JOHN HAY,
President.
PLACES

PLACES OF DETENTION BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 8th September, 1886.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, clause 2, line 10. *After* "Court" *insert* "or the Justices"
Page 1, clause 2, line 12. *After* "Court" *insert* "or Justices"
Page 1, clause 3. *Omit* clause 3.
Page 1, clause 4. *Omit* clause 4.

Examined,—

W. R. PIDDINGTON,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the Council's amendments be taken into consideration to-morrow.

(3.) Municipalities Act Amendment Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Municipalities Act of 1867,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.
Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 8th September, 1886.

JOHN HAY,
President.

Bill, on motion of Sir Patrick Jennings, read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

(4.) Bird Estate Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable John Humphries or other the Trustee or Trustees for the time being of a Settlement bearing date the second day of August one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight and made between Thomas Bird deceased of the first part Trophina Bird his wife also deceased of the second part and Francis Smith and the Reverend John Joseph M. Encroe of the third part to sell certain land and houses in Oatley-street and Park Road in the city of Sydney and to provide for the application of the proceeds thereof,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 8th September, 1886.

JOHN HAY,
President.

(5.) Inverell Church of England Land Sales Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to enable the Right Reverend James Francis Turner D.D. Bishop of Grafton and Armidale William Clare Cardew James Harvey Hindmarsh and George Thomas Thankful Butler Trustees of certain lands situate in the town of Inverell to sell the said lands and to provide for the appropriation 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, 8th September, 1886.

JOHN HAY,
President.

INVERELL CHURCH OF ENGLAND LAND SALES BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 8th September, 1886.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, Preamble, line 3. *Omit* "to" *insert* "Her Majesty the Queen granted the land described
" in the first and second Schedules hereto unto"
Page 2, clause 1, line 20. *Omit* "according to their respective interests"
Page 2, clause 1, line 21. *Add* "s" to "land"
Page 2, clause 1, line 27. *Omit* "said"
Page 2, clause 1, line 31. *Omit* "any" *insert* "every"
Page 2, clause 2, lines 43 and 44. *Omit* "As to the moneys derived from the sale of the lands
" described in the first second and third Schedules hereto upon trusts" *insert* "In the
" first place"
Page 2, clause 2, line 47. *After* "street" *insert* "Inverell"
Page 2, clause 2, line 48. *Omit* "now used"
Page 2, clause 2, line 49. *After* "and" *insert* "to permit the same"
Page 2, clause 2, lines 51 to 56. *Omit* "As to any moneys derived from the sale of the lands
" described in the first second and third Schedules hereto upon trust that any moneys
" may remain after paying for the purchase of the aforesaid one acre of land and Minister's
" dwelling-house be devoted in terms of the said trust in so far as they apply to the
" Minister's dwelling-house to be appropriated in" *insert* "And to apply the residue of
" the said moneys if any in or towards"
Page 2, clause 2, line 57. *Omit* "remaining" *insert* "due"
Page 2, clause 2, line 57. *Before* "building" *insert* "said"
Page 2, clause 2, line 58. *After* "Church" *omit* remainder of clause, *insert* "in Lawrence-street
" aforesaid"

Page 3, clause 3, line 6. *Omit* "shall" *insert* "may"

Page 3, clause 3, line 6. *After* "cited" *insert* "as"

Page 3, clause 3, line 7. *Omit* "s" from "sales"

Examined,—

W. R. PIDDINGTON,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the Council's amendments be taken into consideration on Friday next.

8. CUSTOMS DUTIES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir Patrick Jennings moved, "That" this Bill be now read a third time.
 Mr. G. A. Lloyd 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 and 7, and the last three lines of Schedule A."
 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,—

THURSDAY, 9 SEPTEMBER, 1886, A.M.

Question put,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
 The House divided.

Ayes, 35.

Sir Patrick Jennings,	Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Hyam,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Harold Stephen,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Heydon,
Dr. Renwick,	Mr. Cass,
Mr. Want,	Mr. Butcher,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. Sawers,	Mr. Burke,
Mr. Williamson,	Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Bull,
Mr. Davies,	Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Toohey,	Mr. Lysaght,
Mr. Hassall,	Mr. Day,
Mr. Wall,	Mr. Creer.
Mr. O'Sullivan,	
Mr. Barbour,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. J. F. Smith,	Mr. De Courcy Browne,
Mr. D. A. Ferguson,	Mr. Melville.
Mr. Meeks,	

Noes, 14.

Mr. Burdekin,
Mr. James Henry Young,
Mr. Shepherd,
Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. Burns,
Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Spring,
Mr. Teece,
Mr. Neild,
Mr. Holborow,
Dr. Ross.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Gould.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original Question put,—That this Bill be now read a third time.
 The House divided.

Ayes, 35.

Sir Patrick Jennings,	Mr. Meeks,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Hyam,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Harold Stephen,
Dr. Renwick,	Mr. Heydon,
Mr. Want,	Mr. Cass,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Butcher,
Mr. Sawers,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. Williamson,	Mr. Burke,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Davies,	Mr. Bull,
Mr. Toohey,	Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Wall,	Mr. Lysaght,
Mr. Hassall,	Mr. Day.
Mr. O'Sullivan,	
Mr. Garrard,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. J. F. Smith,	Mr. De Courcy Browne.
Mr. D. A. Ferguson,	

Noes, 14.

Mr. Burdekin,
Mr. James Henry Young,
Mr. Shepherd,
Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. Burns,
Mr. Reid,
Mr. Spring,
Mr. Teece,
Mr. Neild,
Mr. Holborow,
Dr. Ross.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Gould.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a third time.
 Sir Patrick Jennings moved, That this Bill do now pass.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 32.

Sir Patrick Jennings,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Harold Stephen,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Burke,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Meeks,
Mr. Heydon,	Mr. Bowman,
Dr. Renwick,	Mr. Cass,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Bull,
Mr. Wall,	Mr. Butcher,
Mr. Want,	Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Toohey,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. Sawers,	Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Williamson,	Mr. Day,
Mr. Hassall,	Mr. Lysaght.
Mr. Hyam,	
Mr. Davies,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. D. A. Ferguson,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. De Courcy Browne.

Noes, 7.

Mr. Neild,
Mr. Burdekin,
Mr. Burns,
Dr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Holborow.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Teece.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Sir

Sir Patrick Jennings then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act for granting to Her Majesty certain Duties of Customs 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 granting to Her Majesty certain Duties of Customs and for other purposes,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 9th September, 1886, A.M.*

9. LAND TAX BILL (No. 2) :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir Patrick Jennings moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 34.

Sir Patrick Jennings,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Harold Stephen,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Burke,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Meeks,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Bowman,
Dr. Renwick,	Mr. Cass,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Bull,
Mr. Wall,	Mr. Butcher,
Mr. Want,	Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Toohy,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. Williamson,	Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Hassall,	Mr. Lysaght,
Mr. Thompson,	Mr. Rytic,
Mr. Hyam,	Mr. Day.
Dr. Wilkinson,	
Mr. Creer,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. De Courcy Browne,
Mr. Holborow,	Mr. Melville.

Noes, 6.

Mr. Heydon,
Mr. Davies,
Mr. D. A. Ferguson,
Mr. J. F. Smith.

Tellers,

Mr. Neild,
Mr. Sawers.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a third time and *passed*.

Sir Patrick Jennings then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act for imposing a Tax on 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 for imposing a Tax on Land,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 9th September, 1886, A.M.*

10. CIVIL SERVICE ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill, read and discharged, and Bill withdrawn, on motion of Mr. Dibbs.

The House adjourned at three minutes before Three o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m., This Day.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 125.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

THURSDAY, 9 SEPTEMBER, 1886.

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

QUESTION :—

- (1.) Superintendent of Roads for North Shore and Pittwater Districts :—*Mr. Davies*, for Mr. Hugh Taylor, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Was the Superintendent of Roads for the North Shore and Pittwater Districts suspended from duty by the Head of his Department, the Commissioner for Roads and Bridges?

(2.) Did that Officer recommend his dismissal from the Public Service, for carrying on a large brick manufactory on his private account when in the pay of the Government, and for borrowing large sums of money from men working under his supervision on the roads of the district and in the pay of the Government, and for employing men in the pay of the Government under his supervision for his private benefit?

(3.) Was the Officer in question dismissed?

(4.) After his dismissal was personal influence brought to bear on the Minister for Works for his re-instatement in the Public Service?

(5.) Was he re-instated in the Public Service by the Minister for Works?

(6.) Is he now supervising the expenditure of Government money, for which expenditure the Officer who recommended his dismissal from the Public Service is responsible to the Minister?

(7.) Has he any objection to lay upon the Table of this House all the papers having reference to this case?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) This Officer did not borrow large sums of money from men under him, but admitted having borrowed £100 from one of his men, at the man's own instance, paying him interest and giving security. This money he invested in a brick-works. The Commissioner felt himself compelled to recommend his dismissal when this became known, but did so with great reluctance, as the Officer was hard working and zealous, and frankly admitted the fact. He did not employ any man for his private benefit, but only in attending to his horse of a morning to expedite duty.

(3 and 4.) He was not dismissed.

(5, 6, and 7.) No.

2. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Legislative Council's amendments in the Commons Regulation Act Amendment Bill (No. 3) postponed until Tuesday next.

3. DAIRIES SUPERVISION BILL :—Mr. Garrard presented a Petition from the Borough Council of Balmain, praying the House not to pass the Dairies Supervision Bill unless funds for working it are provided from other sources than Municipal Councils.
Petition received.

4. BENNETT'S RAILWAY 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 authorize the construction of a Railway from and connecting the line of Railway from Sydney to Parramatta near the Old Railway Station to and with the Parramatta River at a point opposite Old Redbank*,"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 9th September, 1886.

JOHN HAY,
President.
BENNETT'S

BENNETT'S RAILWAY BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 9th September, 1886.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 2, clause 1, line 18. *After* "shall be" *insert* "completely"
- Page 2, clause 1, line 18. *After* "constructed" *insert* "between the points above indicated"
- Page 3, clause 7, line 14. *After* "goods" *omit* remainder of clause *insert* "the same rates per mile as are charged on the Government Railways and for this purpose such Railway shall be deemed to be a continuation of the Government Railway between Sydney and Parramatta."
- Page 3, clause 8, line 33. *Before* "cattle" *insert* "horses or"
- Page 5, clause 16, lines 18 to 20. *Omit* "to be proceeded for and recovered under the provisions of the Act eleven and twelve Victoria chapter forty-three"
- Page 5, clause 18, line 53. *Omit* "to" *insert* "if appointed as hereinafter provided shall"
- Page 7, clause 32, lines 56 to 58. *Omit* "appraisal in manner directed by the twenty-third section of the 'Crown Lands Occupation Act of 1861'" *insert* "arbitration in the manner provided by the twenty-seventh and other sections subsequent thereto of the 'Government Railways Act of 1858' twenty-two Victoria number nineteen for settling cases of disputed compensation"
- Pages 7 and 8, clause 32, lines 59 to 3. *Omit* "Provided that the 'Minister' in the said Act shall for the purpose of appraisal under this Act mean the Secretary for Public Works for the time being in case of a sale to the Government as hereinbefore provided"
- Page 8, clause 32. *After* clause 32 *insert* the following new clause:—
"33. All penalties imposed under this Act or under any by-laws made in pursuance thereof shall be recoverable in a summary way before any two Justices of the Peace"

Examined,—

W. R. PIDDINGTON,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the Council's amendments be taken into consideration to-morrow.

5. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Sydney Smith moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
6. BOROUGH OF EAST ST. LEONARDS WHARVES BILL:—Sir Henry Parkes, 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 3rd September, 1886; together with a copy of the Bill, as agreed to by the Committee.
Ordered to be printed.
Sir Henry Parkes then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday, 24th September.
Question put and passed.
7. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:—Sir Patrick Jennings, referring to his previous Statement, explained the proposed scheme for the celebration of the Centenary of the Colony, and gave an estimate of the probable cost.
Sir Henry Parkes also addressed the House.
8. RAILWAYS—CITY EXTENSION:—Mr Lyne moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House approves of the Plan, Section, and Book of Reference of the proposed Railway from Redfern to Circular Quay, laid before the House on the 29th April, 1886, in accordance with the 9th section of the Government Railways Act, 22 Victoria No. 19.
Mr. Garrett moved, That this debate be now adjourned.
Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER, 1886, A.M.

Question put,—That this Debate be now adjourned.

The House divided.

Ayes, 21.

Mr. Abigail,
Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Toohy,
Mr. Hawthorne,
Dr. Ross,
Mr. Gibbes,
Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Hogan,
Sir Henry Parkes,
Dr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Wall,
Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Gould,
Mr. Kwing,
Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Kitchel,
Mr. Tecco,
Mr. Parkes.

Tellers,

Mr. Roberts,
Mr. Burdekin.

Noes, 38.

Sir Patrick Jennings,
Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Copeland,
Dr. Renwick,
Mr. William Clarke,
Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Tait,
Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Day,
Mr. Collins,
Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Rytic,
Mr. Russell Barton,
Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Sawers,
Mr. W. J. Fergusson,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Lysaght,
Mr. Inglis,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Henson,
Mr. Dalton,
Mr. Judd,

Mr. Bull,
Mr. Burke,
Mr. Trickett,
Mr. See,
Mr. D. A. Ferguson,
Mr. Harold Stephen,
Mr. J. F. Smith,
Mr. Mecks,
Mr. Reid,
Mr. Moore,
Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Ives.

Tellers,
Mr. Purves,
Mr. Hammond.

And so it passed in the negative.

Original

Original Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 35.		Noes, 23.	
Sir Patrick Jennings,	Mr. Stokes,	Dr. Ross,	Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. J. F. Smith,	Mr. Teece,	Mr. Parkes.
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Moore,	Mr. Burke,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Dr. Renwick,	Mr. Meeks,	Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Roberts,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Vaughn,	Mr. Burdekin.
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Lee,	Mr. Gibbs,	
Mr. Tait,	Mr. Trickett,	Sir Henry Parkes,	
Mr. Judd,	Mr. Bull,	Mr. Day,	
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Dalton,	Mr. Wall,	
Mr. Abigail,	Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Gould,	
Mr. See,	Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Hawthorne,	
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Cass,	Mr. Hogan,	
Mr. Ryrice,	Mr. Henson,	Mr. Sawers,	
Dr. Wilkinson,	Mr. Lysaght.	Mr. Ewing,	
Mr. W. J. Fergusson,	<i>Tellers,</i>	Mr. Kethel,	
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Hammond,	Mr. Dawson,	
Mr. Russell Barton,	Mr. Purves.	Mr. Henry Clarke,	
Mr. Hassall,		Mr. Harold Stephen,	
Mr. Ives,		Mr. D. A. Ferguson,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

19. RAILWAY BETWEEN ORANGE AND FORBES, *via* CUDAL AND TOOGONG :—Mr. Lyne moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House “approves” of the Plan, Section, and Book of Reference of the proposed Railway from Orange to Forbes, *via* Cudal and Toogong, viz., Borenore to Forbes, laid before the House on the 29th April, 1886, in accordance with the 9th section of the Government Railways Act, 22 Victoria No. 19.

Debate ensued.

Mr. William Clarke moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Debate continued.

Question put,—That this Debate be now adjourned.

The House divided.

Ayes, 17.		Noes, 32.	
Mr. Hawthorne,	Sir Patrick Jennings,	Mr. Lysaght,	Mr. Lysaght,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Stokes,	Mr. Stokes,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. W. J. Fergusson,	Mr. D. A. Ferguson,	Mr. D. A. Ferguson,
Mr. Garrard,	Mr. Vaughn,	Mr. Judd,	Mr. Judd,
Mr. Hammond,	Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Purves,	Mr. Purves,
Mr. Ives,	Dr. Renwick,	Mr. Bull,	Mr. Bull,
Mr. Inglis,	Mr. Sawers,	Mr. See,	Mr. See,
Mr. Burdekin,	Mr. Russell Barton,	Mr. Burke,	Mr. Burke,
Mr. Kethel,	Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Dalton,	Mr. Dalton,
Mr. Gibbs,	Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Cass,	Mr. Cass,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Day,	Mr. Harold Stephen,	Mr. Harold Stephen,
Mr. Bowman,	Mr. Wall,	Mr. Slattery.	Mr. Slattery.
Mr. Teece,	Mr. Meeks,	<i>Tellers,</i>	
Dr. Ross,	Mr. Toohey,	Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Abigail.	Mr. Ryrice,	Mr. Dawson.	Mr. Dawson.
<i>Tellers,</i>	Mr. Williamson,		
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Hogan,		
Dr. Wilkinson.	Mr. Hassall,		

And so it passed in the negative.

Debate continued.

The Acting Clerk informed the House that Mr. Speaker was absent through fatigue. Whereupon, in the absence of Mr. Speaker, the Chairman of Committees took the Chair, as Deputy-Speaker, pursuant to the second Standing Order.

Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

Mr. Shepherd moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the word “approves,” with a view to the insertion in its place of the words, “declines to approve,” and the addition, at the end of the Question, of the words, “until the Engineer-in-Chief for Railways has been examined at the Bar of this House as to the relative merits of the lines between Orange and Forbes; *via* “Cudal and Toogong, viz., Borenore to Forbes, and the line Orange to near Forbes, *via* Molong, “respectively.”

Question proposed,—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.

Debate continued.

Point of Order :—Mr. Garrett drew Mr. Speaker's attention to the fact that four o'clock p.m. had arrived, and that, this being Friday, Mr. Speaker should, in accordance with the Sessional Orders, call on the General Business for Friday, and thus begin a fresh Sitting.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker referred to previous decisions given by him on the subject of continuous Sittings of the House, and stated that he had listened with anxious attention to the arguments submitted, but was unable to recede from the Ruling which he gave on 10th July 1886, a.m. In his opinion the first and third Sessional Orders do not come into operation in cases where the House is already sitting at 4 o'clock p.m. and engaged in the despatch of Business, but have reference to fresh meetings of the House, and not to Sittings extending over twenty-four hours. The effect of his Ruling would be to preserve the rights and privileges of Members to legislate without the suspension or lapse of the Business under consideration at the usual time for a new Sitting, and would also be found beneficial to the proceedings of the House.

Debate continued.

Proposed

Proposed amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question put,—That this House approves of the Plan, Section, and Book of Reference of the proposed Railway from Orange to Forbes, *via* Cudal and Toogong, viz., Borenore to Forbes, laid before the House on the 29th April, 1886, in accordance with the 9th section of the Government Railways Act, 22 Victoria No. 19.

The House divided.

Ayes, 41.

Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Lysaght,
Sir Patrick Jennings,	Mr. Harold Stephen,
Mr. Wait,	Mr. Hayes,
Dr. Renwick,	Mr. Hogan,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Abbott,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Day,
Mr. Jones,	Mr. Burke,
Mr. Vaughn,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Forsyth,
Mr. Sawers,	Mr. Bull,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Russell Barton,	Mr. Scott,
Mr. McCulloch,	Mr. Case,
Mr. Butcher,	Mr. Slatery,
Mr. Dalton,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. Hammond,	Mr. Rylie,
Mr. D. A. Ferguson,	Mr. Olliffe.
Mr. Humphery,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Collins,	
Mr. De Courcy Browne,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Williamson,	Mr. Stokes.
Mr. O'Sullivan,	

Noes, 19.

Mr. Foster,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,
Mr. Burdekin,
Sir Henry Parkes,
Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Garrard,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Meeks,
Mr. Davies,
Mr. Inglis,
Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. James Henry Young,
Mr. Shepherd,
Mr. Bowman,
Dr. Ross,
Mr. Hyam.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Tecece,
Mr. Sydney Smith.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

10. PAPER :—Mr. Copeland laid upon the Table—Return to an Order made on 23rd June, 1886—"Conditional Purchases on Pericoota Run."
Ordered to be printed.
11. RAILWAY FROM NYNGAN TO COBAR :—Mr. Lyne moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House approves of the Plan, Section, and Book of Reference of the proposed Railway from Nyngan to Cobar, laid before the House on the 29th April, 1886, in accordance with the 9th section of the Government Railways Act, 22 Victoria No. 19.
Question put and passed.
12. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Legislative Council's amendments in the Places of Detention Bill, postponed until Tuesday next.
13. DAIRIES SUPERVISION BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir Patrick Jennings moved, "That" this Bill be now read a third time.
Mr. Dibbs 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 11, line 2."
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 11, line 2,—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 3^o with a further amendment.
On motion of Mr. Dibbs (*with the concurrence of the House*), the Report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
14. PAPER :—Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table,—Report of the Royal Commission appointed to inquire into the stability of certain Railway Bridges, &c., together with Minutes of Evidence, Diagrams, and Appendices.
Ordered to be printed.

The House adjourned at twenty-five minutes before Eleven o'clock p.m., until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 126.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 14 SEPTEMBER, 1886.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Coal-fields Regulation Act:—Mr. Olliffe asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Will he inform this House if the imperative orders, given some time since, to carry out strictly the provisions of the Coal-fields Regulation Act, have been obeyed, and if the said provisions have been strictly enforced in every particular?

(2.) Will he inform this House how many inspections, in conformity with such orders, have been made personally by the Inspectors or the Examiner for Coal-fields since the 1st of January of the current year; how many times they, or he, have examined the return air-courses during that period; what reports, if any, have been furnished on such occasions; and will he lay any such reports upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Fletcher answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Since the 1st January last 182 inspections have been made. Each inspection includes intake and return air-courses and underground furnaces. Thirty-seven inspections and investigations into scenes of accident have also been made. The Examiner was occupied forty-four days, and Inspector Rowan fifty-three days at the Lithgow Valley Colliery. No special report on return air-course has yet been made.

(2.) Inspection of Slaughter-houses:—Mr. Sydney Smith, for Mr. T. R. Smith, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) The number of times the Inspectors of Slaughter-houses at Monaro, Grenfell, East Macquarie, Bathurst, Forbes, West Macquarie, Central Cumberland, Orange, Glen Innes, Inverell, Hartley, Mudgee, Carcoar, Molong, Argyle, Goulburn, Parramatta, Camden, West Maitland, Hawkesbury, and Bourke, have inspected the different slaughter-houses in each of the above Electorates during the last twelve months?

(2.) The amounts the Inspectors have received from each of the above districts during the last twelve months?

Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—This information is now being obtained, and particulars will be furnished as soon as practicable.

(3.) Insolvency Laws:—Mr. Hayes, for Mr. See, asked the Attorney-General,—In view of the repeated demands for an immediate alteration in the Insolvency Laws, is it the intention of the Government to introduce a new Insolvency Bill next Session?

Mr. Want answered,—A Bill was prepared some time ago by a Select Committee of the Legislative Council, which received the general approval of the Chamber of Commerce, and the matter has been specially considered by the Cabinet. It is proposed to introduce the Bill as early as practicable.

(4.) Case of Mrs. Foote:—Mr. Abigail asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) The name of the Judge who tried the case of Mrs. Foote, charged with robbing the cash-box of the person with whom she was staying at Maitland; also, the name of the Crown Prosecutor?

(2.) Does the Minister propose taking any steps to bring her up for sentence?

Mr. Garvan answered,—

(1.) His Honor Mr. Justice Windeyer tried this case, and Robert J. Browning, Esq., Barrister-at-Law prosecuted for the Crown.

(2.) No.

(5.)

- (5.) Mr. R. W. Knowles' Selection:—Mr. Abigail asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Did Mr. R. W. Knowles select 320 acres, being conditional purchase No. 74-654, Young?
 - (2.) Was a declaration made, or instalment of purchase money paid, upon the conditional purchase within three months after the expiry of three years from date of selection?
 - (3.) Was it proved, as required by law, that the said Mr. Knowles did reside upon the land in question for the period required by law (three years); and, if so, how was it so proved?
 - (4.) Has the Department been informed that Mr. Knowles did not fulfil the condition of residence for three years?
 - (5.) Was the required declaration made by Mr. Knowles, as to residence and improvements, before acceptance of transfer from Knowles to Mackinnon; and when was the required interest on the balance due by Knowles paid into the Treasury, and by whom?
 - (6.) When was the lapsing of Knowles' conditional purchase reversed?
 - (7.) When was the certificate of approval of conditions, required by law, having been fulfilled issued?
 - (8.) On whose application was the said certificate issued, and to whom?
 - (9.) Pending further inquiry, will he see that the deed of grant for this selection be not issued?
- Mr. Copeland answered,—
- (1.) Yes; Mr. R. W. Knowles selected 320 acres at Young, being conditional purchase No. 74-654.
 - (2.) No; but declaration was subsequently made on 17th April, 1882, and overdue interest, amounting to £71 10s. 9d., paid into Treasury on 5th August, 1882, to Suspense Account.
 - (3.) The surveyor reported Knowles as resident on 23rd November, 1884, and the Minister, Mr. Farnell, was satisfied that residence for the three years had been carried out.
 - (4.) Yes.
 - (5.) Yes; and interest paid into Treasury on 5th August, 1882, by Messrs. Cape & Westgarth.
 - (6.) On 24th of February, 1885.
 - (7.) On 26th of February, 1885.
 - (8.) To James Balfour.
 - (9.) The certificate having issued, it does not appear that the Minister can now interfere.
- (6.) Public Expenditure, 1885:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) The total amount paid to His Excellency the Governor for salary and allowances in 1885?
 - (2.) The total amount paid in salaries to Cabinet Ministers in 1885?
 - (3.) The total amount paid in salaries and allowances to Judges of the Supreme Court in 1885?
 - (4.) The total amount paid in salaries and allowances to all other Civil Servants, including policemen, postal officials, and railway employés, in 1885?
 - (5.) The total cost of the Military Forces for 1885?
- Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—It will require time to prepare this information, which will be supplied as soon as practicable.
- (7.) Government Steamers, Port Jackson:—Sir Henry Parkes asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) The number of Government vessels in Port Jackson propelled by steam?
 - (2.) The steam power and tonnage of each vessel?
 - (3.) The number of men employed in each vessel, and the service to which such vessel is assigned?
 - (4.) The estimated monthly cost of each vessel?
 - (5.) Are persons employed in the Public Service authorized to use any of these vessels for purposes of recreation?
- Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—The information asked for by the Honorable Member is now being collected from the various Departments concerned, and will be laid upon the Table, in the shape of a Return, as soon as possible.
- (8.) Pre-lease of William Skeene, Conargo:—Mr. Davies, for Mr. Chanter, asked the Secretary for Lands,—When will the Papers in connection with "Pre-lease of William Skeene, Conargo," ordered on 31st March, be laid upon the Table of this House?
- Mr. Copeland answered,—The papers in connection with the "Pre-lease of William Skeene, Conargo," will be laid upon the Table of the House during this week.
- (9.) Railway Contractors:—Mr. Burke asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Has a final certificate been given during the past year to any railway contractor, or firm of contractors, who had unliquidated claims against Government?
 - (2.) If so, did such contractor, or firm of contractors, sign the usual clause foregoing all claims against the Government?
- Mr. Lyne answered,—
- (1.) Yes; but all just claims were paid.
 - (2.) No.
- (10.) Railway from Hornsby Junction to Crow's Nest, North Shore:—Sir Henry Parkes, for Mr. Ives, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What is the reason tenders are not called for the construction of the railway from Hornsby Junction to The Crow's Nest, North Shore?
- Mr. Lyne answered,—On the 26th August last, Mr. William Clarke asked me, What is the cause of delay in calling for tenders for the line of railway from Pearce's Corner to Crow's Nest, North Shore?—to which I replied, It is the intention to call for tenders, but I cannot say when tenders will be called.
- (11.) Railway Platform between Petersham and Summer Hill:—Mr. Teece asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) How many yards is the eastern extremity of the Summer Hill Railway Platform distant from the western end of the Petersham Platform?
 - (2.) Is it his intention to sanction the establishment of a platform between these two; and, if so, how far will this platform be from those at Petersham and Summer Hill?
 - (3.) Has the Commissioner for Railways been previously unfavourable to the intermediate platform; and, if so, on what grounds?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) 1,496 yards.
 - (2.) It has been decided to erect a small platform between the places named. The distance from Petersham Station is 31 chains, and from Summer Hill 44 chains.
- (12.) Inspector of Scaffolding for Newcastle:—Mr. G. A. Lloyd asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

When do the Government intend to appoint an Inspector of Scaffolding in Newcastle, in accordance with the promise made some time since?

Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—The question of appointing Inspectors for the purpose named by the Honorable Member, involving, as it does, grave responsibility, is still under the consideration of the Government, who have not yet arrived at a decision in the matter.

- (13.) Goulburn Postmaster:—Mr. Abigail asked the Postmaster General,—

- (1.) What were the different offences that led to the Goulburn Postmaster being censured four separate times?
- (2.) What was the charge which led to the Superintendent of the Money Order Office being sent up to report on 11th June, 1886?
- (3.) Has the Goulburn Postmaster satisfied the Governor, in accordance with clause 35 of the Civil Service Act, that his insolvency was not caused by his extravagance or dishonorable conduct?
- (4.) Is it true that this Postmaster is a single man, and receives £400 per annum and quarters?
- (5.) Will he state how many Officers there are in the Postal and Telegraphic Department who have been censured four or more times and still allowed to retain their positions?
- (6.) What has been the total cost of the several inquiries and investigations into this Officer's conduct?
- (7.) Has he any objection to lay upon the Table of this House, copies of all the papers in connection with the different charges and investigations that have been held about this affair?

Mr. Suttor answered,—

(1.) In December, 1883, for writing some minutes, couched in somewhat insubordinate terms. In July, 1885, for occasionally cashing his own cheques, to the extent of £1, £2, or £3, out of office funds; and for temporarily borrowing from the same fund small sums, amounting to a few shillings at a time, for which he placed his own I O U—these actions being contrary to the Departmental Rules. It is fair to state that his explanation of the borrowing of these small sums was, that, being in the habit of obliging persons who had not money to pay for stamps at the moment, he took money from the office collections to purchase these stamps from his assistant, who had charge of them. In January last, for leaving Goulburn without leave, apparently under the impression that he did not require permission to leave his office on holidays or for any other period not exceeding twenty-four hours. For allowing his private friends to visit the office, and occasionally letting strangers have access to it.

(2.) The Superintendent, Money Order Office, was not sent up to make any report in June, 1886; but, on the 11th of that month, a Postal Inspector was sent up to inquire into a general charge of intemperance made against the Postmaster, and an allegation that the Postmaster had borrowed money from a Mr. Gale, to make good a deficiency in the Money Order Account.

(3.) He is not a classified Officer under the Civil Service Act; but the provisions of the Act are, as far as possible, observed in the case of Postmasters and others under Regulations. In this instance, Mr. Dennis furnished an explanation which, with other inquiries made, satisfied me that his insolvency was not caused by extravagance or dishonorable conduct.

(4.) The Postmaster receives a salary of £400 per annum and quarters, and, as far as the Department knows, is a single man.

(5.) I cannot furnish this information.

(6.) No record has been kept, as other duties were performed by the Inspectors whilst in the district investigating the Goulburn case.

(7.) I have no objection, on the usual motion being carried, but the papers are very voluminous, and will take some time to prepare.

- (14.) Mr. E. O. Moriarty:—Mr. Meeks asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What are the titles of the several appointments which have ever been held, or are now filled, in the Public Service of the Colony by Mr. E. O. Moriarty?

(2.) What are the dates of such appointments, and the salary that attached, or now attaches, to them?

Mr. Lyne answered,—As this will involve, in some instances, a search into records of over thirty years ago, I cannot give the answers required immediately, but have ordered a Return to be prepared which will supply the necessary information.

- (15.) Parish and County Maps:—Mr. Davies, for Mr. Chanter, asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- When will he cause parish and county maps to be prepared, in order that the public may obtain them?

Mr. Copeland answered,—There are eighteen draftsmen at the present time employed on parish maps, but they can only meet the pressing requirements of District Surveyors. The number of parishes in the Colony is about 7,000. When the services of draftsmen, at present otherwise employed, become available, they will be employed on the compilation of parish maps.

- (16.) International Copyright Union:—Mr. Harold Stephen asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Have any steps been taken for securing the admission of this Colony into the International Copyright Union; and, if so, with what result?

(2.) Is he aware of the unsatisfactory nature of the present Copyright Act, at least as far as copyright in literary works is concerned; and will he take measures for the amendment of the said Act?

Mr. Garvan answered,—

(1.) Yes; the requisite steps have been taken, but the result is not yet known.

(2.) The Copyright Act has, I understand, not worked unsatisfactorily, but doubtless some amendments may be desirable.

(17.) Pike's Gap Road, Muswellbrook to Merriwa:—*Mr. Thompson*, for *Mr. Fitzgerald*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Has the contract for work at Pike's Gap Road, Muswellbrook to Merriwa, been let; if so, what was the date of acceptance of tender?
- (2.) What reduction in the grade of the road is proposed to be made by this work?
- (3.) What is the cost of the proposed contract?
- (4.) Did he receive a largely signed Petition against this proposed work?
- (5.) What road (if any) will be provided for the travelling public during the performance of the proposed work?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) A tender was accepted on 24th July, but contractor has refused to sign for the work.
- (2.) A reduction of nearly one-half in some of the grades.
- (3.) Tender was £592 9s.
- (4.) Yes; and in accordance therewith, as contractor has refused to sign, the work will not be re-let, and the Assistant Engineer and Road Superintendent have let other works, to put part of road complained of in good order.
- (5.) The work was to be done, so as to preserve half of the road untouched, as is done in all similar cases, unless contractor could provide a deviation.

(18.) Road, Muswellbrook, to Denman:—*Mr. Thompson*, for *Mr. Fitzgerald*, asked the Secretary for Public for Public Works,—

- (1.) What is the annual amount available for expenditure upon the road, Muswellbrook to Denman?
- (2.) How many maintenance men are necessary to keep this length of the Main North-western Road in repair?
- (3.) Is it a fact that this road has been reduced in its classification this year; if so, on what ground?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) £375, on Schedule for 1886, less 5 per cent., as noted on Schedule—£356 available for year. £299 is at present unexpended, and works have been let to amount of £219 16s. 8d.
- (2.) One man is employed.
- (3.) Road has not been reduced in classification this year.

(19.) *Mr. Quinan*, Inspector of Fisheries:—*Mr. Thompson* asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Has *Mr. Quinan*, Inspector of Fisheries, been re-instated in his office?
- (2.) Has he attended at his office every day since his re-instatement?
- (3.) Have his services been made use of in that office?
- (4.) Are supernumerary clerks doing *Mr. Quinan's* duty?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

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

2. DAIRIES SUPERVISION 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 establish Sanitary Regulations in respect of the Production and Distribution of Milk.*"

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 establish Sanitary Regulations in respect of the Production and Distribution of Milk,*"—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 September, 1886.

DAIRIES SUPERVISION BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 14th September, 1886.

F. W. WEBB,
Acting Clerk of Legislative Assembly.

- Page 3, clause 8, line 42. Omit "them" insert "such authority"
 Page 3, clause 8, line 43. After "is" insert "in their opinion"
 Page 3, clause 8, lines 43 and 44. Omit "or may be reasonably suspected to be attributable"
 Page 3, clause 9, line 56. After "shall" insert "knowingly"
 Page 4, clause 11, line 18. Omit "five" insert "six"
 Page 4, clause 11, line 26. Omit "fifty" insert "twenty"
 Page 4, clause 13. Omit clause 13 insert the following new clause:—

"13. All informations for offences against this Act may be heard and determined and all penalties under this Act may be imposed by any Stipendiary or Police Magistrate in a summary way on the complaint of any local authority or officer thereof Provided that where such local authority shall be a Police Magistrate any two Justices but not such Police Magistrate shall have jurisdiction to adjudicate upon the hearing of such complaint Provided always that any person aggrieved by any adjudication of such Magistrate or Justices may appeal therefrom to the next Court of General Sessions held within the district where the adjudication was had or nearest thereto And such appeal and the parties thereto shall be governed by the provisions regulating appeals contained in sections four hundred and forty four hundred and
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"forty-one four hundred and forty-two and four hundred and forty-three of the 'Criminal Law Amendment Act of 1883' Provided further that in all cases where the local authority is "a Municipality the fine shall be paid to the Municipality wherein the offence is committed."

Examined,—

T. M. SLATTERY,
Chairman of Committees.

3. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
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| (1.) Building Societies Bill; second reading;— | until Friday, 8th October. |
| (2.) Mudgee Gas-light and Coke Company's Bill; second reading;— | } until Friday, 24th September. |
| (3.) Parliamentary <i>Hansard</i> —Daily issue; consideration in Committee of the Whole of Resolutions;— | |
| (4.) Parliamentary <i>Hansard</i> ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of Resolutions;— | |
4. **TARIFF**:—*Mr. Inglis*, for *Mr. Foster*, presented a Petition from *William Peacock*, a Manufacturer in the Colony of New South Wales, detailing the circumstances under which a duty was levied upon imported green fruit and pulp fruit; and praying the House to cause full inquiry to be made into the matter.
Petition received.
5. **PAPERS**:—
- Mr. Fletcher* laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 4th June, 1886—"Aligment of Streets."
Ordered to be printed.
- Mr. Garvan* laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) Further Return (*in part*) to an Order made on 17th June, 1886—"Temporary Appointments to Civil Service."
 - (2.) Reports, &c., respecting the qualifications of the Government Oriental Interpreter.
Ordered to be printed.
- Mr. Dibbs* laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) Further Return (*in part*) to an Order made on 17th June, 1886—"Temporary Appointments to Civil Service."
 - (2.) By-laws for the Borough of Alexandria, under the Nuisances Prevention Act, 1875.
 - (3.) Blue Book for the year 1885.
Ordered to be printed.
6. **ADDITIONAL SITTING DAY**:—*Sir Patrick Jennings* moved, pursuant to Notice, That, during the remainder of the present Session, unless otherwise "ordered," Monday be a Sitting Day of this House and that Government Business take precedence of General Business on that day.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Garland moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "ordered," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words, "this House shall meet for the dispatch of business at 2:30 p.m. on each Sitting Day, and that no new business be taken after 10:30 p.m."
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, 53.

<i>Sir Patrick Jennings</i> ,	<i>Mr. Dawson</i> ,
<i>Mr. Suttor</i> ,	<i>Mr. Hungerford</i> ,
<i>Mr. Fletcher</i> ,	<i>Mr. Lee</i> ,
<i>Mr. Garvan</i> ,	<i>Mr. Henry Clarke</i> ,
<i>Dr. Renwick</i> ,	<i>Mr. Hassall</i> ,
<i>Mr. Dibbs</i> ,	<i>Mr. Lewis Lloyd</i> ,
<i>Mr. Lyne</i> ,	<i>Mr. Hogan</i> ,
<i>Mr. H. H. Brown</i> ,	<i>Mr. Harold Stephen</i> ,
<i>Mr. Williamson</i> ,	<i>Mr. Hammond</i> ,
<i>Mr. Gormly</i> ,	<i>Mr. O'Sullivan</i> ,
<i>Mr. Day</i> ,	<i>Mr. Wall</i> ,
<i>Mr. Bull</i> ,	<i>Mr. Kidd</i> ,
<i>Mr. Butcher</i> ,	<i>Mr. W. J. Fergusson</i> ,
<i>Mr. Slattery</i> ,	<i>Mr. Burns</i> ,
<i>Mr. R. B. Wilkinson</i> ,	<i>Mr. J. D. Young</i> ,
<i>Mr. Jones</i> ,	<i>Mr. Dalton</i> ,
<i>Mr. Burke</i> ,	<i>Mr. Stokes</i> ,
<i>Mr. T. R. Smith</i> ,	<i>Mr. Meeks</i> ,
<i>Mr. William Clarke</i> ,	<i>Mr. Barbour</i> ,
<i>Mr. Cass</i> ,	<i>Mr. See</i> ,
<i>Mr. Ryrie</i> ,	<i>Mr. Septimus Stephen</i> ,
<i>Mr. Cramsie</i> ,	<i>Mr. Russell Barton</i> ,
<i>Mr. Ewing</i> ,	<i>Mr. De Courcy Browne</i> .
<i>Mr. Hayes</i> ,	<i>Tellers</i> ,
<i>Mr. Targett</i> ,	
<i>Mr. Forsyth</i> ,	<i>Mr. Moore</i> ,
<i>Mr. Humphery</i> ,	<i>Mr. Thompson</i> .
<i>Mr. Lysaght</i> ,	

Noes, 16.

<i>Mr. G. A. Lloyd</i> ,
<i>Mr. Roberts</i> ,
<i>Mr. Shepherd</i> ,
<i>Sir Henry Purkes</i> ,
<i>Mr. Garrard</i> ,
<i>Mr. James Henry Young</i> ,
<i>Mr. Garland</i> ,
<i>Mr. Hugh Taylor</i> ,
<i>Mr. Teece</i> ,
<i>Mr. Inglis</i> ,
<i>Mr. Davies</i> ,
<i>Mr. Creer</i> ,
<i>Mr. Proctor</i> ,
<i>Mr. Garrett</i> .
<i>Tellers</i> ,
<i>Mr. Ives</i> ,
<i>Mr. Tait</i> .

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original Question,—That, during the remainder of the present Session, unless otherwise ordered, Monday be a Sitting Day of this House, and that Government Business take precedence of General Business on that day,—put and passed.

7. ASSENT TO BILLS:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Mr. Dibbs, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

(1.) Cooma Church of England Parsonage Bill:—

CARRINGTON,

Message No. 79.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorize and empower Robert Dawson the surviving Trustee of certain Church of England lands at Cooma and to authorize and empower the said Robert Dawson and James Litchfield David Ryrie and John Edward Pretty Walker the Trustees of certain lands dedicated by the Crown for a site for a Church of England Parsonage at Cooma aforesaid to sell the said respective lands 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, 10th September, 1886.

(2.) Parramatta Public Baths Bill:—

CARRINGTON,

Message No. 80.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Council of the Borough of Parramatta to construct establish and maintain Public Baths within the Borough of Parramatta upon part of a portion of land originally granted to the said Council as a site for a Market in Parramatta North,*"—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, 10th September, 1886.

(3.) Bowenfels Coal-mining and Copper-smelting Company's Railway (Sale and Vesting) Bill:—

CARRINGTON,

Message No. 81.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorize and empower the Directors for the time being of the 'Bowenfels Coal-mining and Copper-smelting Company (Limited)' to carry out an agreement for the sale of land on part of which the Railway of the Company is constructed and other property and to vest such land and other property in the purchaser,*"—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, 10th September, 1886.

8. RAILWAY FROM NARRABRI TO MOREE:—Mr. Lyne moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House approves of the Plan, Section, and Book of Reference of the proposed Railway from Narrabri to Moree, laid before the House on the 29th April, 1886, in accordance with the 9th section of the Government Railways Act, 22 Victoria No. 19.

Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER, 1886, A.M.

Mr. Shepherd moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 50.

Sir Patrick Jennings,	Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. De Courcy Browne,
Dr. Renwick,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Moore,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Hyam,
Mr. Want,	Mr. Hungerford,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Jones,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. Hogan,	Mr. Kethel,
Mr. Davies,	Mr. J. F. Smith,
Mr. Thompson,	Mr. Burke,
Mr. Olliffe,	Mr. Russell Barton,
Mr. Day,	Mr. Harold Stephen,
Mr. Bowman,	Mr. Creer,
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. W. J. Fergusson,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Butcher,	Mr. Hammond,
Mr. Ryrie,	Mr. Stokes,
Mr. See,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Purves,
Mr. Hayes,	Mr. Neild,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Melville.
Mr. William Clarke,	
Mr. Tait,	Tellers,
Mr. Gormly,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Williamson,	Mr. Burdekin.

Noes, 4.

Mr. Inglis,
Mr. Garrett.
Tellers,
Mr. Garland,
Mr. Shepherd.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

9. RAILWAY FROM CULCAIRN TO COROWA:—Mr. Lyne moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House approves of the Plan, Section, and Book of Reference of the proposed Railway from Culcairn to Corowa, laid before the House on the 3rd August, 1886, in accordance with the 9th section of the Government Railways Act, 22 Victoria No. 19.

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 been resolved in the affirmative.

10. PAPER:—Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table,—Final Return to an Order, made on the 9th June, 1886—“Parliamentary *Hansard*.”

Ordered to be printed.

11. COMMONS REGULATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL (No. 3):—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, including the amendment in the Title, but with a verbal amendment in new clause 15.

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 amend the ‘Commons Regulation Act of 1873’ and to validate certain appointments of Trustees purporting to have been made thereunder,*”—including the amendment in the Title, but proposes to amend new clause 15, line 3, by omitting the word “and” and inserting “of,” in which amendment the Assembly requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 15th September, 1886, A.M.*

The House adjourned at ten minutes after Two o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 127.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER, 1886.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Parramatta Park:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he place upon the Additional Estimates a sum of money, to be added to the savings of the amount voted by Parliament, to complete the erection of the dwarf wall and palisading round the Parramatta Park?

