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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTIETH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 13 JUNE, 1905.

1. **OPENING OF THE SESSION:**—The House met at Twelve o'clock at Noon, pursuant to a Proclamation of His Excellency the Governor, bearing date the twenty-third day of May, 1905.

Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

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

"NEW SOUTH WALES, } Proclamation by His Excellency Sir HARRY HOLDSWORTH RAWSON,
"TO WIT. } Admiral in the Royal Navy, Knight Commander of the Most Honorable
"(L.S.) } Order of the Bath, Governor of the State of New South Wales and its
"HARRY H. RAWSON, } Dependencies, in the Commonwealth of Australia.
"Governor.

"Whereas the Parliament of New South Wales now stands prorogued to Tuesday, the thirtieth day of May instant: Now, I, Sir HARRY HOLDSWORTH RAWSON, in pursuance of the power and authority in me vested as Governor of the said State, do hereby further prorogue the said Parliament to Tuesday, the thirteenth day of June now next ensuing: And I do hereby further announce and proclaim that the said Parliament shall assemble for the despatch of business on the aforesaid thirteenth day of June next, at twelve o'clock at noon, in the buildings known as the Legislative Council Chambers, situate in Macquarie-street, in the City of Sydney: And the Members of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly respectively are hereby required to give their attendance at the said time and place accordingly.

"Given under my Hand and Seal, at Sydney, this twenty-third day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and five, and in the fifth year of His Majesty's Reign.

By His Excellency's Command,

"J. A. HOGUE.

"GOD SAVE THE KING!"

2. **DEATH OF JOHN WILLIAM COLEMAN, ESQUIRE, MEMBER FOR ROUS:**—Mr. Speaker reported that during the recess he had received from the Registrar-General a certified copy of the certificate of death, which took place on the 8th January, 1905, of John William Coleman, Esquire, lately serving in the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales as the Member for the Electoral District of Rous.
3. **VACANT SEAT—ELECTORATE OF ROUS:**—Mr. Speaker informed the House that during the recess, in accordance with the direction of the 53rd section of the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, 1902, he had issued a Writ for the Election of a Member to serve in the Legislative Assembly for the Electoral District of Rous, in the room of John William Coleman, Esquire, deceased; and that the said Writ had been duly returned to him, with a certificate endorsed thereon by the Returning Officer, of the election of George Thomas Hindmarsh, Esquire, to serve as such Member.
4. **MEMBER SWORN:**—George Thomas Hindmarsh, Esquire, having taken and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance, and signed the Roll of the House, took his seat as Member for the Electoral District of Rous.

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5. ASSENT TO BILLS :—Mr. Speaker reported that, during the recess, he had received the following Messages from His Excellency the Governor :—

(1.) Oxford-street Extension Bill :—

HARRY H. RAWSON,
Governor.

Message No. 1.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to divest the Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage of certain lands ; to vest them in the borough of Paddington for the purpose of constructing and opening certain public ways ; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"—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 His 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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(2.) Hyde, Cook, and Phillip Parks Bill :—

HARRY H. RAWSON,
Governor.

Message No. 2.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to vest in the Municipal Council of Sydney, as trustees, the lands known as Hyde, Cook, and Phillip Parks, Sydney.*"—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 His 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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(3.) Parramatta Friendly Societies' Hall Site Vesting Bill :—

HARRY H. RAWSON,
Governor.

Message No. 3.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to vest in the Parramatta and District United Friendly Societies' Medical and Dispensing Institute, certain lands now held by trustees upon certain trusts relating to friendly societies ; 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 His 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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(4.) Lismore Markets and Cattle Sale-yards Bill :—

HARRY H. RAWSON,
Governor.

Message No. 4.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Council of the Municipal District of Lismore to erect and maintain markets and cattle-sale yards upon certain land granted as a reserve for a market.*"—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 His 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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(5.) Scone Cattle Sale-yards Bill :—

HARRY H. RAWSON,
Governor.

Message No. 5.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorise the Municipal Council of Scone to purchase land and erect and maintain cattle sale-yards thereon.*"—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 His 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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(6.) Wellington Cattle Sale-yards Bill :—

HARRY H. RAWSON,
Governor.

Message No. 6.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorise the construction, maintenance, and regulation of cattle sale-yards by the Council of the Municipal District of Wellington.*"—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 His 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.) Coraki Roman Catholic Church Trustees Enabling Bill :—

HARRY H. RAWSON,
Governor.

Message No. 7.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Right Reverend Jeremiah Joseph Doyle, Doctor of Divinity, Kyran Nolan, and Thomas Bermingham, trustees of certain allotments of land at Coraki, in the State of New South Wales, to sell the said lands, and to provide for the application and investment of the proceeds thereof, and for receipts and discharges of the same, and for other purposes in connection therewith.*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His 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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(8.) Appropriation Bill :—

HARRY H. RAWSON,
Governor.

Message No. 8.

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 from the 1st day of July, 1904, to the 30th day of June, 1905, inclusive of both dates ; to adjust the vote 'Advance to Treasurer, 1903-1904,' for supplementary charges during the period from 1st July, 1903, to 30th June, 1904, inclusive of both dates ; and for purposes connected with and incidental to the above objects.*"—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 His 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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(9.) Loan Bill :—

HARRY H. RAWSON,
Governor.

Message No. 9.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorise the raising of a Loan for Public Works and Services, 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 His 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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(10.) Fertilizers Bill :—

HARRY H. RAWSON,
Governor.

Message No. 10.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to regulate the sale and prevent the adulteration of fertilizers.*"—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 His 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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(11.) Dental Hospitals Union Bill :—

HARRY H. RAWSON,
Governor.

Message No. 11.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the union of the University Dental Hospital and the Dental Hospital of Sydney ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"—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 His 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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(12.) Stamp Duties (Deductions) Bill :—

HARRY H. RAWSON,
Governor.

Message No. 12.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to allow deduction from stamp duty of the amount of duty payable in the United Kingdom in respect of property therein situate ; to amend the Stamp Duties Act, 1898, the Probate Duties (Amendment) Act, 1899, and the Companies (Death Duties) Act, 1901 ; 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 His 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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(13.) Municipalities Electric Light Bill :—

HARRY H. RAWSON,
Governor.

Message No. 13.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the lighting by electricity of municipalities ; to apply the provisions of the Municipalities Act, 1897, relating to municipal gasworks and gas to municipal electric light works and electricity ; 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 His 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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(14.) Closer Settlement Bill :—

HARRY H. RAWSON,
Governor.

Message No. 14.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to repeal the Closer Settlement Act, 1901 ; to authorise the acquisition by purchase or by resumption for purposes of settlement of private lands ; to constitute and appoint authorities for reports and other purposes under this Act ; to provide for the dealing with and the disposal of acquired lands and adjacent Crown lands ; to apply certain of the provisions of the Crown Lands Acts, and of the Acts to be read and construed therewith, for the purpose of regulating closer settlement under this Act ; and to amend the Crown Lands Acts,*"—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 His 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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6. 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 it fit to be personally present here this day to declare the purpose for which this Session of Parliament is convened, has been pleased to cause a Commission to be issued, under the Public Seal of the State, constituting us Commissioners to do and perform all things required to be done or performed by or on behalf of His Majesty, or by or on behalf of the Governor of the State, in and about the opening and holding of the said Session, 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 :—

"Edward VII, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas, King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India.

"To all to whom these presents shall come,—

"Greeting :

"WHEREAS, by Proclamation made on the twenty-third day of May ultimo, His Excellency Sir HARRY HOLDSWORTH RAWSON, Admiral in our Royal Navy, Knight Commander of our Most Honorable Order of the Bath, our Governor of our State of New South Wales and its Dependencies in the Commonwealth of Australia, did, in pursuance of the power and authority vested in him as Governor of our said State, by virtue of an Act passed in the second year of the Reign of His Majesty King Edward the Seventh, being '*An Act to consolidate the Acts relating to the Constitution,*' proclaim that a Session of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly, constituted under the said Act, and composing the Parliament of our said State of New South Wales, should commence and be holden on Tuesday, the thirteenth day of June instant : And whereas, for certain causes, our said Governor has departed from our said State : And whereas, for certain causes, Sir FREDERICK MATTHEW DARLEY, Knight Grand Cross of our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Lieutenant-Governor of our said State of New South Wales and its Dependencies, 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 Francis Bathurst Suttor, Knight, President of the said Legislative Council, the Honorable John Hughes, Vice-President of the Executive Council, and the Honorable William Joseph Trickett, Members of the said Legislative Council, do, with the advice of our Executive Council of our said State, give and grant by the tenor of these presents unto the said Sir Francis Bathurst Suttor, John Hughes, and William Joseph Trickett, 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 thirteenth day of June, on our behalf, and to do all things necessary to be done in our name, or in the name of our Governor, or of our Lieutenant-Governor of our said State, in and about the opening and holding of the said Session : Commanding also by the tenor of these presents all whom it concerns

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"to meet in the said Session, that to the said Sir Francis Bathurst Suttor, John Hughes, and William Joseph Trickett, 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 Public Seal of our said State to be hereunto affixed.

"Witness our trusty and well-beloved Sir FREDERICK MATTHEW DARLEY, Knight Grand Cross of our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, our Lieutenant-Governor of our said State of New South Wales and its Dependencies in the Commonwealth of Australia, at Sydney, in New South Wales aforesaid, this twelfth day of June, in the fifth year of our Reign, and in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and five.

"FREDK. M. DARLEY,
Lieutenant-Governor.

"By His Excellency's Command,

"J. H. CARRUTHERS."

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

The President then said,—

"Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly,—
"We, the Commissioners appointed by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor under the Commission you have just heard, do now proceed to acquaint you with the causes for which this Parliament has been called together, and to read to you the Speech entrusted to us by His Excellency for this purpose."

The President then read the Lieutenant-Governor's Opening Speech, and said,—

"Having heard His Excellency's Speech read, it will now be for you, Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly, to take the matters submitted to you, and such other matters as in your wisdom you may deem fit, into your grave consideration, in those places in which you are appointed to sit."

And the House having returned,—adjourned, on motion of Mr. Carruthers, at twenty-three minutes after Twelve o'clock until Four o'clock This day.

The House resumed pursuant to adjournment.

7. PAPERS:—

Mr. Lee laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Specification of Contract for the Supply and Delivery of Steel and Iron manufactured in the State of New South Wales.
- (2.) Statistical Information with regard to the State of New South Wales and notes on its Iron-ore, Coal, and Limestone Deposits.
- (3.) Report of the Royal Commission, together with Minutes of Evidence, Plans, &c., in connection with the Sydney Water Supply (Cataract Dam).
- (4.) Report of the Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board, for year ended 30th June, 1904, together with Annexures.
- (5.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act 1900, for the construction of the Coubal Artesian Well.
- (6.) Notification of resumption of land, under Public Works Act 1900, for the construction of the Pagan Creek Bore.
- (7.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act 1900, for the construction of Sewerage Works for Newcastle and Suburbs.
- (8.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act 1900, for the construction of the Mungyer Bore.
- (9.) Notification of resumption of land under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the construction of the Moomin Artesian Well.
- (10.) Notification of resumption of land under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the construction of the Hay Sewerage.
- (11.) Notification of resumption of land under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the formation of a Road between Jersey and Dyraaba Streets, in the town of Casino, in connection with the Grafton to Casino Railway.
- (12.) Notification of resumption of land under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the deviation of an Occupation Road at 65 miles 31 chains on Proclaimed Plan of the Railway from Casino to Lismore.
- (13.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the construction of certain Drainage Works for the Western Suburbs of the city of Sydney.
- (14.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the construction of the Eurie Eurie Bore.
- (15.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the extension of Union-street as a means of access to Islington Park, and the Pumping Station to be constructed for Sewerage purposes.
- (16.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the construction of the Rowena Bore.
- (17.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the construction and erection of the Cundletown Dock, on the Manning River.

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- (18.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the protection of Macquarie River bank at Denison Bridge, Bathurst.
- (19.) Report of the completion of the Rookwood Necropolis Drainage, 1st Division: Main Line, Branch, Main Drain, Branch Drain, Pipe Line towards East-street, Agricultural Pipes. 2nd Division: Main Line, East-street Sewer, Agricultural Pipes, Branch Stormwater Channel, Subsoil Drain Extensions, Jewish Cemetery Extension, Outlet Extension. Rookwood Asylum: Sewerage, Septic Tanks and Filters, Effluent Pipe, Collecting Sewer, Branches to Receiving Pit and Scabic's Ward.
- (20.) Additional Metropolitan Water By-laws, prohibiting the wilful waste of water, and the use of revolving sprays or other mechanical sprinklers for watering gardens, prepared and made by the Board of Water Supply and Sewerage.
- (21.) Proclamation annulling, amending, and adding Regulations to Schedule 1 of the "Scaffolding and Lifts Act, 1902," and Proclamations published in the *Gazette* of 14th August, 1903, and 19th April, 1904.
- (22.) Report of the completion of the Balmain Low-level Sewerage Pumping Station, No. 11; Rising Main, Sewer to Long Nose Point, Branch to Cove-street, Sewer to Ferdinand-street, Stormwater Channel, Sewer to Ronald-street, Branch.
- (23.) Report of the completion of the Low-level Sewerage System Electrical Power Mains and Telephone Cables, Line to Pumping Station No. 14, Line to Pumping Station No. 11.
- (24.) Report of the completion of the Pyrmont High-Level Sewer Extension, Contract No. 545.
- (25.) Amended By-law in connection with the Water Supply of the Municipal District of Parkes under the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act of 1880.
- (26.) Report of the completion of the Miller's and Dawes' Points Low-level Sewerage, Pumping Station No. 14, Rising Main, Dawes' Point Sewer, Gas-works Branch, Overflow.
- (27.) Board of Water Supply and Sewerage—Metropolitan Drainage By-laws—Mosman's or Mosman's Bay Stormwater Channel, or Drain, or Sewer.
- (28.) By-law in connection with the Water Supply of the Municipal District of Cobar under the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act of 1880.
- (29.) By-laws in connection with the Water Supply of the Borough of Picton under the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act of 1880.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Dick laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Report of the proceedings of the Pharmacy Board during the year 1904.
- (2.) Report of the Railway Commissioners on Railways and Tramways for quarter ended 31st December, 1904.
- (3.) Report of the Railway Commissioners on Railways and Tramways for quarter ended 31st March, 1905.
- (4.) Report of the Executive Committee of the New South Wales Public Disaster Relief Fund for the year 1904.
- (5.) Statement of Bank Liabilities and Assets for quarter ended 31st December, 1904.
- (6.) Statement of Public Companies' Liabilities and Assets for quarter ended 31st December, 1904.
- (7.) Notification of resumption and appropriation of land under the Public Works Act, 1900, for deviation of the Great Western Railway at Sodwalls.
- (8.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for maintenance of the Railway Traffic between Casino and Lismore.
- (9.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for grade improvements at Penshurst.
- (10.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for extension of and access to the Railway Station Yard at Woy Woy.
- (11.) Notification of appropriation of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for extension of the Railway Station Yard at Mooball.
- (12.) Notification of appropriation of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for improvement of the Tram Terminal arrangements at Mosman's Bay.
- (13.) Notification of appropriation of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for erection of residence for Railway night officer at Medlow Bath.
- (14.) Regulations under the Pharmacy Act, 1897.
- (15.) Regulations under the Sydney Harbour Rates Act, 1904.
- (16.) Regulations under the Sydney Harbour Trust Act, 1900.
- (17.) Amended Regulation, under the Navigation Act, 1901, relating to the lights to be carried by ferry punts, &c., crossing navigable waters.
- (18.) Amended Regulations and Forms, under the Stamp Duties Act, 1898, the Probate Duties (Amendment) Act, 1899, and the Stamp Duties (Amendment) Act, 1904.
- (19.) Notification of repeal of Regulation No. 33, under the Advances to Settlers Acts.
- (20.) Particulars respecting the appointment of Mr. James Burt as Chief Clerk, Treasury Department.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Ashton laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.
- (2.) Abstract of Alterations and Cancellations of Designs of Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.
- (3.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from sale for the preservation of Water Supply, or other Public Purposes, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.
- (4.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for establishing a Public Park at New Lambton.
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Mr. Moore laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Report of the Miners' Accident Relief Board for 1904.
- (2.) Proclamation declaring Asbestos to be a Mineral within the meaning of the Mining on Private Lands (Amendment) Act, 1902.
- (3.) Proclamation declaring Gypsum to be a Mineral within the meaning of the Mining on Private Lands (Amendment) Act, 1902.
- (4.) Proclamation declaring Scheelite to be a Mineral within the meaning of the Mining on Private Lands (Amendment) Act, 1902.
- (5.) Proclamation declaring Kaolin to be a Mineral within the meaning of the Mining on Private Lands (Amendment) Act, 1902.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

8. LAW OF EVIDENCE BILL :—Mr. Carruthers presented a Bill intituled "*A Bill to amend the Law of Evidence*,"—which was read a first time *pro forma*.
9. THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR'S OPENING SPEECH :—Mr. Speaker reported that the House had been at the Legislative Council Chamber, at the desire of the Commissioners appointed under the Public Seal of the State, for holding this Session of the present Parliament, and that the President of the Council, being one of the said Commissioners, delivered the Opening Speech of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor to both Houses of Parliament, in pursuance of His Excellency's commands, and of which Mr. Speaker said he had, for greater accuracy, obtained a copy,—which he read to the House as follows :—

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

We, the Commissioners appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor, under the Commission you have just heard, are commanded by His Excellency to read to you the following Speech, acquainting you with the causes for which this Parliament has been called together :—

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

1. After a recess of reasonable duration, I am happy to call you together, at this convenient season of the year, for the discharge of your public duties.

2. The departure for England of the Governor was rendered necessary by the illness of Lady Rawson, a circumstance that has awakened the sincere sympathy of all classes. I feel sure the whole community shares the hope of His Excellency, that he, with Lady Rawson restored to health, will before long be again amongst us.

3. During the recess the State Premiers, with whom were associated the Prime Minister and Ministers of the Commonwealth, discussed, in Conference, at Hobart, matters of common concern to the whole of the States. As a result of the deliberations of that body, the good feeling existing among the States has been strengthened, the basis of a general understanding having been laid down in respect to many questions of interstate dealings and relations. The more important resolutions of this Conference will be submitted to Parliament for consideration.

4. The settling, on terms just to this State and equitable to the Commonwealth, of the question of the site for the Federal Capital, has been steadily kept in view. My advisers hope that the undoubted constitutional right of New South Wales in this matter will be respected by the Federal Parliament, and that the final determination of the question will not be much longer delayed.

5. I rejoice in being able to congratulate you upon the greatly improved prospects which the State, emerging from a succession of dry seasons, has before it. The timely and bounteous rains with which all parts of the country have been blessed justify the highest hopes of a return to favourable seasons, with increased confidence both at home and abroad.

6. The better dissemination of information, showing the brighter and truer side of affairs connected with our primary resources, has been engaging the attention of the Government during the recess. It is hoped that the measures taken for that purpose will result in attracting a flow of desirable immigration to assist in the building up of our agricultural and other important primary industries.

7. It is with feelings of satisfaction that I am able to refer to the steady improvement in the public credit, evidenced by the enhanced prices commanded by our stocks. This has rendered practicable an arrangement, entered into during the recess, under which a substantial reduction in the rate of interest payable on local borrowings will be effected. In addition to assuring a direct saving to the taxpayers, it is hoped that this will work to the advantage of our producers, and help to stimulate the development of our natural resources.

8. The necessity for the completion of the many works and undertakings that, under the authority of Parliament, have been entered upon, has prevented, and will for some time prevent, the volume of State borrowing being reduced to the limited dimensions considered desirable by my Advisers; but it has been, and is being, greatly curtailed. It is hoped that the day is close at hand when borrowing outside the Commonwealth, except for renewal purposes, will be entirely discontinued.

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9. Pursuant to the necessity for carefully husbanding the finances of the State, a firm hand has been kept on the expenditure for the current year, and Parliament will be invited to assent to proposals that will ensure additional savings.

10. The condition of the Public Accounts is reassuring. While there has been a falling-off in receipts from some of the ordinary sources, notably from the Crown Lands and from Commonwealth Customs Duties, the Railway earnings show a steady increase, and the revenue generally

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generally gives gratifying proof of the indomitable spirit of our people and the stability of the country's resources. A substantial surplus on the year's transactions may be expected, and will enable the deficiency of previous years to be thereby reduced.

11. The Estimates of Expenditure for the approaching financial year, framed with strict regard to economy and the requirements of the Public Service, will in due course be laid before you.

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

12. In order to decentralise the administration of minor public works, a Bill to confer simple powers of Local Government in rural districts at present unincorporated will be proposed. Parliament and Government will, by such a measure, be relieved of work that detracts from their high functions. At the same time, it is believed that the extension of self-governing powers in relation to public works will foster a more self-reliant spirit among those upon whom such powers are conferred. Economies will be effected by the transference of administration from central to local bodies, and against the charges imposed locally will be set the remission of taxation now levied by the central government, and the payment of subsidies duly proportioned to the needs of the various districts.

13. The necessity for enlarging and consolidating the powers of self-government in municipalities and urban areas is recognised by the Government. You will be invited to pass into law a Bill dealing with this important subject.

14. The public works proposals to be submitted for your approval will embrace water conservation works, railways to promote settlement in our rich agricultural areas, and additional provision for the quick transport and storage of grain and other produce.

15. The undesirable position reached in the working of the Industrial Arbitration Act has engaged the earnest attention of Ministers. A bill to overcome present difficulties, as well as to give better effect to the principle of arbitration in industrial disputes, will be submitted for your consideration on an early date.

16. Ministers have given close attention to the question of the development of the mineral and manufacturing resources of the State, by the establishment, on a sound basis, of the iron and steel industry. Tenders have been invited, both within the Commonwealth and abroad, for steel and iron supplies under conditions which, it is hoped, will prove attractive to investors and fair to the taxpayer; and further inquiry is being made into the question of manufacturing locomotives within the State, in order that the decision ultimately come to may best conserve the public interest.

17. You will be asked to give your sanction to a Bill dealing with the Liquor Licensing question. One of the leading features of the measure to be proposed will be the provisions rendering effective the principle of local option.

18. A Bill will be submitted having for its object the revision of the present system of Old Age Pensions, which, while preserving intact the humane principle underlying the present law, will contain provisions designed to diminish the opportunities for abuse, and at the same time be just both to the deserving poor and to the public taxpayer.

19. A measure for the amalgamation of the Savings Banks and the Advances to Settlers Board will be introduced, and, it is hoped, passed into law.

20. An amended Electoral law is deemed to be necessary, in the interest of economy and for the removal of obstacles to the free exercise of the franchise, as well as for the purpose of securing, as early as is practicable, uniformity with the electoral law of the Commonwealth. A Bill dealing with the subject will be submitted for your approval.

21. Among the measures of reform to be introduced will be Bills making necessary amendments in the laws relating to the Crown Lands and Forests; a Bill to simplify and liberalise the Mining Laws; a Sanitation Bill, specially framed to cope with outbreaks of disease; a measure of Law Reform; an amending Fire Brigades Bill; a Workmen's Compensation Bill; a Bill for the better care and protection of children; a Bill to more effectually deal with gambling; and a Bill enlarging the scope of the Public Service Board's powers.

22. The importance of the subject of our national system of Education, and the need for keeping our teaching methods up to the highest standards of efficiency, is fully realised by the Government. Administrative reforms, designed with a view to educational advance on the most approved modern lines, and for increasing the facilities for industrial education at our Technical Colleges and Agricultural Farms, are under consideration.

23. I now leave you to the discharge of your high and honorable duties, with the fervent prayer that, under Divine guidance, your deliberations may further promote the happiness and welfare of all classes of the people.

Mr. Downes then moved, and Mr. R. J. Anderson seconded the motion,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to prepare an Address-in-Reply to the Speech which His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor has addressed to both Houses of Parliament on opening this Session of the Parliament of the State of New South Wales.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. R. J. Anderson, Mr. Henley, Mr. Cohen, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Fallick, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

The Committee retired to prepare the Address.

And

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13th June, 1905.

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

To His Excellency the Honorable Sir FREDERICK MATTHEW DARLEY, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Lieutenant-Governor of the State of New South Wales and its Dependencies in the Commonwealth of Australia.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

We, His Majesty's loyal and dutiful subjects, the 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 unfeigned attachment to His Most Gracious Majesty's "Throne and Person."

We beg to assure your Excellency that our earnest consideration will be given to the important measures to be submitted to us, and that the necessary provision for the Public Service will be made in due course.

We join your Excellency in the hope that, under Divine Providence, our labours may prove of benefit to all classes of the people.

Mr. Downes then moved, and Mr. R. J. Anderson seconded the motion, That the Address in Reply to the Lieutenant-Governor's Opening Speech, as read by the Clerk, be now adopted by this House.

Mr. McGowen moved, That the Address be amended by leaving out all the words after the words "Throne and Person," and inserting the following words, "And we also desire to inform Your Excellency that your present advisers do not possess the confidence of this House,"—instead thereof.

Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question.

Debate ensued.

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

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow, and (*with the unanimous concurrence of the House*) take precedence of other business.

10. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Carruthers moved, That this House do now adjourn until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

Question put and passed.

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

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 2.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTIETH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 14 JUNE, 1905.

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

TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES :—Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order No. 28, appointed—
 Thomas Jessep, Esquire,
 William Fleming Latimer, Esquire,
 John McFarlane, Esquire,
 Niels Rasmus Wilson Nielsen, Esquire, and
 Robert Scobie, Esquire,
 to act as Temporary Chairmen of Committees during the present Session.

2. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS :—Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the requirements of the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, 1902, 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 the State of New South Wales, in the Commonwealth of Australia.

“ PURSUANT to the power in that behalf vested in me, as Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of the State of New South Wales, in the Commonwealth of Australia, by the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, 1902, I do hereby appoint—

“ John Rowland Dacey, Esquire,

“ Brinsley Hall, Esquire,

“ William Arthur Holman, Esquire,

“ Daniel Levy, Esquire,

“ Mark Fairles Morton, Esquire,

Donald Macdonell, Esquire,

Charles William Oakes, Esquire,

Thomas Waddell, Esquire, and

The Honorable James Henry Young,—

“ 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 fourteenth day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and

“ five.

“ WILLIAM McCOURT,
 “ Speaker.”

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. Downes, 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 the Honorable Sir FREDERICK MATTHEW DARLEY, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Lieutenant-Governor of the State of New South Wales and its Dependencies in the Commonwealth of Australia.

“ MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

“ We, His Majesty's loyal and dutiful subjects, the 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 unfeigned attachment to His Most Gracious Majesty's 'Throne and Person.'

“ We beg to assure your Excellency that our earnest consideration will be given to the important measures to be submitted to us, and that the necessary provision for the Public Service will be made in due course.

“ We

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"We join your Excellency in the hope that, under Divine Providence, our labours may prove of benefit to all classes of the people."

Upon which Mr. McGowen had moved, That the Address be amended by leaving out all the words after the words "Throne and Person," and inserting the words, "And we also desire to inform your Excellency that your present advisers do not possess the confidence of this House,"—instead thereof.

And the Question being again proposed,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question,—the House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

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

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow, and (*with the unanimous concurrence of the House*) take precedence of other business.

4. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Wade moved, That this House do now adjourn until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

Question put and passed.

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

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 3.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTIETH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 15 JUNE, 1905.

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

PAPERS:—Mr. Moore laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Regulations under the Stock Act, 1901, regarding the introduction of meat from Queensland.
- (2.) Regulations under the Stock Act, 1901, regarding the introduction of stock from Queensland.
- (3.) Proclamations under the Stock Act, 1901.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

2. 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. Downes, 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 the Honorable Sir FREDERICK MATTHEW DARLEY, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Lieutenant-Governor of the State of New South Wales and its Dependencies in the Commonwealth of Australia.

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

"We, His Majesty's loyal and dutiful subjects, the 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 unfeigned attachment to His Most Gracious Majesty's 'Throne and Person.'

"We beg to assure your Excellency that our earnest consideration will be given to the important measures to be submitted to us, and that the necessary provision for the Public Service will be made in due course.

"We join your Excellency in the hope that, under Divine Providence, our labours may prove of benefit to all classes of the people."

Upon which Mr. McGowen had moved,—That the Address be amended by leaving out all the words after the words "Throne and Person," and inserting the words, "And we also desire to inform your Excellency that your present advisers do not possess the confidence of this House,"—instead thereof.

And the Question being again proposed,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question,—the House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

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

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday next, and (*with the unanimous concurrence of the House*) take precedence of other business.

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

Question put and passed.

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

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 4.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTIETH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 20 JUNE, 1905.

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

PAPERS :—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—A letter from the Auditor-General transmitting, for presentation to the Legislative Assembly under the directions contained in the 34th Section of the Audit Act, 1902, copies of Minutes of His Excellency the Governor and the Executive Council, authorising transfers of amounts from one head of Service to supplement a vote for another service, viz. :—

- (a) £500, from Vote, "Exports and Cold Storage Branch," Contingencies,—to the Vote, "Commercial Agents,"—Contingencies.
 - (b) £500, from Vote, "Exports and Cold Storage Branch," Contingencies,—to the Vote "Commercial Agents,"—Contingencies.
 - (c) £500, from Vote "Public Buildings,"—Schedule, to the Vote, "Railways and Tramways."
 - (d) £2,000 from Vote "Roads"—Schedule, to the Vote "Rents, Cleaning, &c., and Departmental "Contingencies."
 - (e) £3,000, from the Vote "Roads" to the Vote "Equipment, Travelling, &c."
 - (f) £1,200, from Vote "Roads" to the Vote "Punts, Ferries, and Launches."
 - (g) £500, from Vote "Department of Public Health" to the Vote "Bubonic Plague—Expenses "and Compensation."
 - (h) £700, from the Vote "Lunacy—Institutions for the Insane generally," to the Vote "Lunatic "Patients."
 - (i) £750, from Votes,—“To pay Officers of the Department of the Attorney-General and of Justice "who may be granted extended leave of absence, &c.," and "To provide for new positions which "may be created after the Estimates have been passed by Parliament," to the Vote "To meet legal "expenses of all Departments of the State."
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

2. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (SHIRES) BILL :—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. Carruthers, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 15.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th 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 Bill for the local government of rural districts, and for the amendment, extension and partial repeal of certain Acts to effect the same; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

*State Government House,
Sydney, 16th June, 1905.*

Ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

3. PAPERS :—

Mr. Moore laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Copies of Papers respecting the cancellation of Gold Leases Nos. 970 and 986 (Lachlan).
- (2.) Proclamation under the Vine and Vegetation Diseases Act, 1901, prohibiting the introduction of Potatoes grown in New Zealand.

(3.)

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- (3.) Proclamation under the Vine and Vegetation Diseases Act, 1901, prohibiting the introduction of Potatoes grown in Norfolk Island.
 (4.) Regulations and Amended Regulations under the Fertilizers Act, 1904.
 (5.) Amended Regulations under the Mining Act, 1874.
 (6.) Report of the Department of Mines for the year 1904.
 Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Carruthers laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return to an Order made on 17th November, 1904,—“Government Advertisements in “Newspapers.”
 (2.) Notification of appropriation and resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for improvement of Water Supply at Mulwree Ponds, Goulburn.
 (3.) Report of Proceedings of the Conference between the Commonwealth and State Ministers, held at Hobart, February, 1905.
 Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

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. Downes, 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 the Honorable Sir FREDERICK MATTHEW DARLEY, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Lieutenant-Governor of the State of New South Wales and its Dependencies in the Commonwealth of Australia.*”

“MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

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“We beg to assure your Excellency that our earnest consideration will be given to the important measures to be submitted to us, and that the necessary provision for the Public Service will be made in due course.”

“We join your Excellency in the hope that, under Divine Providence, our labours may prove of benefit to all classes of the people.”

Upon which Mr. McGowen had moved,—That the Address be amended by leaving out all the words after the words “Throne and Person,” and inserting the words, “And we also desire to inform your Excellency that your present advisers do not possess the confidence of this House,”—instead thereof.

And the Question being again proposed,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question,—the House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

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

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow, and (*with the unanimous concurrence of the House*) take precedence of other business.

5. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Ashton 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 sixteen minutes after Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 5.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTIETH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 21 JUNE, 1905.

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

MESSAGES FROM THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor were delivered by Mr. Wade, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

(1.) District Courts (Amendment) Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 16.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, 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 Bill to amend the law relating to District Courts and appeals to Quarter Sessions: to extend the jurisdiction of such Courts, and to provide for the trial therein of issues under certain Acts; to provide for the removal of actions from the Supreme Court to a District Court; to amend the District Courts Act, 1901, The Common Law Procedure Act, 1899, and the Landlord and Tenant Act, 1899; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

State Government House,
Sydney, 20th June, 1905.

Ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

(2.) Neglected Children and Juvenile Offenders Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 17.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, 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 Bill to make better provision for the protection, control, education, maintenance, and reformation of neglected and uncontrollable children and juvenile offenders; to provide for the establishment and control of institutions and for contribution by near relatives towards the support of children in institutions; to constitute children's courts, and to provide for appeals from such courts; to provide for the licensing and regulation of children trading in streets and in certain places open to the public; to amend the State Children Relief Act, 1901; the Children's Protection Act, 1902; the Infant Protection Act, 1904, and the Crimes Act, 1900; to repeal the Industrial and Reformatory Schools Act, 1901; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

State Government House,
Sydney, 17th June, 1905.

Ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

21st June, 1905.

(3.) Small Debts Recovery (Amending) Bill :—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 18.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, 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 Bill to amend the Small Debts Recovery Act, 1899; to provide for an appeal from a Court of Petty Sessions to a District Court, to provide for the collection of fees in a Court of Petty Sessions; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

*State Government House,
Sydney, 17th June, 1905.*

Ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

2. PAPERS :—Mr. Ashton laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Report of the Department of Lands for the year 1904.
- (2.) Copies of papers relating to the promotion of Messrs. T. F. Furber and R. P. Sellors, officers of the Department of Lands, in accordance with Regulation No. 455, under the Public Service Act, 1902.
- (3.) Additional Regulations Nos. 274A and 348A; Amended Regulations Nos. 6, 14, 18, 35, 36, 42, 49, 57B, 58, 73, 109, 119, 121, 125, 133, 136, 148, 152, 161, 208, 213, 218, 227, 229, 231, 273, 274, 283, 286, 340, and 348A; Further Amended Regulations Nos. 35, 36, and 348A; Additional Form No. 113, and Amended Forms Nos. 8, 9, and 111, under the Crown Lands Acts; also, Amended Regulation No. 11, under the Blockholders' Act, 1901, and Amended Regulation No. 10 under the Church and School Lands Act.
- (4.) Regulation under the Royal Commissioners Evidence Act, 1901.
- (5.) Regulations Nos. 1 to 28 (inclusive), Forms Nos. 1 to 23 (inclusive), Amended Regulation No. 14; and Amended Form No. 14 under the Closer Settlement Act, 1904.
- (6.) Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure of the Hay Irrigation Trust, for the year 1904.
- (7.) Particulars of Leases issued under the provisions of the Western Lands Act of 1901, from 17th December, 1904, to 31st May, 1905.
- (8.) Amended Regulation No. 64 under the Pastures Protection Act, 1902.
- (9.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorised to be dedicated to Religious Purposes, under the Crown Lands Alienation Act, 1861.
- (10.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorised to be dedicated to Public Purposes, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.
- (11.) *Gazette* Notices setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the Dedication of certain Lands, under the Crown Lands Acts of 1884 and 1889, and the Public Trusts Act, 1897.
- (12.) Return of Leases granted under the provisions of section 18 of the Crown Lands Act Amendment Act, 1903.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

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. Downes, 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 the Honorable Sir FREDERICK MATTHEW DARLEY, Knight Grand Cross of the
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"We, His Majesty's loyal and dutiful subjects, the 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 unfeigned attachment to His Most Gracious Majesty's 'Throne and Person.'

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"We join your Excellency in the hope that, under Divine Providence, our labours may prove of benefit to all classes of the people."

Upon which Mr. McGowen had moved,—That the Address be amended by leaving out all the words after the words "Throne and Person," and inserting the words, "And we also desire to inform your Excellency that your present advisers do not possess the confidence of this House,"—instead thereof.

And the Question being again proposed,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question,—the House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And

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21st June, 1905.

And the House continuing to sit after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 22 JUNE, 1905, A.M.

Question put,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question.

The House divided.

Ayes, 53.

Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Brinsley Hall,
Mr. Creswell,	Mr. Walter Anderson,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Fallick,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Wood,
Mr. Oakes,	Mr. Downes,
Mr. Dick,	Mr. Mackenzie,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Wade,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Eden George,	Mr. Perry (<i>L'pool Plains</i>),
Mr. Ashton,	Mr. Fell,
Mr. Thomas,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. John Hurley,	Mr. Perry (<i>The Richm'd</i>),
Mr. Levy,	Mr. Law,
Mr. Hindmarsh,	Dr. Arthur,
Mr. Booth,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Broughton,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Briner,
Mr. McCoy,	Mr. Storey,
Mr. Kearney,	Mr. J. H. Young,
Mr. Latimer,	Mr. W. Millard.
Mr. Cohen,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Alan Millard,	Mr. Morton,
Mr. Donaldson,	Mr. Davidson.
Mr. Jessep,	
Mr. Crick,	
Mr. Fleming,	
Mr. Levien,	
Mr. R. J. Anderson,	
Mr. Reynoldson,	
Mr. Moxham,	
Mr. Henley,	

Noes, 29.

Mr. Thrower,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,
Mr. Nielsen,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Sullivan,
Mr. Macdonell,
Mr. Hollis,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Holman,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Daley,
Mr. Cann,
Mr. Estell,
Mr. Charlton,
Mr. Meehan,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. McNeill,
Mr. W. W. Young,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Dacey,
Mr. Norton,
Mr. Macdonald.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Scobie.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original Question again proposed.

Debate resumed.

Mr. Gardiner moved, That the Question be amended by adding thereto as an additional paragraph the following words:—"And further, we respectfully request that your Excellency may be pleased to clothe the present Royal Commission now inquiring into land matters with full powers to investigate any allegations that may be brought under its notice of questionable practices in the administration of the Department of Lands during the occupancy of the office of Secretary for Lands by Messrs. Carruthers, Young, Hassall, and Crick."

Debate continued.

Question put,—That the words proposed to be added be so added.

The House divided.

Ayes, 25.

Mr. Cann,
Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Thrower,
Mr. Macdonell,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Holman,
Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Daley,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,
Mr. Burgess,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. McGarry,
Mr. W. W. Young,
Mr. Dacey,
Mr. Charlton,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. McNeill,
Mr. Meehan,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Sullivan.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Nielsen,
Mr. Estell.

Noes, 49.

Mr. Broughton,	Mr. Fallick,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Creswell,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Moxham,
Mr. Wade,	Mr. Henley,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Perry (<i>L'pool Plains</i>),
Mr. Dick,	Mr. Mackenzie,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. J. H. Young,
Mr. R. J. Anderson,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Levy,	Mr. Norton,
Mr. Hindmarsh,	Mr. Fell,
Mr. Kearney,	Mr. Wood,
Mr. John Hurley,	Mr. Walter Anderson,
Mr. Reynoldson,	Mr. McCoy,
Mr. Ashton,	Mr. Brinsley Hall,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Law,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Latimer,	Mr. W. Millard,
Dr. Arthur,	Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Storey,
Mr. Fleming,	Mr. Morton.
Mr. Crick,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Eden George,	Mr. Booth,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Oakes.
Mr. Collins,	
Mr. Jessep,	
Mr. Downes,	
Mr. Davidson,	

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. Carruthers 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 on Tuesday next, at half-past Four o'clock, at the State Governor's Offices, Macquarie-street.

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4. INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION (TEMPORARY COURT) BILL :—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. Wade, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 19.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, 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 Bill to provide for the appointment of a Court of Arbitration, and for the appointment of a Deputy-President with certain powers; to amend the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1901; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

*State Government House,
Sydney, 21st June, 1905.*

Ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

5. COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY :—Mr. Carruthers moved, That this House will, on its next Sitting Day, resolve itself into the Committee of Supply.
Question put and passed.

6. COMMITTEE OF WAYS AND MEANS :—Mr. Carruthers moved, That this House will, on its next Sitting Day, resolve itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.
Question put and passed.

7. INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION (TEMPORARY COURT) BILL :—

- (1.) Mr. Wade moved, pursuant to *amended* Notice, That this House will, forthwith, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the appointment of a Court of Arbitration, and for the appointment of a Deputy-President, with certain powers; to amend the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1901; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

Question put and passed.

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Wade, 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 appointment of a Court of Arbitration, and for the appointment of a Deputy-President, with certain powers; to amend the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1901; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Jessep, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.

Ordered, on motion of the Temporary Chairman, That the report be *now* received.

The Temporary 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 appointment of a Court of Arbitration, and for the appointment of a Deputy-President, with certain powers; to amend the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1901; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

On motion of Mr. Wade, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

- (2.) Mr. Wade then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to provide for the appointment of a Court of Arbitration, and for the appointment of a Deputy-President, with certain powers; to amend the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1901; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next (*and with the unanimous consent of the House to take precedence of all business after the presentation of the Address-in-Reply*).

8. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Carruthers 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 one minute after Ten o'clock p.m., until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 6.

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OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTIETH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 27 JUNE, 1905.

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

ADDRESS-IN-REPLY TO THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR'S OPENING SPEECH :—The Assembly proceeded to State 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 thereto the following answer :—

State Government House, Sydney, 27 June, 1905.

To the Honorable the Speaker and the
Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales,—

I thank you for your Address expressing your loyalty and unfeigned attachment to His Most Gracious Majesty's Throne and Person, and I am glad to receive your assurances that the measures to be submitted to you will receive your earnest consideration, and that the necessary provision for the Public Service will be made in due course.

I join with you again in the hope that, under Divine Providence, your labours will prove of benefit to all classes of the people.

FREDK. M. DARLEY,
Lieutenant-Governor.

2. QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Dumaresq River Travelling Stock Reserve :—Mr. Jones asked the Secretary for Lands,—
(1.) Are any water reserves, camping reserves, or travelling stock reserves on the Dumaresq River Travelling Stock Reserve, between Texas Crossing and Mingoola, fenced off from the use of the travelling public?
(2.) If so, what reserves are fenced, and what were the reasons assigned for fencing them in?
(3.) If the public can use the reserves, are there any restrictions imposed upon their use; if so, of what nature?
(4.) Who authorised the fencing in of the reserves in question?
(5.) Was the Lands Department consulted as to the public requirements before the reserves were fenced?
(6.) Is any stock being depastured on the fenced-in reserves; if so, whose, and what payment is made in connection therewith for rent?

Mr. Ashton answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
(2.) Part of Travelling Stock Reserve 3,239, 6 miles down river from Bonshaw and Water Reserve 1,380, 1 mile from Bonshaw, fenced by the Pastoral Lessees, and the fences adopted by the Mines Department as the tick fence boundary.
(3.) The public have access through slip-rails, which are never locked. Stock are subject to the restrictions of the Stock Diseases (Tick) Act.
(4 and 5.) No authority necessary when the fences were erected.
(6.) Stock may be depastured on Reserve 3,239, as it is held by Charles George Tindal, under Occupation License, at 1½d. per acre. Water Reserve 1,380 is not under any tenure, and the Department is not aware of any stock being depastured thereon.

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(2.) Abercrombie-street Tram Proposal:—*Mr. Hollis*, for *Mr. Sullivan*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he, at his earliest convenience, again refer the matter of the construction of the Abercrombie-street tram to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for report? *Mr. Lee* answered,—I cannot promise to do this at present.

(3.) Preservation of Game:—*Mr. Perry (The Richmond)* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he bring in a Bill to amend the law for the preservation of game, empowering him to close certain districts for twelve or more months against shooting for the market or sport? *Mr. Hogue* answered,—The matter is receiving consideration.

(4.) Careless Use of Pea-rifles:—*Mr. Perry (The Richmond)* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is he aware of the number of accidents to human beings as well as live stock occasioned by the careless use of pea-rifles; if so, will he consider the desirableness of introducing legislation prohibiting the use of same by boys under a certain age?

Mr. Hogue answered,—A Bill has been drawn on the subject of the use of firearms of all descriptions. If the Honorable Member cares to take up a measure dealing with the matter, he can have the benefit of the material available. The Government, does not propose to deal with the subject in view of the stress of work ahead.

(5.) Royal Commission to inquire into Administration of Lands Department:—*Mr. Charlton* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is the Government prepared to assist the investigation of the Royal Commission sitting to inquire into the administration of the Lands Department, by ordering the immediate preparation of a return showing—

(1.) Particulars of all applications for exchanges or improvement leases made since the coming into operation of the Land Act of 1895, by applicants who have employed as their agents or solicitors persons who have been at any time since 1895 either in the position of Minister for Lands or partners of firms of which a Minister for Lands was a member?

(2.) The name of such agents, solicitors, or firms?

(3.) The whole of the proposals made since the coming into operation of the Land Act of 1895 through any other agents by all such applicants?

(4.) The Ministers who dealt in each case, with the proposals of such applicants?

(5.) The degree of success or non-success that attended each such proposal?

(6.) Particulars of every proposal for improvement lease exchange, or the disposal of surrendered lands that has culminated in Ministerial approval since 1895?

(7.) Particulars of every such proposal so culminating in Ministerial approval which has at any stage of its history been adversely reported upon by any officer of the Department?

(8.) In case of proposals so reported upon adversely, at what stage, and by whom such adverse reports were overruled?

(9.) The names of the agents conducting cases where such adverse reports were overruled?

(10.) The cases where special officers have been sent to report and the names of such special officers?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—I understand that the Lands Department is placing before the Commission and the Counsel engaged thereon the fullest information relating to improvement leases, from which all the information sought by the Honorable Member's questions can be readily derived by His Honor Justice Owen. I have asked that similar information may be afforded re exchanges. 1,134 applications for exchanges have been received since 1895. It will be necessary to collect all the papers in each case to compile the information required. To the end of 1904, 1,422 improvement leases were granted, collection of all papers necessary. No doubt there are numbers of applications made for land to be disposed of under improvement lease and refused. Search for the correspondence would take up time. The mere numbers quoted do not give a full idea of the work that is involved.

(6.) Royal Commission to inquire into Administration of Lands Department:—*Mr. Charlton* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a warrant has been issued for the apprehension of a man summoned as a witness before the Lands Commission, who has failed to attend?

(2.) Is it also a fact that, so far, his apprehension has not been effected?

(3.) Has the Government considered the possibility of other persons similarly affected by the inquiries of the Commission similarly absenting themselves at later stages of the inquiry?

(4.) In view of this possibility, will the Government call for an interim report from the Commissioner with a view of taking any necessary measures to ensure the attendance of persons whose presence may be desired either as witnesses or for any other reason?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

(1 and 2.) On 14th instant a warrant was issued for the arrest of a man for disobeying a summons issued for his attendance to give evidence before the Land Commission. So far, his apprehension has not been effected.

(3 and 4.) The Government has conferred with His Honor Mr. Justice Owen on the subject, with the result that a Bill will be submitted to Parliament proposing to bestow upon the Royal Commissioner powers analogous to those possessed by a Judge sitting in the Supreme Court Jurisdiction.

(7.) Mitchell Library:—*Mr. Levy* asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) What provision, if any, has been made for the accommodation of the Mitchell library?

(2.) Where are the books at present housed?

(3.) Are they available to the public?

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- Mr. O'Connor answered,—
- (1.) This matter is receiving attention. The Government Architect has been instructed to prepare plans for the buildings, &c.
 - (2.) The bulk of the library is in Mr. Mitchell's possession. The portion handed over by him is housed in premises belonging to the Government, adjoining the Public Library.
 - (3.) The latter portion is available, upon reference to the Principal Librarian.
- (8.) Actions tried as Commercial Causes :—Mr. Levy asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—How many actions have been tried as "commercial causes" since the passing of the Commercial Causes Act, 1903?
- Mr. Wade answered,—The Prothonotary has informed me that there have been no cases tried under the Commercial Causes Act, 1903. In three cases orders for trial were made, but these cases have not been set down for hearing.
- (9.) Defence of Poor Prisoners :—Mr. Levy asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—Will he consider the advisableness of introducing a Bill providing for the defence of poor prisoners, on the lines of the English Act of 1903 (3 Ed. 7 ch. 38)?
- Mr. Wade answered,—Yes. I will give this matter careful attention.
- (10.) Court of Appeal for Public Servants :—Mr. Levy asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce, during this Session, a Bill providing for a Court of Appeal for Public Servants?
- Mr. Carruthers answered,—The Bill is undergoing final revision, and a deputation from the Public Service Association is appointed to wait on the Government to discuss the matter. Until then the Bill will not be finally dealt with.
- (11.) Resignation of Officers, Agricultural Department :—Mr. Levy asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) Is it a fact, that three officers of the Agricultural Department have recently resigned?
 - (2.) If so, what are the names, positions, and salaries of these officers?
 - (3.) Has any reason been assigned for such resignation?
 - (4.) Is it a fact, that these officers have secured more lucrative positions in other States?
- Mr. Moore answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) Dr. N. A. Cobb, pathologist, salary, £730 per annum; Mr. E. M. Grosse, artist, salary, £400 per annum; Mr. W. E. Chambers, artist, salary, £250 per annum.
 - (3.) No.
 - (4.) It is understood so.
- (12.) Railway from Curlewis to Gilgandra :—Mr. Perry (*Liverpool Plains*) asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government to place a sum of money on the Estimates for completing the survey of the railway line from Curlewis to Gilgandra?
- Mr. Lec answered,—It is not proposed to do so.
- (13.) Advances to Pastures Protection Boards :—Mr. Perry (*Liverpool Plains*) asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to provide a sum of money for the purpose of making advances to Pasture Protection Boards in terms provided by sections 29 and 30 of the Pastures Protection Act?
 - (2.) What amount of money will be so provided?
 - (3.) When will the money be made available?
- Mr. Ashton answered,—The matter is being considered, and a final determination will be arrived at in connection with the Estimates for the ensuing financial year.
- (14.) Supply of Wire-netting to Local Boards under a System of Deferred Payments :—Mr. Thrower asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Is it his intention to authorise the Local Boards, appointed under the Pastures Protection Act, to supply to applicants wire netting under a system of deferred payments?
 - (2.) If so, when?
- Mr. Ashton answered,—The Honorable Member is referred to the answer given by me to Question No. 13.
- (15.) Rabbit-trapping by the Unemployed :—Mr. Jones asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Were any unemployed men sent from Sydney to country districts rabbit-trapping; if so, how many?
 - (2.) What arrangements were made, if any, to keep records of the success or otherwise of these trappers?
 - (3.) If any such arrangements were made, do the results so far indicate that the experiment was successful; if so, what proportion of the men succeeded?
 - (4.) Were any arrangements made for instructing these city men in the art of trapping and preparing rabbits for market?
- Mr. Lee answered,—
- (1.) Yes; forty-seven equipped by the Government.
 - (2, 3, and 4.) Twenty-four of the men were sent, under arrangement with Messrs. Gazzard and Curtis, rabbit dealers and exporters, twelve of them going to Roslyn (Crookwell line), and twelve to Bowenfels (Great Western Line). Twelve men were sent under arrangement with Mr. W. A. Benn (formerly Rosewarne Packing Company), to work, six at Boggabri and six at Baan Baa (both on the North-western

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North-western line), in connection with freezing works at Gunnedah. In each case firms found a foreman, placed men on ground, instructed them in art of trapping and preparing rabbits for market, took rabbits at men's camp and conveyed them to railway. They also undertook to protect Government advances as far as possible, and to report on men's progress, earnings, &c. The other eleven men were placed by Sub-Inspector Bedingfeld, in charge of Narrandera police, with assistance of local stock inspector. The experiment, so far, has not proved successful.

(16.) Taxation Moneys collected on uncompleted Conditional Purchases:—Mr. John Hurley asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the Taxation Department has been making demands on uncompleted conditional purchases, adding 1d. per acre, the same as on freehold?
- (2.) Is he aware summonses have been served upon persons who have been so pressed?
- (3.) Will he therefore instruct the officers of the Taxation Department to refund all moneys collected under such demand?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—Uncompleted conditional purchases are liable to land tax, but in computing the value of such lands for taxation purposes the balance of purchase-money due to the Crown is deducted from the total value of the land. The existing law has simply been carried out according to the unvarying practice of ten years.

(17.) Salary and Allowances paid to Mr. Supervising Inspector Cowley:—Mr. Jones asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) What salary is paid Mr. Supervising Inspector Cowley, officer in charge of the stock inspectors along the Queensland border?
- (2.) What allowance, if any, is made to that officer for travelling expenses?
- (3.) If payments are made, are vouchers produced for money expended?
- (4.) Is the allowance made in cases where the officer is under no expense for travelling or hotel accommodation?
- (5.) Did Mr. Supervising Inspector Cowley visit Bonshaw during 1904 and 1905; if so, on what dates?
- (6.) What sum was paid to Mr. Cowley for salary and allowances from 1st July, 1904, to 31st May, 1905?

Mr. Moore answered,—

- (1.) £300 per annum.
- (2.) 12s. 6d. per diem when travelling and time occupied reaches or exceeds twenty-four hours; 6d. per mile for journeys commenced and completed within twenty-four hours, maximum 10s. if using own conveyance. Train, coach, and steamer fare allowed when his own conveyance cannot be used.
- (3.) Yes, for train, coach, or steamer journey.
- (4.) As far as the Department is aware, the travelling allowance is not made in cases where the officer is under no expense. Mr. Cowley has to provide his own conveyance when travelling, and only receives 12s. 6d. per day for his total expenses.
- (5.) 1904—February 4th, April 22nd, August 12th, 13th, 16th, and 17th; October 15th and 21st. 1905—January 17th and 18th.
- (6.) Salary, £275; allowances, £132 17s. 2d. travelling expenses, and £3 15s. stationery.

(18.) Tenterfield to Casino, Murwillumbah to Tweed Heads, and Ballina to Lismore-Tweed Railway Proposals:—Mr. Perry (*The Richmond*) asked the Secretary for Public Works,—In view of the recent discoveries made by the Honorable the Premier and Secretary for Lands on the North Coast, will he, at an early date, again refer the Tenterfield to Casino, the Murwillumbah to Tweed Heads, and Ballina to Lismore-Tweed Railway proposals to the Public Works Committee?

Mr. Lee answered,—These important subjects will receive the fullest consideration.

(19.) Tuckian Flood Relief Proposals:—Mr. Perry (*The Richmond*) asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he obtain a fresh investigation by the Public Works Committee into the Tuckian flood relief proposals at an early date?

Mr. Lee answered,—I will have this matter further reported upon at an early date.

(20.) Increments to Salaries of Lower Grade Public Servants:—Mr. Estell, for Mr. Sullivan, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Whether, in view of the declared policy of the Government that public servants in the lower grades should suffer no retrenchment, is it his intention to have a sum placed on the Supplementary Estimates to make good the amounts paid short in the increments to salaries under £150, to which officers are entitled under the Public Service Regulations?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—The amount provided by Parliament in 1904-5 Estimates for these increments—£6,500—proved to be £600 less than the amount subsequently recommended by the Departments. Instead of reducing individual increments, payment was made for eleven months at the rates recommended, thus assuring the increase of salary provided under the regulation without deduction.

(21.) City Mutual Life Assurance Society:—Mr. John Hurley asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Has his attention been drawn to the charge of malpractice, stated by the Chief Justice, and reported in the Press of 5th May last, in respect to the question of commission paid by the City Mutual Life Assurance Society of this State to its directors, in direct opposition to its articles of association?
- (2.) If so, does he purpose taking action so as to prevent any such outrage on policy-holders by any society in similar position?

Mr. Wade answered,—I have not seen the Press report of the comments made by the Chief Justice on the evidence; but I am inclined to think that the matter is one for the persons interested. I will, however, give it consideration.

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- (22.) Cases against Mr. Fava, King-street:—Mr. John Hurley asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) How many times has Mr. Fava, the holder of a wine license in King-street, been fined?
 - (2.) What fines were imposed in each case, and what Magistrate presided?

Mr. Hogue answered,—I will presently lay upon the Table a return giving the desired information.

- (23.) Parliamentary aid to Public Baths, 1902-3:—Mr. John Hurley asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) What was the total sum voted by Parliament in 1902-3 for aiding public baths?
 - (2.) How many places participated in the sum voted, and was there any balance?
 - (3.) Were there any stipulations made, or agreements entered into for the repayment of such sums; and, if so, in how many cases?

Mr. Hogue answered,—I will presently lay a return upon the Table in answer to this question.

- (24.) Homestead Selections:—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Will he provide in any amending Land Bill, that holders of homestead selections shall have the right to convert their holdings into conditional purchases?
 - (2.) Will he further provide that original applicants shall have preference over applicants for additional holdings?

Mr. Ashton answered,—

- (1.) Yes; subject to safeguards.
- (2.) I propose to ask Parliament to modify the law.

- (25.) Charges against Frank McFadyen, Darling Harbour Yards:—Mr. Jessep asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Will he be good enough to ask for a report from the Railway Commissioners, dealing with the charges investigated against one Frank McFadyen formerly an employee in connection with Clyde yards, now engaged as an employee at Darling Harbour yards?
- (2.) Will he cause the report, when submitted, to be laid upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—The matter referred to relates to a question affecting the control of the Railway Staff which has been dealt with by the Railway Commissioners. Should the Honorable Member desire particulars, I would suggest he call upon the Railway Commissioners.

- (26.) Employment of certain Stonemasons at Fisher Library:—Mr. Jessep asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he inform the House why the undermentioned stonemasons, John Grant, James Daves, Thomas Francis, and Charles Lee, were withdrawn from private employment and given work by the Works Department at the Fisher Library as stonemasons, after informing the deputation that waited upon him on 15th December, 1904, that any vacancy at the aforesaid work should be filled from the Stonemasons Union unemployed list?

Mr. Lee answered,—These stonemasons were not withdrawn from their employment by the responsible officers of my Department, but they registered their names as unemployed tradesmen, and were taken on as required.

- (27.) Scrub Lease held by Arthur H. Grimm, Grenfell Land District:—Mr. Jones asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that Arthur H. Grimm holds a scrub lease of 32,200 acres in the Land District of Grenfell?
- (2.) If so, for what term does he hold it, and what does he pay per acre?
- (3.) Is it true that portions of this land were cleared at the expense of the Crown prior to being granted to Grimm?
- (4.) If so, how many acres were cleared, and what was the price per acre, and did Grimm pay anything for the improvements?

Mr. Ashton answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Twenty-one years from the 5th November, 1902, subject to right of withdrawal for settlement after the expiration of ten years or for any public purpose at any time. Rent—one penny per acre including rent for Crown improvements.
- (3 and 4.) The small timber on 14,790 acres was thinned out in 1900-1901. On 4,376 acres of this area the thinnings were cleaned up and stacked. The average cost of the work was 4s. 3d. an acre. The Lessee does not pay rent on this as the thinning made for the benefit of the State Forest was found by the Land Board to be of little advantage, if any, for pastoral purposes. The maintenance of the improvement is an expense to the Lessee under conditions 9 and 13 of his lease.

3. MURRUMBIDGEE NORTHERN WATER SUPPLY AND IRRIGATION BILL:—Mr. Briner presented a Petition from Robert Gibson, representing that the proceedings in respect to the Murrumbidgee Northern Water Supply and Irrigation Bill were interrupted by the prorogation of Parliament, and praying that the said Bill may be proceeded with under Standing Order No. 409.

And the 409th Standing Order of this House permitting of the prayer of the Petitioner being entertained,—
Petition received.

4. PAPERS:—

Mr. O'Connor laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Amended Regulations Nos. 32, 33, and 41, under the Public Instruction Act, 1880.
- (2.) Report of the Trustees of the National Art Gallery for the year 1904.
- (3.) Notifications of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for Public School purposes at Oban Vale, Milton Estate, Dapto, Lincoln, Berremangra, Bungiebomar, Drill Creek, Rangaroi, and Tempe.
- (4.) By-laws and Rules, and Statutes relating to St. Paul's College, within the University of Sydney.
- (5.) Amended By-laws of the University of Sydney.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

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Mr. Wade laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Report on Prisons for the year 1904.
 - (2.) Amended Regulation, No. 75, under the Prisons Act, 1899.
 - (3.) Amended and Additional Regulations under the Public Service Act, 1902.
 - (4.) Rules and Regulations under the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1901.
 - (5.) Return (*in part*) to an Order made on 17th March, 1892,—“Convictions under the Licensing Act.”
 - (6.) Annual Returns under the District Courts Act, 1901.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Lee laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Notification of resumption of land under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the construction of a Bridge over the Hunter River, at Singleton.
 - (2.) Copy of Agreement between the Minister for Works and the Honorable Samuel McCaughey, in regard to the construction of the Cudgel Creek Cutting, also Sketch Plan showing proposed works.
 - (3.) Report of the Public Service Board on the working of the Fitzroy Dock, especially in regard to the submission of tenders for public works, together with Minutes of Evidence.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Hogue laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Statement of Bank Liabilities and Assets for quarter ended 31st March, 1905.
 - (2.) Statement of Public Companies' Liabilities and Assets for quarter ended 31st March, 1905.
 - (3.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Broken Hill under the Public Health Act, 1902, and the Nuisances Prevention Act, 1897.
 - (4.) By-law of the Borough of Hunter's Hill.
 - (5.) Amended Regulation under the Public Health Act, 1902.
 - (6.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Smithfield and Fairfield.
 - (7.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Ryde.
 - (8.) Amended By-law of the Borough of Junee.
 - (9.) Return to an Order made on 1st November, 1904,—“Police Superannuation Fund.”
 - (10.) Return to an Order made on 8th November, 1904,—“Charges preferred against Major Lee, “D.S.O.”
 - (11.) Report of the Police Department for the year 1904.
 - (12.) Report of the Director of Botanic Gardens and Domains for the year 1904.
 - (13.) Report of the Wollongong Fire Brigades Board for the year ended 31st March, 1905.
 - (14.) Report of the Goulburn Fire Brigades Board for the year 1904.
 - (15.) Additional Regulations under the State Children Relief Act, 1901.
 - (16.) Amended Regulation under the State Children Relief Act, 1901.
 - (17.) Regulations under the Fisheries Act, 1902.
 - (18.) By-law of the Sydney Hospital.
 - (19.) Regulations in respect of the Sanitary Area of Portland, under the Public Health Act, 1902.
 - (20.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Liverpool, under the Public Health Act, 1902, and the Public Health (Night-soil Removal) Act, 1902.
 - (21.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Bega, under the Public Health Act, 1902, and the Municipalities Act, 1897.
 - (22.) By-laws of the Borough of Temora, under the Nuisances Prevention Act, 1897, and the Municipalities Act, 1897.
 - (23.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Wellington, under the Nuisances Prevention Act, 1897.
 - (24.) By-laws of the Municipal District of North Illawarra, under the Nuisances Prevention Act, 1897.
 - (25.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Maclean, under the Nuisances Prevention Act, 1897.
 - (26.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Gunnedah, under the Nuisances Prevention Act, 1897.
 - (27.) By-laws of the Borough of Singleton, under the Nuisances Prevention Act, 1897.
 - (28.) By-law of the Municipal District of Forbes, under the Nuisances Prevention Act, 1897.
 - (29.) By-law of the Municipal District of Molong, under the Nuisances Prevention Act, 1897.
 - (30.) By-laws of the Borough of Gosford, under the Municipalities Act, 1897, and the Nuisances Prevention Act, 1897.
 - (31.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Wickham.
 - (32.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Inverell.
 - (33.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Ingleburn.
 - (34.) By-laws of the Borough of Hunter's Hill.
 - (35.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Broken Hill.
 - (36.) By-laws of the Borough of West Maitland.
 - (37.) By-laws of the Borough of Armidale.
 - (38.) By-laws of the Borough of Orange.
 - (39.) By-law of the Municipal District of Manly.
 - (40.) By-law of the Municipal District of Hay.
 - (41.) By-law of the Borough of Goulburn.
 - (42.) Information respecting the Vote for aiding Public Baths.
 - (43.) Return of convictions against Onofrio Fava, for breaches of the Sunday Trading Act.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

5. LANDLORD AND TENANT AMENDING BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Holman moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Landlord and Tenant Act.
Question put and passed.