Mr. Lyne answered,—An amount will be submitted.

- (2.) Public School, Parramatta:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
 (1.) Has he received a report respecting the state of the Public School buildings and ground in Macquarie-street, Parramatta; also, as to the crowded state of the school, and that a large number of the children and their teachers are obliged to use a shed, or a sort of verandah, as a class-room?
 (2.) Will he cause an inquiry to be made, with a view to remedy the matters complained of, as early as possible, and give increased accommodation?

Dr. Renwick answered,—

- (1.) A report has been received respecting the state of the Public School buildings and grounds in Macquarie-street, Parramatta; also, as to the crowded state of the school.
 (2.) Inquiries are now being made, with a view to provide remedies for the matters complained of.
- (3.) Death Rate, Parramatta:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he give instructions to have the death rate in the Government establishments in Parramatta kept and published separate from the death rate in the other parts of the town?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The suggestion contained in the Honorable Member's Question is a good one, and will receive due consideration, and separate returns will be kept.

- (4.) Carriage of Fruit, Parramatta to Sydney:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is he aware that the arrangements for the carriage of fruit from Parramatta to Sydney are alleged to be insufficient, sometimes so long as five or six hours being taken in the journey to Sydney, and that, in consequence, the market is missed, and the fruit wasted?

(2.) Will he cause alterations to be made so as to avoid this alleged inconvenience in future?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) No.
 (2.) Every effort is made to forward fruit as expeditiously as possible, and no ground exists for complaint. No complaints have been made.
- (5.) Cable Communication with England:—Mr. Barbour, for Mr. Thompson, asked the Postmaster-General,—

(1.) How many lines of cable can be utilized for communication between England and this Colony?

(2.) By what routes do cable messages come on these routes?

(3.) What are the charges for Press and ordinary messages by each route?

(4.) Has any other route been suggested to the Government by which messages could be brought to the Colony at reasonable rates if a cable were laid down?

(5.) Has the Government considered the advisability of having some line constructed, not liable to interruption by an enemy in case of war; and the further advisability of subsidising such a line, if its construction by private enterprise is proposed?

(6.) Is it a fact that all existing lines are now blocked from various causes?

Mr. Suttor answered,—

(1.) There are two lines of communication between Port Darwin and Singapore. From Singapore there are three lines—First, *via* Penang and Madras; second, *via* Penang and Rangoon; third, *via* Saigon, Bankock, and Tavoy. There is also a line available *via* Hongkong, Vladivostock, Siberia, and Russia.

(2.)

(2.) London to Australia, in the ordinary way, *via* Suez, Aden, Bombay, Madras, Penang, Singapore, Java, and Port Darwin. A land line connects Alexandria with Suez, also Bombay with Madras. In the route *via* Rangoon, messages pass by land line from Bombay to Rangoon. In all other respects, it is the same as the former route. *Siam and Saigon Route*.—Same as first-named to Bombay, thence by way of India and Siam to Saigon, Saigon to Singapore by cable. *Siberian Route*.—*Via* Russia and Siberia to Vladivostock, thence by cable to Singapore, *via* Nagasaki, Shanghai, Hongkong, and Saigon.

(3.) The rates are as follows:—

	Private—per word.	Press—per word.
To Europe, <i>via</i> Madras or Rangoon	9s. 6d.	2s. 9d.
Do. <i>via</i> Siam	12s. 4d.	7s. 11½d.
Do. <i>via</i> Siberia	15s. 3d.	9s. 7½d.

(4 and 5.) In January last, a communication was received from Mr. Audley Coote and Captain Rowan, stating that they were prepared to submit, on behalf of a syndicate, certain proposals to establish communication by cable with Great Britain and Europe, *via* the Pacific and America. Sir A. Stuart, in a letter to the Premier in April last, stated that a proposal was being ventilated to lay a cable from Canada to the Australian Colonies, but no definite proposals have yet been made to the Government upon this subject.

(6.) There are four routes (*vide* answer to Question No. 2), and two are interrupted, those working are the lines *via* Siam and Tavoy and through Russia, *via* Vladivostock. From India to Europe there is also a line, *via* the Persian Gulf, known as the India-European Line, which may be mentioned.

(6.) Peel and Uralla Mining District:—Mr. Moore asked the Secretary for Mines,—When will reserve No. 664 B, in the Peel and Uralla Mining District, be cancelled, and the same area proclaimed a gold-field?

Mr. Fletcher answered,—Steps are now being taken in the Lands Department to cancel the reserve No. 664 B, and to proclaim a gold-field in lieu thereof.

(7.) Money Order Offices:—Mr. Moore asked the Postmaster-General,—What extra cost is incurred in establishing Money Order Offices in connection with country Post Offices?

Mr. Suttor answered,—The extra cost incurred is included under the following heads:—(1) Cost of printing money order books and forms. (2) Supplying Postmasters with reserve allowances, to enable them to carry on business. (3) The opening of each office entails extra clerical labour in the Head Office. (4) Non-official Postmasters receive 3d. for every order issued, and 3d. for every order paid, at their offices. Official Postmasters get no fees, but usually expect a higher classification when entrusted with the extra responsibility of a Money Order Branch. It is thought that when a township becomes of sufficient importance to warrant its being granted an official office, it will then be time enough to establish also a Money Order Branch; and, if it can possibly be avoided, the practice is, not to establish a Money Order Branch at any Post Office which is not conducted by a Government Official.

(8.) Resumptions of Land, City of Sydney:—Mr. Sydney Smith asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he lay upon the Table of the House, a statement, showing the several resumptions of land made by the Government within the city of Sydney during the years 1884, 1885, and 1886, together with the cost of same, and the purpose to which each has been devoted?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—If the Honorable Member will move for a Return, I will endeavour to supply the information; but, I may state, it will entail considerable time and labour.

(9.) Mr. Downe, Railway Department:—Mr. Sydney Smith asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it true that Mr. Downe has been appointed Assistant Locomotive Engineer at a salary of £650 per annum?

Mr. Lyne answered,—This matter has not been decided finally.

(10.) West Maitland Court-house:—Mr. Hassall, for Mr. Thompson, asked the Minister of Justice,—Will he move that the papers relative to West Maitland Court-house, already laid upon the Table of this House some time since, be printed?

Mr. Garvan answered,—I will move that these papers be printed in due course.

2. BLACKFRIARS ESTATE STREETS AND LANES 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 remove doubts as to the power of the Municipal Council of the City of Sydney to take over certain streets and lanes, as formed and laid out under the subdivision of the Blackfriars Estate.
Question put and passed.
3. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Fisheries Acts Amendment Bill postponed until Friday, 8th October.
4. RAILWAY FROM GALONG TO BURROWA:—Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table (*as Exhibits only*), Plan, Section, and Book of Reference of a proposed Railway from Galong to Burrowa.
5. RAILWAY FROM GOULBURN TO CROOKWELL:—Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table (*as Exhibits only*), Plan, Section, and Book of Reference of a proposed Railway from Goulburn to Crookwell.
6. MR. SPEAKER'S RULING—CONTINUOUS SITTING:—Mr. Garrett moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Resolution, agreed to by this House on the 14th July, 1886, to the following effect—"That the ruling of Mr. Speaker, given on Saturday, 10th July, a.m., on the question raised by Mr. Foster, as recorded in the Votes and Proceedings of 8th July, 1886, is consistent with the right understanding of the Rules, Orders, and Usages of Parliament; is warranted by precedent; and tends to preserve and protect the due course of Public Business, without infringing the rights of minorities; and this House endorses and confirms the said ruling accordingly"—be, and is hereby rescinded.
Debate ensued.

Question.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 20.

Mr. Roberts,
Mr. James Henry Young,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. Garrard,
Mr. Inglis,
Sir Henry Parkes,
Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Moore,
Mr. Spring,
Mr. William Clarke,
Mr. Teece,
Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Hawthorne,
Dr. Ross,
Mr. Gibbes,
Mr. Abigail,
Mr. Wisdom.

Tellers,

Mr. Neild,
Mr. Gould.

Noes, 44.

Sir Patrick Jennings,
Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Garvan,
Dr. Renwick,
Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Shuttory,
Mr. Levien,
Mr. Butcher,
Mr. Toohy,
Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Hungerford,
Mr. Hassall,
Mr. See,
Mr. Davies,
Mr. Hogan,
Mr. Meeks,
Mr. Creer,
Mr. Williamson,
Mr. Melville,
Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Lysaght,
Mr. Olliffe,
Mr. Stokes,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Sawers,
Mr. Rylie,
Mr. Lewis Lloyd,
Mr. Kidd,
Mr. Cramsie,
Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Burke,
Mr. Cass,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
Mr. Purves,
Mr. Dalton,
Mr. Fletcher,
Mr. Harold Stephen,
Mr. De Courcy Browne,
Mr. Dawson.

Tellers,

Mr. T. R. Smith,
Mr. Wall.

And so it passed in the negative.

7. PUBLIC VEHICLES REGULATION 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 'Public Vehicles Regulation Act of 1873,'*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 15th September, 1886.*

JOHN HAY,
President.

PUBLIC VEHICLES REGULATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 15th September, 1886.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 2, clause 2, line 2. *After "office" insert "and shall be entitled to the same remuneration as is granted to each Commissioner under section twelve of the Principal Act"*

Page 2, clause 2, line 9. *After "Act" insert "and whose licenses have not been suspended or cancelled under the provisions of this Act"*

Page 2, clause 5, line 52. *After "Act" insert "as amended by this Act"*

Examined,—

W. R. PIDDINGTON,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the Council's amendments be taken into consideration to-morrow.

8. RAILWAY FROM GRAFTON TO THE TWEED RIVER:—Mr. Lyne moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House approves of the Plan, Section, and Book of Reference of the proposed Railway from Grafton to The Tweed River, Part No. 1, laid before the House on the 17th August, 1886, in accordance with the 9th section of the Government Railways Act, 22 Victoria No. 19. Debate ensued.

Mr. Neild moved, That the Question be amended by the addition of the words, "being referred to a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the desirability of constructing the proposed line from Grafton to The Tweed.

"(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Lyne, Mr. Davies, Mr. See, Mr. William Clarke, Mr. Purves, Mr. Garrard, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Shepherd, Mr. Kidd, and the Mover."

Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be added be so added.

Debate continued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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Question put,—That the words proposed to be added be so added.

The

The House divided.

Ayes, 2.

Tellers,

Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Neild.

Noes, 39.

Sir Patrick Jennings,	Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Lysaght,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Kethel,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Thompson,	Mr. Lewis Lloyd,
Dr. Renwick,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Tait,
Mr. W. J. Fergusson,	Mr. See,
Mr. Williamson,	Mr. Purves,
Mr. Trickett,	Mr. Gould,
Mr. Sawers,	Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Hogan,
Mr. Hungerford,	Mr. Creer,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Kyrie,
Mr. Hassall,	Mr. Cass,
Mr. Jones,	Mr. Suttor.
Mr. Tarrant,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Harold Stephen,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Sydney Smith,	Mr. Melville.
Mr. Teece,	
Mr. Parkes,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Original Question put,—That this House approves of the Plan, Section, and Book of Reference of the proposed Railway from Grafton to The Tweed River, Part No. 1, laid before the House on the 17th August, 1886, in accordance with the 9th section of the Government Railways Act, 22 Victoria No. 19,—

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 been resolved in the *affirmative*.

9. RAILWAY FROM GLEN INNES TO INVERELL:—Mr. Lyne moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House “approves” of the Plan, Section, and Book of Reference of the proposed Railway from Glen Innes to Inverell, laid before the House on the 29th April, 1886, in accordance with the 9th section of the Government Railways Act, 22 Victoria No. 19.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Inglis moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the word “approves,” with a view to the insertion in its place of the words “declines to approve,” and the addition, at the end of the Question, of the words, “until the Engineer-in-Chief for Railways has been examined at the Bar of the House as to the relative merits of a proposed junction between Inverell and the Great Northern Line at the points of Glen Innes, Guyra, and Uralla, respectively.”

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, 33.

Sir Patrick Jennings,	Mr. J. F. Smith,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Dr. Renwick,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. De Courcy Browne,
Mr. Jones,	Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. See,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Thompson,	Mr. Hogan,
Mr. Purves,	Mr. Cass,
Mr. Harold Stephen,	Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Trickett,
Mr. Williamson,	Mr. Lysaght,
Mr. Wall,	Mr. Kyrie.
Mr. William Clarke,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Dawson,	
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. W. J. Fergusson,
Mr. Stokes,	Mr. Moore.
Mr. Lewis Lloyd,	

Noes, 5.

Mr. Neild,
Mr. Creer,
Mr. Kethel.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Inglis,
Mr. Proctor.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original Question,—That this House approves of the Plan, Section, and Book of Reference of the proposed Railway from Glen Innes to Inverell, laid before the House on the 29th April, 1886, in accordance with the 9th section of the Government Railways Act, 22 Victoria No. 19,—put and passed.

The House adjourned at two minutes before Three o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 128.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 16 SEPTEMBER, 1886.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Government Statistician's Department:—Mr. Hammond asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it true, in face of the previous statement that the new Statistician's Department would not be formed, that several clerks are being kept on; if so, how many?
- (2.) Are any of these temporary clerks of a few months service only?
- (3.) If so, will he kindly state names, length and nature of service?
- (4.) Have they passed the Junior University Examination, as required of probationers under the Civil Service Act?
- (5.) Were the claims of Officers in Classes 5 and 6 of the Civil Service List passed over in favour of outsiders and temporary clerks, and for what reason?
- (6.) When will these officials be sent back to their former positions, as promised by the Premier?
- (7.) How are their salaries in the meantime being paid?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—I will lay upon the Table of the House, in a few days, a statement as to what has been done in regard to this Department.

- (2.) Friendly Societies Annual Report:—Mr. Davies, for Mr. Kethel, asked the Colonial Secretary,—When will the Annual Report of the Registrar of Friendly Societies be presented to Parliament, in accordance with the 45th section of the Friendly Societies Act?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—I am informed by the Registrar of Friendly Societies, that the Returns of the Societies which have furnished them for the year 1884 have been already dissected and tabulated. Those for 1885 have only recently been received. In each case the necessary materials for the statistical part of the Annual Reports are ready for the Government Statist, the Registrar of Friendly Societies having no staff capable of dealing properly with these Returns. It is thought probable that the Report may be ready to present to Parliament towards the end of the year.

- (3.) Timber and Forest Reserves:—Mr. Barbour asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) What is the area of the timber and forest reserves on the Murray River, down stream from Moama?
- (2.) Have any timber blocks for saw-mills been taken there, giving area and situation?
- (3.) What is the area of the timber and forest reserves on the Murray River, up stream from Moama?
- (4.) Have any timber blocks for saw-mills been taken there, giving area and situation?
- (5.) How much money has been received from the timber reserves on the Murray, up stream from Moama, for rents, royalty, and licenses, during the several years since these reserves were made in 1871?
- (6.) What is the area of the timber reserves on the Edwards, Wakool, Billabong, and the Murrumbidgee Rivers?
- (7.) Have any timber blocks for saw-mills been taken on any of these rivers; if so, state area and situation?
- (8.) How much money has been received for rent, royalty, and licenses from the timber reserves on these rivers during the year 1885?

Mr. Fletcher answered,—A Return will be laid upon the Table of the House this evening, which will contain all the information asked for by the Honorable Member.

- (4.) Applications for Reserve, Bottle Forest:—Mr. Abigail asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) The names of the parties who applied for portions of reserve No. 24 at Bottle Forest?
- (2.) When was the permission granted, and by whom?
- (3.) The number of acres granted, and to whom granted?
- (4.) Is it true that the Honorable Member for Gunnedah, Mr. J. P. Abbott, while Minister for Mines, refused all these applications?
- (5.) Under what conditions were these lands granted?

Mr. Fletcher answered,—I will lay upon the Table of this House, to-morrow, a Return containing the information required by the Honorable Member.

(5.)

- (5.) Mudgee Gaol:—Mr. Davies asked the Minister of Justice,—Is it true that a large quantity of saddlery and harness is being manufactured in Mudgee Gaol, and is disposed of in competition with free manufactories?
Mr. Garvan answered,—I am informed that saddles are only made in Mudgee Gaol for the Police Department, and that there is no harness made for, or sold to, the public at that gaol.
- (6.) Railway Collision at Allandale Station:—Mr. Burns asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the papers, relative to the Railway Collision at Allandale Station, ordered by the House on 29th July, 1886, be laid upon the Table?
Mr. Lyne answered,—In ten days.
- (7.) Site for Technical College, Ultimo Estate:—*Mr. Hassall*, for Mr. Garrard, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
(1.) Is it true that frequent representations have been made as to the urgency of purchasing a portion of the Ultimo Estate as a site for a Technical College?
(2.) Has any decision been arrived at in reference to this subject?
Dr. Renwick answered,—
(1.) Yes; representations have been made by the Board of Technical Education as to the advisableness of purchasing a portion of the Ultimo Estate as a site for a Technical College.
(2.) The matter is at present under the consideration of the Government.
- (8.) Stock and Weather Reports:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—
(1.) Will he state the amount expended weekly and annually for the transmission of telegrams from Stock Inspectors in the interior to the Chief Inspector of Stock in Sydney for "Stock and Weather Reports"?
(2.) The number of such reports sent in during the last nine months?
Mr. Fletcher answered,—
(1.) About 16s. per week, or £40 per annum. The information is furnished and published chiefly for the benefit of persons interested in the movements of travelling stock.
(2.) About 150.
- (9.) Losses of Stock from Noxious or Poisonous Plants:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Mines,—
(1.) Will he enumerate or furnish a list of the various noxious or poisonous plants of which sheep and cattle are alleged to have partaken and died in the various districts throughout the Colony, and the approximate number of each that have been annually destroyed from this cause?
(2.) Will he submit a list of the respective districts in which such alleged poisonous or noxious weeds exist?
(3.) As a rule, are such alleged noxious weeds confined to private or to Crown lands, and in what ratio?
Mr. Fletcher answered,—A Return will be prepared and laid upon the Table of the House, giving the information asked by the Honorable Member, so far as the records in the Department will admit.
- (10.) Alleged Dummy Selection by James Kelly:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—Has any decision been arrived at in regard to the alleged dummy selection by James Kelly, referred to by me in Question No. 10, in the Votes and Proceedings of this House of 13th July last?
Mr. Dibbs answered,—No, the matter is still under reference to the Local Land Board.
- (11.) Selection by Robert Munford:—Dr. Ross asked the Secretary for Lands,—Has the case of the selection by Robert Munford been inquired into or referred to the Local Land Board, as promised on 13th July last; if so, will he state the result of the inquiry or decision arrived at in the matter?
Mr. Dibbs answered,—The case has not yet been inquired into, but the Chairman of the Local Board will be requested to deal with the matter on an early date.
- (12.) "Consultations" on Races:—Mr. Dawson asked the Attorney-General,—
(1.) Is he aware that numerous printed circulars are being distributed throughout the city, inviting the public to subscribe to a Monster Consultation of £7,500, and other amounts, on the Melbourne Races?
(2.) Is he aware that a person has been fined for distributing the said circulars without the printer's imprint thereon?
(3.) If the said Consultations are illegal, will steps be taken by him to put a stop to them?
Mr. Dibbs answered,—
(1.) I am informed that such circulars have been distributed.
(2.) Yes.
(3.) There have been several prosecutions and convictions, and the police continue to endeavour to procure evidence to warrant prosecutions in other cases.
2. COURT-HOUSE, WEST MAITLAND (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Garvan moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Return to Order, "Court-house, West Maitland," laid upon the Table of this House on 29th June, 1886, be printed.
Question put and passed.
3. RAILWAY FROM GALONG TO BURROWA (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Davies moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all letters, papers, correspondence, and reports having reference to the extension of railway from Galong to Burrowa.
Question put and passed.
4. FIDELITY GUARANTEES (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Burns moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all minutes, reports, and other documents, in reference to the adoption of the scheme under which Fidelity Guarantees are provided for by the Treasury, instead of Insurance Companies.
Question put and passed.
5. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Municipalities Act Amendment Bill postponed until Friday, 8th October. 6.

6. PAPERS :—

Mr. Fletcher laid upon the Table,—Return respecting certain Timber and Forest Reserves on the Murray, Edwards, Wakool, Billabong, and Murrumbidgee Rivers.
Ordered to be printed.

Dr. Renwick laid upon the Table,—By-laws, Free Public Library, Lismore.
Ordered to be printed.

7. DIVORCE EXTENSION BILL :—Mr. O'Sullivan presented a Petition from certain Presbyterians, Wesleyans, Anglicans, and others, of the Queanbeyan District, stating that, in the opinion of the Petitioners, the Divorce Extension Bill, if passed into law, would grant relief to many unfortunates who, under the present law, are unable to get the same; and praying the House to pass the said Bill.
Petition received.

8. RAILWAY FROM TARAGO TO BRAIDWOOD :—Mr. Lyne moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House approves of the Plan, Section, and Book of Reference of the proposed Railway from Tarago to Braidwood, laid before the House on the 3rd August, 1886, in accordance with the 9th section of the Government Railways Act, 22 Victoria No. 19.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 36.

Sir Patrick Jemmings,	Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Meeks,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Moore,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. William Clarke,
Dr. Renwick,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Rylie,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Davie,	Mr. Williamson,
Mr. Want,	Mr. Lewis Lloyd,
Mr. Butcher,	Mr. Creer,
Mr. Lysaght,	Mr. J. F. Smith,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Harold Stephen,
Mr. Sawers,	Mr. Ives,
Mr. T. R. Smith,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Trickett,	Mr. Melville.
Mr. Hogan,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Jones,	
Mr. Slattery,	Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Thompson,	Mr. Byam.

Noes, 8.

Mr. Neild,
Mr. Shepherd,
Sir Henry Parkes,
Mr. Foster,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. Garrett.

Tellers,

Mr. Kethel,
Mr. Gould.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

9. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council :—

- (1.) Commons Regulation Act Amendment Bill (No. 3) :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having taken into consideration the Legislative Assembly's Message, dated 15th September, 1886, a.m., in reference to the "Commons Regulation Act Amendment Bill (No. 3),"—agrees to the Assembly's amendment upon the Council's amendments in this Bill.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 16th September, 1886.*

JOHN HAY,
President.

- (2.) Dairies Supervision 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 establish Sanitary Regulations in respect of the Production and Distribution of Milk.*"

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 16th September, 1886.*

JOHN HAY,
President.

10. RAILWAY FROM GUNDAGAI TO TUMUT :—Mr. Lyne moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House approves of the Plan, Section, and Book of Reference of the proposed Railway from Gundagai to Tumut, laid before the House on the 3rd August, 1886, in accordance with the 9th section of the Government Railways Act, 22 Victoria No. 19.
Question put and passed.

11. PATENTS AND DESIGNS 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 Monday next.

12. BLACKFRIARS ESTATE STREETS AND LANES BILL :—

- (1.) 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, to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to remove doubts as to the power of the Municipal Council of the City of Sydney to take over certain streets and lanes as formed and laid out under the subdivision of the Blackfriars Estate.

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.

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 remove doubts as to the power of the Municipal Council of the City of Sydney to take over certain streets and lanes as formed and laid out under the subdivision of the Blackfriars Estate.

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 remove doubts as to the power of the Municipal Council of the City of Sydney to take over certain streets and lanes as formed or laid out under the subdivision of the Blackfriars Estate*,"—read a first time.

Ordered to be printed and read a second time on Monday next.

13. POSTPONEMENTS :—

(1.) The remaining Orders of the Day of Government Business postponed until Monday next.

(2.) The remaining Notices of Motions of General Business postponed until after the Order of the Day, No. 1 of General Business, relative to the Public Vehicles Regulation Act Amendment Bill.

14. PUBLIC VEHICLES REGULATION ACT AMENDMENT 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 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. Trickett, 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 'Public Vehicles Regulation Act of 1873.'*"

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 16th September, 1886.*

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

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 129.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

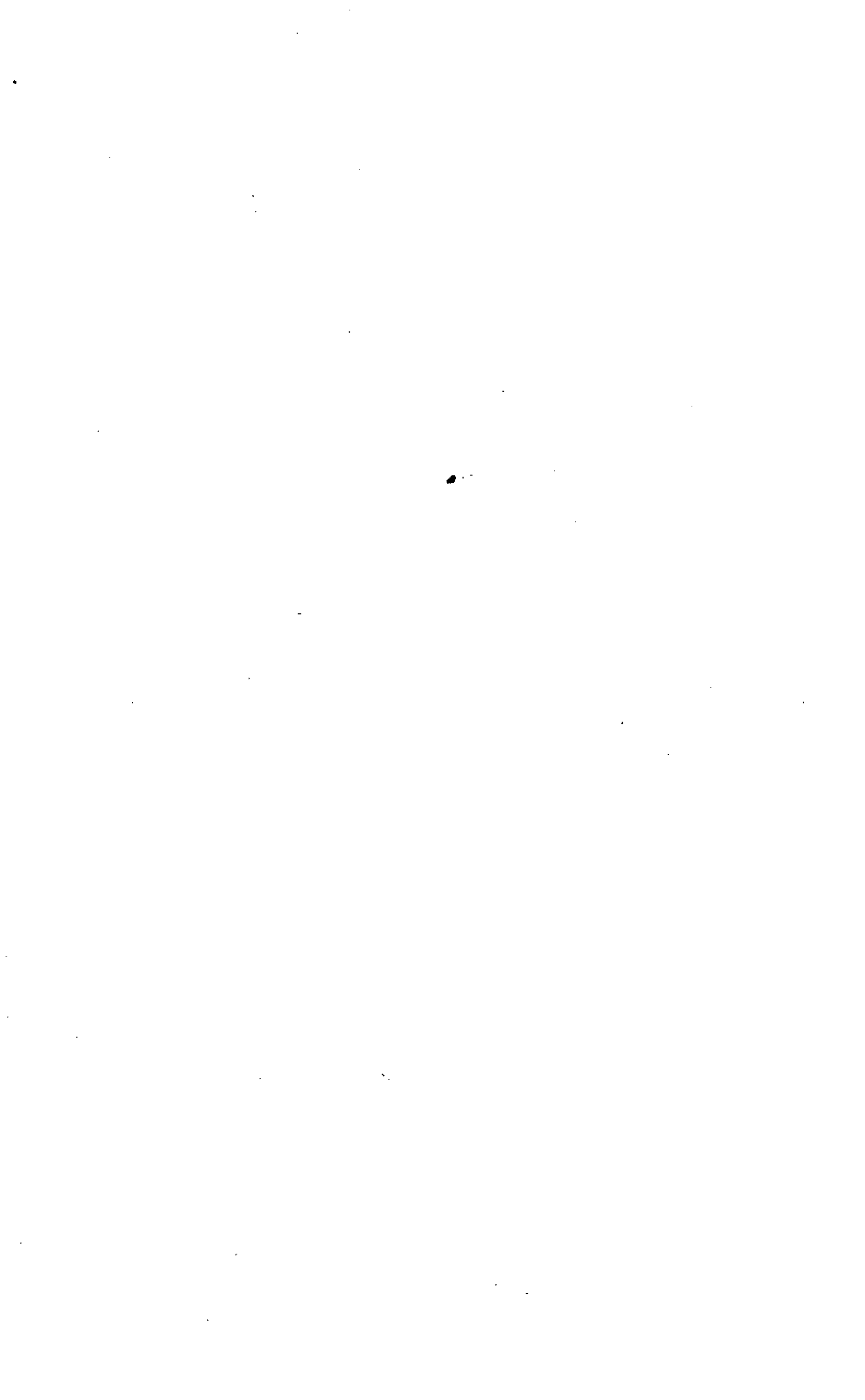
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 17 SEPTEMBER, 1886.

There being only fifteen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely,—Mr. Dawson, Mr. W. J. Fergusson, Mr. Fletcher, Mr. Garland, Mr. Gould, Mr. Hammond, Mr. Hawthorne, Sir Patrick Jennings, Mr. Moore, Dr. Renwick, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Slattery, Mr. Hugh Taylor, Mr. Teece, and Mr. Wall,—

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House at half-past Four o'clock, until Monday next at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

MONDAY, 20 SEPTEMBER, 1886.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Site for Municipal Council Chambers, Windsor:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—The Minister of Education having decided, in the cause of education, to recommend to the Government the resumption of the ground granted to the Municipal Council of Windsor as a Market Reserve, is it the intention of the Government, in lieu of that, to grant the small allotment of land situate in George-street, Windsor, and formerly used as a watch-house, as a site on which to erect Municipal Council Chambers and for other Municipal purposes?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—I will have the land in question examined and a report obtained, upon receipt of which the matter will be considered by the Government.

- (2.) Railway Contractors:—*Mr. Tbohey*, for Mr. Burke, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) Will he lay upon the Table of this House, a copy of final certificate given during the past year to any railway contractor or firm of contractors who had unliquidated claims against the Government?
(2.) Upon whose authority or recommendation was such certificate given?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) Form of final receipt, as altered, herewith:—

I certify that the amount charged in this Voucher, as to computations, castings, and rates, is correct; that the service has been faithfully performed; and that the expenditure is duly authorized in terms of the Audit Act.

RECEIVED on the _____ day of _____, 188____, from the Commissioner for Railways, the sum of _____ pounds _____ shillings and _____ pence, in full payment for the whole of the works mentioned in the above account, the quantities stated having been finally agreed upon, and settled to be the work done and materials provided for which payment is to be made in respect of the contract for works in connection with railway extension, Nyngan to Bourke, contract No. 3, and extra works in connection with the said contract, as enumerated above; and we declare that the sum hereby acknowledged to be received by us includes the percentage retained until the final completion of the work.

(Witness)

- (2.) By the Crown Solicitor.

- (3.) Australian Museum:—Mr. Abigail asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) Is it a fact that an extensive robbery has lately occurred at the Australian Museum; and, if so, under what circumstances, and what is the amount of the property taken?
(2.) Is it true that an Officer of this place decamped, after embezzling the funds of the Institution; if so, what steps were taken to arrest or bring him back?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

- (1.) A slight robbery took place in July last. A man secreted himself in the Museum and broke open a few cases, taking therefrom some medals, gold, and gems, valued at about £20. He has since been captured, and some of the articles have been recovered.

(2.) Yes, in 1882. A warrant was issued, and the case was immediately placed in the hands of the police, but the defaulter, Mr. C. R. Buckland, is supposed to have escaped to the South Sea Islands.

- (4.) Messrs. Doyle and Lowe, Inspectors of Runs:—Mr. Abigail asked the Secretary for Lands,—
(1.) In reference to the appointments of Messrs. J. K. Doyle and C. B. Lowe, lately gazetted as Inspectors of Runs, are their appointments permanent?
(2.) If so, what is the nature of the duties they have to perform?
(3.) What salaries are they to receive, and what are their travelling allowances?
(4.) How many Inspectors of Runs have been appointed, and what are the names of the persons appointed, and are they permanent appointments?
Mr.

Mr. Copeland answered,—

- (1.) The appointments were not gazetted, and are not permanent.
- (2.) Their duties are to inspect and report upon runs in the Glen Innes, Armidale, Inverell, Tenterfield, and Walcha districts, which are to be appraised by the Local Land Boards.
- (3.) The remuneration is £3 5s. per run, and 30s. per diem travelling expenses.
- (4.) Thirty. The appointments are not permanent. The names of the Inspectors are as follows, viz. :—

Names.	Districts.
H. G. Wyndham, Henry Loughnan, William Broughton	Bingera, Moree, Walgett, Warialda.
E. B. L. Dickens, C. C. Frazer, W. C. Wright ...	Bourke, Brewarrina, Cobar.
J. T. C. Ranken, J. W. Tom, G. W. Moore, M. C. Langtrce	Wilcannia.
C. E. Archer, H. Vandeleur, D. Wilson, W. J. Holding	Hay, Balranald, Deniliquin, Hillston, Wentworth.
C. Brandis, J. C. Gibsone, C. W. Lloyd, William Yeo, Thomas Major	Dubbo, Coonamble.
Henry Eagar, R. A. Hetherington, Charles Battye	Tamworth, Coonabarabran, Gunnedah, Murrurundi, Narrabri.
J. B. Combes, R. Johnson, R. J. Campbell ...	Forbes, Condobolin, Grenfell, Parkes.
C. B. Lowe, J. K. Doyle	Glen Innes, Armidale, Inverell, Walcha.
Albert Sams, James Crowe, F. W. Woodbine ...	Wagga Wagga, Cootamundra, Gundagai, Narrandera, Urana.

- (5.) Appointment of Mr. Evans to Customs Department:—Mr. Abigail asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Has a man named Evans been recently appointed to a position in the Customs ; if so, did the Collector of Customs oppose the appointment ?
- (2.) What are the duties of his position, and the salary attached ?
- (3.) Is he the same person that held the position of Land Agent at Urana, and did he resign, or was he dismissed ; if the latter, what was his offence ?

Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—

- (1.) L. H. Evans was appointed an Extra Tide-waiter on 17th June, 1885. The Collector of Customs did not oppose the appointment.
- (2.) Mr. Evans is employed as a Tide-waiter and tallies cargo from ships, for which service he receives 10s. 6d. per day when working.
- (3.) Mr. Evans held the offices of Land Agent and Clerk of Petty Sessions at Hay. He was suspended from the duties of those offices, in January, 1877, for "gross irregularity" in connection with his accounts. He was subsequently removed from those offices by the Executive Council, with a recommendation that he be offered other employment in the Service.

- (6.) Money Order Branches:—Mr. Moore asked the Postmaster-General,—Will he have any objection to lay upon the Table a Return, showing, in detail, the "unofficial" Post Offices at which Money Order Branches are established, and the distance of each to the nearest Money Order Office ?

Mr. Suttor answered,—There will be no objection to furnishing a Return, if moved for, showing the Non-official Post Offices at which Money Order Branches are established.

- (7.) Leave of Absence to Post and Telegraph Masters:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. Garland, asked the Postmaster-General,—Will he have any objection to state why the Post and Telegraph Masters do not receive accumulative leave ?

Mr. Suttor answered,—Post and Telegraph Masters are not classified under the Civil Service Act, and therefore are not considered to come under its provisions, as regards leave of absence. As a matter of fact, however, the provisions of Part IV of the Act are applied, as far as is consistent with the public interest, to Post and Telegraph Masters and Assistants.

- (8.) Civil Service:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is he aware that well-paid Civil Servants are now holding the positions of Council Clerks to Municipal Bodies, and filling other salaried posts outside of the Service ?
- (2.) Is it a fact that a Regulation exists, forbidding Civil Servants to occupy the positions referred to, unless special permission be granted ?
- (3.) In view of the fact that it is alleged that there are fully 800 clerks out of employment in this city and its suburbs, will he cancel any such permissions that may have been granted ?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—I am not aware of Civil Servants holding dual positions, as pointed out in the Honorable Member's questions, but the matter shall be inquired into. In the Civil Service Bill, which will be presented to-morrow, provision will be made for preventing Civil Servants from holding offices of the kind referred to by the Honorable Member.

- (9.) Mr. O'Dowd, Chief Engineer of "City of Melbourne":—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Has he taken any steps to inquire into the case of Mr. O'Dowd, Chief Engineer of the steamer "City of Melbourne," whose certificate was suspended for three months by the Marine Board of Sydney ?

Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—Application has been made to the Marine Board for a copy of proceedings in the case.

- (10.) Mount Pleasant Miners:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Has his attention been directed to the case of the Mount Pleasant miners, who recently, at Wollongong, received sentences varying from one to three months for alleged intimidation in connection with a strike ?

(2.) Has his attention been called to the evidence upon which they were convicted, and that, on the same evidence, a number of other miners were discharged?

(3.) Will he look over the depositions in the cases referred to, and, if the facts justify the action, release the convicted men from imprisonment?

Mr. Garvan answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) No.

(3.) Yes; the Police Magistrate, Wollongong, has been requested to forward the depositions in the cases referred to, and also to furnish a report thereon for my information.

(11.) Timber and Forest Reserves:—Mr. Barbour asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) What were the expenses incurred in connection with the management of the Murray River timber and forest reserves during the year 1885, including salaries, travelling allowances, steam launch expenses, and all other charges?

(2.) Is it the intention of the Department to do anything with the timber reserves, otherwise than treating them as a source of unprofitable revenue?

Mr. Fletcher answered,—

(1.) The actual expense, solely on account of the Murray River forest reserves, cannot be stated, as the Rangers are employed on other duty as well. The total amount paid to those having supervision of these reserves, and the cost of steam launch and other expenses, was £2,199 2s. 8d. The average annual revenue for the last three years from these reserves was £3,754, exclusive of pastoral rents.

(2.) It is probable that some portions of the reserve will be cancelled, and the thinning out of young growth will be proceeded with.

(12.) Great Northern and North-western Railways:—Mr. Davies, for Mr. Gould, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will the Return, promised on the 23rd June, and again promised to be laid upon the Table of the House, within fourteen days, on the 3rd August, as to the number of empty waggons despatched from Glen Innes and Narrabri, on the North and North-western Railways, respectively, and from and through Armidale and other stations then mentioned, by up-trains, during the first five months of the present year, together with the cost attendant upon running such empties, be laid upon the Table of the House?

Mr. Lyne answered,—I will presently lay the Return upon the Table of the House.

2. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—

(1.) New South Wales Trustees Executors and Agency Company's Bill; adjourned Debate, on motion of Mr. Thompson, "That this Bill be now read a second time";—*until Friday next.*

(2.) Cremation Bill; second reading;—*until Friday, 8th October.*

(3.) Companies Act Amendment Bill; second reading;—*until Friday next.*

3. PAPERS:—

Mr. Fletcher laid upon the Table,—Particulars of Applications for portions of Reserve at Bottle Forest.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table,—Statistical Register for 1885—Parts V and VI.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return to an Order made on 25th August, 1886—"Railway Traffic Manager's Office."

(2.) Return, showing the Grades and Curves, Railway to Inverell from Uralla, *via* the Trial Survey Line by way of Bundarra, and *via* the Great Northern Railway from Glen Innes.

(3.) Return of particulars respecting the issue of Free Passes to Railway Officials.

(4.) Return respecting Empty Waggons employed on the Great Northern and North-western Railways.

Ordered to be printed.

4. INEBRIATE ASYLUM:—Mr. Targett presented a Petition from certain Residents of Hartley and surrounding district, urging the necessity for the establishment of an Inebriate Asylum, and praying consideration of the premises, with a view to the establishment of such Asylum. Petition received.

5. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

6. ASSENT TO BILLS:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Mr. Dibbs, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

(1.) Sydney Town Hall and Streets Municipal Loan Bill:—

CARRINGTON,

Governor.

Message No. 82.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Municipal Council of Sydney to raise by Debentures a further sum of Two hundred thousand pounds for the completion of the Town Hall and a further sum of One hundred thousand pounds for the Paving 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, 17th September, 1886.

(2.) Bird Estate Bill :—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 83.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable John Humphries or other the Trustee or Trustees for the time being of a Settlement bearing date the second day of August one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight and made between Thomas Bird deceased of the first part Trophina Bird his wife also deceased of the second part and Francis Smith and the Reverend John Joseph M'Encroe of the third part to sell certain land and houses in Oatley-street and Park Road 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, 17th September, 1886.

7. CIVIL SERVICE BILL :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Dibbs, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 84.

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 periodical investigation, reduction, and re-organization of the Civil Service; for the better regulation thereof; for granting compensation for loss of office; for granting allowances and gratuities; and for other purposes connected with the administration of the said Service.

Government House,
Sydney, 20th September, 1886.

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

8. PATENTS AND DESIGNS 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.

9. SUPPLY :—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply having been read,—Sir Patrick Jennings 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.

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 only nineteen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely,—Mr. Copeland, Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Fletcher, Mr. Garland, Mr. Garrard, Mr. Garvan, Mr. Hammond, Sir Patrick Jennings, Mr. Lyne, Mr. Lysaght, Mr. Moore, Mr. O'Sullivan, Dr. Renwick, Mr. Slattery, Mr. Stokes, Mr. Suttor, Mr. Hugh Taylor, Mr. Vaughn, and Mr. James Henry Young,—

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House at sixteen minutes after Nine o'clock until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 131.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 21 SEPTEMBER, 1886.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Lithgow Valley and Ferndale Collieries Disasters:—*Mr. Davies*, for Mr. Olliffe, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Will he inform this House what instructions were originally, or have since been, given to the Commission lately sitting to inquire into the accidents at the Lithgow and Ferndale Collieries?

(2.) Has the Commission been instructed to inquire into the working of other collieries; if so, will he state what collieries?

(3.) What is the daily cost of the Commission referred to?

Mr. Fletcher answered,—

(1 and 2.) Copies of the Commissions will be laid upon the Table of the House this evening.

(3.) When all the members of the Commission are present at a sitting, the cost per diem is £24 3s., exclusive of the cost (1s. per folio) of transcribing.

(2.) Bourke-street Sewer:—*Mr. Davies*, for Mr. Olliffe, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) On what date was the contract for laying syphon across Cook's River, in connection with Bourke-street sewer, let by tender?

(2.) When will the contract time expire?

(3.) When will the sewer be ready for use?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) Bond was signed on 18th February, 1885.

(2.) Contract time expired on 18th August, 1886. Application for extension of time sent to Under Secretary, 20th August, 1886.

(3.) It is reported by Officer-in-charge that the main sewer could be made available for reception of sewage in January, 1887.

(3.) Military Cricket Ground:—*Mr. Davies*, for Mr. Neild, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Was a piece of land, 6 acres in extent, situate between the Paddington Rifle Range and the Association Cricket Ground, placed under the control of Colonel (now Major-General) Richardson, in 1876, for the purpose of a drill, recreation, and cricket ground?

(2.) Have not several sums of public money been voted for the improvement of this ground?

(3.) Is it a fact that the land has never been used for the purposes intended?

(4.) If the conditions upon which the land was granted have not been complied with, is he willing to entertain a proposal from a responsible body, willing to convert the ground to the purposes originally intended, upon a similar basis to that upon which the Association Cricket Ground was granted?

Mr. Copeland answered,—The land referred to is under the control of Major-General Richardson. With regard to the other questions, inquiry will be made.

(4.) Civil Service Act:—*Mr. Davies*, for Mr. T. R. Smith, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a great many Government Officials have not been paid the increases due to them according to Classification Sheet, and what is the reason?

(2.) The number of men in the Railway Department, entitled to increases, that have not been paid according to Classification?

Mr. Lyne answered,—The increases to Officers under the Railway Classification cannot be granted until the question of granting increases to the Civil Service generally has been decided.

(5.) Public School, Parramatta North:—*Mr. Day*, for Mr. Hugh Taylor, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Is it his intention to cause plans to be prepared for the erection of a suitable residence for the master of the Public School at Parramatta North, on the site adjoining the Public School, and purchased by the Government for that purpose?

Dr. Renwick answered,—No; a residence of seven rooms and a kitchen, the property of the Department, is already provided.

(6.)

(6.) Parramatta River:—*Mr. Day*, for Mr. Hugh Taylor, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—With reference to his question on 22nd September last, respecting the filling up of the Parramatta River, from Newington to the Queen's Wharf, Parramatta, and Mr. Secretary Wright's answer; also the answer of Mr. Secretary Lyne, on April 15th, that the original survey of this part of the Parramatta River was burnt in the Garden Palace fire, thus necessitating a fresh survey and soundings being made, which are not yet quite complete (they having been taken since September last when the question was asked)—will he say if the promised report has been received; if not, will he cause an inquiry to be made and the report furnished at once?

Mr. Lyne answered,—The report has been received, and will be taken into consideration by me at an early date, when the result shall be communicated to the Honorable Member.

(7.) Sewerage of Parramatta:—*Mr. Day*, for Mr. Hugh Taylor, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—The Government having promised that plans should be prepared for carrying out the sewerage of the Borough of Parramatta, so as to abate the nuisance flowing from the Government establishments, which empties itself at Lennox Bridge, in the centre of the town, and which is becoming dangerous to the health of the inhabitants—are such plans completed; if so, will he give instructions for them to be forwarded to the Borough Council for their inspection?

Mr. Lyne answered,—Preliminary plans have been prepared, and tracings can be forwarded.

(8.) Gratuity to late Mr. Michael Farrelly:—Mr. Garland asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Was the late Mr. Michael Farrelly, who for twenty-six years served as a clerk to the Health and Emigration Officer, entitled to a gratuity upon his retirement from such office?

(2.) Was such gratuity granted to him; and, if so, was it paid; and, if not paid, will he order that it be paid to the legal representative of the late Mr. Farrelly?

Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—Mr. Farrelly retired from his office in June, 1881. A gratuity of £321 was voted by Parliament, for which he never applied, and he died in the early part of 1882. The amount was subsequently written off in the books of the Treasury.

2. CIVIL SERVICE 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 provide for periodical investigation reduction and re-organization of the Civil Service—for the better regulation thereof—for granting compensation for loss of office—for granting allowances and gratuities—and for other purposes connected with the administration of the said Service. Question put and passed.
3. RETIREMENT OF MR. P. McDONAGH FROM THE GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Davies moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all correspondence, letters, papers, &c., having reference to the retirement of Mr. P. McDonagh from the Government Printing Office, and his subsequent appointment to the Dispatch Branch of the Educational Department. Question put and passed.
4. FISHERIES INSPECTOR QUINAN (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Abigail 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 numerous charges made against Mr. Quinan, of the Fisheries Commissioners Department, together with a copy of the letter of Mr. J. P. Abbott to the Executive Council on Mr. Quinan's behalf. Question put and passed.
5. ROYAL COMMISSIONS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Harold Stephen moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return, showing number and cost, in detail, respectively, of Royal Commissions appointed during the last ten years, and the duration of each. Question put and passed.
6. FORBES LAND BOARD (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Stokes moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all letters, circulars, minutes, and telegrams sent from the Lands Department, Sydney, to the Chairman of the Forbes Land Board, between the 1st of January, 1885, and the 30th September, 1886, having reference to the confirmation of conditional purchases and rents of conditional leases and confirmation of same; also, a copy of all replies thereto from the Chairman of said Board to the Lands Department. Question put and passed.
7. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Sydney Mechanics School of Arts Incorporation Bill postponed until Friday, 8th October.
8. PAPERS:—
Mr. Fletcher laid upon the Table,—Copies of the Commissions issued in connection with the accidents at the Ferndale and Lithgow Valley Collieries.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table,—Copies of Official Correspondence relating to the action taken towards obtaining supplies of sleepers and permanent materials for the Wilcannia end of the Forbes-Wilcannia Railway.
Ordered to be printed.
9. CENTENARY OF THE COLONY:—Sir Patrick Jennings 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 steps being taken to ensure a due and fitting celebration of the Centenary of the Colony, in the year 1888; and that, for the purposes of such celebration, a sum not exceeding £50,000 sterling be expended.
(2.) That there be erected, at a cost not exceeding £75,000 sterling, on the site of the present National Art Gallery of New South Wales, in the Domain, Sydney, a building, commemorative of the Centenary of the Colony, to be designated "The Centennial Memorial Hall," and to be used for the purposes of a National Art Gallery and Technological Museum.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

10. **PATENTS AND DESIGNS 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.

11. **CENTENARY OF THE COLONY:**—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Sir Patrick Jennings, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 85.

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 celebration of the Centenary of the Colony, in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight, and the erection of a building to be designated "The Centennial Memorial Hall."

*Government House,
Sydney 21st September, 1886.*

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

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.

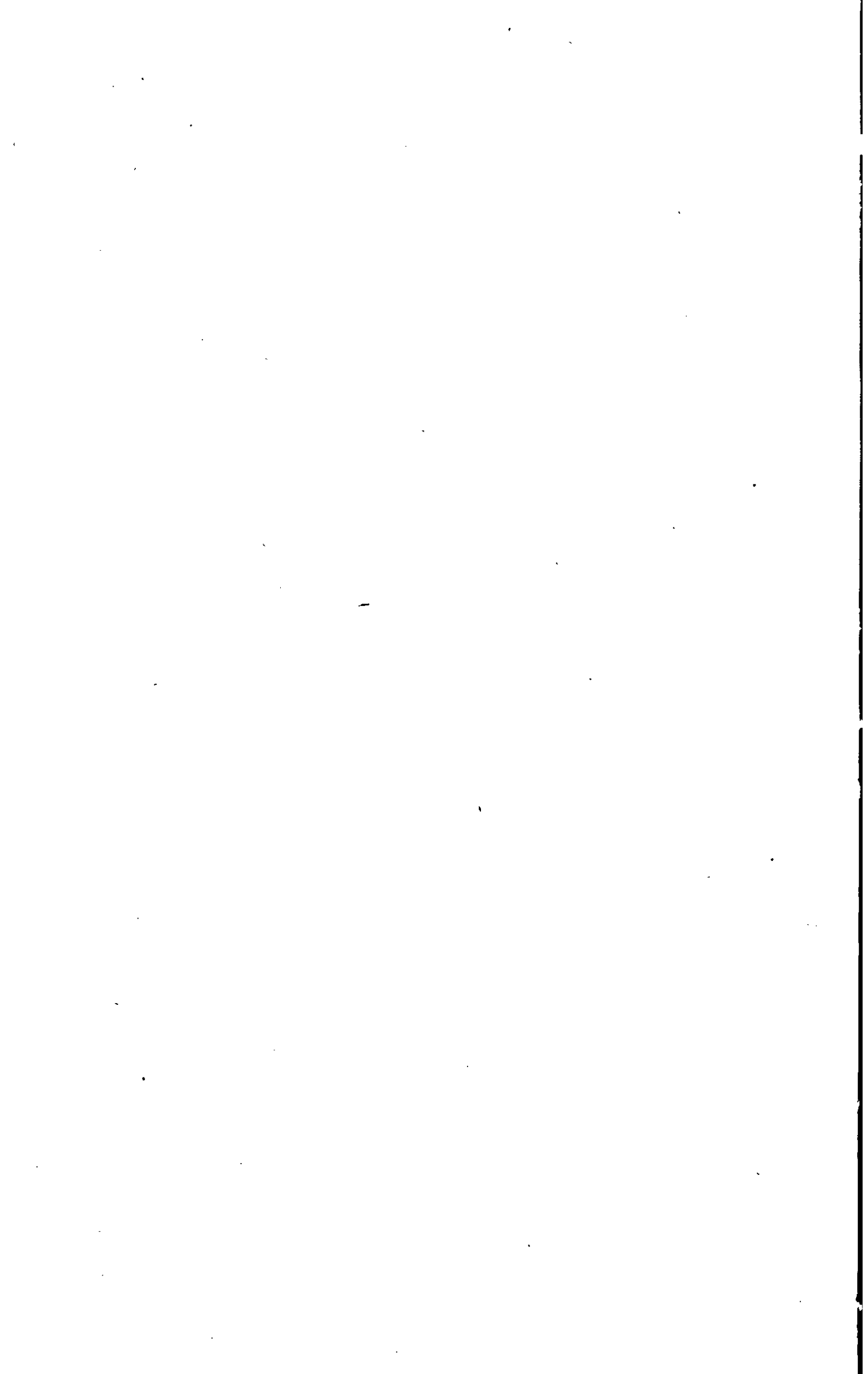
And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 22 SEPTEMBER, 1886, 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 Two 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, 22 SEPTEMBER, 1886.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Station-master's Residence, Orange:—Mr. William Clarke asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it a fact that the joists in the Station-master's new residence at Orange are being laid under surface level; if so, will steps be taken to raise the damp-course?

Mr. Lyne answered,—It is not a fact.

(2.) Validation of Mineral Conditional Purchases:—Mr. Garland asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he lay upon the Table, within the next six days, a Return of all the lands that the "Mineral Conditional Purchases Validating Bill" will validate, with the names of the owners?

Mr. Copeland answered,—It will be impossible to prepare such a Return until the various applications, made prior to the end of 1884, come in to be dealt with, which will not be until some time in 1888.

2. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Penrith Water and Gas Supply Bill postponed until Monday next.

3. PAPERS:—

Mr. Copeland laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 101st section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

(2.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Public Purposes, in accordance with the 104th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

(3.) Abstract of Alterations of Designs of Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the 107th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

(4.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from sale until surveyed for the Preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, in accordance with the 101st, 103rd, 109th, and 112th sections of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return (*in part*) to an Order made on 13th August, 1886—"Premises Leased for Government Purposes in Sydney."

(2.) Report from the Forbes Fire Brigades Board, under the Fire Brigades Act of 1884.

Ordered to be printed.

4. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Holborow moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

5. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

(1.) Australian Joint Stock Bank Act Amendment Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Australian Joint Stock Bank Act*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 22nd September, 1886.

JOHN HAY,
President.

(2.)

(2.) Prince Alfred Hospital Acts Amendment Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the 'Prince Alfred Hospital Act' and the 'Prince Alfred Memorial Hospital Site Dedication Act' in certain particulars,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 22nd September, 1886.*

JOHN HAY,
President.

Bill, on motion of Sir Patrick Jennings, read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday next.

(3.) Armstrong's Settlement Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to appoint Trustees in the Colony of New South Wales of Mrs. Mary Susannah Long Armstrong's marriage settlement and to authorize the retention and investment in the said Colony of the trust funds and property comprised in or subject to the trusts thereof and otherwise to make provision in respect of the premises,*"—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, 22nd September, 1886.*

JOHN HAY,
President.

Bill, on motion of Sir Patrick Jennings, read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday next.

(4.) Sydney Bishopric and Church Property Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to regulate in certain particulars dealings with the property of the Church of England in the Diocese of Sydney by extending to the present and future Bishops of the said Diocese the provisions of all Acts and Instruments having reference to the Bishop of Sydney and his successors and by enabling the Synod of the said Diocese to deal with Church Property which by reason of consecration or other express Trust is devoted to some purpose which it has become impossible or inexpedient to carry out or observe,*"—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, 22nd September, 1886.*

JOHN HAY,
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Thompson, read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 8th October.

6. CIVIL SERVICE 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 provide for periodical investigation reduction and re-organization of the Civil Service—for the better regulation thereof—for granting compensation for loss of office—for granting allowances and gratuities—and for other purposes connected with the administration of the said Service.

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 periodical investigation reduction and re-organization of the Civil Service—for the better regulation thereof—for granting compensation for loss of office—for granting allowances and gratuities—and for other purposes connected with the administration of the said Service.

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

(2.) Mr. Dibbs then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to provide for periodical investigation reduction and re-organization of the Civil Service—for the better regulation thereof—for granting compensation for loss of office—for granting allowances and gratuities and for other purposes connected with the administration of the said Service,*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

7. PATENTS AND DESIGNS 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.

8. SUPPLY :—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 the Committee of Supply.

Mr.

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 only eighteen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely,—Mr. Bowman, Mr. Bruner, Mr. Bull, Mr. Cass, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Fletcher, Mr. Garrard, Mr. Hawthorne, Mr. Ives, Mr. Jones, Mr. Moore, Dr. Renwick, Mr. Slattery, Mr. Suttor, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Wall, and Mr. Williamson,—

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House at a quarter before Twelve o'clock until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 133.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

THURSDAY, 23 SEPTEMBER, 1886.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Gauging Spirits, Customs :—Mr. Garland asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) In reference to the system of gauging wines and spirits by the Customs Officers, is it a fact that if a cask contains 26 $\frac{7}{8}$ gallons, duty is only paid on 26 gallons, all tenths up to seven-tenths being knocked off; and if a cask contains 26 $\frac{7}{8}$ gallons it is called 27 gallons, and duty is paid for what is not actually there?

(2.) Is the Government aware that this system is not usual in any other part of the world and results in a serious loss annually to the Revenue?

Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—

(1.) Integral gallons are charged for all casks, the full contents of which are over 20 gallons, and half-gallons for all casks 20 gallons and under. It is believed that the practice secures substantial justice between the Revenue and the merchants.

(2.) In great Britain the practice is to gauge to the quarter-gallon. The system followed here is similar to that adopted in other Colonies, and there is no reason to believe that the Revenue has sustained loss thereby.

- (2.) "Victoria Park Hotel," Darlington :—Mr. Foster asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Did the license of the "Victoria Park Hotel," Myrtle and Shepherd Streets, Darlington, expire on the 7th day of January, 1886?

(2.) Was a certificate, under the 42nd section of the Licensing Act, purporting to authorize the renewal of the license of the "Victoria Park Hotel," granted by the Licensing Court on or about the 27th day of July, 1886?

(3.) Was the attention of the Court drawn by the Police, at the time of hearing the application, to the fact that the 42nd section provides that a certificate authorizing the renewal of a license shall be granted only provided that such license has not been allowed to expire; and did the Court nevertheless grant the certificate?

(4.) Did the Court falsify such certificate by dating it the 7th day of January, 1886, while, in fact, it was granted on the 27th day of July, 1886, or thereabouts?

(5.) What are the names of the gentlemen composing the Court on the occasion referred to?

Mr. Garvan answered,—

(1 and 2.) Yes.

(3.) Yes; the whole facts of the case were before the Court when the certificate was granted.

(4.) No.

(5.) Messrs. Abbott and Yates, Stipendiary Magistrates, and the Honorable John Macintosh, J.P., M.L.C. I may add, that I would be glad to show the papers to the Honorable Member at any time he calls at my office, should he desire to see them.

- (3.) Crown Prosecutors :—Mr. Davies asked the Attorney-General,—

(1.) The names of barristers commissioned to prosecute at the last Circuit Courts, and of those who are to prosecute at the approaching Circuit Courts?

(2.) The number of cases tried at each Court, and, as far as can be ascertained, the number for trial at each of the ensuing Courts?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—I hold in my hand a list of the gentlemen who prosecuted at the last Circuit Courts, and of those who will prosecute at the ensuing Circuit Courts. I will lay it upon the Table as a Return.

(4.)

(4.) **Gratuity to late Mr. Michael Farrelly**:—Mr. Garland asked the Colonial Treasurer,—In reference to the answer to the question of the 21st instant, relative to the gratuity of £321 due to the late Michael Farrelly at his death, and voted by a preceding Parliament in his favour, will he place the said amount on the Supplementary Estimates for the legal representatives of the deceased Officer?

Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—A gratuity, voted to a retiring public servant, has always been treated as a "personal right," incapable of transmission; but, in special cases, and as an act of grace, the gratuity has been paid for the benefit of widows or children, if any. In this case, the "legal representative" is the deceased's brother, who has long since been informed by the Treasury that his claim could not be entertained.

2. **MONEY ORDER BRANCHES** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Moore moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing the Non-official Post Offices at which Money Order Branches are established.

Question put and passed.

3. **APPOINTMENT OF MR. F. CHAPMAN AS PROTHONOTARY OF THE SUPREME COURT** (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Melville*, for *Mr. Abbott*, 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 papers, letters, and other documents relating to the appointment of *Mr. F. Chapman* as Prothonotary of the Supreme Court.

(2.) Copies of all letters, petitions, and correspondence in reference to the salary of the said Prothonotary.

Question put and passed.

4. **MR. E. H. BARTON'S CONDITIONAL PURCHASE, COUNTY OF NARRAMINE, PARISH OF TRANGIE**:—*Mr. Garrett* presented a Petition from *John Campbell*, of Trangie, near Dubbo, representing that a Conditional Purchase in the County of Narramine, Parish of Trangie, made by *Edward Hugh Barton*, at Dubbo, in the year 1882, was declared void in the succeeding year, and that the Petitioner's application for it, as an Additional Conditional Purchase, was declared void, and the land made a Village Reserve; and that, notwithstanding Petitioner's protestations, the land containing his improvements has been advertised for sale; and praying the House to consider the premises, with a view to affording him relief.

Petition received.

5. **PAPERS**:—

Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table,—Return of Crown Prosecutor's commissioned for the last and the approaching Circuit Courts, with number of cases tried, and for trial, at each Court.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Garvan laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 17th June, 1886,—"Stipendiary Magistrates."

Ordered to be printed.

6. **GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY LINE THROUGH URALLA**:—*Mr. Inglis* presented a Petition from certain residents in Uralla and District, complaining that Petitioners suffer much inconvenience through the whole of the eastern boundary of the Municipality of Uralla being fenced in by the Great Northern Railway; and praying that an opening be made from the town across the said Railway Line.

Petition received.

CUSTOMS DUTIES 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 for granting to Her Majesty certain Duties of Customs and for other purposes*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 23rd September, 1886.

JOHN HAY,

President.

8. **CENTENARY OF THE COLONY**:—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 to consider the following Resolutions:—

(1.) That this House approves of steps being taken to ensure a due and fitting celebration of the Centenary of the Colony, in the year 1888; and that, for the purposes of such celebration, a sum not exceeding £50,000 sterling be expended.

(2.) That there be erected, at a cost not exceeding £75,000 sterling, on the site of the present National Art Gallery of New South Wales, in the Domain, Sydney, a building commemorative of the Centenary of the Colony, to be designated "The Centennial Memorial Hall," and to be used for the purposes of a National Art Gallery and Technological Museum.

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 after the decision of the House had been given thereon.

The Chairman then stated the *Point of Order*,—

The Resolutions referred, being under the consideration of the Committee, the Honorable Member for Monaro, *Mr. Harold Stephen*, proposed, as an amendment, to omit all the words after the first word, "That," with a view to insert the words, "in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the "Centenary of the Colony be celebrated by an International Exhibition;" and such amendment being objected to, on the ground that the question, whether or not an International Exhibition should be held, had been already decided during the present Session,—he, the Chairman, had sustained the objection, and the Committee had resolved to submit the question for the decision of the House.

Mr.

Mr. Speaker explained that the House had, on the 4th May last, rejected a Resolution which affirmed two propositions—the first, that steps should “at once” be taken for the celebration, and the second, that an International Exhibition should be part of such celebration—and ruled that the vote in negation of the second of such propositions substantially decided the question which Mr. Harold Stephen’s present amendment again proposed. He therefore endorsed the opinion given by the Chairman.

On motion of Sir Patrick Jennings, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the Committee resumed.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

9. **PATENTS AND DESIGNS 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 Monday next.
10. **SUPPLY:**—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 the Committee of Supply.

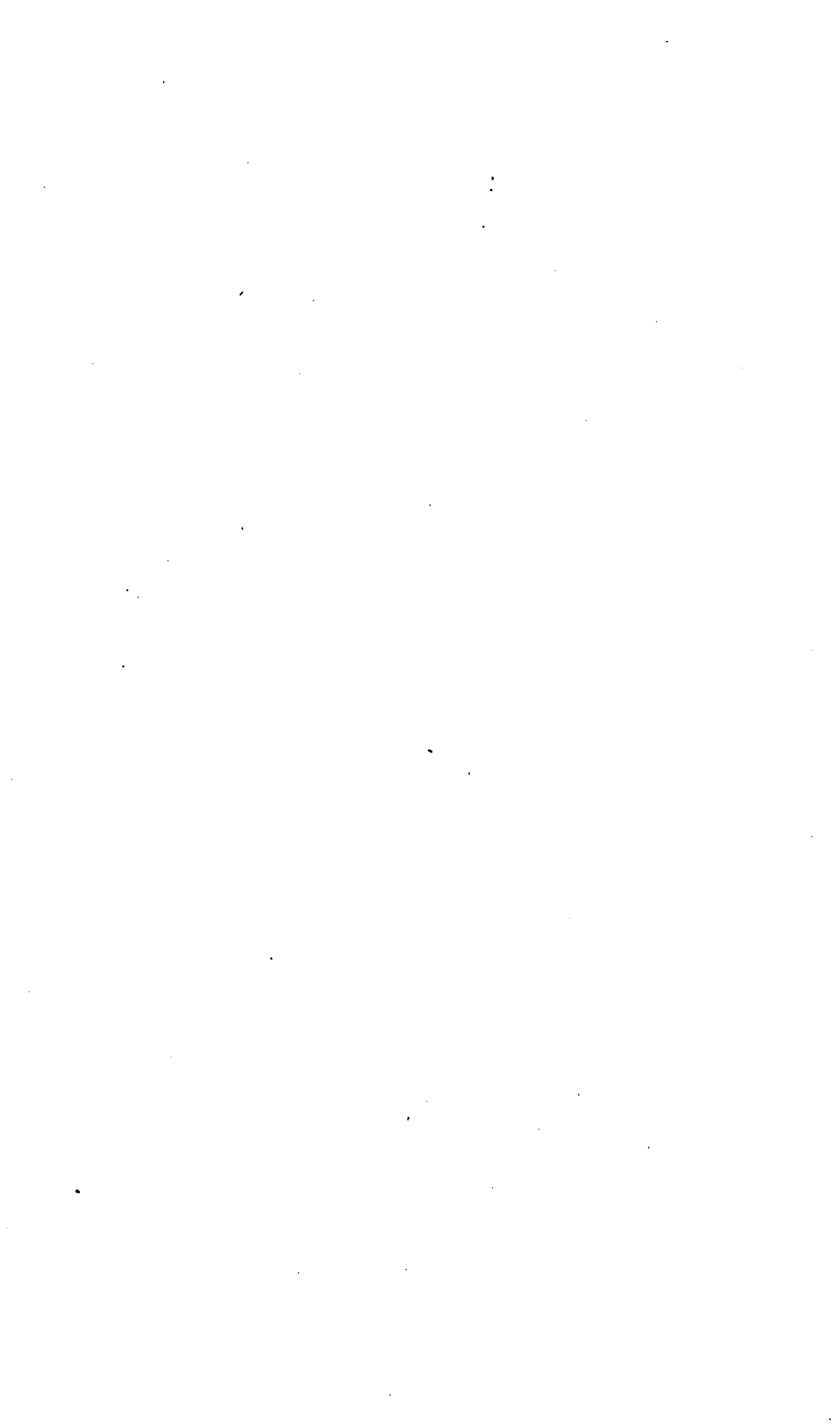
And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 24 SEPTEMBER, 1886, A.M.

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

The House adjourned at four minutes after Twelve 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, 21 SEPTEMBER, 1886.

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.) Commons Regulation Act Amendment Bill (No. 3):—

CARRINGTON,

Message No. 86.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Commons Regulation Act of 1873' and to validate certain appointments of Trustees,*"—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, 1886.

- (2.) Public Vehicles Regulation Act Amendment Bill:—

CARRINGTON,

Message No. 87.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Public Vehicles Regulation Act of 1873,'*"—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, 1886.

2. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Overcoats for Tramway Employés:—Mr. Harold Stephen, for Mr. O'Sullivan, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government to issue overcoats to the staffmen and pointsmen engaged in the Tramway Service of the city and suburbs?

Mr. Lyne answered,—Clothing is not supplied to employés as an emolument, and there seems to be no reason why the men referred to should not provide overcoats for themselves. The remuneration paid to them is sufficient to enable them to do so. With conductors and guards the case is different. Uniforms are provided in their case, in order that they can be readily identified by the public, with whom they come in contact in the execution of their duty.

- (2.) Royal Commission on the Liquor Licensing Law:—Mr. Henson asked the Colonial Secretary,—(1.) How many meetings have been held by the Royal Commission appointed to inquire into the working of the Liquor Licensing Law?

(2.) Is it true that evidence is being taken in several country towns?

(3.) Have the Commission furnished a progress report, and is it known when they will send in their final report?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

(1.) Fifty-seven.

(2.) No evidence has yet been taken in any country town.

(3.) No progress report has been furnished. The Commissioners hope to submit their report early in the year 1887.

- (3.) Registrar-General's Department:—Mr. Garland asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it a fact that work was, and is, given out by the Registrar-General's Department to private persons in the city whilst the Staff had so little to do that certain Officers could be spared from that Department for employment in other Departments?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—I am informed by the Registrar-General that it has been the practice for some years to give out engrossing work, because it requires special qualifications, and cannot be done by the Officers of his Department.

(4.)

- (4.) "Victoria Park Hotel," Darlington:—*Mr. Davies*, for *Mr. Foster*, asked the Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) Was the certificate granted by the Licensing Court on the 27th day of July, 1886, in respect of the "Victoria Park Hotel," dated as of the 7th of January?
 - (2.) Has any explanation of their conduct, in respect of this certificate, been called for at the hands of the gentlemen forming the Court; if so, has he any objection to state the effect of it?
 - (3.) What steps do the Government intend to take with reference to the matter?
- Dr. Renwick* answered,—
- (1.) No.
 - (2 and 3.) In order that this case may be fully explained, I purpose laying the papers upon the Table of the House early next week.
3. ASSIGNEES OF FIRE INSURANCE POLICIES ENABLING BILL (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Wall* moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the assignees of fire insurance policies to sue thereon in their own names
Question put and passed.
4. RESERVES PROCLAIMED ON RESUMED AREAS (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Wall* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing,—
- (1.) The number and extent of reserves proclaimed on resumed areas since the Crown Lands Act of 1884 came into operation.
 - (2.) The names of the owners of the runs on which such reserves have been proclaimed, and the names of the persons who recommended the same.
- Question put and passed.
5. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed, until Friday, 8th October:—
- (1.) Parliamentary *Hansard*—Daily Issue; consideration in Committee of the Whole of Resolutions.
 - (2.) Parliamentary *Hansard*; consideration in Committee of the Whole of Resolutions.
6. DIVORCE EXTENSION BILL:—
- (1.) *Mr. Fletcher* presented a Petition from certain residents in this Colony, representing that Petitioners are conscientiously opposed to the provisions of the Divorce Extension Bill, for the reasons stated in their Petition; and praying the House to refuse its assent to the said Bill.
Petition received.
 - (2.) *Mr. Forsyth* presented a similar Petition.
Petition received.
7. ST. SAVIOUR'S GLEBE LAND LEASING BILL:—*Mr. Septimus Stephen* presented a Petition from The Honorable James Chisholm, Andrew Faithfull Gibson, and Augustine M. Betts, all of Goulburn, Trustees of St. Saviour's Church of England Glebe Lands, Goulburn, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the appropriation of a portion of the rents and annual income derived from the Church of England Glebe Lands at Goulburn, and the trust moneys held by the Trustees of Saint Saviour's Glebe in connection therewith, and to enable the said Trustees to grant leases of such lands. And *Mr. Stephen* having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Evening News* and *The Southern Daily Argus* newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.
8. MUNICIPALITIES ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—*Mr. Abbott* presented a Petition from the Borough Council of Woollahra, praying that the Municipalities Act Amendment Bill, sent to this House by the Legislative Council, may receive favourable consideration and support.
Petition received.
9. PAPER:—*Mr. Lyne* laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order, made on 29th July, 1886—"Railway Collision at Allandale."
10. CAPTAIN ARMSTRONG:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on motion of *Mr. Trickett*, "That this House will, on Tuesday 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 the necessary steps to be taken to make provision for the payment of a sum of money not exceeding £3,000, to compensate Captain Armstrong for all the consequences of his dismissal from his position of Resident Magistrate at Lord Howe Island,"—
And the Question being again proposed,—the House resumed the said adjourned Debate.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 23.

Mr. Want,	Mr. J. D. Young,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Shepherd,	Mr. Toohy,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. Bull,
Mr. Trickett,	Mr. Day,
Mr. Lewis Lloyd,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. Forsyth,	Mr. Hugh Taylor.
Mr. Harold Stephen,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Targett,	Mr. Septimus Stephen,
Mr. W. J. Fergusson,	Mr. Butcher.
Mr. Moore,	
Mr. Meeks,	

Noes, 23.

Mr. Foster,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Wisdom,	Mr. Gibbes,
Dr. Renwick,	Mr. Abbott,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Abigail,
Mr. Burdekin,	Mr. Gould,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Inglis,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Henry Clarke,
Mr. Bruncker,	Mr. Dawson.
Mr. Davies,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Ryrie,	Mr. Garland,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Hammond.
Mr. Russell Barton,	
Mr. De Courcy Browne,	

The numbers being equal, *Mr. Speaker*—stating that he acted on the principle of leaving the subject open for further discussion—gave his casting vote with the *Ayes*, and declared the Question to have been resolved in the *affirmative*.

11. **DIVORCE EXTENSION BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Neild, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—
And the Question being again proposed,—the House resumed the said adjourned Debate.
Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 25.

Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Shephard,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Macgregor,
Mr. Harold Stephen,	Mr. Russell Barton,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Abbott,
Mr. Garland,	Mr. Trickett,
Sir Henry Parkes,	Mr. Lyne,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Gibbes,
Mr. Meeks,	Mr. Targett,
Mr. W. J. Fergusson,	Mr. Wisdom.
Mr. Cransie,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Burdekin,	Mr. Neild,
Mr. Tarrant,	Mr. Septimus Stephen.
Mr. Burns,	
Mr. Henry Clarke,	

Noes, 14.

Mr. Garvan,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Foster,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Cass,	Mr. Melville.
Mr. Day,	
Mr. Hogan,	
Mr. Hawthorne,	
Mr. Henson,	
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	
Mr. J. D. Young,	
Mr. Butcher,	
Mr. Jones,	
Mr. O'Connor.	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Neild, 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, 8th October.

12. **BARRISTERS BILL (No. 2)**:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill read,—and, on motion of Mr. Neild, discharged.

Ordered, that the Bill be withdrawn.

13. **SILVERTON TRAMWAY 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.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

SATURDAY, 25 SEPTEMBER, 1886, A.M.

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.

14. **MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS 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 that there was not a Quorum present in the Committee.

Mr. Speaker counted the House, and their being a Quorum present, the Committee resumed.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.

On motion of Mr. Tarrant (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.

15. **POSTPONEMENT**:—The Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Cemeteries Regulation Bill postponed until Friday, 8th October.

16. **SETTLED ESTATES BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Septimus 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.

17. **POSTPONEMENT**:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Borough of East St. Leonards Wharves Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*) postponed until Friday, 8th October.

18. **MUDGEES GAS-LIGHT AND COKE COMPANY'S BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. De Courcy Browne moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. De Courcy Browne 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. De Courcy Browne, the report was adopted.

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.

19. **NEW SOUTH WALES TRUSTEES EXECUTORS AND AGENCY COMPANY'S BILL:**—The Order of the Day for the adjourned Debate, on motion of Mr. Thompson, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—postponed until Friday, 8th October.
20. **COMPANIES 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.
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 the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Fergusson, the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
21. **ARMSTRONG'S SETTLEMENT BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. O'Connor moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
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 without amendment.
On motion of Mr. O'Connor, the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
22. **POSTPONEMENTS:**—The following Orders of the Day postponed until Friday, 8th October:—
(1.) Railway from Cooma to Bombala; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on motion of Mr. Harold Stephen.
(2.) Claim of Charles Stevens; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Vaughn.
(3.) North Coast Railway; adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. James Henry Young.
23. **BENNETT'S RAILWAY BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Humphery 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. Humphery 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 of a Railway from and connecting the line of Railway from Sydney to Parramatta near the Clyde Railway Station to and with the Parramatta River at a point opposite Old Redbank.*"
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 25th September, 1886, A.M.
24. **POSTPONEMENTS:**—The following Orders of the Day postponed until Friday, 8th October:—
(1.) Select Committees on Private Bills; consideration in Committee of the Whole of Resolutions.
(2.) Willoughby and Gordon Tramway Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.
25. **KISS'S GEORGE-STREET PROPERTY BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Humphery moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Humphery, 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. Humphery, the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
26. **POSTPONEMENTS:**—The following Orders of the Day postponed until Friday, 8th October:—
(1.) Travelling Expenses in the Public Service; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on motion of Mr. Sydney Smith.
(2.) Illawarra Steam Navigation Act Amendment Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.
27. **MINISTERIAL ELECTION 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.
28. **POSTPONEMENTS:**—The following Orders of the Day postponed until Friday, 8th October:—
(1.) Mr. Henry Arthur Hough; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. McCulloch.
(2.) Robert Mackrell's Selection at Forbes; adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Vaughn.
(3.) Supreme Court Process Facilitation Bill (No. 2); second reading.
(4.) Defamation Act Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of Legislative Council's amendments.
29. **INVERELL CHURCH OF ENGLAND LAND SALES 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,

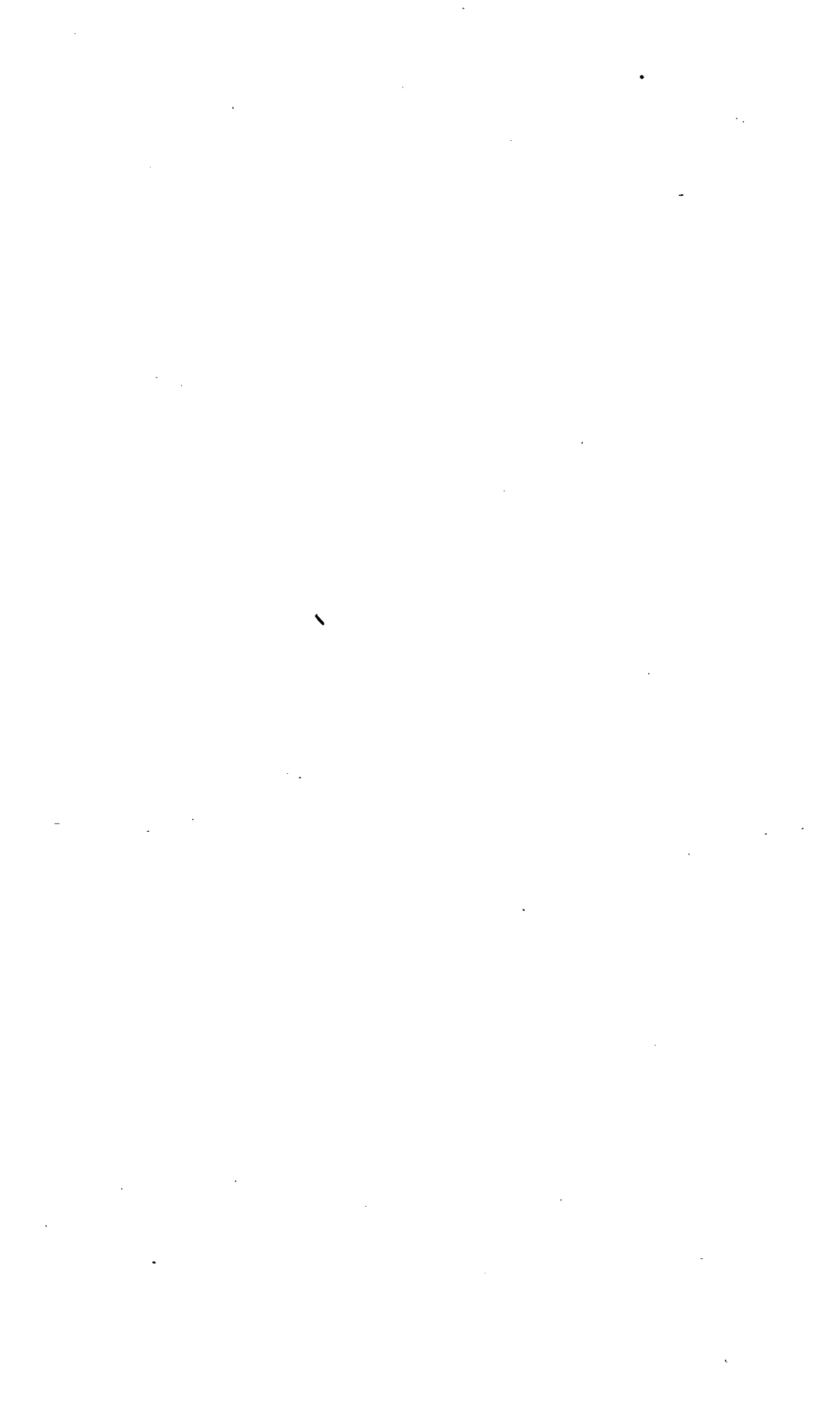
The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Right Reverend James Francis Turner D.D. Bishop of Grafton and Armidale William Clare Cardew James Harvey Hindmarsh and George Thomas Thankful Butler Trustees of certain lands situate in the Town of Inverell to sell the said lands and provide for the appropriation of the proceeds thereof.*"

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 25th September, 1886, A.M.

The House adjourned at eighteen minutes after Three o'clock a.m., until Monday next at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 135.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

MONDAY, 27 SEPTEMBER, 1886.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Rabbit Skins:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that a large trade in rabbit skins is done in Tasmania?
- (2.) How many rabbit skins have been destroyed, by order of the Officers of the Rabbit Branch of the Mining Department and by trappers, during the past twelve months?
- (3.) Is there any reason why rabbit skins should not be sold, in order to recoup some of the outlay on rabbit extermination?

Mr. Fletcher answered,—

- (1.) 2,872,896 rabbit skins were exported from Tasmania in 1885, the value of which is stated to be £22,572—equal to 1½d. per skin.
- (2.) The number is estimated at 2,687,000.
- (3.) The rabbits destroyed in this Colony extend over an enormous tract of country, at a great distance from port, and the cost of curing and carrying the skins to market would, it is thought, greatly exceed the value of them. In addition to this, it is understood that the skins obtained in Tasmania are superior in quality to those found in his Colony. At the present time the owners have the option of retaining the skins, and the fact that they do not do so is evidence that they are of no value.

- (2.) Delivery of Letters at Parliamentary Buildings:—Mr. Garland asked the Postmaster-General,—

- (1.) Is he aware that Members letters are not distributed at the Parliamentary Buildings till 9.30 a.m., and sometimes later, whilst business men in the city receive their letters an hour earlier?
- (2.) Will he take steps to ensure the delivery of Members letters at the Assembly before 9 a.m. each day?

Mr. Suttor answered,—A private box is provided at the Post Office for the use of the Assembly, from which the morning correspondence can be obtained by the Messenger at 8.15 a.m.

- (3.) Mr. D. T. Wiley, Technical College:—Mr. Davies, for Mr. Trickett, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the Board of Technical Education has directed that the services of Mr. D. T. Wiley, Secretary of the Technical College, be dispensed with?
- (2.) Has the Board of Technical Education power to dismiss Mr. Wiley from an office to which he has been appointed by the Governor and Executive Council?
- (3.) Has Mr. Wiley requested a full inquiry into the circumstances of his case, and that a specific charge should be formulated against him, and that the truth or otherwise of the charge be inquired into?
- (4.) When will the investigation applied for by Mr. Wiley be held?

Dr. Renwick answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) No.
- (3.) Yes.
- (4.) I have referred the papers to the Board of Technical Education.

2. ST. SAVIOUR'S GLEBE LAND LEASING BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

(1.) Mr. Septimus Stephen moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the appropriation of a portion of the rents and annual income derived from the Church of England Glebe Lands at Goulburn and the trust moneys held by the Trustees of Saint Saviour's Glebe in connection therewith and to enable the said Trustees to grant leases of such lands.
Question put and passed.

(2.) 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 provide for the appropriation of a portion of the rents and annual income derived from the Church of England Glebe Lands at Goulburn and the trust moneys held by the Trustees of Saint Saviour's Glebe in connection therewith and to enable the said Trustees to grant leases of such lands,*"—read a first time.

3. CROWN LANDS ACT:—

(1.) Mr. Macgregor presented a Petition from certain Tank-sinkers, Carriers, Mechanics, and Labourers in the Western Division of the Colony, representing that, since the passing of the present Land Act, the improvements on Stations in the Western Division have come to a standstill, and, as a consequence, Petitioners' valuable plant, teams, and workshops have remained idle, to the serious loss, and in many cases ruin, of the Petitioners' employment; and praying the House to consider the premises, and speedily make such just amendments in the Land Act as will restore employment to labour, and bring back prosperity to the Western District.
Petition received.

(2.) Mr. Macgregor presented a Petition from certain Merchants, Traders, Forwarding Agents, Hotel-keepers, and others doing business in the Western Division of the Colony, stating that, in consequence of the operation of the Land Act, the employment of labour in further developing the country has ceased in their district; and praying that immediate steps be taken to amend the said Land Act, in the manner suggested by the Petitioners.
Petition received.

4. VOTE OF CREDIT:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Sir Patrick Jennings, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 88.

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 September or following month of the year 1886.

*Government House,
Sydney, 27th September, 1886.*

Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of Supply.

5. PAPERS:—Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Information respecting the Inspection of certain Slaughter-houses.

(2.) Further Return (*in part*) to an Order made on 13th August, 1886—"Premises Leased for Government Purposes in Sydney."
Ordered to be printed.

6. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply having been read,—Sir Patrick Jennings 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.

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 (*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:—

(10.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £505,000, to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of September, 1886, at the rates which have been sanctioned for 1885, inclusive of the annual increases on salaries for that year, provided for by the Civil Service Act of 1884, subject to the rate of any reduction that may hereafter be made in the expenditure of the year 1886.

On motion of Sir Patrick Jennings, 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 Sir Patrick Jennings, 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 (*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:—

(14.) *Resolved*,—That, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Services of the Year 1886, the sum of £505,000 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.

On motion of Sir Patrick Jennings, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

8. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 9) :—
- (1.) Ordered, on motion of Sir Patrick Jennings, 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 1886.
- (2.) Sir Patrick Jennings 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 1886,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
9. SUPPLY :—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 the Committee of Supply.
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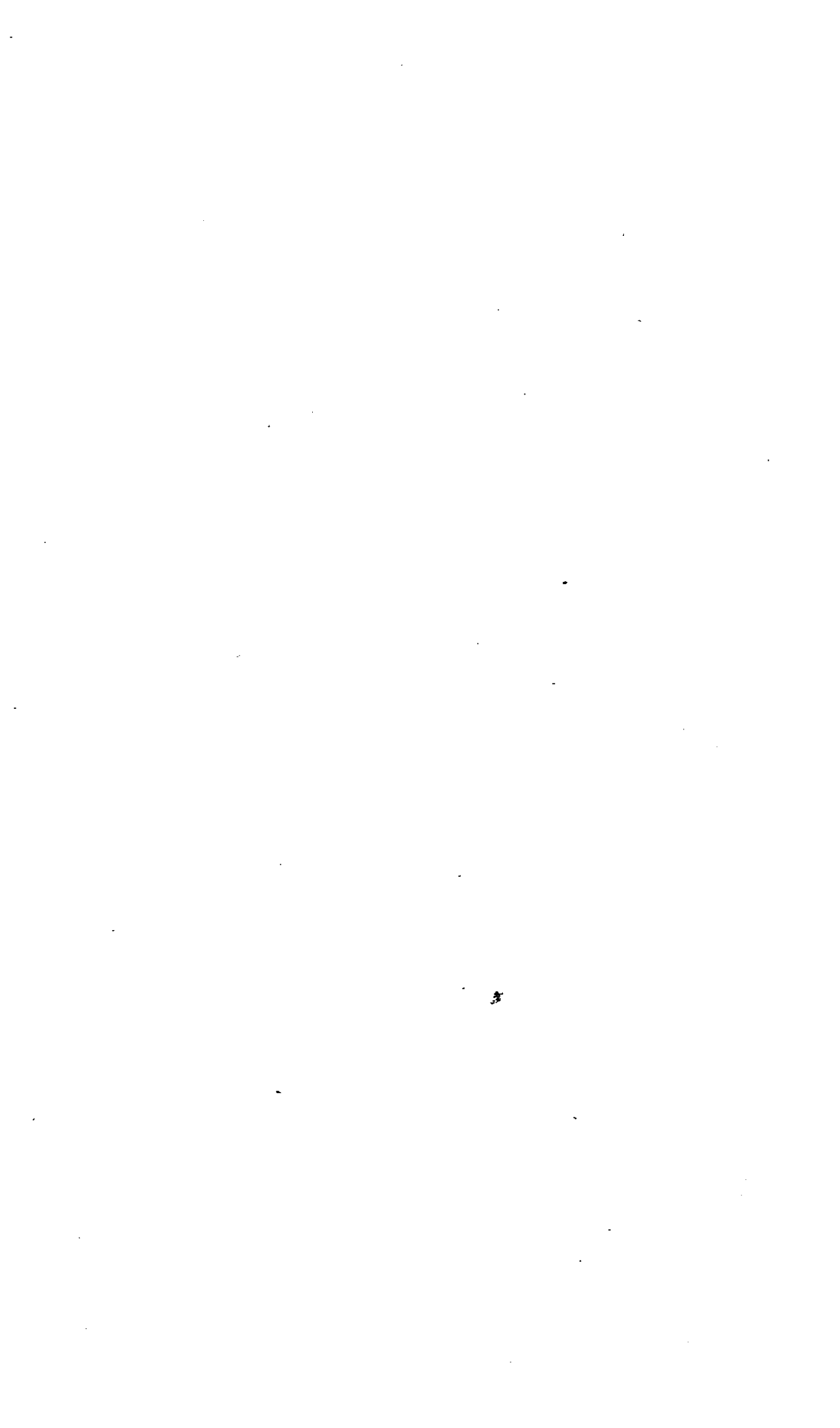
And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

TUESDAY, 28 SEPTEMBER, 1886, A.M.

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

The House adjourned at half-past One o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m., This Day.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 136.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 28 SEPTEMBER, 1886.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Cases of Embezzlement in the Railway Department:—Mr. William Clarke asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) How many cases of embezzlement in the Railway Department, for three years ending August, 1886, have been discovered, the amounts misappropriated, and the names of persons prosecuted, with the result of such prosecution?