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6. 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 Wednesday, 14th June, 1905, 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 117th section of the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, 1902.

(2.) *Members sworn*:—John Rowland Dacey, Esquire, Brinsley Hall, Esquire, William Arthur Holman, Esquire, Mark Fairles Morton, Esquire, Donald Macdonell, Esquire, Charles William Oakes, Esquire, and Thomas Waddell, Esquire, came to the Table, and were sworn by the Clerk as Members of the Committee.

7. INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION (TEMPORARY COURT) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Wade moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Point of Order:—Mr. Norton submitted that the provision of this Bill that District Court Judges should be substituted for Supreme Court Judges as the body from which the offices of President and Vice-President of the Court should be drawn, was beyond the order of leave.

Mr. Speaker ruled that the provision referred to was well within the order of leave, and the Bill was in order.

Debate continued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Wade, 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. Latimer (Temporary Chairman) reported the Bill, without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Wade, the report was adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

8. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Ashton moved, That this House do now adjourn until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at fifteen minutes before Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 7.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTIETH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 28 JUNE, 1905.

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

QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Retirement of Police Officers :—Mr. McGarry asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it the intention of the Inspector-General to retire all police officers over the age of 60 years?
- (2.) If so, when?

Mr. Hogue answered,—It is not desirable in the public interests to compulsorily retire all members of the Force on attaining the age of 60 years, nor will the Police Superannuation Funds permit of this being done.

(2.) Architects, Public Works Department :—Mr. Thrower asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) The number of architects employed in the Public Works Department during the year ending 31st December, 1903?
- (2.) Their names and salaries respectively?
- (3.) The number of architects at present employed?
- (4.) Their names and salaries respectively?

Mr. Lee answered,—I will presently lay the information upon the Table of this House in the shape of a return.

(3.) Myall Creek Estate :—Mr. Meehan asked the Secretary for Lands,—What has been the cost of all forms of advertising in connection with the Myall Creek Estate?

Mr. Ashton answered,—Three hundred and twenty eight pounds four shillings and fivepence (£328 4s. 5d.).

(4.) Kensington Racecourse :—Mr. Kelly asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) What was the rental paid by the Kensington Proprietary for their racecourse?
- (2.) What are the terms of the lease?
- (3.) In what year does the lease expire?

Mr. Ashton answered,—

- (1.) £900 per annum for the six years ending 31st December, 1910. Rent for remaining seven years to be determined by appraisalment.
- (2.) Terms and conditions of lease are set out in *Gazette Notices* of 3rd January, 1890, and 12th March, 1902, copies of which I will presently lay upon the Table of this House.
- (3.) 1917—31st December.

(5.) Alleged Overpayments for Supply of Blue-metal :—Mr. Nobbs, for Mr. Fell, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is he aware that it is reported that an inquiry was recently held by the Public Service Board into alleged over payments to Contractor T. Williams in connection with his supply of metal for relief works and to Padden and Roberts in connection with their supply of blue metal for Belmore tramway?
- (2.) Will he say whether this is the case; and, if so, what steps have been taken to recover about £500 said to have been lost to the State?

Mr. Lee answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) £96 10s. 6d. of the overpayment referred to has been refunded by Williams, and £8 6s. 9d. by the responsible officers. A further sum of £433 1s. 7d. is said to have been overpaid to Padden

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and Roberts. Of this sum £10 has been recovered from the only officer concerned who is still in the Service, and his responsibility in connection with the transaction was very slight. Other officers principally concerned have either been dismissed the Service or have left it. These officers and one of the contractors, who was recently insolvent, are said to have left the State. The Crown Solicitor advises against prosecution.

(6.) Ocean-street Tram Cars:—Mr. Levy asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Are the Railway Commissioners aware of the great peril to passengers travelling on the Ocean-street tram-line owing to the peculiar construction of the cars running thereon?
- (2.) Are they aware that the height of the footboard from the ground and from the footboard to the floor renders these cars dangerous to all but young and active people?
- (3.) Are they aware that the regulation enabling five persons to sit on a seat can only be observed with serious inconvenience to passengers?
- (4.) Are they aware that a number of people have already strained themselves seriously in the effort to climb into these cars, and that a number of ladies have fallen in getting out?
- (5.) In view of the very large number of passengers on this line and of the complaints that have been incessantly made since the new cars commenced to run, will the Minister cause a thorough inquiry to be made into the matters complained of?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

- (1.) No.
- (2.) The height of the footboard is the same on all electric cars with the side entrances, and is similar to the steam cars which were running for so many years. It is necessary to have wheels of the size in order to permit of the motors which are suspended on the axles being carried clear of the roadway.
- (3.) Car seats were designed to hold five persons.
- (4.) No; but isolated instances have occurred of ladies' dresses being caught by the doors causing them to fall. Alterations have been effected to remedy this.
- (5.) The cars are similar to others in use, and no additional information will be gathered by further inquiry.

(7.) Smoke Nuisance within the City:—Mr. Thrower, for Mr. Arthur Griffith, asked the Colonial Secretary,—What steps, if any, has he decided to take to empower the City Council to abate the smoke nuisance within the City of Sydney?

Mr. Hogue answered,—I am having inquiries made in this matter.

(8.) Post and Telegraph Office, Parliament House:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the Post and Telegraph Office in connection with Parliament House is to be abolished?
- (2.) If so, will he at once take steps to have that Office retained for the accommodation of Members of Parliament?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—I am not officially aware of any such step being proposed. I understand that the Commonwealth Government has decided to reduce the status of the Parliamentary Post Office from £215 per annum to £140 per annum, which necessitates the removal of the present Postmaster and the appointment of a lower paid official.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Lee laid upon the Table,—Statement showing number of architects employed in the Public Works Department on 31st December, 1903, and at date, with names and salaries in each case.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Wade laid upon the Table,—Report of the Royal Commission of Inquiry into the formation, constitution, and working of the Machine Shearers and Shed Employees' Union, Industrial Union of Employees.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Ashton laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Notifications of Special Lease and Extension of Special Lease granted under the Crown Lands Acts, 1884 and 1895, to the Kensington Recreation Grounds Company (Limited).
- (2.) *Gazette* Notices setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the dedication of certain Lands, under the Crown Lands Acts of 1884 and 1889, and the Public Trusts Act, 1897.
- (3.) Abstract of Crown Lands intended to be dedicated to Religious Purposes, under the Crown Lands (Alienation) Act of 1861.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION (TEMPORARY COURT) BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Wade, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Wade then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to provide for the appointment of a court of arbitration, and for the appointment of a deputy president with certain powers; to amend the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1901; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"

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 appointment of a court of arbitration, and for the appointment of a deputy president with certain powers; to amend the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1901; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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4. BUSINESS DAYS—*Sessional Order*—(*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Carruthers moved, pursuant to Notice, That, unless otherwise ordered, this House shall meet for the despatch of business at Four o'clock p.m., on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday in each week.
Question put and passed.
5. PRECEDENCE OF BUSINESS (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Carruthers moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That, during the present Session, unless otherwise ordered, General Business shall take precedence of Government Business on Tuesdays, and Government Business shall take precedence of General Business on Wednesdays and Thursdays.
(2.) That General Notices of Motions and General Orders of the Day shall take precedence respectively on each alternate Tuesday.
Question put and passed.
6. STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Carruthers moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Standing Orders Committee for the present Session consist of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Crick, Mr. Waddell, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Perry (*The Richmond*), Mr. McGowen, Mr. Wood, Mr. Holman, Mr. Latimer, and the Mover, with leave to sit during any adjournment, 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, and that Mr. Speaker be empowered to convene meetings of the Committee.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
7. LIBRARY COMMITTEE (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Carruthers moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Library Committee for the present Session consist of Mr. Speaker, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Levy, Mr. Mahony, Mr. Hogue, Mr. Norton, Mr. Daley, Mr. Arthur Griffith, Mr. Collins, 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.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
8. REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Dick moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Refreshment Committee for the present Session consist of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Dacey, Mr. Levien, Mr. Jessep, Mr. Edden, Mr. Brinsley Hall, Mr. Oakes, Mr. Briner, 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.
9. PRINTING COMMITTEE (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Dick moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That the Printing Committee for the present Session consist of Mr. Fegan, Mr. Miller, Mr. Gillies, Mr. W. Millard, Mr. Henley, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. McFarlane, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Law, and the Mover, to whom are hereby referred all papers (except such as the Standing Orders or the House direct shall be printed, Reports from Select Committees on Private Bills, Estimates of Expenditure, and Estimates of Ways and Means) which may be laid upon the Table of the House. It shall be the duty of such Committee to report, from time to time, which of the papers referred to them ought, in their opinion, to be printed, and whether in full or in abstract; and it shall be in the power of the Committee to order such papers, or abstracts thereof, to be prepared for press by the Clerk in attendance upon such Committee, and such papers or abstracts shall be printed, unless the House otherwise order.
(2.) That the Clerk of the House shall cause to be printed, as a matter of course, all reports from the Printing Committee.
Question put and passed.
10. CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES:—Mr. Thomas moved, pursuant to Notice, That William Herbert Wood, Esquire, be Chairman of Committees of the Whole House for the present Session.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 43.

Mr. R. J. Anderson,	Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Wade,	Mr. John Hurley,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Dick,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Perry (<i>The Richm'd</i>),
Mr. Oakes,	Mr. Reynoldson,
Dr. Arthur,	Mr. Brinsley Hall,
Mr. Jessep,	Mr. Henley,
Mr. Ashton,	Mr. Moxham,
Mr. Levy,	Mr. Creswell,
Mr. Booth,	Mr. Fallick,
Mr. Broughton,	Mr. Law,
Mr. Hindmarsh,	Mr. Eden George,
Mr. Downes,	Mr. Fell,
Mr. McCoy,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Davidson,	Mr. Perry (<i>L'pool Plains</i>),
Mr. Mackenzie,	Mr. Walter Anderson.
Mr. J. H. Young,	
Mr. Thomas,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Latimer,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Kearney,	Mr. Morton.
Mr. Mahony,	

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Mr. Estell,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. Norton,
Mr. Holman,	Mr. Macdonald,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. W. W. Young,
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Fleming,
Mr. Daley,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Macdonell.
Mr. Levien,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Dacey,	Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Bennett.
Mr. Thrower,	
Mr. Miller,	
Mr. Nicholson,	
Mr. Meehan,	
Mr. Burgess,	
Mr. Gardiner,	
Mr. McGarry,	
Mr. Charlton,	
Mr. McNeill,	
Mr. Waddell,	
Mr. Briner,	
Mr. Crick,	
Mr. Sullivan,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.
Whereupon Mr. Wood made his acknowledgments to the House.

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11. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council :—

(1.) Sydney Diocesan Revenues Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the disposal of certain revenues appertaining to the Church of England in the Diocese of Sydney*,"—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, 28th June, 1905.

F. B. SUTTON,
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Hogue, read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

(2.) City Bank Act Extension Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to continue for a further term of twenty-one years the provisions of the City Bank Act, whereby The City Bank of Sydney as thereby incorporated was empowered to make, issue, circulate, and re-issue bank notes or bills*,"—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, 28th June, 1905.

F. B. SUTTON,
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Hogue, read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

12. 'JURY (AMENDMENT) BILL :—

(1.) Mr. Wade moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to authorise the Governor to fix jurors' districts ; to regulate the liability of jurors to be summoned ; to amend the Jury Act, 1901, the Jury (Amendment) Act, 1902 ; and for other purposes incidental thereto.
Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Wade then presented a Bill, intituled, "*A Bill to authorise the Governor to fix jurors' districts ; to regulate the liability of jurors to be summoned ; to amend the Jury Act, 1901, the Jury (Amendment) Act, 1902 ; and for other purposes incidental thereto*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

13. SMALL DEBTS RECOVERY (AMENDING) BILL :—Mr. Wade moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Small Debts Recovery Act, 1899 ; to provide for an appeal from a Court of Petty Sessions to a District Court ; to provide for the collection of fees in a Court of Petty Sessions ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
Question put and passed.

14. DISTRICT COURTS (AMENDMENT) BILL :—Mr. Wade moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the law relating to District Courts and appeals to Quarter Sessions ; to extend the jurisdiction of such Courts, and to provide for the trial therein of issues under certain Acts ; to provide for the removal of actions from the Supreme Court to a District Court ; to amend the District Courts Act, 1901, the Common Law Procedure Act, 1899, and the Landlord and Tenant Act, 1899 ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
Question put and passed.

15. NEGLECTED CHILDREN AND JUVENILE OFFENDERS BILL :—Mr. Wade moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to make better provision for the protection, control, education, maintenance, and reformation of neglected and uncontrollable children and juvenile offenders ; to provide for the establishment and control of institutions, and for contribution by near relatives towards the support of children in institutions ; to constitute children's courts, and to provide for appeals from such courts ; to provide for the licensing and regulation of children trading in streets and in certain places open to the public ; to amend the State Children Relief Act, 1901, the Children's Protection Act, 1902, the Infant Protection Act, 1904, and the Crimes Act, 1900 ; to repeal the Industrial and Reformatory Schools Act, 1901 ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
Question put and passed.

16. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (SHIRES) BILL :—Mr. Wade, on behalf of Mr. Carruthers, moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill for the local government of rural districts, for the amendment, extension, and partial repeal of certain Acts to effect the same ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
Question put and passed.

17. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Ashton moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at nineteen minutes before Nine o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 8.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTIETH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 29 JUNE, 1905.

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

DEPUTY-SPEAKER'S COMMISSION TO ADMINISTER THE OATH OF ALLEGIANCE:—Mr. Speaker reported that he had received a Commission, under the Public Seal of the State, dated 29th day of June, 1905, and signed by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, empowering William Herbert Wood, 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, by direction of Mr. Speaker, was read by the Clerk, as follows:—

“ By His Excellency the Honorable Sir FREDERICK MATTHEW DARLEY, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Lieutenant-Governor of the State of New South Wales and its Dependencies, in the Commonwealth of Australia.

“ To all to whom these presents shall come,—

“ *Greeting :*

“ IN pursuance of the authority in me vested in that behalf, I, Sir FREDERICK MATTHEW DARLEY, as Lieutenant-Governor of the State of New South Wales, do hereby authorise WILLIAM HERBERT WOOD, Esquire, Chairman of Committees of the Legislative Assembly of the said State, 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 His Majesty the King, 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 Public Seal of the State, at Sydney, in New South Wales aforesaid, this twenty-ninth day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and five, and in the fifth year of the Reign of His Majesty King Edward the Seventh.

“ FREDK. M. DARLEY,
“ Lieutenant-Governor.

“ *By His Excellency's Command,*
“ J. A. HOGUE.”

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Official Reporter, Arbitration Court:—Mr. Daley asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is there an Official Reporter employed by the Arbitration Court; if so, what is his name, what are his hours and salary, and is he a longhand or shorthand reporter?

(2.) Is there any person named Weigall occupying any position in this Court; if so, how was he appointed, and by whom, when, and at what salary?

Mr. Wade answered,—Mr. C. E. Weigall, Barrister-at-law, is reporter in connection with the Industrial Arbitration reports. He undertook the work in September, 1902, by desire of the late Attorney-General (Mr. Wise) at an allowance of £75 per annum, which was subsequently increased to £150 per annum, when the amount and value of the work were ascertained. Mr. Weigall writes shorthand. He is not an officer of the Public Service.

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- (2.) Coal-getters, Hebburn and Pelaw Main Mines :—Mr. Charlton asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) Is he aware that a number of inexperienced men are now employed as coal getters in the Hebburn and Pelaw Main mines?
 - (2.) If so, will he have immediate inquiries made to ascertain if a breach of general rule (40) of the Coal Mines Regulation Act has been committed?

Mr. Moore answered,—

- (1.) No.
- (2.) The Chief Inspector of Coal-mines will be asked to inquire into the matter.

- (3.) Police Protection, Hebburn and Pelaw Main Collieries :—Mr. Charlton asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Who made application for police protection at the Hebburn and Pelaw Main collieries?
- (2.) How many police have been sent to the above collieries; also the extra pay each is entitled to per day?
- (3.) Will the person or persons who applied for police protection be called upon to pay the cost of same?

Mr. Hogue answered,—The Inspector-General of Police has furnished the following replies :—

- (1.) It is unusual for the Police to divulge the names of any persons applying for police protection.
- (2.) Forty police are doing duty at Pelaw Main, Hebburn, and other collieries. Their duty is simply to maintain order.
- (3.) No.

- (4.) State Reducing Works and Batteries :—Mr. Nielsen asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) In view of the fact that the Dapto reducing works have been closed for some time and are not likely to be reopened, and in view of the fact that there are a large number of miners who were dependent upon these works to have their ores treated, will he take into consideration the advisability of starting at some central place a State Reducing Works to treat the classes of ore which were treated at Dapto and which now have to be sent to Footscray in Victoria?
- (2.) Is anything being done by the Government in the direction of establishing State batteries at various mining centres in the State?
- (3.) If not, will he at once take into consideration the necessity of doing something in this direction to assist the large number of people engaged in the mining industry?

Mr. Moore answered,—

(1.) Government Metallurgical Works were established at Clyde at considerable cost, but were subsequently dismantled because they were not a success. The works were closed five-and-a-half years ago in accordance with the report of a committee of expert officers specially appointed to consider the whole matter. The experience gained in these works does not encourage a repetition of the experiment. Arrangements have, however, been made by the Department to assist miners to have trial parcels of ore tested at the Cockle Creek Works in those cases where the prospects warrant such assistance.

(2 and 3.) Consideration is being given to all applications for State Batteries, but so far the circumstances have not appeared to warrant the erection of a battery in any particular locality.

- (5.) Government Alignment of Flood-street, Leichhardt :—Mr. Booth asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- Is it his intention to give effect to the report of the Select Committee of 9th December, 1902, respecting the claims of certain property-owners on account of the Government alignment of Flood-street, Leichhardt?

Mr. Ashton answered,—To give effect to the Select Committee's Report, alteration of the alignment of Flood-street would be involved. The Department cannot legally effect alteration in the alignment of any street unless such proposed alteration shall have been applied for by the Council of the Municipality within which the street to be altered is situate, and such proposal cannot be carried into effect until any objection made shall be withdrawn, or be otherwise dealt with by the Borough Council to the satisfaction of the Minister. With respect to Flood-street the Department has expressed willingness to make an alteration in alignment of that street on condition that the Borough Council of Leichhardt applies under the Public Roads Act of 1902 for alteration, to be effected in some specified way which is to be clearly indicated by them, and for which proposed alteration they shall have made arrangements with owners of lands, and with other persons who would be affected by such alteration, as would allow of it being done without cost to the Crown, or the incurring of liability in any way. The necessary formal application, and the assurance required have not been sent to the Department, and in the absence of them alteration of alignment of Flood-street cannot be effected.

- (6.) Alleged Production of Taxation Papers at Land Court, Condobolin :—Mr. Kelly asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the Taxation Commissioners produced the income-tax papers in connection with a reappraisal case that came before the Land Board at Condobolin, viz., Dawson?
- (2.) Is it his intention to have taxation papers produced in similar cases that are coming on for hearing before the Land Court at Condobolin?
- (3.) Is this not contrary to the spirit of the Land and Income Tax Act?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

- (1.) No.
- (2.) No.