(2.) Did any, or all, of the said defaulters provide a fidelity bond; if so, for what amount?

(3.) What amounts, in whose case, and by whom, have been made good to the Commissioner for Railways?

(4.) Names of those whose defalcations have not been made good, who is the responsible Officer in each case, and does he intend calling upon such responsible Officers to pay up the said deficiency?

Dr. Renwick answered,—The Minister will lay this information upon the Table of the House when it has been prepared, in about a week from this time.

(2.) Platform between Petersham and Summer Hill:—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) How many platforms or railway stations are there between Parramatta and Sydney (inclusive), a distance of $14\frac{1}{4}$ miles?

(2.) What is the average time in running trains between Parramatta and Sydney?

(3.) What is the distance between Summer Hill and Petersham Railway Stations?

(4.) Is it intended to erect a platform between Summer Hill and Petersham; if so, at whose suggestion, and was it recommended by the Officials of the Department?

(5.) Has an Honorable Member of this House, a resident of the locality referred to, strongly urged the erection of the said proposed platform?

Dr. Renwick answered,—

(1.) Twenty, inclusive of Parramatta and Sydney.

(2.) Fast trains, 32 minutes; slow trains (with stoppages), 58 minutes.

(3.) 79 chains.

(4.) Yes; by my decision, after inspecting the locality and ascertaining the reasonable requirements of the residents. It was not recommended by the Railway Officials.

(5.) Yes.

(3.) Messrs. Hudson Brothers Railway and Tramway Contracts:—Mr. Forsyth asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What is the amount of money paid to Messrs. Hudson Brothers, in 1884 and 1885, on account of Railways and Tramways?

(2.) How much of such sum was paid on account of contracts obtained by public competition, exclusive of extras on such contracts?

Dr. Renwick answered,—

(1.) In 1884 and 1885, the sum of £271,718.

(2.) The sum of £257,486.

(4.)

- (4.) Collieries :—Mr. Olliffe asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) How often does the Royal Commission on Collieries sit?
 - (2.) What special qualification does Mr. Dixon possess that he was appointed one of the Inspectors of Coal-mines?
 - (3.) What salary does an Inspector of Coal-mines receive?

Mr. Fletcher answered,—

- (1.) The Commission has no fixed times of sitting, but has, up to the present, sat fifteen days at Lithgow, and at Newcastle twenty-seven days.
- (2.) Mr. Dixon has had very large experience in the working of collieries from his boyhood upwards, and was selected for his special qualifications as Check Inspector, and was subsequently selected for the position of Miners' General Secretary.
- (3.) The salary is £320 per annum.

- (5.) Alleged Charges against Messrs. D. L. M'Kenzie and Weekes :—Mr. Abigail asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Is it true that Mr. D. L. M'Kenzie, Stock Inspector, in connection with Mr. Weekes, late Land Agent, Gundagai District, are dealing largely in stock, and are monopolizing a travelling stock reserve for their own benefit?
- (2.) Have any complaints been made and offers of proof tendered to sustain such a charge?
- (3.) If the above be true, is it in accordance with the rules or usages of the Department to allow it, and will he take steps to put a stop to such proceedings?

Mr. Fletcher answered,—No intimation has been received in the Department, but inquiry will be made through the Board of Sheep Directors for the Gundagai District.

- (6.) Government Statistician's Department :—Mr. Abigail asked the Colonial Secretary,—When will the promise, given some time ago, be redeemed, by the production of all the papers having reference to the applications from, and the appointment of, Mr. Coghlan and others to positions in the Statistical Department?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—Probably on Monday next.

- (7.) Centenary of the Colony :—Mr. Abigail asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) The number of telegrams to and from the Agent-General in relation to the proposed invitation to the British Association, or to members of that body, to visit Sydney?
- (2.) The total estimated cost of such telegrams?

Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—The information asked for by the honorable gentleman will be laid upon the Table of the House in the shape of a Return.

- (8.) Sewerage of Parramatta :—Mr. Hugh Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he cause the provisions of the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act, 43 Victoria No. 32, (as far as applies to sewerage) to be extended to the Borough of Parramatta for sewerage purposes, as applied for by the Mayor and Council of Parramatta on 1st March, 1886?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—The Parramatta Council has not yet made formal application to come under the Act, but they have been invited to do so.

2. ST. SAVIOUR'S GLEBE LAND LEASING BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Septimus Stephen moved, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) That St. Saviour's Glebe Land Leasing Bill be referred to a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, for consideration and report.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Garland, Mr. Hammond, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Burns, Mr. Teece, Mr. Abigail, and the Mover.
- Question put and passed.

3. TRUANT INSPECTORS AND ATTENDANCE OFFICERS, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Wall moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of the cost incurred by the Department of Education in connection with Truant Inspectors and Attendance Officers employed by that Department.
- Question put and passed.

4. POLICE SUPERINTENDENT BROWN, OF DENILIQUIN (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Chanter moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Return to Order, "Police Superintendent Brown, of Deniliquin," laid upon the Table on the 13th August last, be printed.
- Question put and passed.

5. RENTS OF CROWN LANDS (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Levien, for Mr. Abbott, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy of the circular letter, of 3rd July, 1886, addressed by the Under Secretary for Lands to the Chairmen of the several Land Boards, in reference to the basis of calculations adopted by the Boards in arriving at the appraisement of the rents of pastoral, homestead, and conditional leases, and of the lands included in the resumed areas, together with the replies of the Chairmen of such Boards to the same; and also, a copy of the Minute of the Minister, on which the letter of 3rd July was written.
- Question put and passed.

6. SILVERTON TRAMWAY 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 construction and maintenance of a Tramway from the terminus on the western boundary of the Colony of New South Wales of the South Australian Railway to Broken Hill.*"

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 construction and maintenance of a Tramway from the terminus on the western boundary of the Colony of New South Wales of the South Australian Railway to Broken Hill,*"—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 September, 1886.

7. MUDGEES GASLIGHT AND COKE COMPANY'S BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—On motion of Mr. Wall, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Wall then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to enable the 'Mudgee Gaslight and Coke Company (Limited)' to construct Gas-works within the town of Mudgee and the suburbs of the said town.*"

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 'Mudgee Gaslight and Coke Company (Limited)' to construct Gas-works within the town of Mudgee and the suburbs of the said town,*"—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 Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 28th September, 1886.

8. COMPANIES ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—On motion of Mr. W. J. Fergusson, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Fergusson then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to amend the 57th section of the 'Companies Act of 1874.'*"

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 57th section of the 'Companies Act of 1874.'*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 28th September, 1886.

9. ARMSTRONG'S SETTLEMENT BILL (*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 appoint Trustees in the Colony of New South Wales of Mrs. Mary Susannah Long Armstrong's marriage settlement and to authorize the retention and investment in the said Colony of the trust funds and property comprised in or subject to the trusts thereof and otherwise to make provision in respect of the premises.*"

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 appoint Trustees in the Colony of New South Wales of Mrs. Mary Susannah Long Armstrong's marriage settlement and to authorize the retention and investment in the said Colony of the trust funds and property comprised in or subject to the trusts thereof and otherwise to make provision in respect of the premises,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 28th September, 1886.

10. KISS'S GEORGE-STREET, PROPERTY BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—On motion of Mr. Humphery, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Humphery then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to enable the Trustees of the will of George Kiss deceased to grant building leases of certain lands in George-street and to raise moneys by mortgage of the said lands for the purpose of improving the same.*"

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 the will of George Kiss deceased to grant building leases of certain lands in George-street and to raise moneys by mortgage of the said lands for the purpose of improving the same,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 28th September, 1886.

11. ST. SAVIOUR'S GLEBE LAND LEASING BILL:—Mr. Hugh Taylor presented a Petition from Francis Robert Lewis Rossi, Captain, of Rossiville, Goulburn, Senior Trustee of St. Saviour's, Goulburn, in opposition to the St. Saviour's Glebe Land Leasing Bill; praying that the House will cause inquiry to be made in the premises; that such redress may be afforded as to the House may seem fit, to avert disastrous issues; and that Petitioner may be heard at the Bar of the House, or before the Select Committee, if appointed.

Petition received, and referred to the Select Committee on the Bill.

12. **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS** :—Sir Patrick Jennings 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 1886,” through all its remaining stages in one day.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
13. **CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 9)** :—
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read, Sir Patrick Jennings moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
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 Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Sir Patrick Jennings, the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be now read a third time.
(2.) Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Sir Patrick Jennings, *passed*.
Sir Patrick Jennings 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 1886.*”
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 1886,*”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 28th September, 1886.*
14. **PLACES OF DETENTION BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Garvan, 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 some, and disagreed to one, of the Council’s amendments.
On motion of Mr. Garvan, 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 8th September, 1886, requesting its concurrence in certain amendments made by the Council in the Places of Detention Bill :—
Agrees to the amendments in clause 2.
Disagrees to the amendment which proposes to omit clause 3,—Because the power proposed to be conferred on the Minister is merely formal, and will effect a considerable saving of time by avoiding the present delay of referring such matters for the formal authority of the Governor, or a Judge of the Supreme Court; and because such power is now exercised, in certain cases, in the country by a Police Magistrate or Visiting Justice of a Gaol, and is therefore unobjectionable in its operation.
Agrees to the amendment which proposes to omit clause 4.
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 28th September, 1886.*
15. **SUPPLY** :—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply having been read,—Motion made (Sir Patrick Jennings), and Question proposed, “That” Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.
Mr. William Clarke 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 action of the Minister of Justice, in disregarding the recommendation by the Civil Service Board of Mr. Stephen Murphy to the position of Clerk of Petty Sessions at Orange, is inimical to the best interests of the Civil Service, and entirely opposed to the letter and spirit of the Civil Service Act.”
Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
Debate ensued.
Proposed amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Original 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,—

WEDNESDAY, 29 SEPTEMBER, 1886, A.M.

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 the decision of the House had been given thereon.

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The Chairman then reported the *Point of Order* as follows:—

In Committee of Supply, he (the Chairman) proposed the Question, "That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £64,932, to defray charges under the head Department of Lands," without the Minister in charge of the Estimate moving the Resolution; and the Honorable Member for Camden, Mr. Garrett, taking exception to the action of the Chairman, as being without authority,—

That he, the Chairman, had given his opinion that the course pursued by him was in order, and in accordance with practice.

Mr. Speaker ruled that the Chairman had taken the usual and proper course.

On motion of Sir Patrick Jennings, 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.

16. POSTPONEMENTS:—

- (1.) The remaining Orders of the Day of Government Business postponed until to-morrow.
- (2.) The remaining Notices of Motions of General Business postponed until after the Orders of the Day of General Business.
- (3.) The Order of the Day for the resumption in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor in reference to case of Captain Armstrong, postponed until to-morrow.
- (4.) The Order of the Day for the third reading of the Medical Practitioners Bill postponed until after the Order of the Day for the third reading of the Settled Estates Bill.

17. SETTLED ESTATES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. William Clarke moved, "That" this Bill be now read a third time.

Mr. Septimus Stephen 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 4."

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 4,—put and passed.

On motion of Mr. Stephen, 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, without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Stephen, the report was adopted.

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

18. POSTPONEMENT —The Order of the Day for the third reading of the Medical Practitioners Bill further postponed until after the Order of the Day for the second reading of the Penrith Water and Gas Supply Bill.

19. PENRITH WATER AND GAS SUPPLY BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. T. R. Smith 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. 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 to-morrow.

20. MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Tarrant moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Tarrant, *passed*.

Mr. Tarrant then moved, that the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to Medical 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 consolidate and amend the Laws relating to Medical Practitioners,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 29th September, 1886, A.M.

The House adjourned at twenty-six minutes after Seven o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 137.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 29 SEPTEMBER, 1886.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Road through W. Coull's Land, near Picton:—*Mr. Davies*, for Mr. Garrett, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) The amount of cost incurred in making a map and surveying a road, running parallel with the railway line, through Wm. Coull's land, situated near Thirlmere Station, Picton?
- (2.) For whose benefit has this expense been incurred?
- (3.) Will he state the necessity for such a road, and the amount of traffic anticipated to be carried on this road, over Windmill Hill, to the railway station, Picton?
- (4.) Is it not a fact that the public, in the neighbourhood of the railway station and the locality, have two good public roads leading from all quarters to it, and, from the Oaks and Burragorang Road, to the south and to Picton?
- (5.) Is the owner of the farm through which this road is to pass to be deprived of three acres of land, and will the remaining portion of his farm be rendered useless?

Dr. Renwick answered,—

- (1.) Cost of survey and plan of survey is £5 5s.
- (2.) For the benefit of residents in the neighbourhood, and of the public.
- (3.) A petition was presented, urging the continuation of the road on the eastern side of the railway southward, to afford access to Redbank Platform, now Thirlmere. Upon investigation, it was thought that the advantage the public would derive, justified a survey of the proposed road. The amount of traffic has not been estimated.
- (4.) The proclaimed road from Picton to the Oaks, crosses the railway line about three-quarters of a mile north of Redbank Platform. From that road it is understood that access is obtainable to the platform by means of roads left in private subdivision of Mr. Gracey's lands on the western side of the railway line. In the petition for the opening of a road on the eastern side of the railway, objection is made to the use of the road on the western side of the line, as it necessitated crossing the railway twice. Roads have been provided to the south of Redbank.
- (5.) The road will run along the railway line, and thus form frontage to part of portions of Mr. Coull's land. An existing boundary road can be given in lieu. The difference in area between such boundary road and the road proposed to be opened is about 2 acres 0 roods 25 perches. Mr. Coull's land appears to be enhanced in value by the substitution of a road along the railway line, for the road proposed to be given in lieu, which intersects the properties, as now held.

- (2.) Fire Brigades:—*Mr. Wall* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) What has been the total cost of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade since the Fire Brigades Act came into force, and how many men are employed in same?
- (2.) What is the amount of endowment paid to each of the Volunteer Fire Brigades in Sydney and the suburbs?

Dr. Renwick answered,—I will presently lay upon the Table a memorandum, giving the desired information.

- (3.) Weir across Lachlan River, Forbes :—Mr. Abigail asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) How many surveys have been made at Forbes, for the purpose of constructing a weir across the Lachlan River ?
 - (2.) When were they made, how long did they occupy, and what was the cost ?
 - (3.) Did the Municipal Council of Forbes make any offer to construct the work for a certain amount ; if so, how much ?
 - (4.) Is he aware that the said work has been satisfactorily completed for about £150 ?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) Two surveys have been made in connection with the water supply for Forbes—one by Mr. Gipps in 1880, and the other by Mr. James in 1882 and 1883.
 - (2.) The first occupied about six months, and the other about five. The total cost was £1,011 19s., but the surveys comprised traverses of the river and a general survey for the water supply of the town, as well as surveys for the permanent weir or weirs, for which also a specification was prepared.
 - (3.) The Municipal Council of Forbes asked assistance to construct a temporary dam, and £100 was granted for the purpose.
 - (4.) I do not appear to have any report as to the success or otherwise of the work, but I presume it answered the temporary purpose for which it was constructed.
- (4.) Government Oriental Interpreter :—Mr. Abigail asked the Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) Is it true that a native of Madras, named Seena, was tried at the Quarter Sessions, at Darlinghurst, on the 10th of August, on a charge of wounding a fellow countryman, and that he could not speak or properly understand the English language to defend himself ?
 - (2.) Did Judge Docker call in the services of the present Government Oriental Interpreter, and did he fail, through want of knowledge, to properly make known to the Jury or the prisoner the real facts of the case ; and, in consequence of the Interpreter's alleged inability to state the true nature of the questions, did Seena receive a sentence of two years imprisonment ?
 - (3.) Is he aware that, at the Quarter Sessions presided over by Judge Dowling, two Indians were being tried, that the Judge complained of the Oriental Interpreter's want of knowledge and efficiency in interpreting the evidence to the Jury, and, at last, said to him, "If you cannot speak well, and explain the prisoner's case to the Court, the Government will have to import an Indian Judge who can speak the English and Indian languages" ?
 - (4.) Has he received letters and petitions, asking that, in the interests of justice and the poor Indians, the subjects of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Empress of India, he will appoint a competent man as Interpreter, so that the miscarriages of justice complained of may be prevented ; if so, will he give the matter early consideration ?

Mr. Garvan answered,—

- (1 and 2.) In reply to these questions, I beg to refer the Honorable Member to the papers ordered to be printed on the 14th instant by this House.
- (3.) Judge Dowling has reported as follows :—"I have no precise recollection of trying two "Indians, or finding fault with an Interpreter ; but believe I did say, on one occasion, that if "prisoners, natives of India, were often tried in the Colony, considering how little the Judge "could detect whether they were having a fair trial or not, it would be necessary to import a "Judge from India."
- (4.) Yes.

- (5.) Mr. Hubert Dillon, late Police Magistrate at Walgett :—Mr. Hammond asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) When did Mr. Hubert Dillon, late Police Magistrate at Walgett, last perform the duties of that office ?
- (2.) Has he been in the receipt of full pay from the date when he ceased duty there ?
- (3.) Has he been disgraced ; if so, for what reason ?
- (4.) Did he satisfactorily explain his recent insolvency ?
- (5.) What was his salary at Walgett ?
- (6.) Did he receive any allowance for house rent or forage there ; if so, how much ?
- (7.) What salary is he to receive in his new office of Police Magistrate at the Bellinger River, and from what date is it to run ?
- (8.) Is he to receive any allowances for house rent or forage there ; if so, how much ?
- (9.) What allowances of a like nature, if any, did Mr. McKell receive whilst Police Magistrate at the Bellinger River ?

Mr. Garvan answered,—

- (1.) On 5th March, 1886.
 - (2.) Yes.
 - (3.) No ; but, under his present appointment, he is required to perform the duties of Clerk of Petty Sessions and other affiliated offices.
 - (4.) Yes.
 - (5.) £420 a year, exclusive of allowances.
 - (6.) Yes ; £60 a year for house rent, and a special rate for travelling expenses, &c.
 - (7.) £320 a year, from 1st August, 1886.
 - (8.) Yes ; £50 a year house rent, and £50 a year forage allowance.
 - (9.) None.
2. LAND OFFICES, GLEN INNES, OR ARMIDALE (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. W. J. Fergusson moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all reports from the Land Board, or any member thereof, District Surveyor, or any other person, in reference to the location of the Land Offices at Glen Innes, or their removal to Armidale.
Question put and passed.
3. RAILWAYS—CITY EXTENSION (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Kidd, for Mr. Garrett, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Return to Address, "Railways—City Extension," laid upon the Table of this House on 1st December, 1885, be printed.
Question put and passed.

4. SETTLED ESTATES BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—On motion of Mr. Septimus Stephen, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Stephen then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act for facilitating Sales Leases and other dispositions of Settled Estates.*"

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 facilitating Sales Leases and other dispositions of Settled Estates,*"—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 September, 1886.*

5. PENRITH WATER AND GAS SUPPLY BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—On motion of Mr. T. R. Smith, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Smith then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to enable Thomas Sellwood Huntley and Walter Barnard to establish a system of Water Supply and to construct Gas-works within the borough and suburbs of Penrith.*"

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 Sellwood Huntley and Walter Barnard to establish a system of Water Supply and to construct Gas-works within the borough and suburbs of Penrith,*"—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 September, 1886.*

6. PAPERS:—Dr. Renwick laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Statement showing cost of Metropolitan Fire Brigade, &c., under Fire Brigades Act of 1884.

(2.) Amended and Additional By-laws, under Municipalities Act of 1867 and Nuisances Prevention Act 1875, for Municipal District of Canterbury.

Ordered to be printed.

7. PRIVILEGE—MR. COONAN, M.P.:—Mr. Abigail moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Committee of Elections and Qualifications to inquire into and report to this House, whether Walter Thomas Coonan, Esquire, an Honorable Member for Forbes, was a party to the contract made between the Government and others, representing the New South Wales Railway and Tramway Advertising Company; and, if so, does such position disqualify him from sitting and voting as a Member of this Assembly.

And Mr. Coonan having been heard in his place, withdrew.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 8.

Mr. Bowman,
Dr. Ross,
Mr. Gould,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. James Henry Young,
Mr. Kethel.

Tellers,

Mr. Garland,
Mr. Abigail.

Noes, 33.

Mr. Want,	Mr. Day,
Sir Patrick Jennings,	Mr. J. D. Young,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Jones,
Dr. Renwick,	Mr. Toolhey,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Burke,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Chanter,
Mr. Hogan,	Mr. Bull,
Mr. Cass,	Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Shepherd,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Slatery,
Mr. Davies,	Mr. Harold Stephen,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Hugh Taylor.
Mr. Hassall,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hyam,	Mr. Olliffe,
Mr. Rylie,	Mr. O'Sullivan.
Mr. Melville,	
Mr. Tarrant,	

And so it passed in the negative.

8. NEWCASTLE SAND-DRIFT RECLAMATION 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 authorize the resumption of certain portions of land situate in the parish of Newcastle and county of Northumberland for the purpose of enabling the Government to arrest as far as possible the further deposit of sand thereon and to reclaim for public purposes and dispose of the said lands as hereinafter provided,*"—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 September, 1886.*

JOHN HAY,
President.

NEWCASTLE SAND-DRIFT RECLAMATION BILL.

*Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 29th September, 1886.*JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 1, clause 1, lines 6 and 7. *Omit* "as well as in the construction of any regulation there-
"under"
- Page 1, clause 1, line 7. *Before* "means" *insert* "except as appearing in the fifth section of this
"Act shall"
- Page 1, clause 1, line 7. *Omit* "s" from "means"
- Page 1, clause 1, line 8. *After* "and" *insert* "the words"
- Page 1, clause 1, line 9. *Before* "means" *insert* "shall"
- Page 1, clause 1, line 9. *Omit* "s" from "means"
- Page 1, clause 1. At end of clause *add* "as amended by the Act forty-fifth Victoria number
"twenty-six"
- Pages 1 to 3, clauses 2, 3, and 4. *Omit* clauses 2, 3, and 4, *insert* the following new clause:—
"For the purpose of arresting as far as possible the further deposit of sand upon the
"lands respectively described in Schedules A B C D and E of this Act and to enable the said
"lands to be reclaimed it shall be lawful for the Governor to resume the said lands or any part
"thereof in the same manner and subject to the same provisions and conditions as lands may be
"resumed for public purposes under the Principal Act and such reclamation shall be deemed to
"be a public work and undertaking within the meaning of the said Principal Act and such Act
"shall for all purposes apply to the said lands and to the resumption thereof except that the
"lands may be resumed notwithstanding that no money may have been voted by Parliament for
"that purpose and that the lands so resumed shall vest in the Secretary for Mines."
- Page 3, clause 5, line 34. *Before* "Resumption" *insert* "The said"
- Page 3, clause 5, line 34. *Omit* "under this Act"
- Page 3, clause 5. At end of clause *add* "or in the Principal Act"
- Page 3, clauses 6 and 7. *Omit* clauses 6 and 7 *insert* the following new clause:—
"The said lands when reclaimed may be sold or leased by public auction for such price
"or yearly rent and subject to such terms and conditions as the Governor may determine Provided
"always that it shall be lawful for the Governor to set apart any portion of the said lands not
"exceeding one-fourth part thereof as a reserve for public recreation or for any other public
"purpose."
- Page 4, clause 8, line 1. *Omit* "by virtue" *insert* "in pursuance"
- Page 4, clause 8, line 1. *After* "warrants" *insert* "under the hand"
- Page 4, clause 8, line 2. *Omit* "under his hand"
- Page 4, clause 8, line 4. *After* "for" *insert* "the"
- Page 4, clause 8, line 4. *After* "lands" *insert* "so"
- Page 4, clause 8, line 5. *Omit* "under this Act" *insert* "as aforesaid and to defray all the expenses
"of such reclamation"
- Page 4, clause 8, line 6. *Omit* "resumed"
- Page 4, clause 8, line 7. *Omit* "of any portion of such lands or buildings erected thereon" *insert*
"thereof"
- Page 4, clause 8, line 8. *Omit* "over"

Power to
resume for
purposes of Act
lands described
in Schedules
A B C D and E.Disposal of
resumed land

Examined,—

W. R. PIDDINGTON,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the Council's amendments be taken into consideration to-morrow.

9. ASSENT TO BILLS:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by
Sir Patrick Jennings, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

(1.) Customs Duties Bill:—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.*Message No. 89.*A Bill, intituled "*An Act for granting to Her Majesty certain Duties of Customs 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, 28th September, 1886.*

(2.) Australian Joint Stock Bank Act Amendment Bill:—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.*Message No. 90.*A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Australian Joint Stock Bank 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 forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment,
in the manner required by law.*Government House,
Sydney, 28th September, 1886.*

10. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Shepherd moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Question put and negatived.
11. SUPPLY:—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 the Committee of Supply.
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And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 30 SEPTEMBER, 1886, A.M.

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

The House adjourned at seventeen minutes before Four o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 138.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 30 SEPTEMBER, 1886.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Sunday Entertainments, Concerts, &c.:—*Mr. Teece*, for *Mr. Garrard*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has any communication been received from the Ministers Union, representing the various Protestant Denominations in Sydney and suburbs, bearing date on or about 3rd May last, on the subject of Sunday entertainments, lectures, concerts, &c., usually advertised to take place in Sydney and the suburbs, such communication enclosing counsel's opinion on the legal aspect of these entertainments, and specimens of advertisements, and cartoon from a so-called Free-thought periodical?

(2.) Has any answer been returned to the aforesaid communication, and will the Colonial Secretary state the substance of the reply he has given, or what he proposes to do in the matter?

(3.) Has the acting Secretary of the said Ministers Union written to the Colonial Secretary, under date 30th August, or thereabout, asking him to appoint a time to receive a deputation, and has a reply been given to such application?

(4.) Will he have any objection, in the absence of a formal motion for production, to lay upon the Table of this House, a copy of the original communication from the Ministers Union, with its enclosures, together with copies of any minutes or memoranda from Heads of Departments noted thereon, or other documents relating to the subject?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—It is impossible to give a reply to the Honorable Member's question at present, but I may state that the matter is now under reference to the Crown Law Officers.

- (2.) Railway from Narrandera to Jerilderie:—*Mr. Davies*, for *Mr. Hugh Taylor*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) The cost of constructing the railway line from Narrandera to Jerilderie, including cost of land?

(2.) The cost of railway stations and platforms?

(3.) The amount paid for working expenses per month?

(4.) The number of trains run weekly, and the number of tickets issued, and amount of revenue derived from such?

Mr. Lyne answered,—I shall have this information prepared and laid upon the Table of the House, in the shape of a Return, as early as possible.

- (3.) Mining on Conditional, Homestead, and Pastoral Leases:—*Mr. Davies*, for *Mr. Wall*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it the practice of the Department to allow the holder of a miner's right to enter and mine for gold on a conditional lease taken up, or converted, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884, the same not being within a proclaimed gold-field?

(2.) Does the practice of the Department allow the holder of a miner's right to enter and mine for gold on a homestead lease or a pastoral lease, the same not being within a proclaimed gold-field?

(3.) Is it the practice to grant permission to the holder of a miner's right to mine on a conditional lease on a proclaimed gold-field, on his application to the Minister?

Mr. Copeland answered,—The question of mining on conditional, homestead, or pastoral leases has not yet arisen, so far as I am aware, under the new Land Act. However, I deem the question of such doubtful legalities that I have made provision for it in the Amending Land Bill.

- (4.) Duties on Australian and Fijian Sugar:—*Mr. Davies* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Has he received any correspondence from the Fijian Government, suggesting a reduction of the duties on Fijian and Australian sugar, to enable it to compete with the beet sugar imported from Germany, for the production of which bounties are paid?

Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—No such correspondence has been received by me. (5.)

(5.) Amending Land Bill :—*Mr. Kidd*, for Mr. Garrett, asked the Secretary for Lands,—Upon what day of this Session will he lay the Amending Land Bill on the Table of this House, in accordance with promises frequently made to this House during this Session?

Mr. Copeland answered,—Some day prior to the prorogation of Parliament.

2. CROOKWELL ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH LAND SALE BILL :—Mr. Holborow presented a Petition from the Right Reverend William Lanigan, the Reverend Michael Slattery, Daniel O'Brien, and Michael Tully, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Right Reverend William Lanigan, the Reverend Michael Slattery, Daniel O'Brien, and Michael Tully, Trustees of certain land in the county of King, parish of Crookwell, town of Crookwell, to sell the said land, and to provide for the appropriation of the proceeds thereof.

And Mr. Holborow having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Daily Telegraph* and *Crookwell Gazette* newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.

3. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Forsyth moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

4. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council :—

- (1.) Consolidated Revenue Fund Bill (No. 9) :—

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 1886*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

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Sydney, 30th September, 1886.*

JOHN HAY,
President.

- (2.) Places of Detention Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having taken into consideration the Legislative Assembly's Message, dated the 28th September, 1886, in reference to the "Places of Detention Bill,"—does not insist upon its amendment, disagreed to by the Assembly, in this Bill.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 30th September, 1886.*

JOHN HAY,
President.

- (3.) Crown Lands Titles and Reservations Validation Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to confirm and declare valid in certain cases the title or claim to lands held as additional conditional purchases mineral conditional purchases and conditional leaseholds and also to declare valid reservations of Crown Lands from sale and the revocation 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, 30th September, 1886.*

JOHN HAY,
President.

CROWN LANDS TITLES AND RESERVATIONS VALIDATION BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 30th September, 1886.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 2, clause 3, line 20. *After "made" insert "by any corporation or company"*

Page 3, clause 9, line 17. *Omit "party other than the Crown" insert "private individual"*

Page 3, clause 9, line 18. *Omit "any party" insert "such individual"*

Page 3, clause 9. At end of clause *add* "Provided also that nothing in this section contained shall apply to or save any proceedings at any time heretofore instituted by the Crown or in the name of the Crown."

Examined,—

W. R. PIDDINGTON,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the Council's amendments be taken into consideration on Monday next.

5. ST. SAVIOUR'S GLEBE LAND LEASING BILL :—Mr. Teece presented a Petition from certain Parishioners of St. Saviour's Parish, Goulburn, in opposition to the St. Saviour's Glebe Land Leasing Bill, and praying that Petitioners may have permission to appear and be heard before the House, or any Committee thereof, and, if necessary, to call witnesses.

Petition received, and referred to the Select Committee on the Bill.

6. PAPERS :—

Dr. Renwick laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Notification of resumption of land under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, for Public School Purposes at Bexley Estate.

(2.) Return to an Order made on 23th September, 1886—"Truant Inspectors and Attendance Officers, Department of Education."

Ordered to be printed.

Mr.

Mr. Fletcher laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Substituted Regulation No. 11, under the Imported Stock Act of 1871 and the Imported Stock Act Amendment Act of 1884.

(2.) Return to an Order made on 13th August, 1886—"Diseases in Sheep Act."
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table,—Summary of the Contents of the Brabourne Papers.
Ordered to be printed.

7. RAILWAY FROM KIAMA TO JERVIS BAY:—Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table (*as Exhibits only*), Plan, Section, and Book of Reference of a proposed Railway from Kiama to Jervis Bay—Part No. 2.

8. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply having been read,—Motion made (*Dr. Renwick*), and Question proposed,—“That” Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.

Mr. Sydney Smith 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 desires to express its disapproval of the action of the Minister for Works in taking steps to provide rails and sleepers for the proposed railway from Forbes to Wilcannia before the Plans and Books of Reference had been approved by Parliament.”

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, 1 OCTOBER, 1886, A.M.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 28.

Sir Patrick Jennings,	Mr. J. D. Young,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Sawers,
Dr. Renwick,	Mr. Lysaght,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Cass,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. Want,	Mr. T. R. Smith,
Mr. Coonan,	Mr. Butcher,
Mr. Stokes,	Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Cramsie,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Collins,	Mr. Slattery.
Mr. Tarrant,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Williamson,	
Mr. Melville,	Mr. Olliffe,
Mr. Harold Stephen,	Mr. Hogan.

Noes, 10.

Mr. Gibbes,
Mr. Abigail,
Dr. Wilkinson,
Mr. Teece,
Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Henson,
Mr. Shepherd,
Sir Henry Parkes.

Tellers,

Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Burdekin.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original Question stated,—

And Sir Henry Parkes proposing an amendment to add certain words to that Question,—Exception was taken, on the ground that Sir Henry Parkes had already spoken.

Mr. Speaker ruled that it was not competent for that Honorable Member to propose an amendment, he having already spoken on the Main Question.

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.

9. PATENTS AND DESIGNS 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. Garvan (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Monday next.

10. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir Patrick Jennings moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly at Three 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.

FRIDAY, 1 OCTOBER, 1886.

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

CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 9):—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Dibbs, and read by Mr. Speaker,—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 91.

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 1886*,"—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 October, 1886.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Immigration Regulations:—Mr. Forsyth asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it a fact that the nominations for assisted passages under the Immigration Regulations are still being received; and, if so, what is the number of nominations accepted during the months of April, May, June, July, August, and September respectively?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—Yes; but only in special cases, such as husbands in the Colony nominating their wives and children. Since March last, the following nominations have been made by 176 depositors, viz.:—April, 6; May, 14; June, 137; July, 166; August, 171; September, 134.

(2.) Local Land Office, Wagga Wagga:—Mr. Davies, for Mr. Abigail, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) How many clerks are employed in the Wagga Wagga Land Board Office?

(2.) What are their names, when were they appointed, and what salary does each receive?

(3.) Does the Chairman of the Board make these appointments; if not, how are they made?

(4.) Is it a rule of the Department that the Chairman can make the appointments, and then ask Ministerial approval?

Dr. Renwick answered,—

(1.) Five.

(2.) C. J. Hutton; appointed 1st January, 1885; salary, £420. C. Dillon; appointed 21st September, 1885; salary, £220. G. H. Parker; appointed 19th August, 1885; salary, £220. H. J. Foster; appointed 27th August, 1885; salary, 10s. per day. J. Gormley; appointed 30th June, 1886, on probation; no salary fixed.

(3.) Chairman does not appoint. The Permanent Officers are appointed by the Governor and Executive Council, Temporary Officers being appointed by the Minister.

(4.) No.

(3.) Alleged Railway Frauds:—Mr. Davies, for Mr. Abigail, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Have the Government exhausted all the cases of alleged Railway frauds against carrying firms?

(2.) Is it true that there are a number of other parties who will be proceeded against at a later stage?

(3.) Has the Department made such alterations in its arrangements as will effectually prevent such frauds occurring again?

Dr. Renwick answered,—

(1 and 2.) I must decline to give any information concerning these two questions at present.

(3.) Yes, it is hoped and believed so.

(4.)

- (4.) Gaoler, Parramatta Gaol:—*Mr. Davies*, for Mr. Abigail, asked the Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) Referring to the vacant position of Gaoler at Parramatta, did the Minister write a minute, suggesting, or directing, the appointment of any particular person to that office?
 - (2.) If so, what is the tenor and date of such minute, and to whom was it forwarded, and when?
 - (3.) Had the Comptroller-General of Prisons, up to the date of the minute, submitted to the Civil Service Board, in accordance with law, through the Department of Justice, any proposal to fill the vacant position?
 - (4.) Was the person named in his minute appointed Acting Gaoler of Parramatta Gaol; if so, what is his name and length of service?

Mr. Garvan answered,—A vacancy in the position of Gaoler at Parramatta occurred through the death of *Mr. Hussey*, the late Gaoler. The Comptroller-General of Prisons has not, up to the present, sent in any recommendation as to the filling up of the appointment; but, from the list of applicants for the vacant position, I have selected, to provisionally fill the office, *Mr. Thomas Barnett*, who has been for nineteen years in the Prisons Branch of this Department, whose credentials from his superior Officer are of the highest order, and, from personal interview, I think eminently qualified to discharge the duties of the office.

- (5.) Improvement of Entrance to Richmond River:—*Mr. Barbour*, for Mr. Hogan, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has any report been received from Sir John Coode in reference to the improvement of the entrance to the Richmond River; if not, will he state whether he intends to take any action in reference thereto?

Dr. Renwick answered,—No report has been received yet from Sir John Coode, in reference to this matter, because the preliminary surveys he has asked for have not been furnished, as there are not, at present, funds available for the purpose. The Minister intends, however, to ask for Additional Supply, when this important work shall have the earliest attention.

- (6.) *Mr. Mackenzie*, Examiner of Coal-fields:—*Mr. G. A. Lloyd* asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) Is it true that *Mr. Mackenzie*, the Examiner of Coal-fields, is to be removed from Newcastle to Sydney?
 - (2.) If so, will he be good enough to state upon what grounds, and how his place is to be supplied in Newcastle?

Mr. Fletcher answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) The change is made with a view to secure a more efficient performance of the duties attaching to the office of Examiner, and because the proper administration of the Coal-mines Regulation Act renders such a change necessary.

3. CROOKWELL ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH LAND SALE BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

- (1.) *Mr. Garrard*, for *Mr. Holborrow*, moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Right Reverend William Lanigan the Reverend Michael Slattery Daniel O'Brien and Michael Tully Trustees of certain land in the county of King parish of Crookwell town of Crookwell to sell the said land and to provide for the appropriation of the proceeds thereof.

Question put and passed.

- (2.) *Mr. Garrard* 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 Reverend Michael Slattery Daniel O'Brien and Michael Tully Trustees of certain land in the county of King parish of Crookwell town of Crookwell to sell the said land and to provide for the appropriation of the proceeds thereof*,"—read a first time.

4. ADJOURNMENT:—*Mr. Olliffe* 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. Dibbs*, *Mr. W. J. Fergusson*, *Mr. Fletcher*, *Mr. Forsyth*, *Mr. Garrard*, *Mr. Garvan*, *Mr. Hammond*, *Mr. Hawthorne*, *Mr. Humphery*, *Mr. Hyam*, *Mr. G. A. Lloyd*, *Mr. Melville*, *Mr. Neild*, *Mr. Shepherd*, *Mr. Harold Stephen*, *Mr. Targett*, *Mr. Want*, and *Mr. Wisdom*,—

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House at twenty-nine minutes before Six o'clock until Monday next at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 140.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

MONDAY, 4 OCTOBER, 1886.

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

BOUNDARIES OF MUNICIPALITIES RE-ADJUSTMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Dibbs moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to make provision for the re-adjustment of the boundaries of Municipalities in certain cases.
Question put and passed.

2. CROOKWELL ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH LAND SALE BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Teece, for Mr. Holborow, moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That the Crookwell Roman Catholic Church Land Sale Bill be referred to a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, for consideration and report.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Abigail, Mr. Teece, Mr. Shepherd, Mr. Tait, Mr. Barbour, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

3. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor, respecting the case of Captain Armstrong, postponed until Friday next.

4. CROWN LANDS TITLES AND RESERVATIONS VALIDATION BILL:—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 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 disagreed to one, and agreed to the remainder of the Council's amendments.

On motion of Mr. Copeland, the report was adopted.

5. PATENTS AND DESIGNS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Garvan moved, "That" this Bill be now read a third time.

Mr. Reid moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "That," with the view to the insertion in their place of the words, "the Bill be recommitted for the re-consideration of clauses 34 and 90."

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 re-consideration of clauses 34 and 90,—put and passed.

On motion of Mr. Garvan, 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. Garvan (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

6. CROWN LANDS TITLES AND RESERVATIONS VALIDATION BILL:—Ordered, on motion of Mr. Copeland, 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 30th September, 1886, in reference to the "Crown Lands Titles and Reservations Validation Bill,"—

Disagrees to the amendment in clause 3, which proposes to insert the words, "by any corporation or company,"—Because, while it includes "corporation or company," it excludes "person."

Agrees to the remaining amendments in the Bill.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 4th October, 1886.

7. NEWCASTLE SAND-DRIFT RECLAMATION BILL.—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 some, disagreed to others, and amended one of the Council's amendments.
On motion of Mr. Fletcher the report was adopted.
8. GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Lync moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until Wednesday next.
9. BLACKFRIARS ESTATE STREETS AND LANES 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.

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

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 141.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 5 OCTOBER, 1886.

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.) Dairies Supervision Bill:—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 92.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to establish Sanitary Regulations in respect of the Production and Distribution of Milk*,"—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 September, 1886.

- (2.) Bennett's Railway Bill:—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 93.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorize the construction of a Railway from Sydney to Parramatta near the Clyde Railway Station to and with the Parramatta River at a point opposite Old Redbank*,"—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, 5th October, 1886.

- (3.) Inverell Church of England Land Sales Bill:—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No 94.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Right Reverend James Francis Turner D.D. Bishop of Grafton and Armidale William Clare Cardew James Harvey Hindmarsh and George Thomas Thankful Buller Trustees of certain lands situate in the town of Inverell to sell the said lands and 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, 5th October, 1886.

2. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Mr. South, Postal Service:—Mr. Abigail asked the Postmaster-General,—

- (1.) Was Mr. South appointed Post and Telegraph Master, Broken Hill; if so, at what salary?
(2.) Was such appointment cancelled before he went to that place, and was he appointed to Murrumburrah; if so, at what salary and allowance?

(3.)

(3.) How long has Mr. South been in the Postal Service, and what positions has he held, and the salary for each?

(4.) Is it true that a large number of his seniors by years of service protested against the alleged injustice of this promotion; if so, will he state what were Mr. South's particular qualifications that led to his promotion over so many men?

Mr. Suttor answered,—

(1.) Yes; at a salary of £180 per annum.

(2.) Yes; and Mr. South was appointed at same rate of salary.

(3.) Mr. South entered the Service in January, 1877, as messenger, at 10s., 15s., and £1 per week, and as operator at £114 per annum.

(4.) Yes; a petition was lodged against Mr. South's appointment. Mr. South's experience as a Relieving Station-master entitled him to promotion. Mr. South, in the first instance, was offered and accepted Broken Hill, a place which it was difficult to get anyone to go to. Subsequently, having just got married, and Murrumburrah Office becoming vacant, he applied, and was appointed to it at the same salary he was promised at Broken Hill, being £40 per annum less than his predecessor received at Murrumburrah. Unfortunately, when considering him in connection with Murrumburrah, others, who would not have taken Broken Hill, but who were entitled by seniority to promotion, were overlooked.

(2.) The Unemployed:—Mr. Olliffe asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that some of the men, lately unemployed, but now engaged on the Government relief works at Gordon, are earning from £3 to £10 per week?

(2.) Is it a fact that a party of four men, employed on these works, earned £42 in a fortnight?

(3.) Is it a fact that the Government are paying £7 per acre for clearing under-scrub, and has his attention been called to the fact that the usual price is £2 10s. per acre?

(4.) Is it a fact that £10 per acre is being paid for grubbing roads (that is, grubbing 15 inches deep), whereas the American process is being adopted of simply covering the roots up with earth, necessitating the work being done over again?

(5.) Who is responsible for the faithful adjustment of measurement of these relief works?

(6.) Are the Officers supposed to be responsible, employed by the Crown directly or indirectly?

(7.) Is it a fact that the gangs on the relief works have appointed two of their own number to measure up the works, and to whom are they responsible for the faithful measurement?

(8.) Have the Government appointed a surveyor to measure up the work; if so, when, and has he reported to the Government?

(9.) How many acres have been cleared at Gordon, and what has been the cost per acre?

(10.) Have the Government taken any steps to ensure proper supervision of these works?

(11.) Is it a fact that over a score of residents of the neighbourhood have been employed on these relief works, that one of them is the proprietor of an orchard of 900 acres, and that many others are vineyard and orchard proprietors?

(12.) Is it a fact that labour is scarce in the locality at 6s. per diem?

(13.) Has it ever come within the knowledge of the Government that as much as 3 acres in excess of actual work done has been paid for in one account?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) No.

(3.) No; during the past fortnight, ending 27th September, 201 acres were cleared, at an average price paid of 37s. 7d. per acre, including roads. Out of these 201 acres, only 1 acre 1 chain was paid for at the rate of £7 per acre.

(4.) No; £7 is the highest price paid for grubbing roads. The work is done in the manner usually followed in clearing public roads, except that the stump-holes are not filled with broken stones; and the Superintendent, who has had many years experience in this work, is very particular in examining the stump-holes.

(5.) The Local Superintendent.

(6.) Yes; appointed by the Colonial Secretary.

(7.) No; the gangs have nothing to do with the measurements.

(8.) A qualified surveyor lays out the work in small blocks, and is occasionally employed to assist the Superintendent.

(9.) When the work is completed this question can be answered in the shape of a Return.

(10.) Yes.

(11.) At the commencement of the relief works at Gordon, the gentleman then in charge of the unemployed in Sydney, entered into contracts with a few local residents to clear land; but, in May last, when the Agent for Immigration was appointed to take charge, this was immediately put an end to.

(12.) No.