3. PRINTING COMMITTEE :—Mr. McFarlane, as Chairman, brought up the first Report from the Printing Committee.

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4. PAPERS :—Mr. Hogue laid upon the Table,—
 (1.) Return to an Order, made on 23rd November, 1904—"Temporary Employees in the Public Service."
 (2.) Report of the Fire Brigades Board, Sydney, for the year 1904.
 Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

5. MURRUMBIDGEE NORTHERN WATER SUPPLY AND IRRIGATION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

- (1.) Mr. Briner moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to authorise and enable Robert Gibson to establish a system of irrigation and water supply in the district which lies between the Murrumbidgee and Lachlan Rivers; to construct a storage reservoir by means of a dam near the Barren Jack Mountain, in the parishes of West Goodradigbee and Childowla, in the counties of Buccleuch and Harden respectively; to construct weirs across the Murrumbidgee River; to construct a canal and subsidiary works for the purpose of diverting and utilising water from the said river; to acquire lands for and in connection with such several purposes; to sell, let, and supply the water thereby diverted for irrigation and other purposes; and to do all other things connected with or incidental to the carrying out of the proposed works, or to the beneficial use of the water to be supplied by means of the same.

Question put.

The House divided :

Ayes, 47.

Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Wood,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Law,
Mr. Morton,	Mr. Hindmarsh,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Downes,
Mr. Wade,	Mr. Moxham,
Mr. Ashton,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Brinsley Hall,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. McLaurin,
Mr. Dick,	Mr. Levy,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Eden George,
Mr. Booth,	Mr. W. W. Young,
Mr. Creswell,	Mr. John Hurley,
Mr. Broughton,	Mr. Perry (<i>The Richm'd</i>),
Mr. J. H. Young,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Perry (<i>L'pool Plains</i>),
Mr. Alan Millard,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Norton,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. McCoy,	Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Jessep,	Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Kearney,	Mr. W. Millard.
Mr. Fleming,	
Mr. Henley,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Briner,	Mr. Davidson,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Mackenzie.
Mr. Reynoldson,	

Noes, 20.

Mr. Macdonell,
Mr. Estell,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Thrower,
Mr. Dacey,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,
Mr. Holman,
Mr. Daley,
Mr. Hollis,
Mr. Nielsen,
Mr. Caun,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Richards.

*Tellers,*Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Meehan.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

- (2.) Mr. Briner 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 State, Bill, intituled "A Bill to authorise and enable Robert Gibson to establish a system of irrigation and water supply in the district which lies between the Murrumbidgee and Lachlan Rivers; to construct a storage reservoir by means of a dam near the Barren Jack Mountain, in the parishes of West Goodradigbee and Childowla, in the counties of Buccleuch and Harden respectively; to construct weirs across the Murrumbidgee River; to construct a canal and subsidiary works for the purpose of diverting and utilising water from the said river; to acquire lands for and in connection with such several purposes; to sell, let, and supply the water thereby diverted for irrigation and other purposes; and to do all other things connected with or incidental to the carrying out of the proposed works, or to the beneficial use of the water to be supplied by means of the same,—read a first time.

6. APPLICATION OF R. D. BARRY FOR LAND UNDER THE MINING ACT—MINERAL LEASE APPLICATIONS BY THE BELLAMBI COAL COMPANY (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Fegan moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers connected with the application of R. D. Barry for 2,000 acres in the parish of Wonona, county of Camden, under the 28th section of the Mining Act of 1874; also, mineral lease applications 42 and 43, Wollongong, by the Bellambi Coal Company.
 Question put and passed.

7. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Sydney Diocesan Revenues Bill postponed until Tuesday, 11th July.

8. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Alexandria, Mr. Dacey, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz. :—"The cry of the workless," And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—

Mr. Dacey moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Point of Order :—Mr. Cohen submitted that the motion was not in order, inasmuch as it was not of a definite character.

Mr. Speaker upheld the objection taken and ruled the motion out of order.

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9. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council :—

(1.) New South Wales Institution for the Deaf and Dumb and the Blind Incorporation Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to incorporate and otherwise promote the objects of the New South Wales Institution for the Deaf and Dumb and the Blind*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 29th June, 1905.

F. B. SUTTOR,
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Mackenzie, read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 11th July.

(2.) Apportionment Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act for the better apportionment of rents and other periodical payments*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 29th June, 1905.

F. B. SUTTOR,
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Hogue, read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

10. JURY (AMENDMENT) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Wade moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

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

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until Wednesday next.

11. SMALL DEBTS RECOVERY (AMENDING) BILL :—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Wade, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Small Debts Recovery Act, 1899; to provide for an appeal from a Court of Petty Sessions to a District Court; to provide for the collection of fees in a Court of Petty Sessions; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman 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 :—

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to amend the Small Debts Recovery Act, 1899; to provide for an appeal from a Court of Petty Sessions to a District Court; to provide for the collection of fees in a Court of Petty Sessions; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

On motion of Mr. Wade, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

(2.) Mr. Wade then presented a Bill, intituled, "*A Bill to amend the Small Debts Recovery Act, 1899; to provide for an appeal from a Court of Petty Sessions to a District Court; to provide for the collection of fees in a Court of Petty Sessions; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.

12. DISTRICT COURTS (AMENDMENT) BILL :—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Wade, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the law relating to District Courts and appeals to Quarter Sessions; to extend the jurisdiction of such Courts, and to provide for the trial therein of issues under certain Acts; to provide for the removal of actions from the Supreme Court to a District Court; to amend the District Courts Act, 1901, the Common Law Procedure Act, 1899, and the Landlord and Tenant Act of 1899; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman 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 :—

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to amend the law relating to District Courts and appeals to Quarter Sessions; to extend the jurisdiction of such Courts, and to provide for the trial therein of issues under certain Acts; to provide for the removal of actions from the Supreme Court to a District Court; to amend the District Courts Act, 1901, the Common Law Procedure Act, 1899, and the Landlord and Tenant Act of 1899; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

On motion of Mr. Wade, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

(2.)

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- (2.) Mr. Wade then presented a Bill, intituled, "*A Bill to amend the law relating to District Courts and appeals to Quarter Sessions; to extend the jurisdiction of such Courts, and to provide for the trial therein of issues under certain Acts; to provide for the removal of actions from the Supreme Court to a District Court; to amend the District Courts Act, 1901, the Common Law Procedure Act, 1899, and the Landlord and Tenant Act of 1899; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed and read a second time on Wednesday, 12th July.

13. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (SHIRES) BILL :—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Carruthers, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill for the local government of rural districts, for the amendment, extension, and partial repeal of certain Acts to effect the same; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman 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 :—

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill for the local government of rural districts, for the amendment, extension, and partial repeal of certain Acts to effect the same; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

On motion of Mr. Carruthers, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

- (2.) Mr. Carruthers then presented a Bill, intituled, "*A Bill for the local government of rural districts, and for the amendment, extension, and partial repeal of certain Acts to effect the same; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed and read a second time on Thursday, 13th July.

14. NEGLECTED CHILDREN AND JUVENILE OFFENDERS BILL :—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Wade, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to make better provision for the protection, control, education, maintenance, and reformation of neglected and uncontrollable children and juvenile offenders; to provide for the establishment and control of institutions, and for contribution by near relatives towards the support of children in institutions; to constitute children's courts, and to provide for appeals from such courts; to provide for the licensing and regulation of children trading in streets and in certain places open to the public; to amend the State Children Relief Act, 1901, the Children's Protection Act, 1902, the Infant Protection Act, 1904, and the Crimes Act, 1900; to repeal the Industrial and Reformatory Schools Act, 1901; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman 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 :—

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to make better provision for the protection, control, education, maintenance, and reformation of neglected and uncontrollable children and juvenile offenders; to provide for the establishment and control of institutions, and for contribution by near relatives towards the support of children in institutions; to constitute children's courts, and to provide for appeals from such courts; to provide for the licensing and regulation of children trading in streets and in certain places open to the public; to amend the State Children Relief Act, 1901, the Children's Protection Act, 1902, the Infant Protection Act, 1904, and the Crimes Act, 1900; to repeal the Industrial and Reformatory Schools Act, 1901; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

On motion of Mr. Wade, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

- (2.) Mr. Wade then presented a Bill, intituled, "*A Bill to make better provision for the protection, control, education, maintenance, and reformation of neglected and uncontrollable children and juvenile offenders; to provide for the establishment and control of institutions, and for contribution by near relatives towards the support of children in institutions; to constitute children's courts, and to provide for appeals from such courts; to provide for the licensing and regulation of children trading in streets and in certain places open to the public; to amend the State Children Relief Act, 1901, the Children's Protection Act, 1902, the Infant Protection Act, 1904, and the Crimes Act, 1900; to repeal the Industrial and Reformatory Schools Act, 1901; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed and read a second time on Wednesday next.

15. PAPERS :—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—A letter from the Auditor-General transmitting for presentation to the Legislative Assembly, under the directions contained in the 34th Section of the Audit Act, 1902, copies of Minutes of His Excellency the Governor and the Executive Council, authorising transfers of amounts from one head of Service to supplement a vote for another Service, viz. :—

(a) £700, from Vote, "Coroners—Contingencies," to the Vote, "To meet the legal expenses of all Departments of the State."

(b)

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(b) £3,000, from the Vote, "Pastures Protection Act," to the following Votes, viz. :—£2,000, to the Vote, "To pay compensation in connection with the resumption of land for Roads, under the Public Roads Act"; £500, to the Vote, "To meet cost of Postage and Railway Freight Stamps, &c.," and £500, to the Vote, Survey of Lands—Contingencies."

(c) £4,500, from the Vote, "Department of Lands," to the Vote, "Survey of Lands—Contingencies."

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

16. INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION (TEMPORARY COURT) 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 provide for the appointment of a court of arbitration, and for the appointment of a deputy president with certain powers; to amend the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1901; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

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Sydney, 29th June, 1905.

F. B. SUTTOR,
President.

The House adjourned, at fourteen minutes before Ten o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 9.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTIETH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 4 JULY, 1905.

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

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

By Mr. Carruthers,—

- (1.) Industrial Arbitration (Temporary Court) Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

Message No. 20.

Lieutenant-Governor.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to provide for the appointment of a court of arbitration, and for the appointment of a deputy president with certain powers; to amend the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1901; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His 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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By Mr. Lee,—

- (2.) Parramatta Sewerage Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

Message No. 21.

Lieutenant-Governor.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, 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 Bill to sanction the construction of sewerage works for the town of Parramatta; to provide for the taking over by the Council of the Borough of Parramatta of the said works, and of certain other works of drainage; to apply to such works certain provisions of the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act of 1880 and Acts amending the same; for the payment of interest, and for the repayment of expenditure in respect of such works; to provide for the making and levying of drainage rates, and for the proclamation of drainage and sewerage districts; to exempt such works from the operation of the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act of 1880 and any Acts amending the same; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

State Government House,

Sydney, 13th June, 1905.

Ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

By Mr. Carruthers,—

- (3.) Government Motor Omnibus Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

Message No. 22.

Lieutenant-Governor.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th 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 Bill to enable the Railway Commissioners of New South Wales to construct, purchase, or lease motor omnibuses, and to run the same on certain roads; and for other purposes connected therewith or incidental thereto.

State Government House,

Sydney, 4th July, 1905.

Ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

4th July, 1905.

2. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Press Statements concerning Public School-System:—Mr. Booth asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Has his attention been drawn to certain statements appearing in the newspapers, attributed to Mr. Knibbs, a gentleman in the Public Instruction Department, reflecting on our public school system; and, if so, does he intend taking any action in the matter?

Mr. O'Connor answered,—Both in the Commissioners' Report on Primary Education and since the publication of that Report, Mr. Knibbs has pointed out defects which are to be found in education as existing not only in the public schools, but also throughout the State. The remarks made by him since he became an officer of the Department of Public Instruction have not been directed against the public schools of this State or against any class of schools in particular, but have been intended to refer in a wide and general sense to what he considers the necessity for higher educational aims and for a higher general estimate of what constitutes sound education.

- (2.) Defects in the Consolidated Acts:—Mr. Levy asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Has his attention been called to the report of the judgment delivered yesterday by Mr. Justice Barton, in the High Court, in the case of Ferris *versus* Martin?

(2.) Will he consider the suggestion of his Honor that a Declaratory Act should be passed to remove certain doubts and difficulties created by the (Consolidated) Bankruptcy Act, 1898, and the (Consolidated) Defamation Act, 1901?

(3.) Will he consider the advisableness of passing legislation to remedy other serious defects in the Consolidated Acts to which attention has, from time to time, been called by Judges of the Supreme Court and of the High Court?

(4.) Does he intend to proceed with the Statute Law Revision Bill introduced in the Council by Mr. Wise, in October, 1903?

Mr. Wade answered,—

(1 and 2.) I have not yet had an opportunity of perusing the judgment of Mr. Justice Barton in the case referred to, but any suggestion made therein by His Honor will receive consideration.

(3.) Yes.

(4.) Yes, if opportunity offers.

- (3.) "Sydney Ferries, Limited":—Mr. Estell, for Mr. Sullivan, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—With a view to emulating the examples of London and Glasgow City Councils, will he cause inquiries to be made concerning the Traffic Privileges, Profits, &c., of the Sydney Ferries Company so that the Government may consider the advisability of establishing and controlling a Horse and Passenger Ferry between North Sydney and the City on similar lines to the Scotch and English systems?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—This would involve a very large sum in compensation for capital value and existing rights, and, as the service is a good one, there is, apparently no reason for an interference on the part of the Government.

- (4.) Control of the "Rocks" Area:—Mr. Daley asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Are any negotiations in progress with the Municipal Council of Sydney *re* the control of the "Rocks" area; what is their nature, and when may a finality be expected?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—A direct offer, subject to ratification by Parliament, was submitted to the City Council, on the 30th May last. The City Council has not yet replied.

- (5.) Breaches of the Early Closing and Sunday Trading Acts:—Mr. John Hurley asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) How many cases have been brought before the Metropolitan Benches in the last twelve months by the police against Italians for offending against the Early Closing and Sunday Trading Acts?

(2.) How many postponements have been asked for and granted at the request of solicitors?

(3.) Is it not a fact that one Magistrate has repeatedly fixed the fines at 1s. or the alternative of one hour, while other Magistrates impose a penalty of over £1 or seven days?

(4.) Will he instruct the persons seized with the administration of the Early Closing and Sunday Trading Acts to enforce them irrespective of parties?

Mr. Hogue answered,—

(1.) 131.

(2.) Six.

(3.) This is a matter for the Department of Justice.

(4.) The Acts have always been enforced irrespective of parties.

- (6.) Miners' Permanent Accident Relief Fund:—Mr. Estell asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Has he yet obtained an actuarial valuation of the funds in connection with the Miners' Permanent Accident Relief Fund?

(2.) If so, what is the result of the report?

(3.) Does it justify him in granting the increase of allowances asked for by the members of a deputation that waited on him some time ago?

Mr. Moore answered,—An actuarial report has been obtained, but has not yet been fully considered.

- (7.) Pensions under Schedule B of Constitution Act:—Mr. Law, for Mr. Mackenzie, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House a return showing the names and status of each officer whose claim for pension under Schedule B of the Constitution Act has been approved by the Governor with the advice of the Executive Council, and the dates of each such approval?

Mr. Hogue answered,—It will take some time to procure this information. Its production should be moved for in the usual way in the form of a return.

(8.)

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- (8.) Proposed Forestry Bill :—Mr. J. H. Young asked the Secretary for Lands,—
 (1.) Will the Bill affecting forestry, mentioned in the Governor's Speech, provide for the collection of royalty on the output of the several saw-mills and at railway stations and shipping places for un-sawn timber?
 (2.) Will it be introduced at an early date?

Mr. Moore answered,—In the Bill which I propose to introduce at an early date there will be provisions which, I hope, will be satisfactory to the Honorable Member.

- (9.) Preferential Occupation License, No. 243A, on Coolatai Holding :—Mr. Jones asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Was preferential Occupation License No. 243A, parish Mandoe, county Burnett, on Coolotai Holding, renewed for the year 1905?
 (2.) If so, on what date was the rent paid?
 (3.) Was any portion of the land within Preferential Occupation License No. 243A open to any other form of tenure during 1905; if so, what form?

Mr. Ashton answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
 (2.) 12th November, 1904.
 (3.) The Crown Lands within the Coolatai Preferential Occupation License No. 243A, Central Division, comprise roads and reserves for Trigonometrical Station, Crossing, Travelling Stock, Camping, and Classification. All the reserves were notified prior to 1905, and that for Classification covers a small remnant of 59½ acres. The land was not open to any form of tenure during 1905.

3. LANDLORD AND TENANT (AMENDMENT) BILL :—Mr. Holman, pursuant to leave granted on the 27th June, 1905, presented a Bill, intituled "A Bill to amend the Landlord and Tenant Act of 1899,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed and read a second time To-morrow.

4. PAPERS :—

Mr. Carruthers laid upon the Table,—Interim Report of the Local Government Commissioners, together with Appendix.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Wade laid upon the Table,—Despatch from the Secretary of State for the Colonies respecting an Order of the King in Council of the 20th March, 1905, amending the practice with regard to the issue of appearance orders to respondents who have not appeared to an appeal to His Majesty in Council.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Hogue laid upon the Table,—By-law of the Municipal District of Liverpool, under the Nuisances Prevention Act, 1897.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

5. JUDGES PENSIONS ABOLITION AND DUTIES BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Waddell moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Judges' Pensions Abolition and Duties Bill, which was introduced in the Assembly during last Session, but was interrupted before its completion by the close of the Session, be now reintroduced at the stage it had reached at the time of such interruption.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday, 25th July.

6. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the City Bank Act Extension Bill (*Council Bill*) postponed until Tuesday, 25th July.

7. MESSAGES FROM THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR :—The following Messages from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor were delivered by Mr. Dick, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

- (1.) Public Service (Temporary Officers) Bill :—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 23.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th 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 Bill to provide for the appointment of certain temporary officers to the permanent staff of the Public Service; and to amend the Public Service Act, 1902.

State Government House,

Sydney, 4th July, 1905.

Ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

- (2.) Poisons Bill :—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 24.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th 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 Bill to make better provision for regulating the supply, colouring, labelling, and custody of poisons; to repeal the Poisons Act, 1902; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

State Government House,

Sydney, 4th July, 1905.

Ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

4th July, 1905.

(3.) Explosives Bill :—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 25.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th 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 Bill to consolidate and amend the law relating to explosives; and for other purposes.

*State Government House,
Sydney, 4th July, 1905.*

Ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

(4.) Inflammable Liquids Bill :—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 26.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th 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 Bill to regulate the keeping, conveyance, and sale of Inflammable Liquids; and for other purposes incidental thereto.

*State Government House,
Sydney, 4th July, 1905.*

Ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

(5.) Statistical Maps Bill :—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 27.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th 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 Bill to authorise the compilation of maps showing certain particulars relating to lands used for the purposes of agriculture, pastoral pursuits, timber-getting, and mining, and exempting persons giving information necessary for such compilation from penalty; to amend the Census Act, 1901; and for other purposes incidental thereto.

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Ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

8. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Alexandria, Mr. Dacey, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz. :—“The necessity for the Government to provide more work to relieve the distress among the Unemployed.” And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—
Mr. Dacey moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
9. DAIRYING INDUSTRY :—Mr. Davidson moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the Dairying Industry, in connection with the production of milk and cream, the manufacture of butter and cheese, and the sale and export of these products.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Moore, Mr. Jones, Dr. Arthur, Mr. Morton, Mr. Fallick, Mr. Perry (*The Richmond*), Mr. McFarlane, Mr. Daley, Mr. W. Millard, and the Mover.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
10. NEWSPAPER ARTICLES BILL :—
(1.) Mr. Holman moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill providing for the signing of newspaper articles by their true writers.
Question put and passed.
(2.) Mr. Holman then presented a Bill, intituled, “*A Bill to provide that the true name of the author of a newspaper article shall be prefixed or affixed to the article,*”—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.
11. TAMWORTH SHOW GROUND (AMENDMENT) BILL :—Mr. Levien moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a bill to amend the Tamworth Show Ground Act, 1899, and to authorise the expenditure of the proceeds of sale of land therein described otherwise than as therein provided, and for other purposes.
Question put and passed.
12. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Lee moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty-five minutes after Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 10.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTIETH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 5 JULY, 1905.

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

PAPERS :—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—A letter from the Auditor-General, transmitting for presentation to the Legislative Assembly, under the directions contained in the 34th section of the Audit Act, 1902, copies of Minutes of His Excellency the Governor and the Executive Council, authorising transfers of amounts from one head of Service to supplement a vote for another Service, viz. :—

(a) £19,000, from the Vote "Railway Working Expenses" to the following Votes, viz. :—£1,195 to the Vote "To pay Municipal rates on Government Buildings"; £195, to the Vote "Management of, and expenses in connection with, payment of half-yearly dividends on Inscribed Stock by the Bank of England"; £8,060, to the Vote "Exchange on remittances within and beyond the Colony"; £105, to the Vote "Commission on payment of Debentures and Interest on Debentures in Sydney"; £1,400, to the Vote "Sewerage and Water Rates, &c., various Public Buildings, &c., Sydney and Country Towns"; £3,425, to the Vote "To pay interest on uninvested cash balances at the credit of various Trust and other accounts in the temporary possession of the Government"; £770, to the Vote "To pay Interest on Special Deposits by the Savings Bank of New South Wales"; £3,850, to the Vote "Darling Harbour Resumptions—Repairs to Resumed Properties."