(13.) No; the Superintendent who was first appointed (and was subsequently dismissed) made an error in three separate accounts in reference to the measurements, amounting in all to about 3 acres, which represented an amount overpaid of £22 15s. Of this sum, £13 2s. 6d. has since been recovered.

(3.) Petty Sessions Cases Tried at Armidale, Glen Innes, Inverell, and Tenterfield:—Mr. W. J. Fergusson asked the Minister of Justice,—The number of cases tried before Courts of Petty Sessions at Armidale, Glen Innes, Inverell, and Tenterfield, during the year 1885 and to 30th June, 1886, and the amount of fees collected at each Court during the above period?

Mr. Garvan answered,—The information desired by the Honorable Member is now being obtained, and I will lay it upon the Table of the House, in the shape of a Return, as soon as possible.

(4.) Sites for Model Farms, Western District:—Mr. William Clarke asked the Secretary for Mines,—Has a progress report been made by Mr. Campbell in reference to purchase of sites for model farms in the Western District; and, if so, is it the intention of the Government to give effect to Mr. Campbell's recommendations? Mr.

Mr. Fletcher answered,—When all the reports from the several districts inspected have been received, they will be carefully considered, and a decision will be arrived at with the least possible delay.

(5.) Official Inspection of Mines :—Mr. Davies asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Is the information obtained, and reports made, by Officers of the Mining Department, during official inspection of mines of gold, coal, copper, tin, &c., confidential, and for the information of the Department only?

(2.) Will he at once initiate inquiries, and ascertain whether any of his Officers have, after official inspection, and without authority, circulated reports affecting the mining property of individuals or companies?

(3.) If he find such reports have been circulated, will he issue instructions, or regulations, to prevent a recurrence of such a course of action as indicated in question No. 2, unless expressly authorized by the Minister?

Mr. Fletcher answered,—

(1.) Reports of inspections of gold, copper, and tin mines are usually published for the information of the public; but reports of inspections of coal-mines are made confidential, under the provisions of the Coal-mines Regulation Act.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) If, upon inquiry, it is found that any Officer has, contrary to the provisions of the Coal-mines Regulation Act, divulged information acquired by inspecting coal-mines, he will be promptly dealt with.

(6.) Deficiency in Railway Accounts, Glen Innes :—Mr. Abigail asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it true that, upon the Railway Account Books at Glen Innes being audited, in connection with the alleged wool frauds, it was found there was a deficiency in the cash of about £650?

(2.) If so, who are the guilty parties, and were steps taken to place them under arrest?

(3.) Were five or six weeks allowed to the friends of the guilty persons to collect the amount; if so, will he state why such was permitted?

(4.) The date of the first discovery, and the date of the repayment of the money (if it has been returned)?

(5.) Is he aware that great surprise is expressed in the district at the apparent want of promptness on the part of the Department in dealing with this matter?

(6.) Was a guarantee bond taken out in an Insurance Office for the Officers implicated in this transaction; if not, why; and, if bondsmen, will he state the names of the same?

(7.) If the above be correct, who is responsible for the laxity shown?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) A deficiency of £650 was found; but the audit was not in connection with the alleged wool frauds, nor had the deficiency any relation thereto.

(2.) The Goods Clerk (Colin Cooper). He was at once placed under surveillance of the police.

(3.) Nothing of the kind was permitted.

(4.) The deficiency was first discovered on the 21st ultimo. The money has not been repaid.

(5.) No; and there has been no unnecessary delay.

(6.) The surety for Colin Cooper's fidelity is Mr. Thomas Lockwood Cooper.

(7.) There has been no laxity in dealing with the matter. A report was made to the Commissioner on the 30th September, and on that day the Commissioner recommended, and I approved of, proceedings being taken. Proceedings are being taken at the present time.

3. BLACKFRIARS ESTATE STREETS AND LANES 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 remove doubts as to the power of the Municipal Council of the City of Sydney to take over certain streets and lanes as formed or laid out under the subdivision of the Blackfriars 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 remove doubts as to the power of the Municipal Council of the City of Sydney to take over certain streets and lanes as formed or laid out under the subdivision of the Blackfriars Estate,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 5th October, 1886.*

4. BOUNDARIES OF MUNICIPALITIES RE-ADJUSTMENT BILL :—Mr. Dibbs presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to make provision for Re-adjustment of the Boundaries of Municipalities in certain cases,*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

5. KIAMA TRAMWAY ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—Mr. Tarrant presented a Petition from the Borough Council of Kiama, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the "Kiama Tramway Act of 1883." And Mr. Tarrant having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* and *Kiama Independent* newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—Petition received.

6. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Abigail moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

7. MUNICIPALITIES ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Trickett presented a Petition from the Mayor and Aldermen of the Municipal Council of the Borough of Victoria, praying, for the reasons set forth, that the House will pass the Municipalities Act Amendment Bill during the present Session. Petition received.
8. PATENTS AND DESIGNS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Garvan moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Garvan then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to remodel the Law relating to the Protection of Inventions and the Registration of Designs.*"
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 remodel the Law relating to the Protection of Inventions and the Registration of Designs,*—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 5th October, 1886.*
9. REGULATION OF FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS 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, 6 OCTOBER, 1886, A.M.

- Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments. On motion of Dr. Renwick (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted. Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.
10. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—ADJOURNMENT:—Sir Patrick Jennings made a statement respecting the business which the Government intended to proceed with during the remainder of the present Session,—and moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
- The House adjourned accordingly at seventeen minutes after Twelve o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 142.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 6 OCTOBER, 1886.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Gas supplied to Government Offices, &c. :—*Mr. Hawthorne*, for *Mr. Garrard*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—What amount of money was charged by the Australian Gas-light Company for gas alleged to have been supplied to the various Government Offices and Public Institutions under Government control, for the last, and three preceding quarters, stating amount in money, and number of feet of gas?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—I will cause a Return to be prepared, giving the information the Honorable Member seeks.

- (2.) Forged Tram Tickets :—*Mr. Davies* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
(1.) Is it true that a large number of forged tram tickets have been collected on the tramways; if so, what is the number?

(2.) Have any steps been taken towards the discovery of the frauds?

Mr. Lyne answered,—No forged tickets have been discovered.

- (3.) Tramway Extension, Waverley to Bondi :—*Mr. Hugh Taylor* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) The total cost of the tramway extension from the Waverley Junction to Bondi?

(2.) Was any money paid for compensation?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) £20,014.

(2.) No; no land was resumed.

- (4.) Extension of Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act to Parramatta :—*Mr. Hugh Taylor* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government to carry out the promise made by the late Secretary for Public Works (*Mr. Wright*), in answer to an application from the Borough Council of Parramatta, on April 7th, 1886, for the extension of the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act, to be proclaimed for that Borough for sewerage purposes only?

Mr. Lyne answered,—Any promise must have been conditional on the Council applying formally to have works executed under Act, and undertaking to repay as prescribed by Act, which has not been done.

- (5.) Tramway Employés :—*Mr. O'Sullivan* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Bearing in mind the low salaries paid to the flagmen of the tram service, and the fact that they have to be at their posts in all weather, is it his intention to provide them with uniforms and overcoats?

(2.) The same with regard to cokemen, in the matter of over-alls or canvas jackets?

Mr. Lyne answered,—I cannot admit that the flagmen or cokemen are paid low wages. Their pay is sufficient to enable them to supply their own clothing. I have explained to the Honorable Member, in reply to previous question, why uniforms are supplied to certain classes of employés. They are not given as an emolument, but to enable the public to distinguish them when requiring their services.

- (6.) Roads in Wollombi Electorate :—*Mr. Teece* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) How many roads in the Electorate of Wollombi have been transferred from the control of the Department and placed under Trustees?

(2.) What are the names of such roads and the Trustees appointed for each?

Mr

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) Twenty-eight ordered to be transferred. Money not yet issued.
 (2.) List as follows:—

Roads.	Trustees.
Pemberton's to Mouth of Popran Creek ...	No trustees yet nominated.
Kincumber to Lloyd's Wharf ...	do do
Wallsend to Gosford Road, at Cooranbong ...	do do
Mulbring to Millfield (Quarrybylong Road) ...	do do
Gosford to Kincumber ...	do do
Gosford and Maitland Road to Government Reserve at Head of Ourimbah Creek ...	{ E. Walmsley, J. G. Robley, G. Anderson, M. J. Woodbury, A. J. Jacques.
Gosford to The Blood-tree ...	No trustees yet nominated.
Erina Creek to Tuggerah Beach Lake ...	do do
Bumble Hill to Upper Wyong Creek ...	Thos. Pemberton, Jas. Waters, Wm. Hill.
Wollombi Road to Congewai ...	No trustees yet nominated.
Wollombi Road to Ellalong ...	do do
Laguna to Railway, at Morrisset ...	do do
Mandolong to Cooranbong Wharf ...	do do
Broken-back Gap to Wyong Creek ...	{ Jas. Armstrong, E. Taylor, Jas. Walmsley, jun., J. M. M'Naughton, J. Frost, J. Smith, W. D. Daunt.
Wyong Creek to Gosford ...	E. Walmsley, J. G. Robley, Geo. Anderson, M. J. Woodbury, A. J. Jacques.
Murray's to North Road, at 10-mile Post ...	No trustees yet nominated.
Blue-gum Flat to Chittaway ...	do do
Wyong to Mangrove Creek, at Pemberton's ...	do do
Bullock Wharf to upper part of Mangrove Creek ...	do do
Bullock Wharf down Western side of Mangrove Creek ...	do do
Warkworth Road to Putty ...	do do
Wollombi to Yango ...	M. Cagney, W. E. Moore, B. Chapman.
Wollombi to Wiseman's Ferry ...	{ J. Wiseman, H. Brown, R. Milson, J. Fernance, A. Thompson, H. Wilson, T. Wilbow, F. Hearne.
Wollombi up Narone Creek ...	P. Hickey, G. Bourne, W. Goodman.
Millfield to Wollombi ...	No trustees yet nominated.
Wiseman's Ferry to St. Albans ...	Jas. Walker, W. M. Sternbeck, Geo. Thompson
St. Albans to Mount Manning ...	No trustees yet nominated.
St. Albans, up the M'Donald River and Melon Creek ...	G. Walker, W. J. Sternbeck, G. Preston.

(7.) Friendly Societies:—Mr. Abigail asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is he aware that, through there being no effective Friendly Societies Act in the Colony, a number of Benefit Assurance Societies, as well as Friendly Society Benefit Lodges, are being started, offering sick and funeral allowances for a weekly or monthly payment by members?
 (2.) In the evidence given before the Royal Commission, which some time ago inquired into the working of Friendly and Benefit Societies, was testimony given to the effect that the scales of payments into the new societies mentioned in question No. 1, were such as to render it certain, according to all recognised rules of calculation, that such societies would be unable to fulfil their obligations to those who were to make the payments to their funds?
 (3.) Will he say when it is likely that a new Friendly Societies Bill will be introduced, to protect the 40,000 members directly interested in the question?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—It is difficult to understand from the Honorable Member's questions what information he really wishes to obtain. If he will furnish more particulars, and ask for the information in another form, it shall be supplied.

(8.) Population of Braidwood District:—Mr. Sydney Smith asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) What was the population of the Braidwood District, according to the Registrar-General's Census Returns for 1871?
 (2.) The number of electors (if shown), by the Registrar-General's Report for 1870?
 (3.) The population, according to the Census Returns of 1880?
 (4.) The number of electors on the Roll for 1880?
 (5.) The number of electors on the Roll for 1884-85?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

- (1.) 1,197.
 (2.) 3,036.
 (3.) No Census was taken in the year 1880.
 (4.) 1,564.
 (5.) 1,403.

(9.) Expenditure on Roads in Braidwood District:—Mr. Sydney Smith asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) The total amount of money expended on each of the following roads since their commencement:—Tarago to Braidwood, Clyde Road, Braidwood to Araluen, Araluen to Moruya?
 (2.) What was the total cost of the bridge and approaches at Waire, over the Shoalhaven, on the road Tarago to Braidwood?

Mr.

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) 1866—Tarago to Braidwood, £26,772 1s. 1863—Braidwood to Nelligen (Clyde Road), £24,926 10s. 3d. 1864—Braidwood to Araluen, £12,444 16s. 4d. 1865—Araluen to Moruya, £18,911 16s. 1d.

(2.) Bridge at Warri, Shoalhaven River, on road Tarago to Braidwood, £5,471 0s. 8d. (total cost).

- (10.) Railway, Tarago to Braidwood :—Mr. Sydney Smith asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he state the name or names of the official or officials who supplied the information which was distributed among Honorable Members during the consideration of the motion approving of the Plans, Sections, and Books of Reference of the Tarago to Braidwood Railway?

Mr. Lyne answered,—The figures quoted in Statement No. 1 were taken from the Statistical Register; the information quoted relative to the gradients, cost of construction, was supplied by the Engineer in Charge of Trial Surveys; and the general information was given from my own knowledge of the locality. The information given in Statement No. 2 was obtained from general sources. I said so when moving the adoption of the Plans, and stated that, although I could not altogether guarantee it, I would vouch for the correctness of the information in Paper No. 1.

- (11.) Railway, Tarago to Braidwood :—Mr. Sydney Smith asked the Secretary for Public Works,—If the whole of the produce and live-stock enumerated in the Return laid upon the Table of the House in connection with the Tarago to Braidwood Railway, were transmitted from Braidwood to Tarago, what would be the approximate railway revenue derived therefrom?

Mr. Lyne answered,—£3,964, for the 29 miles.

- (12.) Release of Patrick Hall :—Mr. Neild asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Has he any objection to produce the papers connected with the release of Patrick Hall, who, after serving a short portion of a long sentence, was released from Parramatta Gaol?

(2.) What was the nature of the offence of which he was convicted, the date of such sentence, the place where tried, the period of imprisonment, and date of release?

(3.) Had the prisoner a previous criminal history; and, if so, what?

(4.) By whose influence was the said Patrick Hall released?

(5.) If released on the ground of illness, is he aware that he (Hall) returned to his home in robust health?

Mr. Garvan answered,—The papers in this matter are being copied, and I will lay them as early as possible upon the Table of the House, in the shape of a Return.

- (13.) Temporary Draftsmen, Survey Office :—Mr. Neild asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Why the Petition from Draftsmen, presented to Sir John Robertson in 1882, asking for increase of salary, was not produced with the other papers relating to the case, as ordered by this House on 24th August last?

(2.) Is it intended to produce such Petition; if so, when?

(3.) On what authority was the increase of 12½ per cent. granted to Draftsmen in the Civil Service in 1882?

(4.) In what Departments was that increase granted?

(5.) Was that increase granted to the Temporary Draftsmen in the Survey Office on the same grounds and conditions as it was granted to the Permanent Draftsmen in that Office?

(6.) How many Permanent Draftsmen in the Survey Office received such increase, and for what period?

(7.) Did the Temporary Draftsmen in the Survey Office receive the increase in full for the years 1883 and 1884; if not, why?

(8.) On what grounds, and by whose authority, has the increase been discontinued to the Temporary Draftsmen in the Survey Office, and what was the wording of the "minute of refusal"?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1 and 2.) The Petition referred to has been mislaid and cannot be found.

(3 and 4.) I am not aware of any such increase being granted for 1882.

(5.) The sum of £4,000, for increased remuneration to the Temporary Staff of Survey Office, was voted in Estimates-in-Chief for 1883, and was distributed amongst the Temporary Draftsmen as an addition of 12½ per cent. to their salaries. The £4,000 was exhausted by the end of September, 1883.

(6.) 122 Permanent Draftsmen received increase in their salaries from 1st January, 1883, which has been continued.

(7.) The sum of £4,000, voted in Estimates-in-Chief for 1883, was appropriated as 12½ per cent. increase to the salaries of the Temporary Draftsmen; but the £4,000 becoming exhausted by 30th September, 1883, the increase was discontinued for the remainder of that year. In 1884 a similar vote was taken, but became exhausted by 31st August, 1884.

(8.) By decision of Mr. Secretary Farnell, which is as follows:—" But it must be understood that I cannot in future recommend a like amount to be provided for distribution in a similar manner, as it appears to me the inferior Officers are rewarded equally with the superior Officers."

- (14.) Government Steamers, Port Jackson :—Sir Henry Parkes asked the Colonial Treasurer,—In reference to my question on the 14th September, as to the number, expense, and employment of Government vessels (steam or others) in Port Jackson, when will the promised return of particulars be laid upon the Table?

Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—The Return will be laid upon the Table in a day or two.

- (15.) Station-master, Albury :—Mr. Sydney Smith asked the Secretary for Public Works,—The name of the Station-master at Albury, date of his first appointment to the Railway Department, the positions held by him since then and the salary allowed in each case, the date of his appointment at Albury, the salary then paid to him, his present salary, and date of increase (if any)?

Mr.

Mr. Lyne answered,—

Arthur Willis—22nd Sept., 1879, appointed Clerk, Sydney Goods Office, at...	£110 per annum.
12th Nov., 1879, increased to	£135 do
1st Jan., 1880, do	£150 do
28th June, 1881, appointed Station-master, George's Plains	£140 do
1st Jan., 1882, increased to	£150 do
31st Aug., 1882, appointed to Rookwood	£175 do
1st Jan., 1883, increased to	£200 do
26th Aug., 1883, appointed to Albury	£250 do
1st Jan., 1885, increased to	£290 do
1st July., 1886, do	£330 do

He was relieving at Parramatta from 18th July to 26th August, 1883.

- (16.) Station-master, Albury:—Mr. Sydney Smith asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House, to-day, the original papers, having reference to the appointment of Mr. Willis as Station-master at Albury; also, the correspondence relating to the salary now allowed to the same Officer?

Mr. Lyne answered,—The papers will be submitted presently as an Exhibit, not as a Record of the House.

- (17.) Temporary Appointments to Civil Service:—Mr. Hammond asked the Colonial Secretary,—When will he lay upon the Table, the balance of the Return, ordered by this House on the 17th June last, showing the total number of Temporary Appointments to the Civil Service since the 1st January, 1885, not under the control of the Civil Service Board, &c.?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—I will presently lay upon the Table a further Return (in part), as far as the Department of Mines is concerned. Reminders will be sent to the Departments who have not furnished their Returns.

- (18.) Reserve in the Peel and Uralla Mining District:—Mr. Moore asked the Secretary for Lands,—What is the cause of delay in cancelling Reserve No. 664B, in the Peel and Uralla Mining District, and proclaiming the same area a gold-field?

Mr. Copeland answered,—The reserve was revoked, and the land proclaimed as the Tingha Gold-field, reserved from conditional purchase by notice in the *Government Gazette* of the 2nd instant.

- (19.) Public Finances:—Mr. Davies, for Mr. Reid, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he have any objection to give the House some information with reference to the position of the public finances before the prorogation of Parliament?

Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—I propose to make a statement of our financial position in the course of this afternoon.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) By-law of the Municipal District of Hay.
 - (2.) By-laws of the Borough of Singleton.
 - (3.) By-law of the Borough of Burwood, under the Nuisances Prevention Act, 1875.
 - (4.) Further Return to an Address adopted on 6th July, 1877—"Immigration—Steamship 'Port Pirie.'"
 - (5.) Further Return (*in part*) to an Order made on 17th June, 1886—"Temporary Appointments to Civil Service."
 - (6.) Seventh Annual Report of the City of Sydney Improvement Board.
- Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table:—Return to an Order made on 3rd August, 1886—"Road over Burragorang Mountain."

3. PAPER:—Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table,—Information respecting Road, Bowan Park to Cudal,—and moved, That the document be printed.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

4. CROWN LANDS ACT:—Mr. Abbott presented a Petition from certain Tenants of the Crown in the Western, and portions of the Central Division of the Colony, detailing the losses and annoyances which the Petitioners suffer, in consequence of the operation of the Crown Lands Act; suggesting that an amending Land Bill, based upon the principles set forth in their Petition, would restore confidence in the pastoral industry; and praying the House to take their statements and averments into favourable consideration, with a view to relief.
Petition received.

5. NEWCASTLE SAND-DRIFT RECLAMATION BILL:—Ordered, on motion of Mr. Dibbs, 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 29th September, 1886, requesting its concurrence in certain amendments made by the Council in the "Newcastle Sand-drift Reclamation Bill,"—

Agrees to the amendments in clause 1.

Agrees to the omission of clauses 2, 3, and 4.

Agrees to the insertion of a new clause, to follow clause 4; but proposes to amend it by omitting the words, "that the lands may be resumed notwithstanding that no money may have been voted by Parliament for that purpose and"

Agrees to the amendments in clause 5.

Agrees to the omission of clauses 6 and 7.

Agrees

Agrees to the insertion of a new clause to follow clause 7.

Disagrees to the amendments in clause 8,—Because it is thought moneys required for the purpose should be voted by Parliament in the ordinary way.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 6th October, 1886.*

6. CROOKWELL ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH LAND SALE BILL:—Mr. Holborow, 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 15th October, 1886; together with Appendix and a copy of the Bill as agreed to by the Committee. Ordered to be printed. Mr. Holborow then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Monday next. Question put and passed.
7. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. William Clarke moved, That this House do now adjourn. Debate ensued. Question put and negatived.
8. REGULATION OF FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Dr. Renwick moved, That this Bill be now read a third time. Question put and passed. Bill read a third time, and *passed*. Dr. Renwick then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to provide for the regulation and supervision of Females Young Persons and Children employed in Factories and Workshops.*" 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 provide for the regulation and supervision of Females Young Persons and Children employed in Factories and Workshops,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 6th October, 1886.*
9. ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES FOR 1886:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Sir Patrick Jennings, and read by Mr. Speaker:—
CARRINGTON, *Message No. 95.*
Governor.
In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the accompanying Additional Estimates of the Expenditure of the Government for the year 1886.
*Government House,
Sydney, 5th October, 1886.*
Ordered to be printed, together with the accompanying Estimates, and referred to the Committee of Supply.
10. CIVIL SERVICE BILL:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill read,—and, on motion of Mr. Dibbs, discharged. Ordered, that the Bill be withdrawn.
11. SUPPLY (*Financial Statement*):—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 the Committee of Supply.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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Disorder:—Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that certain disorder had taken place in the Committee, and obtained leave to sit again so soon as the matter had been decided by the House.

The Chairman reported that, in the discussion of the Additional Estimates for 1886, the following words were used by the Honorable Member for St. Leonards, Sir Henry Parkes—"This is a brutal Ministry,"—
That he, the Chairman, ruled them to be disorderly; and that Sir Henry Parkes refused to withdraw them.

And Sir Henry Parkes, having been heard in his place, withdrew.

Sir Patrick Jennings then moved,—That the words used are disorderly, and ought to be withdrawn and apologised for.

Debate ensued.

And the Honorable Member for Mörpeth, Mr. Wisdom, having used certain words which, on motion of Sir Patrick Jennings, were taken down by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, as follow—"This is a brutish Government,"—

Mr. Wisdom was heard in his place, and withdrew.

Sir

Sir Patrick Jennings then moved, That the words, "This is a brutish Government," are disorderly, should be withdrawn, and apologised for.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 25.

Sir Patrick Jennings,	Dr. Renwick,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Burke,
Mr. Want,	Mr. Gormly,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Hassall,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Hungerford,	Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Coonan,
Mr. Creer,	Mr. Copeland.
Mr. Olliffe,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Harold Stephen,	Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Dawson,	Mr. Melville.
Mr. Williamson,	
Mr. Lync,	

Noes, 5.

Mr. Teece,
Mr. Shepherd,
Mr. J. F. Smith.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. William Clarke,
Mr. Neild.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Wisdom having attended in his place, was informed of the Resolution adopted by the House. And Mr. Wisdom having addressed the House, and declined to withdraw the words and apologise,—Sir Patrick Jennings moved,—

(1.) That Mr. Wisdom, the Honorable Member for Morpeth, is guilty of having wilfully and vexatiously interrupted the orderly conduct of the business of the House, wherefor this House adjudges him guilty of a contempt of this House.

(2.) That, for the contempt aforesaid, Mr. Wisdom be committed by the Warrant of Mr. Speaker to the custody of the Sergeant-at-Arms attending this House, and, by the said Sergeant-at-Arms, safely kept in custody during the pleasure of this House.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 29.

Sir Patrick Jennings,	Mr. Burke,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Hungerford,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. Want,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
Mr. Williamson,	Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Forsyth,	Mr. Cass,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Copeland,
Mr. Olliffe,	Mr. Coonan,
Mr. Dawson,	Mr. Toohey,
Mr. De Courcy Browne,	Mr. Melville.
Mr. Gormly,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Harold Stephen,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Creer,	Mr. Hassall.
Mr. Lync,	
Dr. Renwick,	

Noes, 6.

Mr. Shepherd,
Mr. William Clarke,
Mr. Davies,
Mr. J. F. Smith.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Neild,
Mr. Teece.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker issued his Warrant (of which the following is a copy), committing the Honorable Member to the custody of the Sergeant-at-Arms:—

"To Laurence Joseph Harnett, Esquire, Sergeant-at-Arms of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales.

"WHEREAS the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales hath this day resolved that Robert Wisdom, Esquire, Member for Morpeth, having been guilty of a contempt of this House, be committed to the custody of the Sergeant-at-Arms attending this House.

"These are, therefore, to require you to take into your custody the body of the said Robert Wisdom, and him safely to keep during the pleasure of this House, for which this shall be your sufficient warrant.

"Given under my Hand and Seal, this seventh day of October, in the year of our Lord
"one thousand eight hundred and eighty-six, a.m.

(L.S.) "EDMUND BARTON,
"Speaker."

And the Sergeant-at-Arms took the Honorable Member for Morpeth into his custody accordingly, and removed him from the House.

Question again proposed,—respecting the words used by the Honorable Member for St. Leonards, Sir Henry Parkes,—"That" the words used are disorderly, and ought to be withdrawn and apologised for.

Debate ensued.

Dr. Ross 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 Honorable Member for St. Leonards having explained that he did not use the words taken exception to in their ordinary offensive sense, such explanation is satisfactory."

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 29.

Sir Patrick Jennings,	Mr. Abbott,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Burke,
Mr. Want,	Mr. Jones,
Dr. Renwick,	Mr. Targett,
Mr. Melville,	Mr. Ryrie,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Coonan,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Fletcher,
Mr. Thompson,	Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Cass,	Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. Day.
Mr. Forsyth,	
Mr. Creer,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hyam,	Mr. Toohey,
Mr. Hassall,	Mr. Collins.
Mr. Hogan,	
Mr. Dalton,	
Mr. Hungerford,	

Noes, 31.

Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Kethel,
Mr. William Clarke,	Mr. Meeks,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. J. D. Young,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Inglis,
Mr. Neild,	Mr. Holborow,
Mr. James Henry Young,	Mr. Foster,
Mr. Burdokin,	Mr. Garland,
Mr. Gould,	Mr. Hugh Taylor,
Mr. Gibbes,	Mr. Shephard,
Mr. Davies,	Dr. Ross,
Mr. Kidd,	Mr. Abigail,
Mr. Reid,	Mr. Teece.
Mr. Henry Clarke,	
Mr. Ives,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Dawson,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. W. J. Fergusson.
Mr. Parkes,	

And so it 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 Honorable Member for St. Leonards having explained that he did not use the words taken exception to in their ordinary offensive sense, such explanation is satisfactory,—put and passed.

Sir Henry Parkes thereupon entered the Chamber, and addressed the House.

Sir Patrick Jennings also addressed the House,—and moved, That the Honorable and Learned Member for Morpeth be discharged from the custody of the Sergeant-at-Arms.

Question put and passed.

Interruption.

12. VINE DISEASES 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 the Importation of Grape Vines Grape Vine Cuttings and Grapes and to deal with the disease known as Phylloxera,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, including amendments in the Title, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 7th October, 1886.*

JOHN HAY,
President.

VINE DISEASES BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 7th October, 1886.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, Title. *Omit* "Grape Vine Cuttings and Grapes"
 Page 1, Title. *After* "Phylloxera" *insert* "Vastatrix"
 Page 1, clause 1, lines 10 to 12. *Omit* "and any other disease in grape vines proclaimed by the Governor as a disease within the meaning of this Act"
 Page 1, clause 1, line 16. *After* "means" *insert* "all parts of a"
 Page 1, clause 1, line 17. *After* "vine" *insert* "except grapes"
 Page 1, clause 1, lines 17 and 18. *Omit* "whether enclosed or not wholly or in part"
 Page 1, clause 1. At end of clause *add* "'Owner' means owner tenant or person in charge."
 Page 2, clause 2, line 3. *Omit* "vine cuttings or grapes"
 Page 2, clause 2, line 7. *Omit* "or vine cuttings or grapes"
 Page 2, clause 2, lines 10 and 11. *Omit* "vine cuttings or grapes"
 Page 2, clause 2, line 12. *After* "pounds" *omit* remainder of clause.
 Page 2, clause 3, lines 16 and 17. *Omit* "vine disease"
 Page 2, clause 3, line 19. *Omit* "or without" *insert* "twenty-four hours"
 Page 2, clause 3, line 19. *After* "notice" *insert* "to the owner"
 Page 2, clause 3, line 20. *Omit* "wheresoever the same may be situated"
 Page 2, clause 3, line 23. *Omit* "vine"
 Page 2, clause 4, line 24. *Omit* "to" *insert* "and proved to the satisfaction of"
 Page 2, clause 4, line 25. *Omit* "as" *insert* "to be"
 Page 2, clause 4, lines 25 and 26. *Omit* "or in any vineyard within a radius of three miles from any such first mentioned vineyard" *insert* "or such vines therein as the Minister may deem necessary"
 Page 2, clause 4, lines 29 and 30. *Omit* "or authorized by the Governor"
 Page 2, clause 5, line 35. *Omit* "a vineyard" *insert* "vines destroyed"
 Page 2, clause 5, lines 36 to 38. *Omit* "as may be agreed upon between the Inspector for the district in which the vineyard is situate and such owner or in default of agreement"
 Page 2, clause 5, line 40. *After* "Board" *omit* remainder of clause.
 Page 2, clause 6, lines 50 and 51. *Omit* "owner of such vines if a"
 Page 2, clause 6, line 56. *Omit* "arbitration" *insert* "the Board"
 Page 3, clause 7. *Omit* clause 7.
 Page 3, clause 8, lines 9 and 10. *Omit* "or part of a vine"
 Page 3, clause 8, line 11. *Omit* "diseased"

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Page 3, clause 8, lines 11 and 12. *Omit* "or part of a vine or any vine or part thereof"
 Page 3, clause 8, line 14. *Omit* "or reasonably believed to be infected"
 Page 3, clause 8, line 14. *Omit* "vine"
 Page 3, clause 9, line 19. *Omit* "tenant or person in charge"
 Page 3, clause 9, line 20. *Omit* "the first appearance" *insert* "his ascertaining the existence"
 Page 3, clause 9, line 20. *Omit* "any"
 Page 3, clause 9, line 21. *Omit* "to the Inspector of the district or"
 Page 3, clause 13, lines 54 and 55. *Omit* "for the purpose of carrying this Act into effect" *insert*
 "to provide for the proper destruction of vines for the manner of giving effect to the
 "abatement of rent and of modifying the covenants or agreements in any lease as also
 "for the manner of giving effect to any declaration of cancellation of such lease"
 Page 3. *After* clause 13 *insert* the following new clause:—
 "14. This Act shall remain in force for the period of three years from the first of January
 one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven."

Duration of Act.

Examined,—

W. R. PIDDINGTON,
 Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the Council's amendments be taken into consideration to-morrow.

13. SUPPLY (*Financial Statement*):—The proceedings,—interrupted by the reporting of the Message from the Legislative Council recorded in entry 12,—resumed.
 Sir Patrick Jennings moved,—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the Committee resume.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed.
 Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the Committee resumed accordingly.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

The House adjourned at four minutes before Five o'clock p.m., until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 143.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 8 OCTOBER, 1886.

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.) Places of Detention Bill:—

CARRINGTON,

Message No. 96.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Law relating to the detention and transfer of Convicted Offenders*,"—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, 8th October, 1886.

- (2.) Armstrong's Settlement Bill:—

CARRINGTON,

Message No. 97.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to appoint Trustees in the Colony of New South Wales of Mrs. Mary Susannah Long Armstrong's marriage settlement and to authorize the retention and investment in the said Colony of the trust funds and property comprised in or subject to the trusts thereof and otherwise to make provision in respect of the premises*,"—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, 8th October, 1886.

- (3.) Kiss's George-street Property Bill:—

CARRINGTON,

Message No. 98.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Trustees of the will of George Kiss deceased to grant building leases of certain lands in George-street and to raise moneys by mortgage of the said lands for the purpose of improving the same*,"—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 to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,

Sydney, 8th October, 1886.

2. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Ferndale Colliery Accident:—Mr. Barbour, for Mr. Olliffe, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) When the Commission, appointed to inquire into the Ferndale Colliery accident, and to examine and report on the collieries adjacent thereto, are expected to bring up their full and final report?

(2.) Will he endeavour, by all means in his power, to expedite the production of the said report, and cause it to be laid upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Fletcher answered,—

(1.) By the 20th instant.

(2.) It will be laid upon the Table of the House with the least possible delay.

(2.)

- (2.) Railway from Hornsby to North Shore :—Mr. Ives asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) What has been the cause of the delay in calling for tenders for the construction of the railway from Hornsby to North Shore ?
 - (2.) Will he state when tenders for this line will be invited ?

Mr. Lyne answered,—This matter is under consideration. I cannot say when tenders will be invited.

- (3.) Enmore Road :—Mr. Gibbes asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has he come to a decision as to the improvement of that part of the Enmore Road lying between Newtown Railway Bridge and Boland's Corner ; if so, what is his decision ?

Mr. Lyne answered,—No decision has yet been arrived at.

- (4.) Mounted Patrol for Moore Park :—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Secretary,—That, bearing in mind the recent alleged outrage in Moore Park, and the fact that the scrub in its vicinity is said to be the resort of idle and vicious characters, will he order a mounted constable to patrol Moore Park, in order to prevent crime, and disperse the persons alluded to ?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—Owing to fences and other causes, a constable on foot is more effective in the locality than a mounted man. A constable is about to reside in the neighbourhood. It is proposed, however, to place the mounted police patrol in the suburbs on a more effective footing.

- (5.) Miners Imprisoned at Wollongong for Alleged Intimidation :—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Has he looked over the depositions in the case of the miners imprisoned at Wollongong for alleged intimidation over a strike ?
- (2.) If so, is it his intention to accede to the petition presented by Mr. O'Sullivan, and signed by several hundred residents of the Illawarra District, asking for the release of these men ?

Mr. Garvan answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) The case is engaging my attention, and will be dealt with to-morrow.

- (6.) Sleepers for Railway, Forbes to Wilcannia :—Mr. Sydney Smith asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Were tenders invited for the supply of sleepers for the Forbes to Wilcannia Railway, to be delivered at Dubbo ; if so, when ?
- (2.) How is the saving of £35,000 arrived at, which the Honorable Member stated would result from the acceptance of a tender, and the delivery of sleepers at Wilcannia ?
- (3.) Has he decided to ask Parliament to approve of Plans, Sections, and Books of Reference for railway from Forbes to Wilcannia ?
- (4.) In the event of Parliament not sanctioning the construction of the line, and the tender for the sleepers being accepted, what is proposed to be done with them ?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) No.
- (2.) The amount represents the difference between the price of sleepers tendered to be delivered at Dubbo and Narromine, with rail freight added, and the price tendered for delivery at Wilcannia.
- (3.) This matter is under consideration.
- (4.) There is no prospect of this contingency arising.

- (7.) Government Steamers, Port Jackson :—Sir Henry Parkes asked the Colonial Treasurer,—In reference to my question on the 14th September, as to the number, expense, and employment of Government vessels (steam or other) in Port Jackson, when will the promised return of particulars be laid upon the Table ; and will he include in such Return the entertainments or complimentary trips given in these vessels by Ministers ?

Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—The Return alluded to will be laid upon the Table, in terms of the Honorable Member's first question. I will cause inquiries to be made about the new matter now introduced. I should like to say, however, that it is not very clear what is meant by entertainments ; and, if the question were more specific, I should be able to answer it more specifically.

- (8.) Railway Employés, Nyngan :—Mr. Barbour, for Mr. Cass, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) The names of the three men who were recently discharged from the Railway Service at Nyngan, date of their application for employment, by whom recommended, and date of discharge, and the cause ?
- (2.) The names of the three men who were appointed to Nyngan in place of those discharged, date of their application for employment, and by whom recommended ?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) The names of the men are—S. Copley, H. Stewart, and P. Ryan. There is no record of their applications. They were taken on temporarily, without authority, by the Station-master at Nyngan. Their services were dispensed with, on the 23rd September, by the Inspector of the District.

(2.) James Scott, recommended by Mr. Slattery, on the 14th August, 1885 ; Thomas Small, recommended by Dr. Woodward, on 17th July, 1886 ; Michael Tansey, recommended by Mr. Williamson, on 27th July, 1886.

- (9.) Railway Employés :—Mr. Sydney Smith asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it true that the Railway Classification provides for annual increases to Station-masters ; until they reach the maximum of their Class ; if so, the amount ?
- (2.) The names of the Station-masters who have been paid the increases for this year, date of such increase, and amount ?
- (3.) The names of the Railway Station-masters, date of first appointment to the Railway Department, their present salary, and date of last increase ?

Mr.

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) Unless under exceptional circumstances, this is the rule. The annual increase in the 3rd, 4th, and 5th Classes is £15, and £20 for the 1st and 2nd Classes.

(2.) The annual increase for 1886 has not yet been paid. The salaries of several Station-masters have, under the special circumstances referred to, been increased.

(3.) A Return will be prepared and furnished to the Honorable Member.

(10.) Endowments to Municipalities :—Mr. Sutherland asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What amount has been paid as endowment to the following Municipalities for the year 1886 :—Balmain, Leichhardt, Glebe, Redfern, Waterloo, Alexandria, Newtown, Paddington, Waverley ; and the date of payment in each case ?

Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—I am getting the information prepared, and I shall be able to lay it upon the Table on Tuesday next.

3. KIAMA TRAMWAY ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—Mr. Tarrant moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the "Kiama Tramway Act of 1883."
Question put and passed.

4. BUILDING SOCIETIES BILL :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill discharged, on motion Mr. William Clarke.
Ordered, that the Bill be withdrawn.

5. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council :—

(1.) Settled Estates Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act for facilitating Sales Leases and other dispositions of Settled Estates*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 8th October, 1886.

JOHN HAY,
President.

(2.) Mudgee Gas-light and Coke Company's Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the 'Mudgee Gaslight and Coke Company (Limited)' to construct Gas-works within the town of Mudgee and the suburbs of the said town*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 8th October, 1886.

JOHN HAY,
President.

(3.) Silverton Tramway Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorize the construction and maintenance of a Tramway from the terminus on the western boundary of the Colony of New South Wales of the South Australian Railway to Broken Hill*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 8th October, 1886.

JOHN HAY,
President.

(4.) Crown Lands Titles and Reservations Validation Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council, having taken into consideration the Legislative Assembly's Message, dated the 4th October, 1886, in reference to the "Crown Lands Titles and Reservations Validation Bill,"—does not insist upon its amendment disagreed to by the Assembly in this Bill.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 7th October, 1886.

JOHN HAY,
President.

(5.) Newcastle Sand-drift Reclamation Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council, having taken into consideration the Legislative Assembly's Message, dated, the 6th October, 1886, in reference to the "Newcastle Sand-drift Reclamation Bill,"—does not insist upon its amendment disagreed to by the Assembly, and agrees to the Assembly's amendment upon one of the Council's amendments in this Bill.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 7th October, 1886.

JOHN HAY,
President.

6. PAPERS :—

Mr. Fletcher laid upon the Table,—Information respecting Losses of Stock from Noxious or Poisonous Plants.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Garvan laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Annual Returns, under the 103rd section of the District Courts Act of 1858.

(2.) Return to an Order made on 26th August, 1886—"Industrial Skill of Prisoners in Gaols."

(3.) Correspondence, &c., respecting the Release from Gaol of Patrick Hall.

Ordered to be printed.

(4.) Correspondence, &c., respecting the granting of a Certificate for the "Victoria Park Hotel."

7. **MUNICIPALITIES ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—**
 (1.) Mr. Trickett presented a Petition from the Mayor and Aldermen of the Municipal Council of Balmain, in favour of the Municipalities Act Amendment Bill, and praying that the House will pass the said Bill during the present Session.
 Petition received.
 (2.) Mr. Trickett presented a similar Petition from the Mayor and Aldermen of the Municipal Council of Waverley.
 Petition received.
 (3.) Mr. Trickett presented a similar Petition from the Mayor and Aldermen of the Municipal Council of Five Dock.
 Petition received.
8. **MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF LEICHHARDT ;—**Mr. Hawthorne presented a Petition from certain Ratepayers and Inhabitants of the Municipal District of Leichhardt, in Public Meeting assembled, representing that this Municipal District is divided between the two Parliamentary Electorates of Balmain and the Glebe ; and praying that the Electoral Act may be amended, so as to create the Municipal District of Leichhardt a separate Electorate, empowered to elect a Representative or Representatives as Members of the Legislature.
 Petition received.
9. **SYDNEY BISHOPRIC AND CHURCH PROPERTY BILL :—**
 (1.) Mr. Foster presented a Petition from certain Members of the Church of England, in the Diocese of Sydney, representing that the Sydney Bishopric and Church Property Bill is unfair and contrary to the provisions of the Act establishing Church Synods, and tends to destroy the legal independence and individuality of parishes ; and praying the House to introduce into the Bill provisions that no property of any parish shall be disposed of by the Synod without the concurrence or consent of the Clergyman and a majority of the Churchwardens of such parish.
 And the Petition having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker,—
 Petition received.
 (2.) Mr. Foster presented two other similar Petitions.
 Petitions received.
10. **MINING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BILL :—**The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Garland moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate ensued.
 Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
 On motion of Mr. Garland, the Order of the Day was discharged, and the Bill withdrawn.
11. **PHARMACEUTICAL SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES INCORPORATION 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 progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Monday next.
12. **FISHERIES ACTS AMENDMENT BILL :—**The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. William Clarke moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate ensued.
 Mr. Abigail moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
 Debate ensued.
 Motion for the adjournment of the Debate, by leave, withdrawn.
 Original Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
 On motion of Mr. Clarke, the Order of the Day was discharged, and the Bill withdrawn.
13. **MUNICIPALITIES ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—**The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Trickett moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put.
 The House divided.

Ayes, 41.

Mr. Want,	Mr. Hyam,
Sir Patrick Jennings,	Mr. Abigail,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Ryrie,
Dr. Renwick,	Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Sydney Smith,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Trickett,	Mr. Barbour,
Mr. James Henry Young,	Mr. Butcher,
Mr. Forsyth,	Mr. Gould,
Mr. Meeks,	Mr. Bull,
Mr. Hawthorne,	Mr. Targett,
Mr. Burdekin,	Mr. See,
Mr. Humphery,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Henry Clarke,	Mr. Neild,
Mr. Septimus Stephen,	Mr. Slattery,
Mr. Lewis Lloyd,	Mr. O'Connor.
Mr. Williamson,	
Mr. Croer,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Ives,	Mr. Judd,
Mr. Dawson,	Mr. Hammond.
Mr. Lysaght,	

Noes, 11.

Sir Henry Parkes,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. Garland,
Mr. Davies,
Mr. Dalton,
Mr. Gibbes,
Mr. Teece,
Mr. Hugh Taylor,
Mr. Shepherd.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. De Courey Browne,
Mr. Melville.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Trickett, 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. Trickett (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Monday next.

14. **POSTPONEMENT** :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Cremation Bill postponed until Monday next.
15. **SYDNEY MECHANICS SCHOOL OF ARTS INCORPORATION BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Forsyth moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Forsyth, 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. Forsyth (*with the concurrence of the House*), the report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Monday next.
16. **POSTPONEMENTS** :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—
(1.) Sydney Bishopric and Church Property Bill; second reading;—*until Tuesday next*.
(2.) Parliamentary *Hansard*—Daily Issue; consideration in Committee of the Whole of Resolutions;—*until Friday, 22nd October*.
(3.) Parliamentary *Hansard*; consideration in Committee of the Whole of Resolutions;—*until Friday, 22nd October*.
17. **DIVORCE EXTENSION 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,—

SATURDAY, 9 OCTOBER, 1886, A.M.

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 again reported that there was not a Quorum present in the Committee.