(b) £100, from the Vote "Police"; £200, from the Vote "Botanic Gardens"; £500 from the Vote "Department of Public Health (Contingency Vote)" to the Vote "Stores, Supply, and Tender Board."

(c) £4,000, from the Vote "Police" to the Vote "Government Asylums for the Infirm."
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

2. QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Dawes Battery :—Mr. Daley asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) When will the military vacate Dawes Battery?

(2.) Does he intend to follow Mr. Daley's suggestion, and dedicate this reserve to the public as a park; and, if so, when?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—This depends on the completion of negotiations with the Federal Government now in progress. It is my desire that as large an area as possible be made available at Dawes Point for public recreation. I am losing no time in getting a definite settlement, and there is only this remaining difficulty—that the Federal Government will not agree to settle one matter until all matters of difference are dealt with.

(2.) Railway Deviations :—Mr. Estell asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Are the extensive deviations that have been carried out, and those now being carried out, by the Railway Commissioners, undertaken for the purpose of getting larger profits out of the Railways?

(2.) If so, are any of the profits devoted for the purpose of forming a sinking fund to pay off the amount now owing on the old lines that are abandoned and not now an asset?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—The extensive deviations which have been and may be carried out in the future reduce the cost of working, and permit of more expeditious movement of trains. Any profit after payment of interest on the capital expenditure is devoted to the reduction of rates and fares and to meeting the losses on working unprofitable lines. The point raised as to a sinking fund cannot be dealt with within the scope of an answer to a question, and it is suggested that the Honorable Member might discuss it with the Railway Commissioners.

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- (3.) Hotels, Darling Harbour and "Rocks" Resumptions:—*Mr. Estell*, for *Mr. Sullivan*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) How many public houses belonging to Toohey's, Limited (including leasehold and freehold) were resumed in the Darling Harbour and "Rocks" resumptions?
 - (2.) How many of the same public houses were leased back to them?
 - (3.) What was the total sum paid them in compensation?
 - (4.) What was the total sum paid by Toohey's (Limited), by way of bonus for leases of the same houses?
 - (5.) Is the Harbour Trust receiving the same rents from Toohey's or their licensees as were paid to the original owners?
- Mr. Carruthers* answered,—
- (1.) None.
 - (2 to 5.) Answered by No. 1. It may be added that Toohey's (Limited), hold a lease of only one hotel from the Harbour Trust obtained by public tender, and for which a bonus was paid in addition to the previous rental.
- (4.) District Surveyor's Office, Orange:—*Mr. W. W. Young* asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Will he state why the papers in connection with the resumption of land for improvement to the Bathurst-Rockley Road have been held in the District Surveyor's Office for nearly twelve months; also, the papers in connection with the appointment of Trustees for Sofala Racecourse, since 20th April, 1905, to date?
 - (2.) Is the office at Orange undermanned?
 - (3.) If so, will he see that the staff is increased, so that papers can be dealt with within reasonable limits?
- Mr. Ashton* answered,—
- (1.) Plan of survey of the Bathurst-Rockley Road was recently received from the District Surveyor at Orange; and notice of intention to resume land required for the road was published in the *Government Gazette* of the 24th June, 1905. A special report as to Sofala Racecourse has been telegraphed for.
 - (2 and 3.) The Orange office is not undermanned.
- (5.) The Unemployed:—*Mr. O'Sullivan* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Has his attention been directed to the successful method of dealing with the unemployed adopted in Philadelphia and other cities in the United States—namely, the cultivation of vacant suburban lots (with the consent of the owners), the authorities advancing small sums of money for the purchase of implements, seeds, &c., such advances being repaid from the proceeds of the first crop?
 - (2.) Will he take into consideration the desirableness of settling the unemployed upon Crown lands near railways, and where the soil and rainfall are good; all payments in connection with such holdings to be postponed for three years, so as to give men without means a chance of making their holdings successful?
- Mr. Carruthers* answered,—
- (1.) It is understood that the efforts referred to by the Honorable Member have been organised by prominent citizens of one or two cities of the United States, and have been of the nature of a purely voluntary charity, usually with the Mayor of the City at the head of a temporary committee. That funds have been collected from the charitably disposed, and lands lent free of charge by citizens owning same, for the purpose of winter relief; and that after the crop, generally potatoes, has been disposed of, any surplus over expenses, has been divided among those who worked the land; who, during the period of work, were roughly housed and fed at the expense of the Committee.
 - (2.) All Crown lands near railways are eagerly taken up by men able to work them without assistance, directly they are made available. Unless previously taught and disciplined, the bulk of the unemployed, as known in Sydney, are unsuited to land cultivation; and there is no probability that such men, if given the land, would be able to make a living from it, much less pay off their indebtedness for assistance advanced. I have, however, given much thought to a system of training some of these people in a labour farm situated on good land.
- (6.) Claims of ex-Sergeant William Stafford:—*Mr. Booth* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he take into his favourable consideration the claims of ex-Sergeant William Stafford, and give effect to the Report of the Select Committee respecting those claims?
- Mr. Hogue* answered,—The matter has already received my consideration. In reply to a question asked in this House on 10th July, 1900, the Chief Secretary of the day said:—"A Select Committee made a favourable recommendation in this case. The Inspector-General of Police, however, reported that no payments to ex-Senior Constable Stafford would be legal except by vote of Parliament, and successive Governments have declined to take any further steps in the case. Stafford instituted several actions against the Inspector-General of Police, all of which resulted unfavourably to him, and ultimately the then Attorney-General, in order to prevent further annoyance, took the case to the Supreme Court, when Mr. Fosbery's course of action was fully vindicated."
- (7.) Hawkesbury and other Agricultural Colleges:—*Mr. Waddell* asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) Is it true that all available room for students has been taken up in the Hawkesbury and other colleges, and that numbers are unable to gain admission?
 - (2.) If so, what steps, if any, does he propose to take to enable those wishing to gain admittance having a chance of doing so?
- Mr. Moore* answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) Provision is being made for additional accommodation for about thirty more students at the Hawkesbury Agricultural College, and it is expected that the new building will be ready for students at the commencement of the next college term in January, 1906.

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- (8.) Carriage of Rabbits and Skins by Rail :—Mr. Waddell asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Has he made any representations to the Railway Commissioners with a view to arranging for the carriage of rabbits and rabbit skins to Sydney by rail at a nominal cost?
 - (2.) If not, will he, in view of the overwhelming importance of doing all possible to help to destroy the pest, and turn it to profitable account, seriously consider the matter?
- Mr. Carruthers answered,—I have already made representations to the Railway Commissioners in reference to this matter, and have been informed by them that the rate for the carriage of rabbits is most reasonable and offers every encouragement for trapping. The rate works out for distances of 150, 250, and 400 miles at a fraction of over $\frac{1}{2}$ d., $\frac{3}{4}$ d., and 1d. per pair respectively. With regard to rabbit skins, they are carried at the same rate per ton as sheep skins although they are as a commercial article one-third more valuable.
- (9.) Seat of the Federal Government :—Mr. Waddell asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he consider the advisability of referring the question to the Federal High Court, as to whether the seat of the Federal Government being in Melbourne, is not in direct contravention of the provisions of the Federal Constitution dealing with this matter?
- Mr. Carruthers answered,—This aspect of the matter has been engaging my consideration throughout the negotiations, but matters are hardly ripe yet for action.
- (10.) Rabbit Pest :—Mr. Waddell asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Will he, in view of the great injury being done by the rabbit pest, and the inability of many settlers, if unassisted, to cope with it, consider the advisability of providing such persons with wire-netting to fence their holdings, and giving long easy terms for payment of the cost?
 - (2.) Will the Government also seriously consider the question of assisting by paying half the cost of wire-netting fences where Crown lands adjoin alienated land, and where such Crown lands are proving a breeding ground for rabbits?
- Mr. Ashton answered,—I would refer the Honorable Member to the answer given to Question No. 13, on the 27th June last.
- (11.) Improvement Leases :—Mr. Perry (*Liverpool Plains*) asked the Secretary for Lands,—In view of the nature of the evidence given before the Lands Royal Commission relating to the character of the land that has been locked up in improvement leases, will he direct that no further improvement leases shall be gazetted until such areas have been made available for residential settlement for at least six months?
- Mr. Ashton answered,—The question of granting lands under improvement leases is made the subject of Land Board Inquiry in every case. The procedure suggested by the Honorable Member cannot be followed uniformly in the public interest.
- (12.) Settlement in the Western and Central Divisions :—Mr. Collins asked the Secretary for Lands,—Has he arrived at any decision in respect to the matters brought under his notice in April last by a deputation of Western-Central landholders, relative to the high rents and other unsatisfactory conditions of settlement in that portion of the State? If not, what action is being taken towards giving effect to their representations?
- Mr. Ashton answered,—No. The questions raised are being made the subject of reports. In any case, I am disposed to defer any action until the Royal Commission now sitting has concluded its labours.
- (13.) Metropolitan Abattoirs :—Mr. Henley asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Will he, at an early date, bring in a Bill to vest the Metropolitan Abattoirs in the City Council?
 - (2.) Failing early enactment of the foregoing, will he take prompt action in the direction of building new abattoirs outside the thickly populated areas, in order to do away with the present practice of driving excited mobs of cattle through thickly populated suburbs to the imminent peril of women and children?
- Mr. Carruthers answered,—A Bill to enable the Municipal Council of Sydney to establish a public abattoir within 14 miles of the City of Sydney is now in course of preparation.
- (14.) Married Women in the Public Service :—Mr. Henley asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House a return showing the number of married women occupying Government positions, whose husbands are in receipt of a competency, or salaries amounting to £3 per week and over?
- Mr. Carruthers answered,—Returns of this character are only made, as a rule, on order of the Assembly on a motion made.
- (15.) Government Dredges :—Mr. Henley asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that a new dredge of Antleon type has been ordered from abroad; and, if so, what is to be the cost delivered in steam at the port of Sydney?
 - (2.) What is the difference in the estimated cost of importing the said dredge and building the same at the Cockatoo Island workshops, or other Sydney yards?
- Mr. Lee answered,—
- (1.) Yes. £23,250.
 - (2.) I am not aware that any estimate was made by the Superintendent, Government Dockyard, nor by any Sydney firm, but the Department considered it advantageous to build the dredge in Scotland for the following reason :—The hull only could be built locally, as machinery, &c., such as boilers, pumps, and dynamos would have to be ordered abroad, much of it being of a special type, covered in many cases by patent rights.

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- (16.) Decisions of the Full Court reversed by the High Court—Amendment of Crimes Act :—
Mr. Henley asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—
(1.) Will he, in view of the fact that a very large proportion of the decisions entered by the Full Court are now reversed by the High Court, take such steps as will abolish the practice of appealing to the Full Court from the decisions of a single Judge of the Supreme Bench, and thereby lessen and cheapen the course of litigation and final appeal?
(2.) Will he endeavour to protect the public from undesirable lawyers, as well as land and other agents, by amending the Crimes Act, so that dishonest men may not escape just punishment for proved and admitted wrong-doing?
Mr. Wade answered,—
(1.) It is not a fact that a very large proportion of the decisions of the Full Court are now reversed by the High Court. Since the establishment of the High Court there have been 228 decisions of the Full Court in which there has been no appeal. There have been appeals in twenty-nine cases. In seventeen of these the appeal has been allowed, and in two the order of the Full Court has been varied. In the other ten cases the appeal has been dismissed or leave to appeal refused. There are nine appeals now pending.
(2.) I have already given notice of my intention to move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Crimes Act, 1900.
- (17.) Bingara, Glebe and Tenterfield By-elections :—Mr. Jones asked the Colonial Secretary,—
(1.) What was the respective cost of the by-elections for Bingara, The Glebe, and Tenterfield, on the occasion of the re-election of Ministers last year?
(2.) Can he give the estimated area of those three electorates, and the number of polling-booths therein?
Mr. Hogue answered,—
(1.) Bingara, £207 13s. 5d. ; The Glebe, £163 14s. ; Tenterfield, £278 8s. 8d.
(2.) Bingara, approximate area, 5,065 square miles ; number of polling-places, 33. The Glebe, approximate area, 72 square miles ; number of polling-places, 4. Tenterfield, approximate area, 5,988 square miles ; number of polling-places, 54.
3. NEGLECTED CHILDREN AND JUVENILE OFFENDERS BILL :—The following Petitions praying the House to pass into law the Neglected Children and Juvenile Offenders Bill,—were presented by the Members named,—
(1.) By Mr. Levy,—From Rose Scott, President, and Members of the Women's Political Educational League, Sydney.
(2.) By Mr. Hollis,—From Members of the Erskineville Women's Franchise League.
(3.) By Mr. John Hurley,—From Members of the Lithgow Branch of the Women's Political Educational League.
(4.) By Mr. Brinsley Hall,—From Members of the Penrith Branch of the Women's Political Educational League.
(5.) By Mr. Lee,—From Members of the Casino Branch of the Women's Political Educational League.
(6.) By Mr. Levy,—From Members of the Central Branch of the Women's Political Educational League.
Petitions received.
4. PAPERS :—
Mr. Lee laid upon the Table,—Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, in connection with the Water Supply for the village of Lyndhurst.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
Mr. Hogue laid upon the Table,—Regulations under the Infant Protection Act, 1904.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
Mr. Ashton laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from sale for the preservation of Water Supply, or other Public Purposes, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.
(2.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.
(3.) Abstract of Alterations and Cancellations of Designs of Cities, Towns, and Villages under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.
(4.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorised to be dedicated to Public Purposes, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.
(5.) *Gazette* Notices setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the Dedication of certain Lands, under the Crown Lands Acts of 1884 and 1889, and the Public Trusts Act, 1897.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
5. TAMWORTH SHOW-GROUND (AMENDMENT) BILL :—Mr. Levien, pursuant to leave granted on the 4th July, 1905, presented a Bill, intituled, "*A Bill to amend the Tamworth Show-Ground Act, 1899, and to authorise the expenditure of the proceeds of sale of the lands therein described otherwise than as therein provided ; and for other purposes,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
6. BREAD (AMENDMENT) BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Broughton moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Bread Act, 1901.
Question put and passed.
7. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed, on motion of Mr. Holman :—
(1.) Landlord and Tenant (Amendment) Bill ; second reading ;—until Tuesday, 8th August.
(2.) Newspaper Articles Bill ; second reading ;—until Tuesday, 22nd August.

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8. **GOVERNMENT MOTOR OMNIBUS BILL** :—Mr. Carruthers moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to enable the Railway Commissioners of New South Wales to construct, purchase, or lease motor omnibuses, and to run the same on certain roads; and for other purposes connected therewith or incidental thereto.
Question put and passed.
9. **HABITUAL CRIMINALS BILL** :—Mr. Wade moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the detention and control of habitual criminals.
Question put and passed.
10. **CRIMES (AMENDMENT) BILL** :—Mr. Wade moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Crimes Act, 1900.
Question put and passed.
11. **POISONS BILL** :—Mr. Dick moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to make better provision for regulating the supply, colouring, labelling, and custody of poisons; to repeal the Poisons Act, 1902; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
Question put and passed.
12. **INFLAMMABLE LIQUIDS BILL** :—Mr. Dick moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to regulate the keeping, conveyance and sale of Inflammable Liquids; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
Question put and passed.
13. **EXPLOSIVES BILL** :—Mr. Dick moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to consolidate and amend the law relating to explosives; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
Question put and passed.
14. **STATISTICAL MAPS BILL** :—Mr. Dick moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to authorise the compilation of maps showing certain particulars relating to lands used for the purposes of agriculture, pastoral pursuits, timber-getting, and mining, and exempting persons giving information necessary for such compilation from penalty; to amend the Census Act, 1901; and for other purposes incidental thereto.
Question put and passed.
15. **PUBLIC SERVICE (TEMPORARY OFFICERS) BILL** :—Mr. Dick moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the appointment of certain temporary officers to the permanent staff of the Public Service; and to amend the Public Service Act, 1902.
Question put and passed.
16. **JURY (AMENDMENT) BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read, for the resumption of the adjourned debate, on the motion of Mr. Wade, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—
And the Debate not being resumed,—
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Wade, 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. Wade, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
17. **NEGLECTED CHILDREN AND JUVENILE OFFENDERS BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—
Mr. Wade moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Fegan moved, That this debate be now adjourned.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the debate be adjourned until To-morrow.
18. **SMALL DEBTS RECOVERY (AMENDING) BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Wade 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. Wade, 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. Wade, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
19. **ADJOURNMENT** :—Mr. Wade moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at one minute before Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 11.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTIETH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 6 JULY, 1905.

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

HABITUAL CRIMINALS BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. Wade, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 28.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, 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 Bill to provide for the detention and control of habitual criminals.

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Ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Royal Commission to inquire into Administration of the Lands Department:—Mr. Perry (*Liverpool Plains*) asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Will he inform the House when he purposes to introduce the Bill to extend the scope of the Royal Commission inquiring into the Lands Administration?

(2.) Will he include in the Bill that the Commissioner shall have ample power to secure any necessary attendance by witnesses, and full legal authority to obtain necessary evidence incidental to the matters under inquiry?

(3.) Is it intended to suspend the Standing Orders to secure the passage of the Bill in one sitting, and will he give facilities to Members to see the draft proposals before the Bill is submitted to the House?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—The Bill is at present being drafted. I hope to give the House fair opportunity to consider the matter, and to pass the Bill without the necessity of suspending the Standing Orders.

(2.) Application of Gulgong Agricultural and Pastoral Association to Local Land Board:—*Mr. Fegan*, for Mr. Richards, asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he cause the application of Gulgong Agricultural and Pastoral Association, involving a proposal of considerable public importance, to be disposed of before the next sittings of the Local Land Board, and parties interested be notified to appear before the Board?

Mr. Ashton answered,—The correspondence on the subject is under reference to the District Surveyor for report. If that Officer's report shows such reference to be necessary, measures will be taken to secure prompt action.

(3.) Application of George Scifleet for land between Cobbora and Merrygoen:—*Mr. Fegan*, for Mr. Richards, asked the Secretary for Lands,—Has the application of one George Scifleet, submitted 26th June, been brought under his personal notice; if not, will he make inquiry and direct that the question of disposing of the land applied for, an area situated between Cobbora and Merrygoen, be made the subject of Land Board inquiry in order to more satisfactorily dispose of conflicting parties and interests?

Mr. Ashton answered,—No. The application is under reference to the District Surveyor. Upon receipt of that officer's report, the necessary action will be at once taken.

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- (4.) Travelling Stock Reserve, Cassilis Land District :—*Mr. Fegan*, for *Mr. Richards*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he cause the petition presented to the Department from small landholders of Uarbry (in Cassilis Land District) in reference to a travelling stock reserve in that locality, to be made the subject of Land Board inquiry at Cassilis, particularly directing as to the alleged fencing and occupation of part of the reserve by a pastoralist with large interest?

Mr. Ashton answered,—The correspondence is under reference to the District Surveyor. The next action awaits his report, which he has been called upon to expedite. If that report shows such reference to be necessary, measures will be taken to secure prompt action.

- (5.) Case of Robert Oldfield, a selector near Mudgee :—*Mr. Fegan*, for *Mr. Richards*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—The case of Robert Oldfield, a selector, near Mudgee, having been submitted in two distinct communications to the Department, will he cause proposed action in the land in question to be stayed, and the case to be submitted for hearing before either Rylstone or Mudgee Land Board?

Mr. Ashton answered,—It has already been decided to stay action pending result of *Mr. Oldfield's* application to convert his annual lease of the land (330 acres) into an improvement lease. His application for an improvement lease will probably be dealt with by the Land Board at Mudgee about 25th July, 1905.

- (6.) Management of State Forest Areas :—*Mr. Morton* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to introduce legislation to provide for the proper management of the State Forest areas, in the interests of present and future supplies of timber?

(2.) Will larger facilities be provided for converting forest products to a marketable commodity by encouraging the opening up and utilisation of timber supplies not at present accessible?

(3.) Is it intended to appoint a Director of Forestry?

Mr. Ashton answered,—

(1 and 2.) Legislation, having these objects in view, will be introduced this session.

(3.) The matter will be considered later.

- (7.) Immigration of Desirable Settlers :—*Mr. Davidson*, for *Dr. Arthur*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it part of the Government policy to encourage immigration of desirable settlers?

(2.) Does the Government believe that the giving of lectures with magic lantern slides, and the display of New South Wales produce in Great Britain will be sufficient to attain this object?

(3.) Does the Government contemplate any steps other than the dissemination of information about the State in Great Britain to induce immigration?

(4.) Is he aware that the local authorities in England have the power to expend money for emigration purposes?

(5.) Is he aware that there is a provision in one of our Land Acts preventing any who are non-naturalised British citizens taking up Crown Lands until they have resided a year in the State?

(6.) Is he prepared to repeal this provision?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) This will only be an adjunct.

(3.) Yes.

(4.) The British Government established an Emigrants' Information Office in 1886, for the purpose of supplying intending emigrants with useful and trustworthy information respecting emigration to the British Colonies, and, in pursuance of that object, has issued hand-books annually, giving such information about all the principal colonies. Local authorities and special institutions extend assistance to emigrants, but no general scheme of assistance from the National Exchequer is known to exist.

(5.) Yes.

(6.) The matter is being considered.

- (8.) Conviction of F. B. Summergreen :—*Mr. Dacey* asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Did one F. B. Summergreen plead guilty at the Central Criminal Court at Sydney, in February, 1904, of embezzling moneys, the property of his employer, David Rees?

(2.) What was the sentence of the Court as recorded by the Gaol Recorder and as appears in the book kept by him?

(3.) What were the terms of the sentence as appears in a record made by the Judge's Associate on the indictment?

(4.) What were the terms of the sentence as recorded at the time thereof by an officer of the Clerk of the Peace in a book kept by him for recording sentences and called the "Central Criminal Court Book"?

(5.) Will he furnish verbatim extracts of the terms of sentence from the Records mentioned in Questions Nos. 2, 3, and 4 respectively?

(6.) Did not the bond entered into by prisoner at the time of his release provide for his re-arrest in the event of non-payment of any instalment?

(7.) Is it not a fact that prisoner never paid any instalment, and that no steps were ever taken for his re-arrest?

Mr. Wade answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Twelve months imprisonment, Darlinghurst Gaol; sentence to be suspended under provisions of Crimes Act regarding first offenders on security being given, self in £50, two sureties in £25 each, and restitution of £34 to be made at the rate of £2 10s. per month to be paid to the Clerk of the Peace. Sureties to justify before a Chamber Magistrate.

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- (3.) Twelve months imprisonment in Darlinghurst ; sentence to be suspended under provisions of Crimes Act regarding first offenders on security being given, self in £50, two sureties in £25 each, and restitution of £34 to be made at rate of £2 10s. per month, to be made to Clerk of the Peace. Sureties to justify before Chamber Magistrate.
- (4.) Twelve months' hard labour in Darlinghurst Gaol ; sentence to be suspended on prisoner entering into a recognizance in £50, with two sureties (to be approved of by a magistrate) in £25 each, conditioned for good behaviour for twelve months, and the payment of £34 to the Clerk of the Peace, in payments of £2 10s. a month, by way of restitution to the prosecutor, David Rees, butcher, Walker-street, North Sydney. Sureties to justify before a Chamber Magistrate.
- (5.) Replies to Questions Nos. 2, 3, and 4 are verbatim extracts.
- (6.) No.
- (7.) Yes. Under the order of the Judge, the sureties were not bound for payment of compensation, but only for the accused's good behaviour. He was, under the circumstances, not liable to be re-arrested. The official certificate issued by the Associate, as the custodian of the records, and the one upon which the Chamber Magistrate acted, expressly stated that the sureties were only as to good behaviour.
- (9.) Mine at Sunny Corner, owned by John Kemp Charleston:—Mr. W. W. Young asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that John Kemp Charleston owns a mine at Sunny Corner, and has not worked the same for two years ?
- (2.) If so, will he see that the mine is worked, or that others will be allowed to do so ?
- Mr. Moore answered,—
- (1.) It is not known to the Department that the mine has been idle for two years, as no complaints of non-work have been lodged.
- (2.) Now that attention has been drawn to the matter, full inquiry will be made.
- (10.) Dunolly Bridge, over the Hunter River at Singleton:—Mr. Fallick asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What was the amount of the Fitzroy Dock tender for ironwork for the Dunolly Bridge over the Hunter River, at Singleton ?
- Mr. Lee answered,—£6,935 3s. 2d.
- (11.) Special Grants to Agricultural Societies :—Mr. McFarlane asked the Secretary for Mines,—In view of the fact that no special grants were given to Agricultural Societies last Financial Year, will he make provision for special grants for the current year ?
- Mr. Moore answered,—It is not intended to make provision for special grants to Agricultural Societies on this year's Estimates.
- (12.) Public School Vacation :—Mr. Jones asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Can he give any definite information as to whether changes are being made in the direction of extending the duration of school vacation in summer in certain portions of New South Wales ?
- Mr. O'Connor answered,—A new scheme of school holidays dealing with districts of high temperature will come into operation next Christmas.
3. NEGLECTED CHILDREN AND JUVENILE OFFENDERS BILL :—The following Petitions praying the House to pass into law the Neglected Children and Juvenile Offenders Bill,—were presented by the Members named,—
- (1.) By Mr. Fell,—From Members of the Chatswood Branch of the Women's Political Educational League.
- (2.) By Mr. Gillies,—From Members of the Maitland Branch of the Women's Political Educational League.
- (3.) By Mr. Creswell,—From Members of the North Sydney Branch of the Women's Political Educational League.
- Petitions received.
4. PAPERS :—
- Mr. Carruthers laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) Regulations under the Sydney Harbour Rates Act, 1904.
- (2.) Report of the Public Service Board on the general working of the State Clothing Factory, together with Minutes of Evidence.
- (3.) Comments by the Comptroller of Railway Stores on the Report of the Public Service Board respecting the general working of the State Clothing Factory.
- (4.) Reply of the Public Service Board to the comments of the Comptroller of Railway Stores respecting the general working of the State Clothing Factory.
- (5.) Report of the Public Service Board on the State Labour Bureau, with a view to its reformation. Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
5. PRINTING COMMITTEE :—Mr. McFarlane, as Chairman, brought up the second report from the Printing Committee.
6. JURY (AMENDMENT) BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Wade, read a third time, and *passed*.
- Mr. Wade then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to authorise the Governor to fix jurors' districts ; to regulate the liability of jurors to be summoned ; to amend the Jury Act, 1901, the Jury (Amendment) Act, 1902 ; and for other purposes incidental thereto.*"
- Question put and passed.

Ordered,

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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 authorise the Governor to fix jurors' districts ; to regulate the liability of jurors to be summoned ; to amend the Jury Act, 1901, the Jury (Amendment) Act, 1902 ; and for other purposes incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 6th July, 1905.*

7. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day for consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Bread Act, 1901,—postponed until Tuesday next.
8. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Wynyard, Mr. Donaldson, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz. :—"The injustice that is being inflicted on this State by the unnecessary delay in determining the site of the Federal "Capital." And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—
Mr. Donaldson moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
9. SMALL DEBTS RECOVERY (AMENDING) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Wade 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. Wade, *passed.*
Mr. Wade then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the Small Debts Recovery Act, 1899 ; to provide for an appeal from a court of petty sessions to a district court ; to provide for the collection of fees in a court of petty sessions ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"
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 Small Debts Recovery Act, 1899 ; to provide for an appeal from a court of petty sessions to a district court ; to provide for the collection of fees in a court of petty sessions ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 6th July, 1905.*

10. NEGLECTED CHILDREN AND JUVENILE OFFENDERS BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Wade, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—
And the Question being again proposed,—
The House resumed the said adjourned debate.
Question,—That this Bill be now read a second time—put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 52.

Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Law,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Wade,	Mr. Davidson,	Mr. Downes,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Fegan,	Mr. John Hurley,
Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Dick,	Mr. Dacey,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Perry (<i>L'pool Plains</i>),	Mr. Arthur Griffith,
Mr. Holman,	Mr. Moore,	Mr. Chariton,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Booth,	Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Ashton,	Mr. McCoy,	Mr. Reynoldson,
Mr. Mackenzie,	Mr. Hindmarsh,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Levy,	Mr. Latimer,	Mr. Walter Anderson,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Wood,	Mr. Morton,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Creswell,	Mr. McNeill,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Kearney,	Mr. Jones.
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. R. J. Anderson,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Alan Millard,	Mr. Fallick,	
Mr. Estell,	Mr. Henley,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Collins,	Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Fell.

Noes, 3.

Mr. Nicholson.
Tellers,
Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Broughton.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Wade, 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.

11. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Apportionment Bill,—postponed until Wednesday next.

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12. GOVERNMENT MOTOR OMNIBUS BILL :—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Carruthers, 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 enable the Railway Commissioners of New South Wales to construct, purchase, or lease motor omnibuses, and to run the same on certain roads; and for other purposes connected therewith or incidental thereto.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman 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 :—

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to enable the Railway Commissioners of New South Wales to construct, purchase, or lease motor omnibuses, and to run the same on certain roads; and for other purposes connected therewith or incidental thereto.

On motion of Mr. Carruthers, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

- (2.) Mr. Carruthers then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable the Railway Commissioners of New South Wales to construct, purchase, or lease motor omnibuses, and to run the same on certain roads; and for other purposes connected therewith or incidental thereto,*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.

13. POISONS BILL :—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Dick, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to make better provision for regulating the supply, colouring, labelling, and custody of poisons; to repeal the Poisons Act, 1902; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman 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 :—

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to make better provision for regulating the supply, colouring, labelling, and custody of poisons; to repeal the Poisons Act, 1902; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

On motion of Mr. Dick, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

- (2.) Mr. Dick then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to make better provision for regulating the supply colouring, labelling, and custody of poisons; to repeal the Poisons Act, 1902; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.

14. INFLAMMABLE LIQUIDS BILL :—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Dick, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to regulate the keeping, conveyance and sale of Inflammable Liquids; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman 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 :—

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to regulate the keeping, conveyance, and sale of Inflammable Liquids; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

On motion of Mr. Dick, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

- (2.) Mr. Dick then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to regulate the keeping, conveyance and sale of Inflammable Liquids; and for other purposes incidental thereto,*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed; and read a second time on Wednesday next.

15. EXPLOSIVES BILL :—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Dick, 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 consolidate and amend the law relating to explosives; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman 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 :—

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to consolidate and amend the law relating to explosives; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

On motion of Mr. Dick, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

- (2.) Mr. Dick then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to consolidate and amend the law relating to explosives; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.

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16. STATISTICAL MAPS BILL :—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Dick, 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 authorise the compilation of maps showing certain particulars relating to lands used for the purposes of agriculture, pastoral pursuits, timber-getting, and mining, and exempting persons giving information necessary for such compilation from penalty; to amend the Census Act, 1901; and for other purposes incidental thereto.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman 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 :—

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to authorise the compilation of maps showing certain particulars relating to lands used for the purposes of agriculture, pastoral pursuits, timber-getting, and mining, and exempting persons giving information necessary for such compilation from penalty; to amend the Census Act, 1901; and for other purposes incidental thereto.

On motion of Mr. Dick, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

(2.) Mr. Dick then presented a Bill, intituled, "*A Bill to authorise the compilation of maps showing certain particulars relating to lands used for the purposes of agriculture, pastoral pursuits, timber-getting, and mining, and exempting persons giving information necessary for such compilation from penalty; to amend the Census Act, 1901; and for other purposes incidental thereto,*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.

17. PUBLIC SERVICE (TEMPORARY OFFICERS) BILL :—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Dick, 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 appointment of certain temporary officers to the permanent staff of the Public Service; and to amend the Public Service Act, 1902.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman 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 :—

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to provide for the appointment of certain temporary officers to the permanent staff of the Public Service; and to amend the Public Service Act, 1902.

On motion of Mr. Dick, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

(2.) Mr. Dick then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to provide for the appointment of certain temporary officers to the permanent staff of the Public Service; and to amend the Public Service Act, 1902,*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.

18. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Lee moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at thirteen minutes after One o'clock A.M., until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 12.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTIETH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 11 JULY, 1905.

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

QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Tarriaro and Boolcarrol Lands, Narrabri :—Mr. Collins asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) On what dates were the Tarriaro and Boolcarrol lands made available for settlement?
- (2.) On what dates were they allotted to the successful applicants?
- (3.) What was the cause of the delay in having these cases dealt with?
- (4.) Will he give instructions to have these lands confirmed to the successful applicants without delay?
- (5.) In view of the very great inconvenience caused to settlers through delays in having their land allotted and subsequently confirmed to them, will he give instructions for greater expedition to be used in future in dealing with such cases?

Mr. Ashton answered,—

- (1.) Tarriaro, 10th November, 1904; Boolcarrol, 27th October, 1904.
- (2.) Tarriaro, 2nd to 7th February, 1905; Boolcarrol, 12th to 16th June, 1905.
- (3.) The delay took place in the District Survey Office, and the District Surveyor reports that pressure of work prevented the applications being brought before the Board at an earlier date.
- (4.) Steps have been taken for prompt action towards special meetings for confirmation as soon as ever the surveys have been completed and plans examined.
- (5.) Every reasonable means for expedition of business are being taken so as to avoid such delay in the future. I may add that the District Surveyor reports regarding the Tarriaro lands that he, when on the ground, observed that some of those who had been allotted areas were taking steps to fence their boundaries as defined, that none of them were being interfered with in any way, that they appeared to realise they would not be disturbed, and that one of the licensed surveyors employed on the survey had informed him that some of the settlers had their crops in.

(2.) City Betting Shops and Drinking Clubs :—Mr. Daley asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) The number of betting shops in Sydney?
- (2.) How many of the proprietors of those betting shops have been prosecuted for keeping common gaming houses?
- (3.) Has any action been taken against the landlords for letting those gambling dens? If not, why not?
- (4.) How many two-up schools are in Sydney, and why are they allowed to exist?
- (5.) How many drinking clubs exist in Pitt-street and other parts of the city? Do they pay any license?
- (6.) How much land has the Australian Jockey Club from the State? Also the Royal Agricultural Society and the Sydney Cricket Ground? What rent do each of these pay to the State, and what do they contribute to charities?

Mr. Hogue answered,—

- (1.) Twenty-five.
- (2.) None; but with, perhaps, one or two exceptions, the whole of them have been prosecuted for keeping and using betting or gaming houses.
- (3.) No; but they were notified some months ago that they would be prosecuted if they continued to let premises for gambling purposes. It is not always practicable to obtain the requisite evidence.
- (4.) Four. The proprietors and frequenters have been frequently prosecuted, and, when sufficient evidence can be obtained, will be prosecuted again.
- (5.) Thirty-six. They pay no license.

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(6.) The Australian Jockey Club hold about 205 acres; no rent is paid by that body; the Royal Agricultural Society 40 acres 30 perches under Act No. 45, 1902, and an additional 2 acres 1 rood 21 perches at a nominal rent. The Sydney Cricket Ground comprises 12 acres, dedicated as a Cricket Ground, and 5 acres 1 rood 13 perches on special lease for thirteen years from 1897, at £50 per annum. I am not in a position to state what is contributed to charities.

(3.) Miners' Accident Relief Fund:—*Mr. W. W. Young*, for *Mr. Waddell*, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Has he decided to increase the amounts paid on account of accidents from the Miners' Accident Relief Fund; and if so, when?

(2.) Is it intended to increase the age limit for which an allowance will be given to each child?

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

(4.) Contract for Penitentiary, Long Bay:—*Mr. Daley* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that *W. J. Henley* was the successful tenderer for the Penitentiary contract at Long Bay?

(2.) Is it a fact that *W. J. Henley* is merely the nominee of *Thomas Henley, M.L.A.*, in this contract?

(3.) Has he made any inquiry as to the *bona-fides* of *W. J. Henley*; if so, what was the result of his inquiry?

(4.) Will he endeavour to protect the public from undesirable contractors and dummies, and punish all such dishonest men for their admitted wrongdoing?

Mr. Lee answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) I could not say. Nothing in the tender submitted shows this to be the case.

(3.) *Mr. W. J. Henley* has provided the security, signed the contract, and, besides, complied with all the departmental conditions of tendering, so that further inquiries are quite unnecessary.

(4.) The Department does so, if there be any suspicious circumstances attached to the lowest tenderer; but I am not aware that there was any such necessity whatever to do so in this contract.

(5.) Mining Inspector's Office, Broken Hill:—*Mr. Cann* asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Is the Mining Inspector's Office at Broken Hill connected by telephone?

(2.) Will he order that the office be connected, so that the mines along the line of lode can call the Inspectors readily?

(3.) Will he appoint a messenger boy, so as to keep the Inspectors informed of any call from a mine?

Mr. Moore answered,—

(1.) No.

(2 and 3.) It is not considered that connecting the Inspector's Office with the telephone would be of much, if any, assistance in the case of accidents, as the Inspectors are only there for a very small portion of the day, their duties taking them underground most of their time.

(6.) Sydney Harbour Trust Employees:—*Mr. Nielsen* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) How many of the employees of the Harbour Trust are what is called "transferred" Officers, and how many have been appointed by the Commissioners?

(2.) Do the "transferred" officers receive regular increases of pay?

(3.) Do the officers appointed by Commissioners receive regular increases?

(4.) What is the reason that the officers appointed by the Commissioners have not been appointed in the manner laid down in the Sydney Harbour Trust Act of 1900, section 17, subsection (1), and what is the effect of their not having been so appointed?

(5.) Is it a fact that, owing to the way in which these "temporary" officers, as they are called, have been appointed, they are in some important respects in an inferior position to their fellow officers who have been "transferred" from other Departments, particularly as regards (a) annual increments, (b) promotion, (c) leave of absence on full pay on retirement?

(6.) Was it ever contemplated when the Harbour Trust Commissioners were appointed that they would allow a system to grow up by which there would be two classes of officers in their employment, one appointed by the Executive and the other not so appointed; and, if not, what is the remedy?

(7.) Has the Auditor-General been made acquainted with the facts of the case as regards the invalidity of these appointments; and, if not, will he now insist upon all such appointments being legalised in accordance with the Act of Incorporation of the Trustees?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

(1.) Eighty-three officers have been transferred from other Departments to the service of the Commissioners. Eight officers have been appointed by the Governor on the recommendation of the Commissioners, and one hundred and six officers have been appointed by the Commissioners under section 17, subsection (1) of the Sydney Harbour Trust Act, 1900.

(2 and 3.) No; but some of these officers have received occasional increases.

(4.) These officers have been appointed in the manner provided in section 17, subsection (1) of the Act quoted.

(5.) The gazetted officers and the Commissioners' appointees are treated by the Commissioners exactly alike in every respect.

(6 and 7.) The Sydney Harbour Trust Act specially provides for the appointment of these two classes of officers; and, owing to the variety of operations carried out by the Trust, some of which are of a temporary character only, it is obviously inexpedient that a number of the officers engaged should be appointed by the Governor.

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(7.) Clerks, Sydney Police Superintendent's Office :—*Mr. Estell*, for *Mr. Holman*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is he aware that although the clerks in the Sydney Police Superintendent's Office perform sixty hours labour per week, they are not allowed an annual holiday, nor even the ordinary public holidays?

(2.) Will he look up the Ministerial order on this subject wherein it is stated that leave to police is to approximate that granted to other civil servants, and as the duties of police clerks accord entirely with the duties of other Government clerks, will he see that the subject of that order is carried out in its entirety by allowing these clerks an annual holiday, and a day off each alternate public holiday, besides, if possible, reducing their long hours of labour?

Mr. Hogue answered,—The Metropolitan Superintendent of Police reports that his clerks perform duty eight and a half hours daily, or fifty-one hours weekly. They do not perform duty on Sundays, Christmas Day, or Good Friday, which means that they have fifty-four days annually off duty, on full pay, while police performing day and night duty on the streets have twenty-one days' leave only.

2. NEGLECTED CHILDREN AND JUVENILE OFFENDERS BILL:—*Mr. McLaurin* presented a Petition from Members of the Albury Branch of the Women's Political Educational League, praying the House to pass into law the Neglected Children and Juvenile Offenders Bill.
Petition received.

3. PAPERS :—*Mr. Carruthers* laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Rules relating to the Examination of Masters and Mates in the Coast Trade under the Navigation Act, 1901.

(2.) Correspondence between the Commonwealth Government and the Government of New South Wales respecting the Federal Capital Site.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

4. MURRUMBIDGEE NORTHERN WATER SUPPLY AND IRRIGATION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Briner* moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That the Murrumbidgee Northern Water Supply and Irrigation Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.

(2.) That such Committee consist of *Mr. Lee*, *Mr. Bennett*, *Mr. Eden George*, *Mr. Ball*, *Mr. McGarry*, *Mr. McLaurin*, *Mr. Morton*, *Mr. Reynoldson*, *Mr. Scobie*, and the Mover.

(3.) That the Report from the Select Committee of Session 1903, together with the proceedings of the Committee, and Minutes of Evidence, be referred to such Committee.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 43.

Noes, 20.