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Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being only nineteen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely,—Mr. Burdekin, Mr. Cass, Mr. Dibbs, Mr. W. J. Fergusson, Mr. Forsyth, Mr. Gibbes, Mr. Ives, Mr. Moore, Mr. Neild, Mr. Reid, Dr. Renwick, Mr. Shepherd, Mr. Slattery, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Harold Stephen, Mr. Septimus Stephen, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Suttor, and Mr. Targett,—

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House at Three o'clock a.m., until Monday next at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 144.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

MONDAY, 11 OCTOBER, 1886.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Mr. Deane, Railway Department:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for Mr. Inglis, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government to appoint Mr. Deane as Permanent Inspecting Engineer of Railways under Construction, over the heads of other Officers in the same Department who have greater length of service

Mr. Lyne answered,—Mr. Deane has been recommended for the appointment by the Engineer-in-Chief for Railways, but no decision has yet been arrived at.

- (2.) New Appointment in Lands or Survey Office:—Mr. Davies asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is it true that a new appointment has been made in the Lands or Survey Offices; if so, what is the nature of the appointment, and when was it made, and how long has the person appointed resided in the Colony?

Mr. Copeland answered,—No new appointment has been made. If the Honorable Member will name the position he refers to, I shall be glad to furnish him with all particulars.

- (3.) Appointment of Members of Parliament to Civil Service:—Mr. Williamson asked the Colonial Secretary,—How many Members of Parliament were appointed to positions in the Civil Service by Governments of which Sir Henry Parkes was a member, and the names of such persons?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—I find that thirteen appointments were made. They are as follows:—

Name.	Appointed.	Date.	Resigned as M.P.
Dagleish, D. C.	Engineer-Surveyor ...	1 Oct., 1866...	
Donnelly, S. A.	Road Superintendent ...	20 Feb., 1867...	29 December, 1866.
Martin, Sir James	Chief Justice ...	19 Nov., 1873...	11 November, 1873.
Fawcett, C. H.	P.M., Bulladelah ...	1 July, 1883...	Appointment only matured in Sir H. Parkes' time.
Lec, Benjamin	P.M., Bathurst ...	12 Aug., 1874...	20 July, 1874.
Combes, Edward	Executive Commissioner, Paris Exhibition.	27 Feb., 1878...	11 February, 1879. (Seat declared vacant by Committee).
Windeyer, Judge	D. and M. C. Judge ...	12 Aug., 1879...	10 August, 1879.
Samuel, Sir Saul	Agent-General ...	12 Aug., 1880...	16 August, 1880.
Thompson, J. B.	Land Valuator...	14 Jan., 1881...	11 January, 1881.
Turner, William	Truant Inspector ...	21 Feb., 1882...	20 December, 1881.
Innes, Sir George	Puisne Judge ...	14 Oct., 1881...	14 October, 1881.
Dillon, John ...	Stipendiary Magistrate ...	9 Jan., 1882...	5 January, 1882.
Stuart, Sir Alexander...	Agent-General ...	26 Nov., 1879...	Accepted office, but was unable to take up appointment; resigned, 25 Nov., 1879.

(4.)

- (4.) Increase of Salaries to Railway Station-masters:—*Mr. Davies*, for *Mr. Sydney Smith*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—The names of the Station-masters whose salaries have been increased this year, date of such increase, amount, and when paid?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

Name of Station-master.	Date of Increase.	Amount.	Date when Increase was paid.
<i>E. Simpson</i>	1 April, 1886	£15	1 June, 1886
<i>R. Darby</i>	1 July, 1886	£31	1 July, 1886
<i>A. Willis</i>	1 July, 1886	£40	1 Sept., 1886
<i>H. L. Verdon</i>	1 Aug., 1886	£15	1 Sept., 1886
<i>M. Connellan</i>	1 Jan., 1886	£15	1 April, 1886
<i>A. Levien</i>.....	.....	£20	Increase approved, but question of date of increase re-submitted.

- (5.) Gundaroo Recreation Reserve:—*Mr. O'Sullivan* asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) Did he receive any rules for the Gundaroo recreation reserve, for the approval and sanction of the Executive Council?
 - (2.) If so, when have they received such sanction and approval; if not, what is the cause of the delay?
 - (3.) When will they be likely to be approved of?

Mr. Fletcher answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) The rules in question have been disallowed, because made under the "Land Act 1884," which does not confer the power to make such rules.
 - (3.) Steps are now being taken to bring the reserve within the provisions of the "Public Parks Act 1884." As soon as that can be done the Trustees will be re-appointed, after which they may at once make by-laws.
- (6.) *Mr. M. S. Hart*, Crown Solicitor's Office:—*Mr. O'Sullivan* asked the Attorney-General,—How often has leave of absence been granted to *Mr. M. S. Hart*, Third Clerk in the Crown Solicitor's Office, from 1880 to present date?

Mr. Want answered,—In April, 1883, *Mr. Hart* obtained six months leave of absence, commencing from May, 1883. In the years 1884-85, and during the present year, he has been several times absent from severe illness. The necessity of his absence has been shown by medical certificate, or ascertained upon inquiry of the Crown Solicitor.

- (7.) Prisoners in Darlinghurst Gaol:—*Mr. James Henry Young* asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) The number of prisoners of all grades now confined in Darlinghurst Gaol?
- (2.) The number this gaol is fit to accommodate, having regard to the health, as well as the discipline, of the confines?

Mr. Garvan answered,—

- (1.) 594 males, and 174 females; in all, 768.
- (2.) I am informed that the prison contains 206 cells for males, and 114 cells for females, being a total of 320 cells. Of the cells for males, 184 are large, and capable of accommodating from three to five in each cell. Of the cells for females, seventy-eight are large, and capable of accommodating two, and, in some cases, three in each cell.

2. SYDNEY MECHANICS SCHOOL OF ARTS INCORPORATION BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—On motion of *Mr. Forsyth*, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Forsyth then moved, That the Title of the Bill be, "*An Act to repeal the 'Sydney Mechanics School of Arts Incorporation Act of 1874' and to re-incorporate the said Institution and to enable the Committee to borrow money and with the sanction of the members of the said Institution to sell demise or otherwise dispose of either absolutely or by way of mortgage the real or personal property of the said Institution and for other purposes therein 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 repeal the 'Sydney Mechanics School of Arts Incorporation Act of 1874' and to re-incorporate the said Institution and to enable the Committee to borrow money and with the sanction of the members of the said Institution to sell demise or otherwise dispose of either absolutely or by way of mortgage the real or personal property of the said Institution and for other purposes therein 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, 11th October, 1886.

3. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Borough of East St. Leonards Wharves Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*), postponed until Friday, 22nd October.
4. PAPER:—*Sir Patrick Jennings* laid upon the Table,—Return of Particulars respecting Government Steamers in Port Jackson.
5. SYDNEY BISHOPRIC AND CHURCH PROPERTY BILL:—*Mr. Foster* presented a Petition from certain Members of the Church of England, in the Diocese of Sydney, representing that the Sydney Bishopric and Church Property Bill is unfair and contrary to the provisions of the Act establishing Church Synods, and tends to destroy the legal independence and individuality of parishes; and praying the House to introduce into the Bill provisions that no property of any parish shall be disposed of by the Synod without the concurrence or consent of the Clergyman and a majority of the Churchwardens of such parish.
Petition received.

6. **VINE DISEASES BILL**:—Mr. Holborow presented a Petition from Henry E. Bonnard, of Sydney, stating that the Petitioner is opposed to the Vine Diseases Bill, for the reasons set forth in his Petition; and praying the House not to consent to the passing of the said Bill, unless it be amended as suggested by him.
Petition received.
7. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Sir Patrick Jennings moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly at six minutes after Five o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 145.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 12 OCTOBER, 1886.

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

POSTPONEMENTS:—The Orders of the Day of Government Business, Nos. 1 to 10, postponed until to-morrow.

2. STATE OF THE PUBLIC FINANCES—VOTE OF CENSURE:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That the present state of the public finances, as explained to this House by the Colonial "Treasurer," is highly unsatisfactory.

(2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor. Debate ensued.

Mr. Abbott moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "Treasurer," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words, "proves the necessity for a judicious system of retrenchment in the public expenditure, and some further taxation; proposals for which should be submitted to this House at the earliest opportunity during the ensuing Session of Parliament."

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, 13 OCTOBER, 1886, A.M.

Mr. Abigail moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Debate be adjourned until to-morrow, and (*with the unanimous consent of the House*), take precedence of other business.

The House adjourned at three minutes after Twelve o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m., This Day.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 146.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 13 OCTOBER, 1886.

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

POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Legislative Council's amendments in the Defamation Act Amendment Bill, postponed until to-morrow.

2. STATE OF THE PUBLIC FINANCES—VOTE OF CENSURE:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on motion of Sir Henry Parkes,—
“ (1.) That the present state of the public finances, as explained to this House by the Colonial ‘Treasurer,’ is highly unsatisfactory.
“ (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.”
Upon which Mr. Abbott had moved, That all the words after the word “Treasurer,” be omitted, with a view to the insertion in their place of the words, “proves the necessity for a judicious system of retrenchment in the public expenditure, and some further taxation; proposals for which should be submitted to this House at the earliest opportunity during the ensuing Session of Parliament.”

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,—

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Mr. Speaker having informed the House that he was suffering from an affection of the eye, for which immediate rest had been prescribed, retired from the Chair.

Whereupon, in the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the second Standing Order.

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

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The House divided.

Ayes, 34.

Mr. Neild,	Mr. Tait,
Mr. Gibbes,	Mr. Davies.
Mr. Sydney Smith,	
Mr. William Clarke,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Roberts,
Mr. Foster,	Mr. Shepherd.
Sir Henry Parkes,	
Dr. Ross,	
Mr. Burdekin,	
Mr. Garland,	
Mr. Hawthorne,	
Mr. Parkes,	
Mr. Proctor,	
Mr. Hugh Taylor,	
Mr. Garrett,	
Mr. Abigail,	
Mr. Holborow,	
Mr. Henson,	
Mr. Burns,	
Mr. Kidd,	
Mr. Teece,	
Mr. J. F. Smith,	
Mr. Ives,	
Mr. James Henry Young,	
Mr. McCulloch,	
Dr. Wilkinson,	
Mr. Sutherland,	
Mr. Brunker,	
Mr. Hammond,	
Mr. Septimus Stephen,	

Noes, 58.

Sir Patrick Jennings,	Mr. Baker,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Williamson,
Dr. Renwick,	Mr. Targett,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Want,	Mr. De Courcy Browne,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Hungerford,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Tarrant,
Mr. T. R. Smith,	Mr. Wall,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Russell Barton,
Mr. Hogan,	Mr. Meeks,
Mr. Jones,	Mr. Olliffe,
Mr. Toohy,	Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Bull,	Mr. Ryrie,
Mr. Burke,	Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
Mr. Bowman,	Mr. Humphery,
Mr. Trickett,	Mr. Stokes,
Mr. Cass,	Mr. Dalton,
Mr. Barbour,	Mr. J. D. Young,
Mr. D. A. Ferguson,	Mr. Day,
Mr. Dawson,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Creer,	Mr. Coonan,
Mr. Harold Stephen,	Mr. Lysaght,
Mr. Hyam,	Mr. Butcher,
Mr. Judd,	Mr. Chanter.
Mr. Forsyth,	
Mr. Mackinnon,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Lewis Lloyd,	Mr. Purves,
Mr. Cramsie,	Mr. Thompson.

And so it 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 present state of the public finances, as explained to this House by the Colonial Treasurer, proves the necessity for a judicious system of retrenchment in the public expenditure, and some further taxation; proposals for which should be submitted to this House at the earliest opportunity during the ensuing Session of Parliament,—put and passed.

The House adjourned at twenty minutes after Two o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 147.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 14 OCTOBER, 1886.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Royal Commission on Liquor Traffic:—Mr. Olliffe asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) What has been the cost to date of the Royal Commission sitting on the Liquor Traffic?
- (2.) When may the report of the said Commission be expected to be laid upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

(1.) So far as it can be ascertained, the entire cost, for the seven months during which the Commission has been taking evidence, stands at £907 12s. 8d. This sum includes the salary of the secretary, but is exclusive of the cost of shorthand reporting while the *Hansard* Staff were unable to undertake that duty. The actual payments made on account of the Commission, up to 12th October, amount to £357 16s.

(2.) As has been already announced, the report will probably be ready for submission to Parliament early in the year 1887.

(2.) Steamer for Life-boat Service, Newcastle:—Mr. Thompson asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is there a contract in existence for a steamer to attend the life-boat, or to go out to vessels in danger outside Newcastle Harbour?
- (2.) What is the date of the contract?
- (3.) Who is the contractor?
- (4.) What class of steamer is contracted for?
- (5.) Has the contractor satisfied the local authorities that he has such a vessel?
- (6.) Has any vessel been offered for the service and refused?
- (7.) Has any report been furnished as to such vessel?
- (8.) Is it a fact that any of the crew of the life-boat have expressed their unwillingness to go out with the vessel in attendance which has been offered for the service?
- (9.) Did the tender for this service mention any sureties for its due performance?
- (10.) Is the naming of sureties insisted on before acceptance of tender?
- (11.) Was the vessel offered for the service provided with a sea-going passenger's certificate, or was such certificate refused, or an application for such certificate made and withdrawn by the tenderer for the service; and has this vessel been since repaired and submitted for approval?
- (12.) Was the Government steamer withdrawn from such work; and, if so, for what cause?
- (13.) How was the service performed, and by whom, and at what cost, and by what vessels, after the Government steamer was withdrawn?
- (14.) Did any wreck or loss of life occur during the contract referred to in question (13)?
- (15.) Have screw steamers been refused by the local authorities as unfit for the service; and, if so, for what reasons?
- (16.) Is there any objection to lay all the papers in any way connected with this matter before the House?
- (17.) Is it intended to subject all tug-boats to periodical survey every half-year?

Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—The following information has been supplied to me in reference to these questions:—

- (1.) A tender has been accepted for the performance of the service referred to, subject to conditions, at a cost of £195 per annum.
- (2.) Date of acceptance of tender, 15th September, 1886.
- (3.) Mr. John Dalton, of Newcastle, is the successful tenderer.
- (4.) Screw propeller and paddle-wheel.
- (5.) Yes; Mr. Dalton's tender includes the "Challenge" (paddle-wheel) "Young Bungalow," and "Secret" (screw).

(6.)

- (6.) Yes; the "Challenge."
 (7.) Yes.
 (8.) Yes.
 (9.) No.
 (10.) Not necessarily.
 (11.) The "Challenge" was refused a sea-going certificate until certain repairs had been effected.
 (12.) The "Ajax" was withdrawn, on the ground of her being unsuitable for the service.
 (13.) The service was performed by Messrs. J. and A. Brown, of Newcastle, for three years, at a cost of £600 a year. On the expiration of this contract, on 31st August last, the present tenders were called for, Messrs. Brown being for £500 a year and Mr. Dalton at £195 a year.
 (14.) Yes, one—the "Susan Gilmour." No loss of life.
 (15.) Yes; by the coxswain of the life-boat, who objects to screw steamers for the service.
 (16.) None whatever.
 (17.) This is a matter to be considered.
- (3.) Contract for Towing Dredge-punts, Newcastle:—Mr. Thompson asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Who is the contractor for the service of towing the dredge-punts at Newcastle to sea?
 - (2.) Who are his sureties?
 - (3.) When was the tender accepted?
 - (4.) Who was the previous tenderer?
 - (5.) Is it a condition of the contract that the vessel for the service is to be ready at all times to do the work required?
 - (6.) Has this been the case?
 - (7.) Has the vessel been employed in towing when she should have been in attendance on the dredge?
 - (8.) How far out are the punts required to be emptied?
 - (9.) Have they frequently been emptied much inside the prescribed distance?
 - (10.) Was there any other tender for this work when tenders were last called for?
 - (11.) Was another tender refused; and, if so, for what cause?
 - (12.) Was any other tender recommended for acceptance by the local authorities?
 - (13.) Is there any objection to lay the papers connected with this matter upon the Table when these questions are answered?

Mr. Lync answered,—

- (1.) Mr. John Dalton.
 - (2.) No sureties required.
 - (3.) On the 31st August, 1886.
 - (4.) The contract under which the work is now being performed has only just come into force. When towing was required previously, I understand, it was the custom, as occasion arose, when practicable, to invite offers from the owners of the tugs at Newcastle, when the most favourable was accepted. The whole service can only be looked upon as an occasional one, to meet cases when the Government tugs are called away on other duties or disabled.
 - (5.) It is.
 - (6.) The contract has only just come into force.
 - (7.) Not that I am aware of, but I am having inquiry made into the matter.
 - (8.) 2 miles south-east from the Breakwater, in 16 fathoms of water.
 - (9.) I am having the necessary inquiry made on this point.
 - (10.) Yes.
 - (11.) Yes; on the first occasion of inviting tenders, because it was not in accordance with the specification. On the second occasion—for fresh tenders were invited—the other tender was accepted for part of the work; but the tenderers, Messrs. J. and A. Brown, I understand, refused to agree to this, and consequently the whole work was given to Mr. Dalton.
 - (12.) Yes; but, for the reason before stated, I thought it fair to all parties to invite tenders a second time, with the result before indicated.
 - (13.) No objection whatever. I have given orders for copies to be prepared, and will lay them upon the Table as early as practicable.
- (4.) Local Marine Board, Newcastle:—Mr. Thompson asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) What are the names, residences, and occupations of the Local Marine Board at Newcastle?
 - (2.) Have any complaints been made as to their conduct of the business of their Department during the past three years?
 - (3.) In how many cases have they adjudicated?
 - (4.) Is it in contemplation to alter the composition of the Board, in the direction of securing a larger representation of the interests of owners and seamen?
 - (5.) What remuneration (if any) is paid for the services of members of the Board?
 - (6.) Is there any objection to lay upon the Table of the House, all papers connected with the Board in Sydney and the Local Board in Newcastle?
- Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—The following information has been supplied to me in reference to these questions:—
- (1.) Captain D. T. Allen, Chairman, Newcastle. Members:—Herbert Cross, late Master Mariner; present occupation, Shipping Manager of Newcastle Wallsend Coal Company; residence, Newcastle. Robert B. Wallace, Shipping Agent, Newcastle. Charles F. Stokes, Shipping Agent, Newcastle and Sydney; residence, Newcastle and Sydney. John Reid, Shipping Agent; residence, Newcastle.
 - (2.) Not that I am aware of.
 - (3.) 141.
 - (4.) No.
 - (5.) Chairman, two guineas per week; members, one guinea per week. Regular meetings are held weekly; but no fees are paid for extra meetings, such as investigations, &c., &c.
 - (6.) No; but the case or cases should be specified in which papers are desired to be produced.

(5.) National Park :—Mr. Sydney Smith asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) How much public money has been voted for the National Park since it was first set apart for public purposes ?
- (2.) How much of the same has been spent upon the Park ?
- (3.) What is the nature of the work that has been done for the money so expended ?
- (4.) Who are the Trustees of the Park ?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—I will presently lay upon the Table a memorandum, giving the desired information.

(6.) Mr. Hubert Dillon, late Police Magistrate, Walgett:—*Mr. Davies*, for Mr. Hammond, asked the Minister of Justice,—Referring to answers given on 29th ultimo,—

- (1.) Was Mr. Hubert Dillon, late Police Magistrate at Walgett, idle for nearly five months on full pay ; if so, what was the reason of his being kept idle ?
- (2.) Is it true that he had several disagreements with the police at Walgett ?
- (3.) If so, what was the decision arrived at by the Minister respecting the same ?
- (4.) Did any of the Magistrates at Walgett state any objection to Mr. Dillon's continuance in office, or offer any opposition to his return there ?
- (5.) When did he leave Sydney to take up his new office at the Bellinger River ?
- (6.) When did he arrive there ?
- (7.) Did Mr. T. R. McKell satisfactorily perform his duties whilst Police Magistrate, &c., at Bellinger River ?
- (8.) If so, will he state if there was any reason why he was not treated in the same liberal manner as Mr. Dillon with respect to allowances, amounting to £100 per annum ?

Mr. Garvan answered,—

- (1.) Mr. Dillon was granted leave of absence for one month, from the 5th March last, on the ground of illness, under medical certificate, which was extended for further periods of one month and three weeks respectively.
- (2 and 3.) I find that certain complaints were made by the police, and also counter-charges by Mr. Dillon, to my predecessors ; but no decision appears to have been given in reference to the matters in dispute.
- (4.) Yes.
- (5.) 30th August, 1886.
- (6.) 7th September, 1886.
- (7.) Yes.
- (8.) The circumstances of the two cases differ in certain respects, and Mr. Dillon now receives a lower salary (including allowances) as Police Magistrate and Clerk of Petty Sessions, Boat Harbour, than in his former position as Police Magistrate at Walgett.

(7.) Civil Service Board :—*Mr. Davies*, for Mr. Hammond, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) In how many instances, during the period, 1st January, 1885, to the present date, have the Civil Service Board disagreed with the recommendations of the several Under Secretaries of Departments, as to filling up the various vacancies which have occurred in the Public Service ?
- (2.) In which of the Ministerial Departments were these vacancies, and the number in each ?
- (3.) Have the recommendations of the Civil Service Board in these instances been carried into effect ?
- (4.) If not, what is the date of each minute containing the recommendation of the Board, and what are the vacant positions referred to therein ?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

- (1.) Sixteen.
- (2.) Colonial Secretary, 4 ; Public Instruction, 1 ; Justice, 4 ; Lands, 2 ; Public Works, 2 ; Post Office, 2 ; Mines, 1.
- (3 and 4.) Yes, in every case except one ; and that was in the Department of Justice, with regard to the appointment of Clerk of Petty Sessions at Orange.

(8.) Entrance to Shoalhaven, at Crookhaven Heads :—Mr. Humphery asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Did Sir John Coode, after examining the Crookhaven Heads, represent that he could not recommend any definite action until furnished with certain information by Officers of the Harbours and Rivers Branch ?
- (2.) Was the information supplied, and did Sir John Coode advise the Local Officer to take any, and, if any, what, immediate steps for the purpose of endeavouring to check obstruction to the entrance to Shoalhaven ?
- (3.) Has anything been done to carry out suggestions made by Sir John Coode ?
- (4.) Is it a fact that the Comerong Island is gradually being encroached upon by the sea, and that, unless a practicable remedy be speedily attempted, the entrance to Shoalhaven, at Crookhaven Heads, is in danger of becoming completely obstructed ?
- (5.) Is it the intention of the Government to take any, and if so, what, steps to avert the threatened impediment to navigation ?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) Yes ; before reporting, Sir John Coode required a new survey of the river from Greenwell Point to Crookhaven Heads, as well as other information which he specified.
- (2.) The information has not been obtained, because no funds are available at present to undertake the survey. Sir John Coode made no suggestions to the Local Officer.
- (3.) No suggestions made.
- (4.) I have no report before me on the subject, but have ordered inquiries to be made at once respecting the matter referred to by the Honorable Member.
- (5.) When I have the report referred to in the previous question before me, I will come to a decision as speedily as possible.

2. MUNICIPALITIES ACT AMENDMENT 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 amend the ‘Municipalities Act of 1867.’*”

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 ‘Municipalities Act of 1867,’*”—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 October, 1886.*

MUNICIPALITIES ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 14th October, 1886.

F. W. WEBB,

Acting Clerk of Legislative Assembly.

Page 1, Preamble, line 3. *Omit “situated near Sydney”*

Page 2, clause 3, line 6. *Omit “shall” insert “may”*

Page 2, clause 3, line 7. *After “Sydney” insert “or such other city or place as the Governor shall “from time to time appoint”*

Page 2, clause 3, line 11. *After “Sydney” insert “or other city or place as aforesaid”*

Page 2. *After clause 4 insert new clause 5:—*

“5. At every contested election of Aldermen or Auditors after the passing of this Act the “voting shall commence at eight o’clock in the forenoon and shall finally close at five o’clock in “the afternoon.”

Examined,—

T. M. SLATTERY,

Chairman of Committees.

3. ASSENT TO BILLS:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Mr. Dibbs, and read by Mr. Speaker,—

- (1.) Silverton Tramway Bill:—

CARRINGTON,

Governor.

Message No 99.

A Bill, intituled “*An Act to authorize the construction and maintenance of a Tramway from the terminus on the western boundary of the Colony of New South Wales of the South Australian Railway to Broken Hill,*”—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.

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- (2.) Mudgee Gaslight and Coke Company’s Bill:—

CARRINGTON,

Governor.

Message No. 100.

A Bill, intituled “*An Act to enable the Mudgee Gaslight and Coke Company (Limited) to construct Gas-works within the town of Mudgee and the suburbs of the said town,*”—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, 14th October, 1886.

- (3.) Newcastle Sand-drift Reclamation Bill:—

CARRINGTON,

Governor.

Message No. 101.

A Bill, intituled “*An Act to authorize the resumption of certain portions of land situate in the parish of Newcastle and county of Northumberland for the purpose of enabling the Government to arrest as far as possible the further deposit of sand thereon and to reclaim for public purposes and dispose of the said lands as hereinafter provided,*”—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, 14th October, 1886.

- (4.) Crown Lands Titles and Reservations Validation Bill:—

CARRINGTON,

Governor.

Message No. 102.

A Bill, intituled “*An Act to confirm and declare valid in certain cases the title or claim to lands held as additional conditional purchases mineral conditional purchases and conditional leaseholds and also to declare valid reservations of Crown Lands from sale and the revocation thereof,*”

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 numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

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Sydney, 14th October, 1886.*

(5.) Settled Estates Bill :—

CARRINGTON,

Message No. 103.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act for facilitating Sales Leases and other dispositions of Settled Estates*,"—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, 14th October, 1886.*

4. SYDNEY BISHOPRIC AND CHURCH PROPERTY BILL :—

(1.) Mr. Foster presented two Petitions from certain Members of the Church of England, in the Diocese of Sydney, representing that the Sydney Bishopric and Church Property Bill is unfair and contrary to the provisions of the Act establishing Church Synods, and tends to destroy the legal independence and individuality of parishes; and praying the House to introduce into the Bill provisions that no property of any parish shall be disposed of by the Synod without the concurrence or consent of the Clergyman and a majority of the Churchwardens of such parish.

Petitions received.

(2.) Dr. Renwick presented a similar Petition.
Petition received.

5. PAPERS :—

Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Correspondence, Minutes, &c., relating to the Evans Combination Truck.

(2.) Return of Information respecting cost of Machinery in Railway Workshops, Eveleigh.
Ordered to be printed.

(3.) Return to an Order made on 16th September, 1886—"Railway from Galong to Burrowa."

(4.) Return to an Order made on 30th July, 1886—"Purchase of Rails by New Lambton Colliery."

Dr. Renwick laid upon the Table,—Report of Australasian Stock Conference.
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return of Money Voted for and Spent upon the National Park.

(2.) Return of Rent paid for Buildings used as Government Offices.

(3.) Statistical Register for 1885.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Garvan laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return to an Address adopted on 23rd September, 1886—"Appointment of Mr. F. Chapman as Prothonotary of the Supreme Court."

(2.) Return, showing number of Petty Sessions Cases heard at Armidale, Glen Innes, Inverell, and Tenterfield, during 1885, and to 30th June, 1886.

Ordered to be printed.

Sir Patrick Jennings laid upon the Table,—Statement of Amounts paid as Endowment to certain Municipalities during 1886.

Ordered to be printed.

6. SULLIVAN'S ESTATE BILL :—Mr. T. R. Smith presented a Petition from William Edgar Harold Phillips, of Sydney, in the Colony of New South Wales, gentleman, and John Edmund Millner Russell, of Petersham, near Sydney, aforesaid, gentleman, the Trustees for the time being of the Will of Patrick Sullivan, formerly of Bathurst, and now deceased, and of Mary Sullivan, a daughter of the said Patrick Sullivan, and one of the beneficiaries interested under the Trusts of the said will in certain property thereby demised, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Trustees of the Will of Patrick Sullivan, formerly of Bathurst, to sell certain real estate thereby devised, on certain trusts, and to provide for the investment of the sale moneys so obtained, and for the application of the interest thereon to the use of the beneficiaries interested therein under the Trusts of the said Will.

And Mr. Smith having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* and *Bathurst Daily Times* newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—

Petition received.

7. CIVIL SERVICE ACT AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2) :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Dibbs, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

CARRINGTON,

Message No. 104.

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 amend the "Civil Service Act 1884" in respect of Classification and Increases.

*Government House,
Sydney 6th October, 1886.*

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

8. **ASSIGNEES OF FIRE INSURANCE POLICIES ENABLING BILL:**—Mr. Wall *presented* a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to enable Assignees of Fire Insurance Policies to sue thereon in their own names,*”—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 22nd October.
9. **PRIVILEGE—MR. TARGETT, M.P.:**—Sir Henry Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That the Honorable Member for Hartley, Walter Scott Targett, Esquire, having stated that he has received the promise from Ministers, or a Minister, of an appointment in the Public Service, and having since attended in his place and voted on division, “is acting corruptly as a Member of this House.
(2.) That” evidence be taken at the Bar of this House “in support of this charge.”
And Mr. Targett having been heard in his place, withdrew.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Gould moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the words and figure “is acting corruptly as a Member of this House. (2) That” and the omission of the words, “in support of this charge,” with a view to the addition, at the end of the Resolution, of the words, “to ascertain the truth of the matter.”
Proposed amendments, by leave, withdrawn.
Original motion, by leave, withdrawn.
10. **SUSPENSION OF THE STANDING ORDERS:**—Mr. Dibbs 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 “Civil Service Act 1884,” in respect of Classification and Increases.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
11. **CIVIL SERVICE ACT AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2):**—
(1.) Mr. Dibbs moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the “Civil Service Act of 1884” in respect of Classification and Increases.
Question put and passed.
(2.) Mr. Dibbs then *presented* a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to amend the ‘Civil Service Act 1884’ in respect of Classification and Increases,*”—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Monday next.
12. **SUPPLY:**—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 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 Monday next.

13. **SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:**—Mr. Purves (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That this House at its rising this day do adjourn until Monday next.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned at five minutes before Eight o'clock a.m. until *Monday next* at Four o'clock.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 148.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

MONDAY, 18 OCTOBER, 1886.

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 the inflammation of the eye, which necessitated his leaving the Chair on Wednesday, had much increased, and that he would not be able to take the Chair to-day, or until the eye should be considerably better.

Whereupon the Chairman of Committees took the Chair, as Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the second Standing Order of the House.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Pastoral Leases in Central and Western Divisions:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for *Mr. Garrett*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—The total area of land held under lease as pastoral leases in the Central and Western Divisions respectively?

Mr. Want answered,—In the Central Division the area of land held as pastoral leases is, approximately, 19,000,000 acres. In the Western Division the area held under pastoral lease is, approximately, 38,500,000 acres. The figures given include all conditional leases, the areas of which could not be deducted without entering into a detailed and elaborate calculation.

(2.) Special Goods Trains between Junee and Narrandera:—*Mr. Gormly* asked the Secretary for Public Works:—

(1.) How many special goods trains have run between Junee and Narrandera, and Narrandera and Junee, during the months of August and September last?

(2.) Can the special goods trains now running be dispatched on such days as there are no mail and passenger trains now running; and, if so, can mails and passengers be carried by these trains?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) During the month of August fifteen special trains were run between Junee and Narrandera, and during the month of September twenty-six special trains were run between the same points.

(2.) There is no objection to these trains being run in the time of the mixed trains when they are required, on days when the mixed train does not run. These trains could convey passengers and mails, but they run irregularly.

(3.) Employés, Government Printing Office:—*Mr. O'Sullivan* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Has he received a communication, dated 29th September, 1886, on behalf of the Supernumerary Compositors employed in the Government Printing Office, asking for a day's pay for the Eight Hour Demonstration Day?

(2.) If so, is it his intention to grant the request?

Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—I have not been able to obtain a reply from the Government Printing Office, but expect to receive the information to-morrow.

(4.) The Unemployed—Relief Works:—*Mr. James Henry Young*, for *Mr. Garrard*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) The total number of men employed on Government relief works during this year?

(2.) The nature of the work they were engaged in?

(3.) The average daily wage paid per man?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

(1.) 1,986; but the maximum number at one time, between 700 and 800.

(2.) Clearing Crown Lands, making public roads, improving the grounds at the Coast Hospital, Garden Island, Prince Alfred Hospital, the University, and the National Park.

(3.) Averaging from 8s. to 5s. per diem.

(5.)

(5.) Telephones and Electric Bells in Parliamentary Buildings and Government Offices :—*Mr. James Henry Young*, for Mr. Garrard, asked the Postmaster-General,—

- (1.) By whom are the telephones (not connected with the Telephone Exchange) and electric bells in use in the Parliamentary Buildings and the various Government Offices supervised and kept in working order?
- (2.) In what way are the payments for these services made?
- (3.) Is the work done by contract; have tenders been called for it, or is each repair or supervision paid for as a separate item?
- (4.) What has been the amount paid during each quarter for the period since 1st January, 1885?
- (5.) What has been the amount paid to the same person for new material or additional apparatus, with the cost of its erection, during the same periods, not included in the answer to the previous question?

Mr. Suttor answered,—In reply to the above, the Superintendent, Electric Telegraphs, informs me :—

- (1.) The telephones in the Parliamentary Buildings, and in all Government Offices, are supervised and kept in working order by the Telephone Branch of the Telegraph Department. The bells are under the Colonial Architect, and are kept in order by his Department.
- (2.) No payments are made as regards telephones.
- (3.) The work is done by Government Officers, as regards telephones.
- (4.) Nil, as regards telephones.
- (5.) The answers to previous questions reply to this one, as regards telephones. The Colonial Architect also informs me that the bells are kept in order by a plumber when required. The amounts paid cannot be ascertained, as they are mixed up in accounts for different works.

(6.) New Post and Telegraph Offices for Leichhardt :—*Mr. James Henry Young*, for Mr. Hawthorne, asked the Postmaster-General,—When is it his intention to proceed with the erection of the new Post and Telegraph Offices at Leichhardt, for which purpose ground was recently purchased?

Mr. Suttor answered,—The question of providing funds for this purpose will be considered when the Estimates for next year are being prepared.

(7.) Entrance to Shoalhaven, at Crookhaven Heads :—*Mr. Humphery* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Referring to replies to questions asked on Thursday last,—

- (1.) When did Sir John Coode make an examination of the entrance to Crookhaven Heads, and what was the "other information" required by him before reporting?
- (2.) What is the estimated cost of the information required by Sir John Coode to enable him to furnish his report?
- (3.) What is the estimated cost of the whole work done to this date, and yet to be performed, by Sir John Coode?
- (4.) What sum has been paid on account?
- (5.) Have any reports yet been furnished concerning the harbours examined by Sir John Coode; if not, what is the cause of the delay in reporting?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) In November last. The information required by the Honorable Member will be found in the copy of Sir John Coode's notes, laid on the Table on the 3rd June, 1886.
- (2.) No estimate has been made.
- (3.) A retaining fee of £525, and a charge of from £200 to £300 for each separate report.
- (4.) £525.
- (5.) No; because the extensive surveys asked for have not yet been furnished, and they can only be carried out as funds become from time to time available.

(8.) Balranald Town Common :—*Mr. Abigail* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is it true that a large number of applications were made to select on the Balranald Town Common?
- (2.) Were a number rejected, and a number granted; if so, will the Minister state to whom, and why such was done?
- (3.) Will any portions of these applications, declared to be illegal, be validated by the Bill lately passed by this House?

Mr. Want answered,—No conditional purchases have been applied for within the Balranald Town Common.

(9.) Conditional Purchase, Wingen :—*Mr. Abigail* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) What was the date of the transfer of C.P. 71-701, Land District of Scone, and to whom was this portion transferred?
- (2.) What was the *Gazette* date of proclamation of the population area of the town of Wingen; and who was Secretary for Lands when such area was proclaimed?
- (3.) Was the population boundary of Wingen, as per Census of 1881, cancelled at the date of the proclamation of the population area, as provided by clause 102 of Land Act of 1884?
- (4.) What was the date of the first Land Office Day upon which the land within the cancelled population area was open for selection?
- (5.) What was the date upon which additional conditional purchases, C.P. 85-92 in virtue of C.P. 71-701, were selected?
- (6.) The area of such additional conditional purchases, and the name of the selector?

Mr. Want answered,—

- (1.) 20th August, 1878; Mr. Joseph Palmer Abbott.
- (2.) The proclamation was dated 20th March, 1885; Mr. Farnell was then Minister for Lands.
- (3.) It was superseded by the population area, proclaimed on the 20th March, 1885, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.
- (4.) 24th December, 1885.
- (5.) 24th December, 1885.
- (6.) 582 acres; Mr. Joseph Palmer Abbott.

3. **REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Dibbs moved, pursuant to Notice, That the name of Mr. Russell Barton be added to the Refreshment Committee, in the room of Mr. W. R. Campbell, resigned.
Question put and passed.
4. **VICTORIA PARK HOTEL** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Garvan moved, pursuant to Notice, That the correspondence, &c., respecting the granting of a certificate for the "Victoria Park Hotel," laid upon the Table of this House on the 8th October, be printed.
Question put and passed.
5. **RANDWICK ASYLUM** (*Formal Motion*):—Dr. Wilkinson moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing,—
(1.) The total amount expended from the Consolidated Revenue upon the buildings of Randwick Asylum.
(2.) The proportion, approximately, of the Randwick Society's Reserve Fund of £50,000 accruing from payments made to the Society from the Consolidated Revenue, and the amount carried to the said fund under wills and bequests.
(3.) The total number of children in Randwick Asylum (including apprentices and inmates of Catherine Hayes Hospital and Receiving House), on 31st December, 1885, and on the 30th June, 1886.
(4.) The number of children over twelve years of age in Randwick Asylum, on 30th June, 1886.
(5.) At what age the inmates of the Institution are apprenticed.
(6.) How many children are now apprenticed to the Institution, stating at the same time, whether it is in accordance with the Society's Act of Incorporation and By-Laws that they should be so apprenticed, instead of being sent to applicants outside the Institution in the usual way.
(7.) How the children apprenticed to the Institution are maintained, and their wages paid—whether from the fund held by the Society for the support of destitute children.
(8.) The average cost per head, during 1885, of maintaining children in Randwick Asylum, at Biloela, on the "Vernon," and under control of the State Children's Relief Department.
Question put and passed.
6. **POSTPONEMENT**:—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor, relative to the case of Captain Armstrong, postponed until to-morrow.
7. **DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES**:—Sir Patrick Jennings (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That William Joseph Trickett, Esquire, do take the Chair in Committee of the Whole House for this day only.
Question put and passed.
8. **PAPERS**:—
Dr. Renwick laid upon the Table,—Notification of resumption of land, under the Lands for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, for Public School Purposes, at Kegworth Estate and Watagon.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 31st March, 1886—"Pre-lease of William Skene, Conargo."
Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table,—Report of Engineer-in-Chief for Harbours and Rivers on Dredging Operations.
Ordered to be printed.
9. **CROWN LANDS ACT**:—Mr. Barbour, on behalf of Mr. D. A. Ferguson, presented a Petition from certain Selectors and Conditional Leaseholders of the Eastern and Central Divisions, near Wellington, alleging that the delay in permitting Selectors to take possession of their land is very injurious to Petitioners' interests; that the minimum rent fixed for conditional leases is too high; and that, in other respects, the law presses heavily upon the Petitioners; and praying the House to take the premises into consideration, with a view to afford them relief.
Petition received.
10. **FULL LOCAL OPTION**:—Mr. Henson presented a Petition from certain Members of the New South Wales Local Option League, and others, in favour of such a measure of Local Self-government as will extend Local Option so as to enable the residents to decide whether they will have public-houses or not; and praying the House to take the matter into favourable consideration.
Petition received.
11. **SUPPLY**:—The Order of the Day having been read for the reception of certain Resolutions from the Committee of Supply,—*Mr. Trickett* moved, That the Resolutions be now received.
Question put and passed.
The Resolutions were then read a first time as follows:—

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR 1885 AND PREVIOUS YEARS.

Services of 1883 and Previous Years.

(11.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,587 16s. 11d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Services of 1883, and previous years."

Services of 1884.

(12.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £77,048 18s. 3d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Services of 1884."

Services of 1885.

(13.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £767,883 13s. 1d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Services of 1885."

ESTIMATES

ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE—1886.

No. II.—EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE.

- (14.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,073, for Executive Council, for the year 1886.
 (15.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,235, for Legislative Council, for the year 1886.
 (16.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £9,295, for Legislative Assembly, for the year 1886.
 (17.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,665, for Legislative Council and Assembly, for the year 1886.
 (18.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,755, for Parliamentary Library for the year 1886.
 (19.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,325, for Parliamentary Reporting Staff for the year 1886.

No. III.—COLONIAL SECRETARY.

- (20.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £8,602, for Department of Colonial Secretary, for the year 1886.
 (21.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,470, for Aborigines Protection Board, for the year 1886.
 (22.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £141,673, for Permanent and Volunteer Military Forces, for the year 1886.
 (23.) Resolved that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £500, for Volunteer Naval Artillery, for the year 1886.
 (24.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,628, for Naval Brigade, for the year 1886.
 (25.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,800 for Training-ship "Wolverene" for the year 1886.
 (26.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £285,395, for Police, for the year 1886.
 (27.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,190, for Government Analyst, for the year 1886.
 (28.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £81,959, for Lunacy, for the year 1886.
 (29.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,436, for Department of Master in Lunacy, for the year 1886.
 (30.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £100, for Medical Board, for the year 1886.
 (31.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £14,777, for Medical Adviser, Vaccination, Medical Officers, Hospital Little Bay, &c., for the year 1886.
 (32.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £10,495, for Department of Audit, for the year 1886.
 (33.) Resolved that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £25,267, for Department of Registrar General, for the year 1886.
 (34.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,523, for Department of Agent-General for the Colony, for the year 1886.
 (35.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £16,556, for Immigration, for the year 1886.
 (36.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £670, for City of Sydney Improvement Board, for the year 1886.
 (37.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,395, for Charitable Institutions, for the year 1886.
 (38.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,364, for Fisheries Commission, for the year 1886.
 (39.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £26,430, for Asylums for the Infirm and Destitute, for the year 1886.
 (40.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £19,740, for State Children's Relief Board, for the year 1886.
 (41.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,715, for Fire Brigades, for the year 1886.
 (42.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,360, for Civil Service Board, for the year 1886.
 (43.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,139, for Botanic Gardens, for the year 1886.
 (44.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,533, for Government Domains, for the year 1886
 (45.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £1,430, for Garden Palace Grounds, for the year 1886.
 (46.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £62,532, for Charitable Allowances, for the year 1886.
 (47.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £147,120, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1886.

No. IV.—TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE.

- (48.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £23,820, for Treasury, for the year 1886.
 (49.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,055, for Stamp Department, for the year 1886.

- (50.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £58,409, for Customs, for the year 1886.
- (51.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,589, for Colonial Distilleries and Refineries, for the year 1886.
- (52.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £185, for Gold Receivers, for the year 1886.
- (53.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,500, for Gold and Escort, for the year 1886.
- (54.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £58,923, for Government Printer's Department, for the year 1886.
- (55.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £122,171, for Stores and Stationery, for the year 1886.
- (56.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £19,520, for Ordnance and Barrack Department, for the year 1886.
- (57.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,896, for Board of Health, for the year 1886.
- (58.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £120, for Board of Pharmacy, for the year 1886.
- (59.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,625, for Shipping Masters, for the year 1886.
- (60.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,432, for Glebe Island Abattoirs, for the year 1886.
- (61.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £46,948, for Marine Board of New South Wales, for the year 1886.
- (62.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,300, for Lifeboats, for the year 1886.
- (63.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,661, for Public Wharves, for the year 1886.
- (64.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £155,291, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1886.
- (65.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £100,000, for Advance to Treasurer.

No. V.—PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

- (66.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £658,770, for Public Instruction, under the Act 43 Vic. No. 23, for the year 1886.
- (67.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £844, for Public Schools Cadet Corps, for the year 1886.
- (68.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £8,209, for Industrial Schools, for the year 1886.
- (69.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,000, for Orphan Schools, Parramatta, for the year 1886.
- (70.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,006, for Observatory, for the year 1886.
- (71.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,675, for Museum, for the year 1886.
- (72.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,400, for Technological Museum, for the year 1886.
- (73.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,785, for Free Public Library, for the year 1886.
- (74.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,680, for Church and School Lands, for the year 1886.
- (75.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £57,600 for Grants in aid of Public Institutions, for the year 1886.

No. VI.—ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.

- (76.) Resolved that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,807, for Department of Justice, for the year 1886.
- (77.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,834, for Department of Master in Equity, for the year 1886.
- (78.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £14,727, for Department of Prothonotary, for the year 1886.
- (79.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,050, for Curator of Intestate Estates, for the year 1886.
- (80.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £22,455, for Department of Sheriff, for the year 1886.
- (81.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,944, for Insolvency Court, for the year 1886.
- (82.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £9,427, for District Courts, for the year 1886.
- (83.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,565, for Coroners Inquests, for the year 1886.
- (84.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £93,285, for Petty Sessions, for the year 1886.
- (85.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £104,953, for Prisons, for the year 1886.
- (86.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £893, for the Shaftesbury Reformatory for Girls, for the year 1886.

(87.)

(87.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £220, for Registrar of Copyright, for the year 1886.

(88.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,194, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1886.

NO. VII.—THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

(89.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £5,720, for Department of the Attorney-General, for the year 1886.

(90.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,300, for Department of Parliamentary Draftsman for the year 1886.

(91.) Resolved that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,626, for Department of Crown Solicitor, for the year 1886.

(92.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £27,396, for Quarter Sessions, for the year 1886.

NO. VIII.—SECRETARY FOR LANDS.

(93.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £64,432, for Department of Lands and Conditional Land Sales Branch, for the year 1886.

(94.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £17,460, for Land Agents, Appraisers, and others, for the year 1886.

(95.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £86,042, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1886.

(96.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £378,852, for Survey of Lands, for the year 1886.

(97.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £22,506, for Triangulation and General Survey of the Colony, for the year 1886.

NO. IX.—SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

(98.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,230, for Department of Public Works, for the year 1886.

(99.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £138,359, for Harbours and Rivers Navigation, for the year 1886.

(100.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £203,330, for Department of Colonial Architect, for the year 1886.

(101.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £648,987, for Roads and Bridges, for the year 1886.

NO. IX.—RAILWAYS.

(102.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £9,495, for General Establishment, for the year 1886.

(103.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £21,277, for Engineering Establishment, for the year 1886.

(104.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,711,905, for Existing Lines—Working Expenses, for the year 1886.

(105.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,850, for Miscellaneous, for the year 1886.

(106.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £48,495, for Salaries, chargeable to Loan Votes, for the year 1886.

NO. X.—THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL.

(107.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £430,267, for Post Office, for the year 1886.

(108.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £13,135, for Money Order and Government Savings Bank Department, for the year 1886.

(109.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £148,332, for Electric Telegraphs, for the year 1886.

(110.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,583, for Telephone Branch, for the year 1886.

(111.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,516, for Electric Lights, for the year 1886.

(112.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £12,618, for British and Australian Cable Subsidy, for the year 1886.

(113.) Resolved that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,500, for New Zealand Cable Subsidy, for the year 1886.

NO. XI.—SECRETARY FOR MINES.

(114.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £31,382, for Department of Mines, for the year 1886.

(115.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £13,800, for Expenses of Rabbit Nuisance Act, for the year 1886.

(116.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £13,735, for Prevention of Scab in Sheep, for the year 1886.

(117.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £340, for Imported Stock, for the year 1886.

(118.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,590, for Registration of Brands, for the year 1886.

(119.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £642, for Public Watering Places and Reserves, for the year 1886.

(120.)

(120.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £170, for Management of Pounds and Commons, for the year 1886.

(121.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £167,292, for Contingencies, for the year 1886.

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES FOR 1886.

No. II.—EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE.

(122.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £77 3s., to defray additional charge under the head "Legislative Council."

(123.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £889 3s. 4d., to defray additional charge under the head "Legislative Assembly."

(124.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £250, to defray additional charge under the head "Legislative Council and Assembly."

No. III.—COLONIAL SECRETARY.

(125.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £1,000, to defray additional charge under the head "Permanent and Volunteer Military Forces."

(126.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £270, to defray additional charge under the head "Volunteer Naval Artillery."

(127.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,600, to defray additional charge under the head "Training Ship 'Wolverene.'"

(128.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £74 3s. 10d., to defray additional charge under the head "Master in Lunacy."

(129.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £125, to defray additional charge under the head "The Medical Adviser to the Government."

(130.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £800, to defray additional charge under the head "Registrar-General."

(131.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £19,000, to defray additional charge under the head "Immigration."

(132.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £550, to defray additional charge under the head "Nursery Garden, Campbelltown."

(133.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £650, to defray additional charge under the head "Charitable Allowances."

(134.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,296 9s., to defray additional charge under the head "Miscellaneous Services."

No. IV.—TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE.

(135.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £45 16s. 8d., to defray additional charge under the head "Stamp Duties."

(136.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,991 13s. 4d., to defray additional charge under the head "Customs."

(137.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,500, to defray additional charge under the head "Government Printing Department."

(138.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £297 7s. 3d., to defray additional charge under the head "Shipping Master."

(139.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £50,000, to defray additional charge under the head "Miscellaneous Services."

No. V.—PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

(140.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £100, to defray additional charge under the head "Public School Cadet Corps."

(141.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,000, to defray additional charge under the head "Grants in aid of Public Institutions."

No. VI.—ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.

(142.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £233 6s. 8d., to defray additional charge under the head "Prothonotary."

(143.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £284 18s. 4d., to defray additional charge under the head "Curator of Intestate Estates."

(144.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £26, to defray additional charge under the head "Insolvency Court."

No. VII.—ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

(145.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £623 16s. 11d., to defray additional charge under the head "Crown Solicitor."

No. VIII.—SECRETARY FOR LANDS.

(146.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £276 12s. 3d., to defray additional charge under the head "Department of Lands."

(147.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £558 8s. 6d., to defray additional charge under the head "Miscellaneous Services."

No. IX.—SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

(148.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £12,550, to defray additional charge under the head "Harbours and Rivers."

(149.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £37,233, to defray additional charge under the head "Colonial Architect."

(150.)

(150.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £42,553, to defray additional charge under the head "Roads and Bridges."

(151.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,250, to defray additional charge under the head "Sewerage Branch."

NO. X.—RAILWAYS.

(152.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £250, to defray additional charge under the head "General Establishment."

NO. XI.—SECRETARY FOR MINES.

(153.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,490, to defray additional charge under the head "Department of Mines."

(154.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,000, to defray additional charge under the head "School of Mines and Assay Works."

(155.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £350, to defray additional charge under the head "Public Parks."

(156.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £750, to defray additional charge under the head "Forest Conservancy Branch."

(157.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £21,000, to defray additional charge under the head "Rabbit Nuisance Act."

(158.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,738, to defray additional charge under the head "Prevention of Scab in Sheep."

(159.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,200, to defray additional charge under the head "Contingencies."

(160.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £300, to defray additional charge under the head "Public Watering Places and Reserves."

Sir Patrick Jennings moved, That the Resolutions be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Resolutions read a second time.

Whereupon Sir Patrick Jennings moved, That the Resolutions be agreed to.

Mr. Garrett moved, That the Resolution,—

"(128.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £74 3s. 10d., to defray additional charge under the head 'Master in Lunacy,'"—

be disagreed to.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 22.

Mr. Gibbes,	Mr. William Clarke,
Mr. Roberts,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Neild,	
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Dr. Wilkinson,
Mr. James Henry Young,	Mr. Burdekin.
Mr. Garrett,	
Sir Henry Parkes,	
Mr. Davice,	
Mr. Hammond,	
Mr. W. J. Fergusson,	
Mr. O'Connor,	
Mr. Ives,	
Mr. Henry Clarke,	
Mr. J. D. Young,	
Mr. J. F. Smith,	
Mr. Abigail,	
Mr. Teece,	
Mr. Henson,	
Mr. Burns,	

Noes, 35.

Sir Patrick Jennings,	Mr. Day,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Burke,
Mr. Want,	Mr. Barbour,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. See,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Humphery,
Dr. Renwick,	Mr. Tarrant,
Mr. Butcher,	Mr. De Courcy Browne,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Hassall,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
Mr. T. R. Smith,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Hogan,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Bull,	Mr. Judd,
Mr. Trickett,	Mr. Harold Stephen,
Mr. Jones,	Mr. Purves.
Mr. Lewis Lloyd,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Williamson,	
Mr. Lync,	Mr. Moore,
Mr. Heydon,	Mr. Melville.
Mr. Cass,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Question,—That the Resolutions be agreed to,—again proposed.

Debate continued.

Question put and passed.

12. WAYS AND MEANS :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Deputy Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Trickett reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

Mr. Trickett 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.

13. CIVIL SERVICE ACT AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) :—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Dibbs moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

TUESDAY, 19 OCTOBER, 1886, A.M.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 29.		Noes, 4.
Sir Patrick Jennings,	Mr. Burke,	Mr. Gibbes,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Butcher,	Mr. Trickett.
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Bull,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Jones,	Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Want,	Mr. T. R. Smith,	Mr. Neild.
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Day,	
Mr. Levein,	Mr. Cass,	
Mr. Hassall,	Mr. Lync,	
Mr. Barbour,	Dr. Renwick,	
Mr. Heydon,	Mr. Garvan,	
Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,	Mr. Garrett.	
Mr. Harold Stephen,	<i>Tellers,</i>	
Mr. William Clarke,		
Mr. Dawson,	Mr. De Courcy Browne,	
Mr. Melville,	Mr. Williamson.	
Mr. J. F. Smith,		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

(2.) Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Dibbs, 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. Trickett reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Dibbs, the report was adopted.

Ordered, that the Bill be now read a third time.

(3.) 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 'Civil Service Act 1884' in respect of Classification and Increases.*"

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 'Civil Service Act 1884' in respect of Classification and Increases,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 19th October, 1886 A.M.

The House adjourned at a quarter past Two o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

T. M. SLATTERY.

Deputy Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 149.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

TUESDAY, 19 OCTOBER, 1886.

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. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) National Park:—*Mr. Davies*, for *Mr. Williamson*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it a fact that last Sunday a number of large crimson lillies and cabbage-free fronds were cut down in the vicinity of the Port Hacking River, within the National Park, by, or under the direction of, the person in charge of the Park buildings at Audley; and, if so, by what authority, and for what purpose, and where have such lillies and fronds been taken?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—I have made inquiries of the Trustees of the National Park, but have not obtained any information that any such fraud has been committed.

(2.) Employés, Government Printing Office:—*Mr. O'Sullivan* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Has he received a communication, dated 29th September, 1886, on behalf of the Supernumerary Compositors employed in the Government Printing Office, asking for a day's pay for the Eight Hour Demonstration Day?

(2.) If so, is it his intention to grant the request?

Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) As I find that the concession asked for has been made in other branches of the Service, I see no reason for excluding the Supernumerary Compositors in the Government Printing Office from a participation in the like advantage.

(3.) Land Valuator's Office:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for *Mr. Abigail*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Will he have any objection to state if the Journal Record of temporary hands in the Land Valuator's Office show some are receiving salaries for doing nothing?

(2.) Is it true that values made by the Temporary Valuers have been largely reduced when re-valued?

(3.) Will the chief position in this office, vacant by the death of *Mr. Byrnes*, be filled in accordance with the Civil Service Act?

Mr. Lync answered,—

(1.) In consequence of the illness of the late *Mr. Byrnes*, a Temporary Valuer was appointed. The Journal shows that there is but little work for a second Valuer, and if I find the slackness likely to continue, his services will be dispensed with.

(2.) In two cases.

(3.) Yes.

(4.) Appointment of Land Appraisers:—*Mr. Hugh Taylor*, for *Mr. Abigail*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) How many Appraisers did *Mr. J. P. Abbott* recommend or appoint during the time he was Secretary for Lands?

(2.) The names of the persons so recommended or appointed by *Mr. Abbott*, and the date of such recommendations or appointments?

(3.) How many Appraisers have been appointed by the present Government, and their names?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1.) The appointment of fourteen persons was approved by *Mr. Abbott*, for the purpose of inspecting and reporting upon pastoral holdings. These appointments were carried into effect by the present Government.

(2.) The names of the persons so appointed are as follows, viz. :—Archer, C. E. ; Barton, R. D. ; Barton, W. C. ; Broughton, W. ; Dickens, E. B. L. ; Frazer, C. C. ; Holding, W. G. ; Langtree, M. C. ; Loughnan, H. ; Rankin, J. T. C. ; Tom, Z. A. ; Vandeleur, H. ; Wilson, D. ; Wright, W. C. Of these, the Messrs. R. D. and W. C. Barton withdrew their applications, and Messrs. H. G. Wyndham and G. Moore were appointed in their places.

(3.) In addition to the above, fifteen additional appointments were made on the 6th September, 1886. The names of the persons appointed are as follows, viz. :—Battye, C. ; Brandis, C. ; Campbell, R. J. ; Combes, J. B. ; Crowe, J. ; Doyle, J. K. ; Eagar, H. ; Hetherington, R. A. ; Johnson, R. ; Lloyd, C. W. ; Lowe, C. B. ; Major, T. ; Sams, A. ; Woodbine, F. W. ; Yeo, W.

(5.) Wingen Population Area :—Mr. Abigail asked the Secretary for Lands,—Who was Secretary for Lands at the date of the *Gazette* Notice of the revocation of the Wingen Population Area?

Mr. Copeland answered,—Mr. J. P. Abbott. The notice was published in accordance with Executive authority, obtained upon the recommendation of Mr. Abbott's predecessor.

(6.) Sale of Crown Lands :—Mr. Day asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What amount of money has been received at the Treasury from the sale of Crown Lands from all sources, including all rents from land, during the years 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, and the nine months of 1886, including 30th September?

Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—The information asked for by the Honorable Member will be supplied in a day or two.

(7.) Government Statistician's Office :—Mr. Hammond asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it true that a number of clerks are still kept on in the Statist's Office?

(2.) If so, from what fund are they being paid?

(3.) Is it the intention of the Government to permanently retain them?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) These clerks draw the salaries voted for them in other Departments from which they have been transferred, except in two cases, for which provision has been made on the Additional Estimates.

(3.) Yes.

3. PAPERS :—

Mr. Copeland laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Religious 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 101st, 103rd, 109th, and 112th sections of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

(3.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 101st section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

(4.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Public Purposes, in accordance with the 104th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

(5.) Abstract of Alterations of Designs of Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the 107th section of the Act 48 Victoria No. 18.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Report on the Government Asylums for the Infirm and Destitute for 1885.

(2.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Taree.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Suttor laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 23rd September, 1886—"Money Order Branches."

Ordered to be printed.

4. DIVORCE EXTENSION BILL :—Mr. Neild presented a Petition from David Smith, Moderator, signed in the name and by the authority of the Presbytery of Sydney, stating that Petitioners believe Wilful Desertion to be a valid ground of Divorce, and in agreement with the teaching of Holy Scripture and the Confession of Faith received by the Presbyterian Church ; and praying the House to give legal effect to this view by passing the Divorce Extension Bill, in so far as it provides for cases of Wilful Desertion.

And the Petition having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Deputy Speaker,—Petition received.

5. SYDNEY MECHANICS SCHOOL OF ARTS INCORPORATION BILL :—Mr. Deputy 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 repeal the 'Sydney Mechanics School of Arts Incorporation Act of 1874' and to re-incorporate the said Institution and to enable the Committee to borrow money and with the sanction of the Members of the said Institution to sell demise or otherwise dispose of either absolutely or by way of mortgage the real or personal property of the said Institution and for other purposes therein mentioned,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 19th October, 1886.

JOHN HAY,
President.

6. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES :—Sir Patrick Jennings (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That George Day, Esquire, do take the Chair in Committee of the Whole House for this day only. Question put and passed.

7. **GOVERNMENT STEAMERS IN PORT JACKSON**:—Sir Patrick Jennings (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Return of Particulars respecting Government Steamers in Port Jackson, laid upon the Table of this House on the 11th October, 1886, be printed.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
8. **WAYS AND MEANS**:—The Order of the Day having been read for the reception of certain Resolutions from the Committee of Ways and Means,—*Mr. Day* moved, That the Resolutions be now received.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
The Resolutions were then 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 1885 and previous years, the sum of £851,520 8s. 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 1886, the sum of £7,025,990 19s. 1d. be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.
On motion of Sir Patrick Jennings, the Resolutions were read a second time, and agreed to.
9. **APPROPRIATION BILL**:—
(1.) Ordered, on motion of Sir Patrick Jennings, 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 1886 and for the year 1885 and previous years.
(2.) Sir Patrick Jennings 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 1886 and for the Year 1885 and previous years*,”—which was read a first time (after Debate).
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
10. **LOAN ESTIMATE FOR 1886**:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Sir Patrick Jennings, and read by Mr. Deputy Speaker:—
CARRINGTON, *Message No. 105.*
Governor.
In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th section of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the accompanying Loan Estimate for the year 1886.
Government House,
Sydney, 5th October, 1886.
Ordered to be printed, together with the accompanying Estimate, and referred to the Committee of Supply.
11. **VINE DISEASES BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Dibbs, 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. Day* 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 prohibit the importation of Grape Vines Grape Vine Cuttings and Grapes and to deal with the disease known as Phylloxera*,”—including the amendments in the Title.
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 19th October, 1886.
12. **SUPPLY**:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply having been read,—Motion made (*Sir Patrick Jennings*) and Question proposed, That Mr. Deputy Speaker do now leave the Chair.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Neild moved, That the Question be amended, by the addition, at the end, of the words, “and that the Committee be instructed not to agree to any item in the Loan Estimates, the service or work for which is not of an urgent character, of a permanent nature, and likely to be reproductive to the extent of at least 4 per cent. per annum.”
Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be added be so added.
Debate continued.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 20 OCTOBER, 1886, A.M.

Question put,—That the words proposed to be added be so added.

The

The House divided.

Ayes, 9.

Mr. Gibbes,
Mr. Vaughn,
Mr. Garrett,
Sir Henry Parkes,
Mr. Ives,
Mr. Tecce,
Mr. Hugh Taylor.

Tellers,

Mr. Holborow,
Mr. Neild.

Noes, 29.

Sir Patrick Jennings,	Mr. Dawson,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. De Courey Browne,
Mr. Fletcher,	Mr. Ewing,
Dr. Renwick,	Mr. R. B. Wilkinson,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Coonan,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. Cass,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Mackinnon,
Mr. Burke,	Mr. Want,
Mr. Hyam,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. T. R. Smith,	Mr. Day,
Mr. Butcher,	Mr. Bull.
Mr. O'Sullivan,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Davies,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. Williamson,	Mr. Hassall.
Mr. Wall,	
Mr. Harold Stephen,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Original Question put and passed

Whereupon Mr. Deputy Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and *Mr. Day* reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

13. MUNICIPALITIES ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Deputy Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

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 'Municipalities Act of 1867.'*"

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 19th October, 1886.

JOHN HAY,
President.

14. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir Patrick Jennings moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly at three minutes after One o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

T. M. SLATTERY,
Deputy Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 150.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 20 OCTOBER, 1886.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk informed the House of the continued unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker.

Whereupon, on motion of Sir Patrick Jennings, the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the second Standing Order of the House.

2. QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Miners Imprisoned at Wollongong for Alleged Intimidation :—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Has he considered the Petition presented by Mr. O'Sullivan in favour of the release of the miners imprisoned at Wollongong for alleged intimidation in connection with a strike?

(2.) If so, will he state what his decision in the matter is?

Mr. Went answered.

(1.) Yes.

(2.) After careful perusal and consideration of the whole of the papers and depositions, I have been unable to recommend any remission of the sentences imposed by the Wollongong Bench in the cases referred to.

(2.) Belgian Ironworkers :—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is he aware that a foreign firm in this city has sent to Belgium for a number of ironworkers, to work in Sydney at 4s. per day?

(2.) Will he issue instructions to the Agent-General to prevent these Belgian ironworkers from being brought out to New South Wales as assisted immigrants in the last two ships which have been chartered for the conveyance of the latter?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—I have no communication about the matter.

(3.) Civil Service Act :—Mr. Abigail, for Dr. Wilkinson, asked the Postmaster-General,—Have amounts, at the rate of 4 per cent., been deducted from the salaries of certain Officers in the Telegraph Department, who have not yet received any increment, as provided for in the Civil Service Act of 1884; if so, will he state whether he intends to rectify this apparent injustice, either by a refund of the amounts so deducted, or by the payment of the increments due?

Mr. Suttor answered,—The 4 per cent. has been deducted from the salaries of all Officers in the Department, in accordance with the Civil Service Act. The increments, as provided by the Regulations, have been paid for the year 1885 to all entitled.

(4.) Members of Parliament, in connection with Contracts for Public Works :—Mr. Abigail asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Are any Members of Parliament allowed to take the contract plans for public works from the Public Works Office; if so, will he give the names of such?

(2.) Is it true that certain Members of Parliament are allowed copies of specifications free of cost, while the public requiring the same are compelled to pay for them; if so, will he state the names of the same?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1.) Yes; Mr. Burke has been allowed, on one or two occasions, to take a copy.

(2.) Mr. Burke has been furnished with a specification for station buildings at Cowra, free of cost. It is a question whether, to all persons, these printed specifications should not be given free, to enable the fullest information to intending tenderers for public works.

(5.) Mr. Soloman, Military Department :—Mr. Abigail asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has Mr. Soloman been appointed as Probationer in the Military Department, Phillip-street; if so, what are his duties and salary?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—Mr. Soloman was engaged as Temporary Assistant for special service, with a view to checking the accounts of the Paymaster, and also to reorganize and to open a new system of keeping the accounts. His salary is at the rate of £200 per annum, for temporary service only.

(6.)

(6.) Conditional Purchases, Wingen:—Mr. Abigail asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) In addition to the measured portions, 582 acres, in the parish of Wingen, taken up by Mr. J. P. Abbott, M.P., at Scone, on the 24th December, 1885, did Mr. F. Abbott, on the same date, at the same Land Office, select a non-residential conditional purchase of 250 acres, situated in the same parish?

(2.) Did Mr. W. E. Abbott on the same date, 24th December, 1885, select an additional conditional purchase of 483 acres, at same parish of Wingen; and did he also apply for a conditional lease of 717 acres?

(3.) Did the same person, Mr. W. E. Abbott, on the same date, 24th December, 1885, apply for an additional conditional purchase of 60 acres, at same parish of Wingen; and was this portion selected as an additional to C.P. 77-8, parish of Wingen?

(4.) Did Mr. W. E. Abbott, on 16th December, 1885, select an additional conditional purchase of 109 acres, at Scone, parish of Page, and apply for a conditional lease of 329 acres, in virtue of C.P. 77-8, parish of Wingen?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

(1.) Mr. F. A. Abbott applied, on the 24th December, 1885, for a non-residential conditional purchase of 250 acres.

(2.) On the 24th December, 1885, Mr. W. E. Abbott applied for an additional conditional purchase of 483 acres, and, on 16th September last, a conditional lease of 717 acres.

(3.) Yes.

(4.) Mr. W. E. Abbott applied for 109 acres on the 16th September, 1886, in virtue of conditional purchase No. 77-8, and in virtue of the former applied for a conditional lease of 327 acres.

(7.) Rent for Pastoral Leases, Western and Central Divisions:—Mr. Garrett asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) The amount paid as rent for pastoral leases in the Western and Central Divisions respectively, in 1884 for 1885?

(2.) The like particulars as to the amount paid in 1885 for 1886?

(3.) The amount paid as rent for conditional leases in 1885 and 1886, each in the Central Division?

(4.) The amount paid as rent for homestead leases in the Western Division, in the years 1885 and 1886 respectively?

Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—

(1 and 2.) The books of the Treasury are not kept so as to show the revenue in particular Divisions, and it would require more time than is now afforded to arrive at the information, which would have to be taken out in detail.

(3.) Amount received for conditional leases in the Central Division (including deposits):—Year 1885, £20,769 18s.; year 1886 (to 19th October), £26,917 14s. 8d.

(4.) Amount received for homestead leases in the Western Division (including deposits):—Year 1885, £15,767 16s. 3d.; year 1886 (to 19th October), £8,329 4s. 2d.

(8.) Tramway from Waverley to Randwick:—Mr. Neild asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has any determination been arrived at respecting the construction of the promised tramway from Waverley to Randwick?

(2.) If so, when is it intended to call for tenders?

Mr. Lyne answered,—A further survey of this line has recently been made, and the question is under consideration.

(9.) Sir John Coode's Report on Coast Works:—Mr. Abigail asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it true that the report of Sir John Coode, on the different works along the coast, at the Clarence Heads, or other places, has been received, and that he condemns, in such report, the said works?

Mr. Lyne answered,—As I have already explained, in previous questions of a similar character, we have not yet received any reports from Sir John Coode, as we have not supplied him with the necessary information which we are obtaining.

(10.) Loans for Public Works:—Mr. Garrett asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) The amount authorized to be raised by loan by the last Loan Act?

(2.) The amount raised to date under the authority of said Act?

(3.) The particulars as to how the amount so raised has been disposed of?

Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—

(1.) £14,388,303—48 Vic. No. 26.

(2.) £6,713,300.

(3.) If the Honorable Member desires to know the particular Loan Services on which the amount so raised has been expended, I will have a statement made out for his information.

3. SULLIVAN'S ESTATE BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

(1.) Mr. T. R. Smith moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Trustees of the Will of Patrick Sullivan formerly of Bathurst to sell certain real estate thereby devised on certain trusts and to provide for the investment of the sale moneys so obtained and for the application of the interest thereon under the trusts of the said Will.
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 Trustees of the Will of Patrick Sullivan formerly of Bathurst to sell certain real estate thereby devised on certain trusts and to provide for the investment of the sale moneys so obtained and for the application of the interest thereon to the use of the beneficiaries interested therein under the trusts of the said Will,*"—read a first time.

4. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES:—Sir Patrick Jennings (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That George Day, Esquire, do take the Chair in Committee of the Whole House, for this day only.
Question put and passed.

5. SUPPLY :—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply having been read,—Sir Patrick Jennings moved, That Mr. Deputy Speaker do now leave the Chair.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Deputy 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. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair ; and *Mr. Day* reported progress and obtained leave to sit again.

Mr. Day also reported that the Committee had come to certain Resolutions.

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

Mr. Day then reported the Resolutions, which were read a first time, as follows :—

LOAN ESTIMATE—1886.

(161.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty for the year 1886, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £609,853, under the head "Harbours and Rivers Branch," being £100,000 further for Country Towns Water Supplies, inclusive of Loans, in certain cases to be made to Municipalities, which have been constructed or may be authorized by the Governor-in-Council to construct Water Works, but subject to similar terms of repayment as are prescribed by the fifth part of the Act, intituled "An Act to establish a system of Water Supply and Sewerage for certain Towns," 44 Victoria No. 14; £474,353, Sydney Water Supply Works, inclusive of cost of Temporary Supply, further sum; £9,000, Circular Quay, Wood-paving and other Improvements; £9,000, Wollongong—towards deepening Harbour; £10,000, Trial Bay—Prison Buildings and Breakwater; and £7,500, Blackwattle Bay—construction of Wharf and Wall.

(162.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty for the year 1886, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £143,740, under the head "Colonial Architect's Branch," being £26,740, purchase of Land, Phillip and Hunter Streets, for Police and other Public Offices; £36,000, University Medical School; £42,000, completion of the New General Post Office; £20,000, Bathurst Gaol—completion of; £11,000, Dubbo Public Buildings, including Site; and £8,000, erection of Gaol at Bega.

(163.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty for the year 1886, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £23,800, under the head "Roads and Bridges Branch," being £5,300, Iron Bridge over Gwydir or Big River, at Bingora; £8,500, Iron Bridge over Snowy River, at Buckley's Crossing (Re-vote, £5,000; further sum £3,500); £5,000, Iron Bridge, Barwon River, at Brewarrina, further sum; and £5,000, Iron Bridge, Mulwala (moiety to be paid by the Government of Victoria).

(164.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty for the year 1886, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £250,000, under the head "Sewerage Branch," being for Sydney Sewerage Works—Works in progress, Contracts to be let, and resumption of land.

(165.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty for the year 1886, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £1,988,000, under the head "Railway Branch," being £250,000 towards completion of Line, Tamworth to Tenterfield, further sum; £35,000 towards completion of Line, Wallerawang to Mudgee, further sum; £28,000 towards completion of Line, Albury to River Murray, further sum; £70,000, towards completion of doubling Line to Penrith, further sum; £660,000 towards completion of Line, Sydney to Wollongong and Kiama; £40,000 towards completion of Line, Cootamundra to Gundagai; £25,000, Trial Surveys; £580,000, Rolling Stock and Machinery; £300,000, purchase of Railway Stores.

(166.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty for the year 1886, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £100,000, under the head "Electric Telegraphs," being for construction and extension of Telegraph Lines generally, further sum.

On motion of Sir Patrick Jennings, the Resolutions were read a second time and agreed to.

6. WAYS AND MEANS :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Sir Patrick Jennings, Mr. Deputy Speaker left the Chair ; and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair ; and *Mr. Day* reported progress and obtained leave to sit again.

Mr. Day also reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

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

Mr. Day 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 £3,115,393 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 4 per centum per annum, to defray the expenses of certain Public Works and Services of the Colony, and for other purposes,

On motion of Sir Patrick Jennings, the Resolution was read a second time and agreed to.

7. PUBLIC WORKS LOAN BILL:—

(1.) Ordered, on motion of Sir Patrick Jennings, 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.) Sir Patrick Jennings 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 to-morrow.

The House adjourned at twenty-nine minutes after Two o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

T. M. SLATTERY,
Deputy Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 151.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 21 OCTOBER, 1886.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk informed the House of the continued unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker.

Whereupon, on motion of Sir Patrick Jennings, the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the Second Standing Order of the House.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Cost of Printing and Binding the Votes and Proceedings:—Mr. T. R. Smith asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) The cost for printing, binding, &c., of the Votes and Proceedings of Parliament, for the year 1885?

(2.) Is it a fact that tons of these Votes and Proceedings are destroyed, and are no use to Members of Parliament?

Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—

(1.) £3,856 4s. 9d.

(2.) No copies of the Votes and Proceedings are destroyed at the Government Printing Office. All spare copies are stored for future use.

(2.) Burren-street, Macdonaldtown:—Mr. Gibbes asked the Secretary for Mines,—Is it his intention to hand over to the local Councils the extension of Burren-street, Macdonaldtown, to Wilson-street, Newtown; if so, when?

Mr. Fletcher answered,—Compensation for the land has been paid to the owners, and they have been called upon to remove the fences forthwith. If they fail to do so, it will be done by the Surveyor-General, and the street will then be handed over to the Municipal Councils.

(3.) Railway Workshops, Junee:—Mr. Gibbes asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government to remove the railway workshops now at Junee from Junee?

Mr. Lyne answered,—The question is under consideration.

(4.) Macdonaldtown Railway Station:—Mr. Gibbes asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it, or is it not, the intention of the Government to erect a ticket office at Macdonaldtown Station, on southern side of railway line?

Mr. Lyne answered,—A waiting-shed is being erected on the southern side at Macdonaldtown. This does not contain a ticket office. The station building, which contains a ticket office, is being erected on the northern side of the line.

(5.) James Beattie, Customs Department:—Mr. Abigail asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Was James Beattie, formerly coachman to the Colonial Treasurer, recently appointed messenger in the Customs Department, at a salary of £150 per annum; and the date of such appointment?

(2.) Has James Beattie, through being unable to read or write, been transferred to the position of doorkeeper?

Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—

(1.) James Beattie was appointed to a vacant messengership on the 1st August, 1886, at a salary of £150 per annum.

(2.) James Beattie can read well, and writes sufficiently well for his position. He is now acting as Long Room Messenger.

(6.) Cost of Furnishing Bed-room for Secretary for Public Works:—Mr. Abigail asked the Secretary for Public Works.—

(1.) Has his bed-room been recently furnished at the Public Works Office?

(2.) What was the amount paid to Mr. John Russell for the supply of the furniture?

Mr.

Mr. Lyne answered,—

- (1.) Yes; it became necessary (in consequence of the time occupied in the Assembly) to fit a room as bed-room, to enable me to perform the large amount of office work in my Department, which was likely to be seriously retarded unless by close application.
 (2.) £31 9s. 6d.

(7.) Mr. H. E. Vindin :—Mr. Abigail asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) What was the date of the appointment of Mr. H. E. Vindin as Superintending Rabbit Inspector, and is he a brother-in-law of Mr. J. P. Abbott, M.P.?
 (2.) The total amount paid to Mr. H. E. Vindin as salary, from 1st August, 1885, to 31st July, 1886?
 (3.) The total amount paid to Mr. H. E. Vindin as travelling allowance, during the like period?

Mr. Fletcher answered,—

- (1.) 1st August, 1885. There is nothing on the papers to show that the relationship referred to exists.
 (2.) £355.
 (3.) £462 15s.; but steps are being taken to reduce such travelling expenses.

(8.) Balranald Town Common :—Mr. Abigail asked the Secretary for Lands,—Referring to the reply given on Monday last, to the effect that no conditional purchases have been applied for within the Balranald Town Common,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that Mrs. Catherine Murphy, in 1881 or 1882, selected 379½ acres within the town common?
 (2.) Did Mr. William Smith, about the same time, take up a conditional purchase of 320 acres, 100 acres of which encroached on the said common?
 (3.) Did Mr. J. Mitchell, some time after the above date, take up a conditional purchase of 292 acres, all within the said common?
 (4.) Did the Trustees, after some trouble, succeed in having the said selections cancelled?
 (5.) Will he have any objection to lay the papers upon the Table of the House?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

- (1.) No conditional purchase was made in 1881 or 1882 by Mrs. Catherine Murphy; but she applied, on 7th December, 1876, for an area of 379½ acres. The application was declared void on 5th November, 1877, the land being wholly within the population boundary of the town of Balranald.
 (2.) No; a conditional purchase of 320 acres was made by Mr. Wm. Smith on the 26th April, 1877, the area of which was reduced to 242 acres 1 rood on the 15th September, 1879. The reason for the reduction cannot be stated, as the papers were not to-day obtainable.
 (3.) No; an application by Mr. J. Mitchell for 292 acres 1 rood was made on the 9th August, 1877, and declared void on the 5th November, 1877, the land being within the population boundary of Balranald.
 (4.) The selections were cancelled on the recommendation of the Surveyor-General.
 (5.) Not if the Honorable Member will give any valid reasons for putting the country to the expense of printing them.

(9.) Mr. C. J. Lyne :—Mr. Abigail asked the Secretary for Mines,—Was Mr. C. J. Lyne, on or about the 1st September last, appointed Officer superintending the erection of the rabbit-proof fencing from Narramine to Bourke, at a salary of £6 per week; and is he a brother of the Secretary for Public Works?

Mr. Fletcher answered,—Yes; but the salary includes travelling expenses, and the appointment is temporary and will last about five months.

(10.) Mr. Sydney Dibbs :—Mr. Abigail asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Was Mr. Sydney Dibbs recently appointed a clerk in the Long Room of the Customs Department, at a salary of £120 per annum; and is he a relative of the Colonial Secretary?
 (2.) The date of such appointment?

Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—

- (1.) Mr. Sydney Dibbs was appointed on 18th September, 1883, at a salary of £60 per annum; on the 1st October, 1884, by order of promotion, the salary was increased to £100 per annum; and, on the 1st April, 1885, to £120, by annual increment.
 (2.) Answered.

(11.) Appointment of Land Appraisers :—Mr. Abigail asked the Secretary for Lands,—Referring to my question, No. 4 upon the Votes and Proceedings No. 149, and the Minister's answer, to the effect that "the appointment of fourteen persons was approved of by Mr. Abbott for the purpose of inspecting and reporting upon pastoral holdings,"—

- (1.) Will he now state, as requested by me in the question referred to, the date upon which Mr. Abbott approved of these appointments?
 (2.) The date upon which Mr. Abbott ceased to be Secretary for Lands?

Mr. Copeland answered,—

- (1.) The 15th December, 1885.
 (2.) The 22nd December, 1885.

(12.) Improvements of the Manning and Hastings Rivers :—Mr. Roberts asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has he made sufficient provision on the Estimates recently passed to enable him to furnish Sir John Coode with the data required by him before reporting on the harbour improvements of the Manning and Hastings Rivers?

Mr. Lyne answered,—A further sum has been taken on account of harbour surveys, though not sufficient to pay the cost of all the surveys required by Sir John Coode. The particular surveys alluded to by the Honorable Member shall be undertaken as quickly as possible.

(13.) Contract Draftsmen, Survey Department :—Mr. Burke asked the Secretary for Lands,—
(1.) Will he lay upon the Table of this House the names of all Contract Draftsmen in the Survey Department?

(2.) Will he state the amount received by each for work performed during the past three months, and for each month?

(3.) Will he state what appointment Mr. Willis holds in the Survey Department?

(4.) Will he state whether a Mr. Richardson, of the Contract Department, has received any more consideration than any other in the Contract Department (Survey); and, if so, on what grounds?

Mr. Lyne answered,—

(1 and 2.) Yes; I will presently lay a Return upon the Table of the House.

(3.) Mr. Willis is a First-class Draftsman on permanent salary. He is in charge of the Compiling, Lithographic, and Printing Branches of the Survey Office.

(4.) Mr. Richardson has been entrusted with the preparation of county maps, as he possesses special qualifications for the work.

3. LANDS ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Copeland 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 "Crown Lands Act of 1884" and to further regulate the alienation and occupation of Crown Lands.

Question put and passed.

4. SULLIVAN'S ESTATE BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. T. R. Smith moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That Sullivan's Estate Bill be referred to a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, for consideration and report.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Barbour, Mr. Forsyth, Mr. Day, Mr. Teece, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Neild, Mr. Bull, Mr. Hassall, Mr. Sutherland, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

5. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO OFFICERS OF CIVIL SERVICE (*Formal Motion*):—Sir Henry Parkes 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, giving, in separate columns, the following information for each year since the year 1872 :—

(1.) The names of Officers of the Civil Service who have received leave of absence for six months or longer periods.

(2.) The amount of salary (if any) granted to such Officers during such leave of absence.

(3.) The number of leaves of absence (if any) previously granted in each case.

(4.) The nature of the duties assigned to each Officer to whom such leave of absence has been granted.

(5.) The arrangements for the performance of such duties during the Officers absence.

(6.) The name of the Minister on whose recommendation the leave of absence was granted in each case.

(7.) The reasons assigned for leave being granted in each case.

Question put and passed.

6. LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO HENRY HALLORAN, Esq., C.M.G. (*Formal Motion*):—Sir Henry Parkes 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 of the Executive Council, and of other documents relating to the leave of absence for twelve months granted to Henry Halloran, Esq., C.M.G., then holding the office of Under Secretary in the Colonial Secretary's Department.

Question put and passed.

7. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Legislative Council's amendments in the Defamation Act Amendment Bill, postponed until to-morrow.

8. TRAVELLING EXPENSES IN THE PUBLIC SERVICE :—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the adjourned Debate on this subject, discharged, on motion of Mr. Sydney Smith.

9. PAPERS :—

Mr. Copeland laid upon the Table,—Return respecting Contract Draftsmen in the Survey Branch of the Lands Department.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Garvan laid upon the Table,—Return, to an Order made on 8th June, 1886—"Paid Magistrates of the Colony."

Ordered to be printed.

Dr. Renwick laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Land for Public Purposes Acquisition Act, for Public School Purposes at Ebenezer, Newrea, and Tothdale.

(2.) By-laws of the University of Sydney.

Ordered to be printed.

10. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL :—Mr. Deputy Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council :—

(1.) Civil Service Act Amendment Bill (No. 2) :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Civil Service Act 1884' in respect of Classification and Increases,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 21st October, 1886.

JOHN HAY,
President.

(2.)

(2.) Penrith Water and Gas Supply Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to enable Thomas Sellwood Huntley and Walter Barnard to establish a system of Water Supply and to construct Gas-works within the Borough and Suburbs of Penrith,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 21st October, 1886.

JOHN HAY,
President.

PENRITH WATER AND GAS SUPPLY BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 21st October, 1886.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 1, Preamble, line 3. *After "Nepean" insert "River"*
 Page 2, clause 1, lines 23 to 26. *Omit "Catchment Area"—The drainage area of the streams and "other sources of water supply included within boundaries set forth in any Proclamation "under this Act for the purpose of providing water for any water district"*
 Page 3, clause 2, line 2. *Omit "the" insert "any"*
 Page 3, clause 3, line 47. *After "water" insert "from the Nepean River"*
 Page 3, clause 3, line 51. *After "necessary" omit remainder of sub-section (1)*
 Page 4, clause 3, line 2. *After "construction" insert "and"*
 Page 4, clause 3, line 3. *Omit "repair or improvement"*
 Page 4, clause 3. *Omit sub-sections (III) and (IV)*
 Page 4, clause 3, line 32. *Omit "or diverting"*
 Page 4, clause 3, line 32. *After "water" omit remainder of clause insert "from the said River"*
 Pages 4 and 5, clauses 5 and 6. *Omit clauses 5 and 6.*
 Page 5, clause 11, line 48. *After "supplied" omit remainder of clause.*
 Page 6, clause 15, line 18. *Omit "give" insert "leave"*
 Page 6, clause 15, lines 18 and 19. *Omit "to the promoters" insert "at the registered office of the "promoters hereinafter mentioned"*
 Page 6, clauses 16 and 17. *Omit clauses 16 and 17.*
 Page 6, clause 20. *At end of clause add "Provided that the promoters shall at all times have an "office in the town of Penrith and shall register the same at the Council Chamber of the "said Municipal Council at Penrith"*
 Page 10, clause 42. *Omit clause 42.*
 Page 10, clause 43, line 18. *Omit "catchment area or"*
 Page 10, clause 43, line 19. *Omit "stream"*
 Page 10, clause 43, line 24. *Omit "stream"*
 Page 12, clause 48, line 27. *After "owner" omit "or" insert "of"*
 Page 12, clause 50. *Omit clause 50.*

Examined,—

W. R. PIDDINGTON,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the Council's amendments be taken into consideration to-morrow.

11. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES:—Sir Patrick Jennings (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That George Day, Esquire, do take the Chair in Committee of the Whole House, for this day only. Question put and passed.
12. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir Henry Parkes moved, That this House do now adjourn. Debate ensued. Question put and negatived.
13. PAPER:—Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table,—Third Report of the Royal Commission on Collieries. Ordered to be printed.
14. CAPTAIN ARMSTRONG:—Mr. O'Sullivan presented a Petition from Richard Ramsay Armstrong, retired Captain of the Royal Navy, now of Sydney, late Resident Magistrate of Lord Howe Island, representing that the case of his dismissal from his duties and offices at Lord Howe Island, has now been more than four years before Parliament; and praying the House to give the matter its earliest and serious consideration before the prorogation of Parliament. And the Petition having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Deputy Speaker,—Petition received.
15. PUBLIC WORKS LOAN BILL:—
 (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir Patrick Jennings moved, That this Bill be now read a second time. Debate ensued. Question put and passed. Bill read a second time. On motion of Sir Patrick Jennings, 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. Day reported the Bill without amendment. On motion of Sir Patrick Jennings, the report was adopted. Ordered, that the Bill be now read a third time.
 (2.) Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Sir Patrick Jennings, *passed*. Sir Patrick Jennings 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,

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, 21st October, 1886.*

16. APPROPRIATION BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—Sir Patrick Jennings moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Sir Patrick Jennings, 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. Day* reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Sir Patrick Jennings, the report was adopted.

(2.) Sir Patrick Jennings moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued,

Question put and passed.

Bill read a third time.

Sir Patrick Jennings moved, That this Bill do now *pass*.

Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 22 OCTOBER, 1886, A.M.

Question put and passed.

Sir Patrick Jennings 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 1886 and for the Year 1885 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 1886 and for the Year 1885 and previous Years,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 22nd October, 1886, A.M.*

17. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed until to-morrow.

(1.) Supply; resumption of the Committee.

(2.) Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.

18. GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS BILL:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion for the second reading of this Bill, read,—and, on motion of Sir Patrick Jennings, discharged.

Ordered, that the Bill be withdrawn.

19. BOUNDARIES OF MUNICIPALITIES RE-ADJUSTMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill, read,—and, on motion of Sir Patrick Jennings, discharged.

Ordered, that the Bill be withdrawn.

20. PRINCE ALFRED HOSPITAL ACTS AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill, read,—and, on motion of Sir Patrick Jennings, discharged.

Ordered, that the Bill be withdrawn.

21. INCOME TAX BILL:—The Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of the Whole of this Bill discharged, on motion of Sir Patrick Jennings.

Ordered, that the Bill be withdrawn.

22. ADDITIONAL STIPENDIARY MAGISTRATE BILL:—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in this Bill, read,—and, on motion of Sir Patrick Jennings, discharged.

23. CRIMINAL LAW FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill, read; and, on motion of Sir Patrick Jennings, discharged.

Ordered, that the Bill be withdrawn.

24. WOLLONGONG PUBLIC SCHOOL SITE SALE BILL:—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Legislative Council's amendments in this Bill, read,—and, on motion of Sir Patrick Jennings (after Debate), discharged.

Ordered, that the Bill be withdrawn.

25. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir Patrick Jennings moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debated ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly at twenty minutes after Twelve o'clock a.m., until Four o'clock p.m. This Day.

T. M. SLATTERY,
Deputy Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 152.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 22 OCTOBER, 1886.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk informed the House of the continued unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker.

Whereupon, on motion of Sir Patrick Jennings, the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy Speaker, pursuant to the second Standing Order of the House.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Payment to Mr. T. K. Abbott, S.M., for Special Services:—Mr. Abigail asked the Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) What fee was paid to Mr. T. K. Abbott, S.M., for his services as a Royal Commissioner at the recent Kempsey Inquiry?
- (2.) How long was he absent from his usual official duties while holding that inquiry?
- (3.) Was he, in addition to the fee paid, provided with a free passage, and an allowance for travelling expenses; and, if so, what was the amount thereof?
- (4.) Who performed Mr. Abbott's duties during his absence?
- (5.) The like information in regard to the Quirindi Inquiry?

Mr. Garvan answered,—

- (1.) £157 10s.
- (2.) Forty-six days.
- (3.) Yes; the sum of £60 was advanced towards the expenses of himself and clerk. Subsequently a further sum of £120 was advanced for additional expenses and payments of witnesses, of whom there seventy or eighty examined.
- (4.) George Maunsell, Esquire, Police Magistrate, Moruya.
- (5.) With regard to the Quirindi Inquiry, a fee of the same amount (£157 10s.) has been paid. I find that the Inquiry occupied sixteen days, and that the sum of £50 was advanced to Mr. Abbott for payment of the expenses of himself and clerk and witnesses. James Mair, Esquire, Police Magistrate, Newcastle, acted as deputy for Mr. Abbott on this occasion.

(2.) Mail Train between Junee and Narrandera:—Mr. Davies, for Mr. Gormly, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) The cost of running the daily mail and passenger train between Junee and Narrandera, for the two years previous to its discontinuance?
- (2.) The receipts for the same time?

Mr. Lyne answered,—This information will be prepared and furnished to the Honorable Member.

(3.) Mr. Fisheries Inspector Quinan:—Mr. Abigail asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is Mr. Quinan, of the Fisheries Commission Department, on full duty; if so, what salary is he receiving?
- (2.) Has he been paid arrears of salary from the time he was suspended; if so, what was the amount?

Mr. Dibbs answered,—Mr. Quinan has been transferred to another Department, and has been paid his salary during suspension.

(4.) Mr. Abigail, M.P.:—Mr. Burke asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Has the Honorable Member for West Sydney, Mr. Abigail, any relatives in the Government Departments; if so, how many, and their names?

Mr. Lyne answered,—As far as my Department is concerned, he has a son, F. Abigail, in the Railway Ticket Office, and a nephew, William Abigail, a Railway Guard.

(5.) New Hebrides:—Mr. G. A. Lloyd asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Has the telegram which the Chamber of Commerce sent him on 23rd September, with regard to the New Hebrides, been sent to the Agent-General; and, if so, when?

Sir Patrick Jennings answered,—A letter was received by the Government from the Chamber of Commerce, asking that a certain resolution adopted by that body should be transmitted by cable to the Agent-General. The Government, feeling that they should not be called upon to bear the expense of cabling to England resolutions emanating from institutions other than Parliament, have forwarded the communication to the Agent-General in the usual way by post.

3. PAPERS :—

Dr. Renwick laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Annual Report on the Nautical School-ship "Vernon," for the year ended 30th June, 1886.
- (2.) Return to an Order made on 21st September, 1886—"Retirement of Mr. P. McDonagh from the Government Printing Office."

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Fletcher laid upon the Table,—Regulations under the Prickly Pear Destruction Act of 1886.
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Copeland laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 29th September, 1886—"Land Offices, Glen Innes or Armidale."
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Lyne laid upon the Table :—

- (1.) Notification of Authority of the Governor and Executive Council, under the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act, for the Construction of Water Supply Works for Bourke.
- (2.) Statement showing Positions held, and Salary received, by Mr. E. O. Moriarty, Engineer-in-Chief for Harbours and Rivers.
- (3.) Return showing, Names of Railway Station-masters, with dates of first appointment, present salary, and last increase.
- (4.) Minutes, Correspondence, &c. respecting Railway Coal-boxes, Darling Harbour
- (5.) Copies of Papers respecting Contract for Towing Dredge-punts, Newcastle.

Ordered to be printed.

4. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES :—Sir Patrick Jennings (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That George Day, Esquire, do take the Chair in Committee of the Whole House, for this day only. Question put and passed.

5. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Garrett moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.

Interruption.

6. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL :—Mr. Deputy Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council :—

(1.) 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, 22nd October, 1886.*

JOHN HAY,
President.

(2.) Appropriation Bill :—

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 1886 and for the Year 1885 and previous Years,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 22nd October, 1886.*

JOHN HAY,
President.

7. ADJOURNMENT :—The Debate on this subject,—interrupted by the proceedings recorded in entry 6,—resumed.

Disorder :—During the address of the Honorable Member for St. Leonards, Sir Henry Parkes, an interjection was made by the Honorable Member for Morpeth, Mr. Wisdom, which Mr. Deputy Speaker ruled to be disorderly, and requested him to withdraw; and the Honorable Member remaining silent in his place, Mr. Deputy Speaker called upon Mr. Wisdom by name,—
And that Honorable Member still remaining silent in his place,—
Sir Henry Parkes resumed his address.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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Debate continued.

Question,—That this House do now adjourn,—put and negatived.

8. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT—PROROGATION :—Sir Patrick Jennings 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 Monday next, at noon,—And moved (*by consent*), That this House, at its rising this day, do adjourn until Monday, at half-past Eleven o'clock.
Question put and passed.

9. POSTPONEMENTS :—The Orders of the Day and Notices of Motions of General Business postponed, to follow after the Order of the Day of Government Business for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in the Lands Act Amendment Bill.

10. LANDS ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Copeland, Mr. Deputy 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 "Crown Lands Act of 1884," and to further regulate the alienation and occupation of Crown Lands.

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

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

Mr. Day 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 "Crown Lands Act of 1884," and to further regulate the alienation and occupation of Crown Lands.

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

(2.) Mr. Copeland then presented a Bill, intituled "A Bill to amend the 'Crown Lands Act of 1884,' and to further regulate the alienation and occupation of Crown Lands,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Monday next.

11. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed until Monday next:—

(1.) Parliamentary *Hansard*—Daily Issue; consideration in Committee of the Whole of Resolutions.

(2.) Parliamentary *Hansard*; consideration in Committee of the Whole of Resolutions.

(3.) Borough of East St. Leonards Wharves Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.

(4.) Assignees of Fire Insurance Policies Enabling Bill second reading.

12. DEFAMATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Reid, 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. Day* reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.

On motion of Mr. Reid, 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 Law relating to Libel and Slander.*"

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 23rd October, 1886., A.M.*

13. PENRITH WATER AND GAS SUPPLY BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. T. R. Smith, 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. Day* reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.

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 amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable Thomas Sellwood Huntley and Walter Barnard to establish a system of Water Supply and to construct Gas-works within the Borough and Suburbs of Penrith.*"

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 23rd October, 1886, A.M.*

14. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir Patrick Jennings moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

15. CAPTAIN ARMSTRONG:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Shepherd moved, That Mr. Deputy 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 the necessary steps to be taken to make provision for the payment of a sum of money not exceeding £3,000, to compensate Captain Armstrong for all the consequences of his dismissal from his position of Resident Magistrate at Lord Howe Island.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 16.

Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Ewing,
Mr. Lyne,	Mr. McCulloch,
Mr. Hassall,	Mr. Reid,
Mr. Shepherd,	Mr. Harold Stephen,
Mr. Neild,	Mr. Burke.
Mr. O'Connor,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Bull,	
Mr. Day,	Mr. Moore,
Mr. Targett,	Mr. O'Sullivan.

Noes, 15.

Mr. Vaughn,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Mr. Garvan,	Mr. Hammond,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. J. F. Smith,
Mr. Burdekin,	Mr. Quin.
Mr. Sydney Smith,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Tece,	
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. T. R. Smith,	Mr. Cass.
Sir Patrick Jennings,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Whereupon Mr. Deputy Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole accordingly.

Mr. Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair.

16.

16. **POSTPONEMENTS** :—The following Orders of the Day postponed until Monday next:—
 (1.) Sydney Bishopric and Church Property Bill; second reading.
 (2.) Crookwell Roman Catholic Church Land Sale Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.
 (3.) Pharmaceutical Society of New South Wales Incorporation Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
17. **CREMATION BILL** :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill, read,—and, on motion of Mr. Melville, discharged.
 Ordered, that the Bill be withdrawn.
18. **CEMETERIES REGULATION BILL** :—The Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of the Whole of this Bill, discharged, on motion of Mr. Melville.
 Ordered, that the Bill be withdrawn.
19. **POSTPONEMENTS** :—The following Orders of the Day postponed until Monday next:—
 (1.) New South Wales Trustees Executors and Agency Company's Bill; adjourned Debate, on motion of Mr. Thompson, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
 (2.) Railway from Cooma to Bombala; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on motion of Mr. Harold Stephen.
 (3.) Claim of Charles Stevens; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on motion of Mr. Vaughn.
 (4.) North Coast Railway; adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. James Henry Young.
 (5.) Select Committees on Private Bills; consideration in Committee of the Whole of Resolutions.
 (6.) Willoughby and Gordon Tramway Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.
 (7.) Illawarra Steam Navigation Act Amendment Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.
 (8.) Mr. Henry Arthur Hough; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. McCulloch.
 (9.) Robert Mackrell's Selection at Forbes; adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Vaughn.
 (10.) Supreme Court Process Facilitation Bill (No. 2); second reading.
20. **BUILDING FOR INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION** :—Mr. Harold Stephen moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the following Resolution:—That this House is of opinion that steps should at once be taken for the erection of a building which would be suitable for use in connection with an International Exhibition, should such an Exhibition be in the future decided upon.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put.
 The House divided.

Ayes, 10.

Mr. O'Connor,
 Mr. O'Sullivan,
 Mr. Moore,
 Mr. Burke,
 Mr. Day,
 Mr. Bull,
 Mr. Targott,
 Mr. Lysaght.

Tellers,

Mr. Harold Stephen,
 Mr. Neild.

Noes, 18.

Mr. Sutor,	Mr. Teeco,
Mr. Ewing,	Mr. Hawthorne,
Sir Patrick Jennings,	Mr. Hammond,
Mr. Copeland,	Mr. Garrett.
Mr. Quin,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Dibbs,	
Mr. Wall,	Mr. Melville,
Mr. T. R. Smith,	Mr. Hassall.
Mr. Cass,	
Mr. Lync,	
Mr. McCulloch,	
Mr. J. F. Smith,	

And so it passed in the negative.

The House adjourned at three minutes before Three o'clock a.m., until Monday next at *half-past Eleven o'clock a.m.*

T. M. SLATTERY,
Deputy Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 153.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

MONDAY, 25 OCTOBER, 1886.

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.) Vine Diseases Bill:—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 106.

A Bill, intituled, "*An Act to prohibit the Importation of Grape-vines and to deal with the disease known as Phylloxera Vastatrix.*"—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, 23rd October, 1886.

- (2.) Municipalities Act Amendment Bill:—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 107.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Municipalities 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, 23rd October, 1886.

- (3.) Defamation Act Amendment Bill:—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 108.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the Law relating to Libel and Slander.*"—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, 25th October, 1886.

- (4.) Civil Service Act Amendment Bill (No. 2):—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 109.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Civil Service Act 1884 in respect of Classification and Increases.*"—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, 25th October, 1886.

(5.)

(5.) Penrith Water and Gas Supply Bill:—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 110.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable Thomas Selwood Huntley and Walter Barnard to establish a system of Water Supply and to construct Gas Works within the Borough and Suburbs of Penrith,*"—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, 25th October, 1886.

(6.) Sydney Mechanics School of Arts Incorporation Bill:—

CARRINGTON,
Governor.

Message No. 111.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to repeal the 'Sydney Mechanics School of Arts Incorporation Act of 1874' and to re-incorporate the said Institution and to enable the Committee to borrow money and with the sanction of the members of the said Institution to sell demise or otherwise dispose of either absolutely or by way of mortgage the real or personal property of the said Institution and for other purposes therein 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, 23rd October, 1886.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Dibbs laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Annual Report of the Inspector of Public Charities.
- (2.) Additional By-law of the Borough of Petersham.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Fletcher laid upon the Table,—Appendix to the Third Report of the Royal Commission on Collieries (*to be appended to the Report*).

Ordered to be printed.

3. 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 1886, and for the year 1885 and previous years,—and
An Act to authorize the raising of a Loan for the Public Service of the Colony and for other purposes.

4. 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 1886 and for the Year 1885 and previous years.*"
- (2.) "*An Act to authorize the raising of a Loan for the Public Service of the Colony and for other purposes.*"

5. 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 great gratification to find myself at last enabled to release you from the labours of this protracted Session, and from the discharge of your public duties, which must have occasioned many of you considerable inconveniences in your withdrawal from your ordinary pursuits at this season of the year.

2. Owing to the great depression which has prevailed throughout the Colony for some years past, and which has been caused by a continuance of adverse seasons, and by the low prices of our principal products in European markets, the Revenue of the Colony has been very seriously affected. It is with much satisfaction that I am enabled to offer you my hearty congratulations upon the change that has recently taken place, both by means of the abundant rains that have fallen in all parts of the country, and by the marked improvement which has taken place in the value of our principal staple. The prospects of our extensive and important pastoral interests, upon the development

development of which our national prosperity so immediately depends, are now of a more assured and hopeful character. Although the estimated receipts from various sources in connection with the administration of the lands of the Colony have not been fully realized by reason of the unavoidable delay which took place in bringing into operation the revenue producing clauses of the Land Act of 1884, it is to be remembered that on the completion of the appraisal of the whole of the pastoral lauds of the Colony the revenues which are still uncollected for 1886 will be received in the early months of next year.

3. The various proposals of the Government for the purpose of supplementing the revenue have not all received the assent of the Legislature. Those which were intended to provide both for additional income and for a just apportionment of taxation throughout the country will be re-introduced at the earliest moment in the ensuing Session; but, meanwhile, it is gratifying to know that both the Customs Duties Act and the Stamp Duties Act Amendment Act are yielding assistance to the revenue fully equal to the amount anticipated.

4. It has been found necessary, in view of securing greater economy in the administration of the Public Service, to amend, by a short measure, the Civil Service Act of 1884. This amended Act deals with the system of classification of officers and the annual increases provided by the Act of 1884, and it is but preparatory to a more comprehensive measure of amendment which it is proposed to submit during the next Session.

5. Various other Acts, including the Crown Lands Titles and Reservations Validation Act, the Commons Regulation Act Amendment Act, the Places of Detention Act—a measure urgently required to relieve the present overcrowding in gaols—the Prickly Pear Destruction Act—an Act for the eradication of the disease in Vines known as *Phylloxera vastatrix*, and the Newcastle Sand Drift Reclamation Act, have also occupied your attention, and will doubtless prove beneficial to the country.

6. The Dairies Supervision Act, which was introduced for the purpose of establishing sanitary regulations in respect of the supply and distribution of milk, and as an instalment of a measure dealing with matters affecting Public Health, will, it is to be hoped, be found to be of great public advantage in the prevention of the spread of infectious diseases.

7. Other measures of public importance, comprising the Employers' Liability Act—the Municipal Gas Act Amendment Act—and the Settled Estates Act, have also received your consideration, and will be found of advantage to the people.

8. The Royal Commission which has been inquiring into the important question of Conservation of Water has presented progress reports, and the final report may shortly be looked for, when measures dealing with a question of so much moment to the Colony in general will be considered.

9. The Royal Commissions which have been appointed to investigate the causes which led to the late lamentable disasters at the Lithgow and Ferndale Collieries have concluded their labours, and a most valuable report, which also includes the result of inquiries into the method of the working of collieries adjacent to those mentioned, has been presented and will be made the basis of legislation for the purpose of regulating and providing additional safeguards in the working of coal-mines.

10. The Exhibition of Colonial Products which has been held in England, under the auspices of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, has shown the world the almost boundless resources of the Australasian Colonies. It is gratifying to learn that the Exhibition has proved to be a great success, and while it will contribute in no small degree to the material benefit of the Colonies, it will also be the means of strengthening the bonds of unity existing between the Colonies and the Mother Country.

11. The rapid progress in the construction of Railways and Public Works necessitated the floating of a further loan for five and a half millions, which was successfully accomplished in the month of July last, at rates which must be considered eminently satisfactory.

GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,—

12. I thank you for the liberal Supplies granted for carrying on the Public Service, and for the Loans which you have authorized for Public Works and the extension of Railways. The sums voted will be disbursed with a due regard to economy.

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

13. The contract which existed with the Orient Steamship Company for conveyance of mails has been so extended as to terminate contemporaneously with the contract which exists between the Government of Victoria and the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company, when it is to be hoped that arrangements will be made with the other Australasian Colonies for a joint service on terms which will be acceptable to all. Negotiations for the attainment of this end are now pending.

14. A contract has been entered into, in conjunction with the Colony of New Zealand, with the Union Steamship Company, for conveyance of mails between this Colony and San Francisco, *via* Auckland, for a period of three years, at rates which it is trusted will enable the line to be self-supporting.

15. A system of parcels post with the United Kingdom has been established, which already has been largely availed of; and it is contemplated to establish at an early date a similar system between the Colonies.

16. A meeting has taken place between the Premiers of the Colonies of Victoria, Queensland, and New South Wales, and the Admiral commanding this Station, for the purpose of submitting and discussing proposals, with the object of providing a system of naval defence of these Colonies. The result of this meeting is that negotiations are now pending with the Imperial Government, which, it is to be hoped, will eventuate in the establishment of an effective system of outer defence by the Mother Country, towards the maintenance of which the Australasian Colonies will contribute.

17. The construction of Railway works already authorized is rapidly being proceeded with. The lines from Cootamundra to Gundagai, Glen Innes to Tenterfield, and a section of the line towards

towards Newcastle from Sydney have been opened. An important section of the Murrumburrah-Blayney line from Young to Cowra, and the line to unite our northern system of Railways with the Queensland Railways, are in rapid progress, and will be opened for traffic in the course of a few months.

18. A tender for the great bridge to carry the Railway over the Hawkesbury River has been accepted at prices which show a saving of 50 per cent. upon the estimated cost. This bridge will be completed within two years, when there will be Intercolonial Railway communication connecting Sydney with the capitals of Queensland, Victoria, and South Australia.

19. The railway from Nyngan to Cobar has been authorized, and tenders for its construction will be invited without delay. As this line will traverse level country, and will offer comparatively trifling engineering difficulties, it will be completed with much greater despatch and at a considerably reduced cost than has been hitherto effected.

20. Considerable reductions are being effected in the cost of working the Railways, and important changes are also in progress with a view to obtain a better return from this important service.

21. It is gratifying to be able to state that the great works for the Supply of Water for the Metropolis are approaching completion. In anticipation of the performance of these works, storage has been already effected in the Prospect Dams of more than two thousand million gallons of water. The auxiliary water supply which was commenced last year has been now, for several months, in full operation, and has been of great benefit to the people of Sydney and Suburbs. The Main Sewerage works of Sydney are also being vigorously proceeded with.

22. I regret that, from a variety of causes, a large amount of distress exists amongst the working classes of the population. The Government has provided works of a temporary relief nature, and it is to be hoped that with the return of good seasons and the vigorous prosecution of public works the present surplus labour will be absorbed and the hardships now endured may be removed. In view of the present overstocked labour market, from the causes already referred to, no further expenditure for assisted immigration, beyond the fulfilment of outstanding contracts, will be incurred.

23. It would be gratifying to cherish the hope that after labours of such an arduous nature as those which you have undergone there could be a more lengthened recess than that to which you will necessarily be limited. But the necessities of the Public Service require that those labours shall be resumed at an early date.

24. I humbly hope that under the Divine blessing and direction you may return to the performance of your onerous public duties with the consciousness that the Colony has entered upon a new era of prosperity.

25. I now declare this Parliament prorogued until Tuesday, the 7th day of December, 1886.

EDMUND BARTON,
Speaker.

1885-6.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

BUSINESS UNDISPOSED OF AT THE CLOSE OF THE SESSION.
(PROROGUED MONDAY, 25 OCTOBER, 1886.)

QUESTIONS:—

MR. G. A. LLOYD *to ask* THE POSTMASTER GENERAL,—Have any steps been taken to establish a parcel post within the Colony to railway towns, as suggested by a deputation from the Chamber of Commerce on 30th October, 1885?

MR. GARLAND *to ask* THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—

(1.) Is it a fact that he, whilst occupying the high position of Attorney-General, at a salary of £1,500 a year, actually appeared in the Supreme Court, on the 27th of August last, against the Crown, in support of a claim made by the present Colonial Secretary, G. R. Dibbs, Esq., M.P., and another, for compensation from the Public Treasury, in connection with the resumption of land for railway purposes?

(2.) If so, did he essay to justify his action on the ground that he had previously acted as an arbitrator for Dibbs and Brown, and that some English Attorney-General had admitted acting in a similar manner?

MR. SYDNEY SMITH *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—

(1.) The number of trains arriving and departing daily from Albury, Penrith, Bathurst, Goulburn, South Wagga, Homebush, Cootamundra, Darling Harbour, Orange, Newcastle, Dubbo, Nyngan, Byrock, Bourke, Granville, Parramatta, and Petersham?

(2.) The total earnings at the stations named for the year ending 31st December, 1885?

MR. DAVIES *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—

(1.) What are the names of the persons who received concessions and reduction of rates referred to in the evidence given by Mr. Kircaldie at the Water Police Court in the case against Wright, Heaton, & Co.?

(2.) Who were the Ministers that gave sanction or approved of the concessions or reductions?

(3.) Who was the Minister that approved of the system of averaging bales of wool, and by whom was the same recommended?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

Lands Act Amendment Bill; second reading.

Supply; resumption of the Committee.

Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

MR. ABIGAIL *to move*, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all papers, minutes, reports, or other documents referring to the expenses of the two inquiries conducted by Mr. T. K. Abbott.

MR. O'SULLIVAN *to move*, That the prayer of the Petition of Captain Armstrong, R.N., asking that his claim for compensation for dismissal from the post of Resident Magistrate at Lord Howe Island, be considered before the prorogation be acceded to.

MR. ABIGAIL *to move*, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing,—

(1.) The reserves in the parish of Wingen, county of Brisbane, stating if any portion was, by Census Returns of 1881, in the population boundary.

(2.) When such reserves were made, and by whom; when cancelled, and by what Minister.

(3.) What portions have been applied for as selections or additional conditional purchases, and the names of the applicants and dates of such applications.

(4.) The number of such granted, and to whom.

(5.) Any other papers bearing upon the case.

MR. WILLIAM CLARKE *to move*,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is expedient to impose an *ad valorem* duty, at the rate of 5 per cent., on the following articles of imported produce, viz., barley, beans, bran, chaff, flour maize, oats, peas (split and dried), pollard, sharps, and wheat.

(2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

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MR. ABIGAIL to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—

- (1.) Copies of all letters, minutes, reports, or other documents, referring to alleged illegal selections taken up on the Balranald Town Common.
- (2.) A Return of all such applications, showing the areas applied for, and by whom; also, the number granted, and to whom granted.

MR. ABIGAIL to move,—

- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into the granting of a lease of 2 acres of land at La Perouse, and of all the circumstances surrounding or incident thereto, and report as to the propriety of the cancellation of such lease or the resumption of such land.
- (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Copeland, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Trickett, Mr. Purves, Mr. Sydney Smith, Mr. Hammond, Dr. Ross, and the Mover.

SIR HENRY PARKES to move,—

- (1.) That, in view of the undoubted fact that many deserving men cannot at the present time find employment, some permanent public work of a national character ought to be commenced, on which such men may be employed, at wages slightly under current rates, till such time as other employment can be obtained, and where their labour may take a form of enduring value for the benefit of the Colony.
- (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

MR. TAIT to move,—

- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the claims of Captain F. R. L. Rossi.
- (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Dibbs, Dr. Ross, Mr. Teece, Mr. Ryrie, Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. Davies, Mr. Hammond, Mr. Kethel, Mr. Hugh Taylor, and the Mover.

MR. GARRARD 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 swing opening should be immediately provided in the Iron Cove Bridge, so as to allow of the large and valuable water frontages above the bridge being utilized?
- (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

MR. ABIGAIL to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing,—

- (1.) The locality and area of the 1,025 reserves stated by the Minister for Lands to have been cancelled between 1st of January and 31st July, 1886.
- (2.) The quantity free-selected, giving the locality, and the quantity sold by auction, with the amount realized in each case.

MR. ABIGAIL to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all letters, minutes, reports, or other documents, having reference to the case of Mr. W. A. Oakley and the Goulburn Running Shed, and all papers referring thereto; together with copies of minutes, reports, decisions, &c., referring to his enforced retirement from the Public Service.

MR. W. J. FERGUSSON to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government, with a view to encourage agricultural settlement in the interior of the Colony, should charge a special rate on the railways for carriage of farm produce to the ports of Sydney and Newcastle.

MR. ABBOTT to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all the papers relating to the making and cancellation of any reserves at Wingen; and also, all applications for conditional purchases on such reserves.

MR. NEILD to move, That the Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Divorce Extension Bill, which lapsed, on the 9th October, a.m., for want of a Quorum, be restored to the Paper, and stand an Order of the Day for Wednesday next.

MR. WALL to move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the Colony of New South Wales be proclaimed a "Mining Area," and that all land in future alienated be subject to the provisions of the 45th section of the "Crown Lands Act of 1884," except in the case of town or suburban lands, and that the reservation contained in the said section be made to apply to all other minerals as well as gold.

MR. WALL to move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that all owners of land obtaining permission to win gold or other minerals, in accordance with the provisions of section 7 of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, should be compelled to fulfil the same labour conditions as apply to the holders of gold-mining and mineral leases under the Mining Acts now in force.

MR. GARRARD to move, That, having in view the desirability of encouraging private enterprise in the establishment and maintenance of engineering workshops, foundries, and ironworks within the Colony, this House is of opinion,—

- (1.) That the Government Departments should not undertake the construction of new work, but that the Government workshops and plant should, as far as practicable, be used for repairs only.
- (2.) That the Government should, in the future, invite tenders within the Colony for the same quantities of machinery and ironwork as they are now in the habit of ordering from foreign makers.
- (3.) That, in all contracts for machinery and ironwork required by the Government, a preference should be given to the Colonial manufacturer of 15 per centum over and above the cost of imported articles, delivered in the Government Stores, Sydney.
- (4.) That an arbitration clause should be inserted in all specifications.
- (5.) That tenderers should be supplied with copies of plans and specifications at net cost.
- (6.) That it be optional with the contractors whether they give a cash deposit, or provide bondsmen as security for due fulfilment of the contract.

MR. WALL to move, That, in all cases where recommendations from Members of Parliament accompany applications for employment in the Civil Service, such recommendations, together with the accompanying application, be laid upon the Table of this House and reported on by a Committee to be appointed for that purpose, before such application is entertained.

MR.

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, this Colony, as well as all British Dependencies enjoying responsible Government, should each contribute an equitable sum annually towards the expenses of the Army and Navy of Great Britain and Ireland, in order not only to relieve the taxpayers of the Mother Country from further payments by them for and on account of the inestimable services rendered by the Army and Navy in the protection of the lives and properties of Her Majesty's subjects in this and the said Dependencies, but as a just contribution towards such expenditure from a loyal people.

(2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor, with a request that the same may be forthwith transmitted to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies for presentation to Her Majesty the Queen.

MR. NEILD to move,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the application of Mr. A. S. Board for a Commission in the Second Regiment of Volunteer Infantry.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Burdekin, Mr. Levien, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Stokes, Mr. Kethel, Mr. Davies, Mr. Lysaght, Mr. Teece, and the Mover.

MR. NEILD to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy of the Cabinet Minute, the "unfair" character of which led to the resignation of the Honorable the Colonial Secretary.

MR. HAMMOND 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 loop-line of railway should be constructed between St. Peter's and Liverpool with the least possible delay.

(2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

MR. SHEPHERD 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, having in view the importance of the agricultural, grazing, and mining interests of Oberon and the surrounding districts, as also the world-wide attraction of the Fish River Caves, a tramway should be constructed from Tarana to Oberon.

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

MR. HAWTHORNE 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 Borough of Balmain entitles it to an immediate construction of a railway, so as to bring it within easy communication with the city and railway suburbs of Sydney.

(2.) That, in order to carry out the above, a trial survey be granted, and that the following should be one of the routes surveyed:—Start at north-west corner of Eveleigh Railway Yard, near Forbes-street; thence, by underground tunnel, under this (Forbes) street, King-street Newtown, across the University Paddock between the cricket ground and Prince Alfred Hospital, under the Parramatta Road; thence by Orphan School Creek, over the North Annandale Estate, *via* Roselle Bay Wharf; thence, *via* Gordon-street, across Roselle Bay to Balmain, near St. Thomas' Church, Weston and Darling Roads.

(3.) That a trial survey be also made from a point on the above on to Five Dock, *via* Central Leichhardt.

MR. GOULD 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 upon the Additional Estimates for the year 1886, a sum not exceeding £466 16s., as compensation to George Dougherty upon the loss of his conditional purchase, in accordance with the Report of the Select Committee, adopted by this House on 28th May last.

MR. VAUGHN to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the following Resolutions:—

(1.) That, having regard to the depression in our pastoral and agricultural pursuits, it is the opinion of this House that the sum of £100,000 should be provided upon the next Estimates for the purpose of assisting in the development of the Mining Industry in New South Wales.

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

MR. TARGETT to move, That the Report from the Select Committee on "Claim of Matthew M'Ivor to a Tin-mine at Pheasant's Creek," be now adopted.

MR. WALL to move, That all Civil Servants be permitted to effect insurance for guarantee bonds direct with the Insurance Offices, in lieu of having the amount of premium for such bonds deducted from their salaries by the heads of their Departments.

MR. PROCTOR to move,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, no further expense should be incurred by the Government in connection with the proposed Railway from Grafton to Glen Innes.

(2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

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 claim of George Charles Pegler and Jessie Pegler to compensation for land resumed by the Government at Bankstown for the construction and establishment of a public park.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Fletcher, Mr. Abigail, Mr. Meeks, Mr. Hyam, Mr. Slattery, Mr. Proctor, Mr. Toohey, Mr. Hassall, and the Mover.

Mr.

MR. INGLIS to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing,—

(1.) The total cost, and the cost per mile, of each of the undermentioned lines of railway:—Dubbo to Bourke, Junee to Narrandera, Narrandera to Hay, Narrandera to Jerilderie, Gunnedah to Narrabri.

(2.) The total cost, and the cost per mile in each case, of the undermentioned works on the said lines, viz., earthworks, bridges culverts and waterways, ballasting and laying permanent way, permanent-way materials, railway carriage of permanent-way materials, station and other buildings, fencing and level crossings, engineering expenses, miscellaneous expenses, and land.

(3.) The weight description of rail used on these lines.

(4.) Whether these lines are adapted to carry the heaviest engines and rolling stock used on the railways of the Colony.

MR. WILLIAM CLARKE to move, That the appointment of Mr. Coghlan as Government Statistician is unsatisfactory to this House.

MR. WISDOM to move,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the Tolls on Ferries should be abolished.

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

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

Parliamentary *Hansard*—Daily Issue; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the following Resolutions:—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, there should be a daily issue of Parliamentary *Hansard*.

(2.) That a number of copies over and above the quantity required for Parliamentary use should be printed for public sale, at the net cost of producing such extra number.

(3.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

Parliamentary *Hansard*; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the following Resolutions:—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, there should be a number of copies of the present weekly Parliamentary *Hansard* printed, over and above the quantity required for Parliamentary use, for public sale at the net cost of producing such extra number.

(2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

Borough of East St. Leonards Wharves Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.

Assignees of Fire Insurance Policies Enabling Bill; second reading.

Sydney Bishopric and Church Property Bill; second reading.

Crookwell Roman Catholic Church Land Sale Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.

Pharmaceutical Society of New South Wales Incorporation Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

New South Wales Trustees Executors and Agency Company's Bill; adjourned Debate, on motion of Mr. Thompson, "That this Bill be now read a second time."

Railway from Cooma to Bombala; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on motion of Mr. Harold Stephen, "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 Railway from Cooma to Bombala should be among the first new Railway works undertaken.

"(2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor."

Claim of Charles Stevens; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Vaughn, "That the report from the Select Committee on the 'Claim of Charles Stevens,' brought up on the 6th August, 1886, be now adopted."

North Coast Railway; adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. James Henry Young,—"That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the following Resolutions:—

"(1.) That, having regard to the large population settled in the North Coast Districts, the varied resources and the very productive nature of the lands of those districts, this House is of opinion that a Railway connecting them with the Great Northern Line in the neighbourhood of Morpeth or Maitland would be a profitable undertaking, and should be provided for and proceeded with without unnecessary delay.

"(2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor."

Select Committees on Private Bills; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the following Resolutions:—

(1.) That Members nominated and actually serving on Select Committees on Private Bills should be paid.

(2.) That, in order to provide the necessary funds, parties applying for Private Bills should be required to deposit, in addition to the sum required by Standing Order No. 64, a further sum of £25.

(3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be referred to Committee on Standing Orders to report.

Willoughby and Gordon Tramway Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.

Illawarra Steam Navigation Act Amendment Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.

Mr. Henry Arthur Hough; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. McCulloch,

"That the report from the Select Committee on 'Mr. Henry Arthur Hough,' brought up on the 8th July, 1886, be now adopted," upon which Mr. Burns had moved, that all the words after the word "That" be omitted, with a view to the insertion in their place of the following words "the

"House having considered the report of the Select Committee on 'Mr. Henry Arthur Hough' recommend his case to the consideration of the Government."

Robert Mackrell's Selection at Forbes; adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Vaughn,—

"(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the case of a selection at Forbes, made in 1878 by Robert Mackrell, and now recommended for forfeiture, and all circumstances connected with the fulfilment of conditions.

"(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Stokes, Mr. Day, Mr. Coonan, Mr. Garland, Mr. Neild, and the Mover."

Supreme Court Process Facilitation Bill (No. 2); second reading.

1885-6.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

ATTENDANCES OF MEMBERS IN DIVISIONS AND COUNTS-OUT,
DURING THE SESSION OF 1885-6.

	Divisions in the House.	Divisions in Committee.	Counts-out.	Total.
Abbott, Joseph Palmer, Esq.	40	24	.....	64
Abigail, Francis, Esq.	51	30	2	83
Baker, Ezekiel Alexander, Esq.	25	17	1	43
Barbour, Robert, Esq.	73	86	1	160
Barton, The Hon. Edmund, Esq. (<i>Speaker</i>) ... ..	.....	1	.....	1
Barton, Russell, Esq.	30	21	.....	51
Bolton, Alexander Thorley, Esq.	21	14	.....	35
Bowman, Alexander, Esq.	52	65	1	118
Brown, Herbert Harrington, Esq.	21	22	.....	43
Browne, Thomas Frederic De Courcy, Esq.	52	74	2	128
Brunker, James Nixon, Esq.	12	31	1	44
Bull, Nathaniel George, Esq.	72	96	3	171
Burdekin, Sydney, Esq.	55	65	1	111
Burke, Michael, Esq.	66	76	.....	142
Burns, John Fitzgerald, Esq.	56	40	3	99
Butcher, Robert, Esq.	50	29	1	80
Campbell, William Robert, Esq. (<i>to 25 May, 1886</i>)	12	.....	.....	12
Cass, George Edwin, Esq.	54	83	2	139
Chanter, John Moore, Esq.	33	39	.....	72
Clarke, Henry, Esq.	39	54	.....	93
Clarke, William, Esq.	58	40	1	99
Collins, Charles, Esq.	26	41	.....	67
Conan, Walter Thomas, Esq.	36	92	.....	68
Copeland, The Hon. Henry, Esq.	73	102	3	178
Crausie, John, Esq.	23	25	.....	48
Craer, Joseph, Esq.	47	56	1	104
Dalton, Thomas, Esq.	31	45	.....	76
Davies, John, Esq., C.M.G.	68	78	1	147
Dawson, Henry, Esq.	62	94	4	160
Day, George, Esq.	62	85	1	148
Dibbs, The Hon. George Richard, Esq.	88	138	9	235
Ewing, Thomas Thomson, Esq.	49	63	.....	112
Ferguson, David Alexander, Esq.	31	18	.....	49
Fergusson, William John, Esq.	44	18	7	69
Fitzgerald, Robert George Dundas, Esq.	18	13	.....	31
Fletcher, The Hon. James, Esq.	78	123	9	213
Forsyth, Archibald, Esq.	67	114	6	187
Foster, William John, Esq.	55	45	.....	100
Garland, Charles Launcelot, Esq.	57	49	4	110
Garrard, Jacob, Esq.	55	62	7	124
Garrett, Thomas, Esq. (<i>Chairman of Committees to 25 March, 1886</i>)	20	23	.....	43
Garvan, The Hon. James Patrick, Esq.	79	89	8	176
Gibbes, Frederick Jamison, Esq.	51	52	2	105
Gornly, James, Esq.	36	39	2	77
Gould, Albert John, Esq.	37	44	3	84
Hammond, Mark John, Esq.	53	73	7	133
Hassall, Thomas Henry, Esq. (<i>from 22 June, 1889</i>)	51	81	2	134
Hawthorne, John Stuart, Esq.	59	47	5	111
Hayes, James, Esq.	29	70	.....	99
Henson, William, Esq.	55	78	2	135
Heydon, Louis Francis, Esq.	39	25	1	65
Hogan, Patrick, Esq.	58	66	.....	124
Holborow, William Hillier, Esq.	31	29	.....	60
Humphery, Frederick Thomas, Esq.	42	47	2	91
Hungerford, Thomas, Esq.	38	39	2	79
Hyam, Solomon Herbert, Esq.	57	38	2	97
Inglis, James, Esq.	41	42	.....	83
Ives, Isaac M's, Esq.	41	30	3	83

	Divisions in the House.	Divisions in Committee.	Counts-out.	Total.
Jennings, The Hon. Sir Patrick Alfred, K.C.M.G.	81	129	7	217
Jones, Travers, Esq.	53	73	1	127
Judd, William George, Esq.	17	16	1	34
Kethel, Alexander, Esq.	40	53	5	98
Kidd, John, Esq.	42	43	.....	85
Lee, Charles Alfred, Esq.	26	43	1	70
Levien, Robert Henry, Esq.	33	45	.....	78
Lloyd, The Hon. George Alfred, Esq.	69	56	1	126
Lloyd, Lewis, Esq.	31	13	.....	44
Lynce, The Hon. William John, Esq.	87	115	2	204
Lysaght, Andrew, Esq.	56	62	1	119
MacGregor, William Peter, Esq.	16	10	.....	26
Mackinnon, James Archibald, Esq. (<i>from 22 December, 1885</i>)	19	37	.....	56
M'Culloch, Andrew Hardie, junr., Esq.	44	40	.....	84
Meeks, John, Esq.	29	17	.....	46
Melville, Ninian, Esq.	79	120	4	203
Moore, Samuel Wilkinson, Esq.	51	60	6	117
Neild, John Cash, Esq.	63	63	3	129
O'Connor, Daniel, Esq.	41	28	1	70
Olliffe, Joseph Benjamin, Esq.	45	43	2	90
O'Sullivan, Edward William, Esq.	79	103	6	188
Parke, Sir Henry, K.C.M.G.	69	72	1	142
Parke, Varney, Esq.	33	23	.....	61
Proctor, William Consett, Esq.	20	7	1	28
Purves, John Mitchell, Esq.	36	33	.....	69
Quin, Edward, Esq.	10	5	.....	15
Reid, George Houstoun, Esq.	27	31	3	61
Renwick, The Hon. Arthur, Esq., M.D.	86	133	7	226
Roberts, Charles James, Esq., C.M.G.	43	25	2	70
Robertson, Sir John, K.C.M.G. (<i>to 18th June, 1886</i>)	23	11	.....	34
Ross, Andrew, Esq., M.D.	37	22	1	60
Ryre, Alexander, Esq.	34	54	.....	88
Sawers, William Bowie Stewart Campbell, Esq.	46	25	.....	71
Scott, Lyall, Esq.	34	40	.....	74
See, John, Esq.	41	55	.....	96
Shepherd, John, Esq.	50	87	4	150
Slattery, Thomas Michael, Esq. (<i>Chairman of Committees from 15 July, 1886</i>)	56	14	7	77
Smith, James Francis, Esq.	49	50	2	101
Smith, Robert Burdett, Esq.	3	.....	.....	3
Smith, Sydney, Esq.	62	50	1	113
Smith, Thomas Richard, Esq.	38	43	.....	81
Spring, Gerald, Esq.	31	29	2	62
Stephen, Harold Wilberforce Hindmarsh, Esq.	88	133	7	228
Stephen, Septimus Alfred, Esq.	29	50	2	81
Stokes, Alfred, Esq.	50	28	1	79
Sutherland, John, Esq.	18	16	3	37
Suttor, The Hon. Francis Bathurst, Esq.	77	117	6	200
Tait, Francis, Esq.	23	22	.....	45
Targett, Walter Scott, Esq.	38	26	3	67
Tarrant, Harman John, Esq.	33	25	2	60
Taylor, Adolphus George, Esq. ... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....
Taylor, Hugh, Esq.	36	20	2	58
Tece, William, junr., Esq.	72	88	2	162
Thompson, Richard Windeyer, Esq.	53	56	3	112
Toobey, James Matthew, Esq.	62	39	1	102
Trickett, William Joseph, Esq. (<i>Chairman of Committees from 31 March, to 13 July, 1886</i>)	49	15	6	70
Vaughn, Robert Matteson, Esq.	44	36	2	82
Wall, William Chandos, Esq. (<i>from 30 June, 1886</i>)	21	76	2	99
Want, The Hon. John Henry, Esq.	72	82	1	155
Watson, William John, Esq. (<i>to 22 December, 1885</i>)	2	.....	.....	2
White, Robert Hoddle Driberg, Esq.	4	.....	.....	4
Wilkinson, Robert Bliss, Esq.	46	59	1	106
Wilkinson, William Camac, Esq., M.D.	39	45	.....	84
Williamson, Thomas Michael, Esq.	69	95	4	168
Wisdom, Robert, Esq.	44	54	2	100
Young, James Henry, Esq.	58	86	1	145
Young, John Douglas, Esq.	37	16	.....	53

1885-6.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

BUSINESS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NEW SOUTH WALES
DURING THE SESSION OF 1885-6.

1. New Writs issued										19
2. Select Committees :—										
On Public Matters				17						
On Private Bills				46						63
				—						4
3. Standing Committees										
4. Public Bills :—										
Originated in the Assembly—										
Received the Royal Assent				27						
Assented to in Legislative Council Chamber				2						
Otherwise disposed of				45						
				—		74				
Brought from the Council—										
Received the Royal Assent				4						
Otherwise disposed of				3						
				—		7				81
5. Private Bills :—										
Originated in the Assembly—										
Received the Royal Assent				35						
Otherwise disposed of				13						
				—		48				
Brought from the Council—										
Received the Royal Assent						6				
Otherwise disposed of						1				
						—				55
6. Petitions received :—										
Printed				165						
Not Printed				48						
				—						213
7. Divisions :—										
In the House				98						
In Committee of the Whole				146						
				—						244
8. Sittings :—										
Days of Meeting										153
Hours of Sitting										1,201 h. 25 m.
Hours of Sitting after Midnight										185 h. 25 m.
Daily Average										7 h. 51 m.
Adjourned for want of a Quorum—										
Before commencement of Business				3						
After commencement of Business				10						
				—						13
9. Votes and Proceedings										153
Entries in Votes and Proceedings—										
Of Business done				1,824						
Of Notices of Motion				5,430						
Of Orders of the Day				4,856						
Of Questions				2,737						
Of Contingent Notices				215						
				—						15,062
Daily Average										98
10. Contingent Notice Papers										8
11. Orders for Papers										126
12. Addresses for Papers										22
13. Other Addresses										13
14. Papers laid upon the Table :—										
By Message				125						
By Command				410						
By Speaker				4						
In Return to Orders				108						
In Return to Addresses				27						
Reports from Standing and Select Committees				57						
				—						731
Ordered to be Printed				621						
Not ordered to be Printed				110						
				—						731

Legislative Assembly Offices,
Sydney, 25 October, 1886.

F. W. WEBB,
Acting Clerk of Legislative Assembly.