<i>Mr. Hogue</i> ,	<i>Mr. Law</i> ,
<i>Mr. Moore</i> ,	<i>Mr. John Hurley</i> ,
<i>Mr. Carruthers</i> ,	<i>Mr. Thomas</i> ,
<i>Mr. Ashton</i> ,	<i>Mr. W. Millard</i> ,
<i>Mr. Wade</i> ,	<i>Mr. R. J. Anderson</i> ,
<i>Mr. Lee</i> ,	<i>Mr. Walter Anderson</i> ,
<i>Mr. O'Connor</i> ,	<i>Mr. Morton</i> ,
<i>Mr. Dick</i> ,	<i>Mr. Wood</i> ,
<i>Mr. Nobbs</i> ,	<i>Mr. Brinsley Hall</i> ,
<i>Mr. Broughton</i> ,	<i>Mr. McFarlane</i> ,
<i>Mr. Mackenzie</i> ,	<i>Mr. Bennett</i> ,
<i>Mr. J. H. Young</i> ,	<i>Mr. O'Sullivan</i> ,
<i>Mr. Creswell</i> ,	<i>Mr. Briner</i> ,
<i>Mr. Downes</i> ,	<i>Mr. Scobie</i> ,
<i>Mr. Fallick</i> ,	<i>Mr. McGarry</i> ,
<i>Mr. Latimer</i> ,	<i>Mr. McLaurin</i> ,
<i>Mr. Levis</i> ,	<i>Mr. Reynoldson</i> ,
<i>Mr. Hindmarsh</i> ,	<i>Mr. W. W. Young</i> .
<i>Mr. McCoy</i> ,	
<i>Mr. Henley</i> ,	<i>Tellers</i> ,
<i>Mr. Moxham</i> ,	<i>Mr. Ball</i> ,
<i>Mr. Perry (The Richm'd)</i> ,	<i>Mr. Collins</i> .
<i>Mr. Davidson</i> ,	

<i>Mr. Hollis</i> ,
<i>Mr. Estell</i> ,
<i>Mr. Charlton</i> ,
<i>Mr. Meehan</i> ,
<i>Mr. Kelly</i> ,
<i>Mr. Miller</i> ,
<i>Mr. Nicholson</i> ,
<i>Mr. Daley</i> ,
<i>Mr. McNeill</i> ,
<i>Mr. Edden</i> ,
<i>Mr. McGowen</i> ,
<i>Mr. Dacey</i> ,
<i>Mr. Nielsen</i> ,
<i>Mr. Cann</i> ,
<i>Mr. Jones</i> ,
<i>Mr. Thrower</i> ,
<i>Mr. Norton</i> ,
<i>Mr. Crick</i> .

Tellers,

Mr. Burgess,

Mr. Richards.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

5. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Bread Act, 1901,—postponed until Tuesday, 25th July.

6. COAL-MINES REGULATION (AMENDING) BILL :—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by *Mr. Moore*, and read by *Mr. Speaker* :—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 29.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, 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 Bill to amend the Coal-mines Regulation Act, 1902, and the Mines Inspection Act, 1901; and for other purposes.

State Government House,

Sydney, 11th July, 1905.

Ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

11th July, 1905.

7. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Blayney, Mr. Crick, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz. :—“ A circular with form of oaths declaration attached purporting to be issued from the Royal Commission of Inquiry into the administration of the Lands Department in certain matters.”
And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—
Mr. Crick moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
8. SYDNEY DIOCESAN REVENUES BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Creswell moved, That this Bill be “ now ” read a second time.
Mr. Norton moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out the word “ now ” and adding at the end thereof the words “ this day three months.”
Question proposed, That the word proposed to be left out stand part of the Question.
Debate ensued.
Amendment, *by leave*, withdrawn.
Question,—That this Bill be now read a second time—put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Creswell, 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. Creswell, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
9. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Lee moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
The House adjourned accordingly, at two minutes after Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 13.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTIETH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 12 JULY, 1905.

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

PAPER:—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—A letter from the Auditor-General, transmitting for presentation to the Legislative Assembly; under the directions contained in the 34th section of the Audit Act, 1902, copies of Minutes of His Excellency the Governor and the Executive Council, authorising transfers of amounts from one head of Service to supplement a vote for another Service, viz. :—

(a) £500, from the Vote "Agriculture Branch—Contingencies" to the Vote "Stores Supply and Tender Board."

(b) £75, from the Vote "School of Mines and Assay Works" to the Vote "Stores Supply and Tender Board."

(c) £12,030, viz., £1,030 from "Commission on payments in England by Government Financial Agents"; £5,000 from "Darling Harbour Resumptions—Interest on Compensation Money"; and £6,000 from "Railway Working Expenses," to the following Votes:—"Sewerage and Water Rates, &c., various Public Buildings, &c., Sydney and Country Towns," £2,025; "Interest on Advances by Banks in London," £3,610; "Stores Supply and Tender Board," £1,000; "Government Asylums for the Infirm," £4,220; "Institutions for the Insane generally," £1,000; "Maintenance, &c., of Telephones," £175.

(d) £58, from the Vote "Explosives" to the Vote "Stores Supply and Tender Board," and £160, from the Vote "Advances to Settlers Board" to the Vote "Stores Supply and Tender Board." Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Killarney Exchange, Narrabri Land District:—Mr. Collins asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Has the Killarney Exchange yet been completed; if so, when will the surrendered lands be made available for settlement?

(2.) What area is to be made available, under what form of tenure, and in what size holdings?

Mr. Ashton answered,—

(1.) The land has now been surrendered to the Crown, the surrender documents having been received in a complete state yesterday. The papers relating to disposal of surrender lands are with the District Surveyor for a report as to whether the lands should be made available for original applications only. Upon receipt of the District Surveyor's reply the Honorable Member will be informed as to the method of disposal.

(2.) The area to be made available is 28,471 acres.

(2.) Mining Industry:—Mr. Nielsen asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Is he aware of the fact that the copper-mining industry is being seriously hampered through highly cupriferous lands being held as mineral conditional purchases, the owners of which will neither work their holdings nor allow others to do so?

(2.) Are not other branches of the mining industry also seriously curtailed from similar causes?

(3.) In view of these facts, will he at once consider the necessity of passing an amending mining act which will bring these classes of land within the reach of the miner, or otherwise resume those which are known to contain large quantities of valuable mineral, and which are not worked by the owners?

(4.) Does he know that land held under this class of tenure by the Hockey Estate is preventing the proper development of the copper field of Burruga?

(5.) What does he intend to do to relieve this unsatisfactory state of affairs?

Mr.

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Mr. Moore answered,—

(1. and 2.) I am aware that lands have been alienated without any reservation of minerals to the Crown in the Deeds of Grant, and that therefore all minerals excepting gold belong to the owners of those lands, and the provisions of the Mining on Private Lands Acts apply only to any gold that may be contained in those lands.

(3.) Any legislation such as that suggested, would have to provide for full compensation to the owners for the value of the minerals as well as the land.

(4.) I understand that certain land at Burruga, the property of representatives of the late H. Hockey, was sold without reservation of the minerals, and consequently applications for authority to mine thereon for copper could not be granted.

(5.) The matter is being considered.

(3.) Local Government (Shires) Bill :—Mr. Nielsen asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House, prior to his moving the second reading of the Local Government Bill, a return showing :—

(1.) The total expenditure of the Public Works Department during each year, including year ending 30th June, 1905, since 1895, differentiating between loan and revenue expenditure?

(2.) The proportion of these totals that were spent (a) within the metropolitan area; (b) within other municipalities; (c) in the rest of New South Wales; (d) in each of the proposed shires?

(3.) The unimproved and improved values of (a) all lands in New South Wales; (b) lands within the metropolitan area; (c) lands within other municipalities; (d) all other lands in New South Wales; (e) lands in each of the proposed shires?

(4.) The amount of land tax raised last year (a) within the metropolitan area; (b) within other municipalities; (c) in the rest of New South Wales; (d) within each of the proposed shires?

(5.) The receipts and expenditure in connection with the administration of the following Acts for the year ending 30th June, 1905 :—(a) The Impounding Act of 1898; (b) the Public Watering Places Act of 1900; (c) the portion of the Police Offences Act of 1900, proposed to be transferred to the control of the shires under section 11 of the proposed Bill?

(6.) The expenditure of the Lands Department during last year in connection with—(a) Commons; (b) Public Parks and Recreation Reserves; (c) Cemeteries?

(7.) The expenditure of the Education Department in connection with—(a) Schools of Arts; (b) Mechanics Institutes; (c) Other institutions of a similar character?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—A mass of statistical information has already been compiled in connection with the Local Government (Shires) Bill, and may be found in the interim report of the Local Government Commissioners, which was laid upon the Table of the House on the 4th instant. To faithfully comply with the requirements of the Honorable Member would take some months, and the business of some of the Departments affected would be considerably prejudiced thereby.

(4.) Assignment of Choses in Action :—Mr. Estell, for Mr. Sullivan, asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—Will he bring in a short Bill to deal with the assignment of choses in action?

Mr. Wade answered,—A provision of this nature will be included in a Bill which is being prepared, and which I hope to be able to introduce into Parliament during the present Session.

(5.) Tin and Sheet Metal Work performed in Gaols :—Mr. Estell, for Mr. Thrower, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) The total value of tin and sheet metal work performed in the gaols of New South Wales?

(2.) The total cost of producing the aforesaid tin and sheet metal work?

(3.) The names of the various Government Departments and private firms, who have received such goods, with the value of same in each case?

(4.) How many persons are there engaged at tin and sheet metal work in the gaols of New South Wales?

(5.) How many persons have learned the whole or part of such trades in the gaols of New South Wales?

Mr. Wade answered,—

(1.) During the present year articles have been produced to the value of £512, including cost of material.

(2.) Approximately, £40, including charge for trade supervision, gratuities to prisoners, &c. The Comptroller-General of Prisons states, however, that not much of this sum would be saved if no tin-smithing were carried on.

(3.) Federal Government, to value of £45; Railway Department, £77; Stores Supply and Tender Board, £455 (including the value of some articles not produced during the present year, as set forth in Reply No. 1). No goods have been supplied to private firms.

(4 and 5.) At present there are nineteen workers of various degrees of efficiency. The number so employed depends upon the influx and efflux of prisoners, their conduct and adaptability, and on other circumstances.

(6.) Crown Lands unalienated within 30 miles of Sydney :—Mr. Downes asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) What area of Crown lands is available for settlement within the county of Cumberland between the Woronora River and George's River?

(2.) What Crown lands are reserved for special purposes within the same district?

(3.) What other Crown lands are there unalienated within a radius of 30 miles of the city?

Mr. Ashton answered,—The information will be furnished at an early date in the form of a Return.

(7.)

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(7.) Guernsey Cattle :—Mr. Perry (*The Richmond*) asked the Secretary for Mines,—Is he aware that the introduction of Guernsey stock has been a success for dairying purposes ; if so, will he take steps to import more Guernsey bulls and cows for breeding purposes, the present supply at the State farms not meeting the demand ?

Mr. Moore answered,—It is considered that the introduction of such stock has proved very successful, and the question of further importations is under consideration.

(8.) Outbreak of Plague at Ballina :—Mr. Perry (*The Richmond*) asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
(1.) Is he aware that the Ballina Municipal Council has been put to considerable expense in the endeavour to stamp out an outbreak of plague in that locality ?

(2.) Will he place a sum of money on the Estimates to defray the expense the Council incurred in coping with that outbreak ?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—I will cause inquiries to be made into the cost to the local authority (the Ballina Municipal Council), the items of expenditure, the proportion which might have been recovered from ratepayers under the Public Health Act, and the amount expended in aid of the local authority by the Department of Public Health.

3. PAPERS :—Mr. Hogue laid upon the Table,—

(1.) By-law of the Municipal District of Rockdale, under the Public Health (Night-soil Removal) Act, 1902.

(2.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Maclean, under the Public Health Act, 1902, and the Public Health (Night-soil Removal) Act, 1902.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

4. COAL MINES REGULATION (AMENDING) BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Moore moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1902, and the Mines Inspection Act, 1901 ; and for other purposes.
Question put and passed.

5. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the New South Wales Institution for the Deaf and Dumb and the Blind Incorporation Bill,—postponed until Tuesday, 5th August.

6. NEGLECTED CHILDREN AND JUVENILE OFFENDERS BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again To-morrow.

7. CONVEYANCING (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 validate certain payments made and acts done under powers of attorney ; to enable corporations to acquire and hold property in joint tenancy ; and for other purposes*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 12th July, 1905.

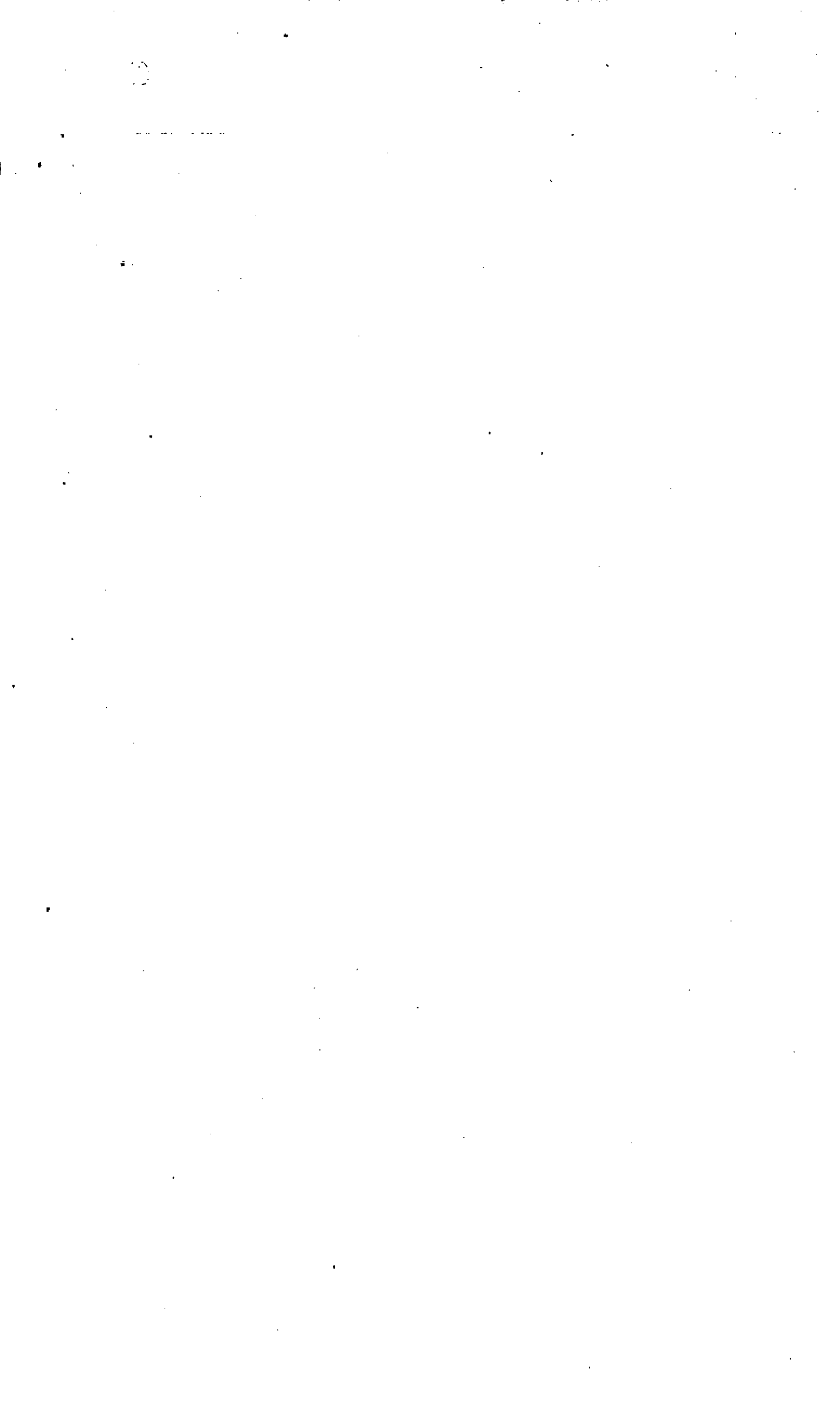
F. B. SUTTON,
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Wade, read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

The House adjourned, at twenty-five minutes after Four o'clock, a.m., until Four o'clock, p.m., This Day.

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 14.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTIETH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 13 JULY, 1905.

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

LANDS COMMISSION BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, was delivered by Mr. Wade, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 30.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, 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 Bill to ratify and confirm the authorisation and appointment, and to extend the powers of the Commissioner appointed to make inquiry relating to the Department of Lands and to other matters; to further provide for the procedure before such Commissioner; and for other purposes.

*State Government House,
Sydney, 13th July, 1905.*

Ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Applications under Crown Lands Act Amendment Act, 1903:—*Mr. Kelly*, for Mr. Richards, asked the Secretary for Lands,—When will the applications by selectors at Mudgee to come under the provisions of Section 13 of Act of 1903, be finally dealt with?

Mr. Ashton answered,—Of the seven applications received three are awaiting information from the applicants, three will be dealt with by the Chairman's Court on the 14th July, 1905, and one on the 24th July, 1905.

(2.) Overpaid Balances on Conditional Purchases:—*Mr. Kelly*, for Mr. Richards, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Will he cause refunds at once to issue to selectors who have overpaid their balances on their Conditional Purchases, and will he cause the amount due for balances on land selected under the Act of 1895, where the amount is less than 1s. an acre to be sent to the land agents, so that selectors can find out the balances due by them?

(2.) Will he extend the time under the 13th and 14th Section of Act of 1903, for lodging application to come under those sections by selectors for another twelve months?

Mr. Ashton answered,—

(1.) Assuming that the honorable member refers to cases of conditional purchases, the prices of which have been determined by appraisalment, the law provides that "if the total amounts which have been paid as instalments, exclusive of interest on the original value, exceed the value so determined, such total amounts shall be deemed to be the value at which the conditional purchase has been so determined." Arrangements have been made, to come into operation next year, which will place all Crown land agents in the position to furnish particulars in all cases of outstanding conditional purchase balances.

(2.) The operation of Section 14 of the Act No. 15, 1903, is not limited by time, but the period in which applications under Section 13 may be lodged by conditional purchasers wishing to avail themselves of its provisions will expire on the 31st December, 1905. To extend that period would involve an amendment of the law which is not at present deemed necessary.

(3.)

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(3.) Government Stud Farm for breeding Horses :—*Mr. Estell*, for *Mr. Sullivan*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—In view of the statement appearing in the Report of the Inspector-General of Police, viz., "That horses suitable for his purposes have increased in price 100 per cent.," and taking into consideration the article of Colonel Howard Goad, appearing in the July number of the *Agricultural Gazette* on the question of horses for the Indian market, will he consider the advisability of establishing a stud farm for breeding horses for the before-mentioned purposes ?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—The matter is being considered.

(4.) Surrendered Lands on Benerembah Holding :—*Mr. Meehan*, for *Mr. Scobie*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it his intention to grant any of the surrendered lands on Benerembah Holding as improvement leases ?

(2.) Is he aware there is a great demand for land for settlement in that district ?

(3.) Will he give instructions for the early subdivision of said surrendered lands into blocks for settlement leases and homestead selections ?

Mr. Ashton answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) The land will be offered for settlement at an early date. The District Surveyor has been asked to state whether the land should be made available for original or additional holdings.

3. LIQUOR TRAFFIC :—*Mr. Moxham* presented a petition from Members of the Independent Order of Rechabites, Parramatta, praying that power be given the electors, by direct voting in every electorate and all over the State, to continue or reduce the number of licenses to sell intoxicating liquor or to have no license, as they may please ; that all clubs shall come under the Local Option poll ; that Local and State Option polls shall be held simultaneously with every General Election ; that in case of a poll being declared void because of any irregularity having occurred, provision shall be made for the taking of another poll ; and that the licensing authority in each electorate shall be vested in a Committee to be elected for each electorate by the electors on the Parliamentary rolls thereof at a convenient time after the Local Option polls have been taken.
Petition received.

4. PAPER :—*Mr. Carruthers* laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order, made on 9th November, 1904,—
"Public Works passed by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works."
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

5. PRINTING COMMITTEE :—*Mr. McFarlane*, as Chairman, brought up the Third Report from the Printing Committee.

6. SYDNEY DIOCESAN REVENUES BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of *Mr. Creswell*, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Creswell then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to provide for the disposal of certain revenues appertaining to the Church of England in the Diocese of Sydney.*"

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 provide for the disposal of certain revenues appertaining to the Church of England in the Diocese of Sydney,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Assembly requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 13th July, 1905.

SYDNEY DIOCESAN REVENUES BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 13th July, 1905.

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

Page 3, clause 3, line 37. Omit "for the time being"

Page 3, clause 3, line 37. After "See" insert "at Randwick, known as Bishops Court"

Page 5, clause 6, line 6. Add at end of clause "or shall reduce the stipend payable to any future
"Bishop after his acceptance of office."

Examined,—

W. H. WOOD,

Chairman of Committees.

7. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Tamworth Show-ground (Amendment) Bill,—postponed until Tuesday, 25th July.

8. ADJOURNMENT :—*Mr. Speaker* stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Surry Hills *Mr. Norton*, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz. :—"The present and future
"peril to public health involved in the lax medical supervision of leprosy disclosed in the cases of
"the two Kanaka lepers, Joseph Williams and Tommy Abraham, now in the New South Wales
"State Lazarette."

And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—

Mr. Norton moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

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9. LANDS COMMISSION BILL:—Mr. Wade moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to ratify and confirm the authorisation and appointment, and to extend the powers of the Commissioner appointed to make inquiry relating to the Department of Lands and to other matters; to further provide for the procedure before such Commissioner; and for other purposes.
Question put and passed.
10. NEGLECTED CHILDREN AND JUVENILE OFFENDERS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.
On motion of Mr. Wade, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time on Wednesday next.
11. APPORTIONMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Wade moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Wade, 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. Wade, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
12. GOVERNMENT MOTOR OMNIBUS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Carruthers moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put,—and Division called for,—but there not being 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*.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Carruthers, 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. Carruthers, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
13. COAL MINES REGULATION (AMENDING) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Moore, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1902, and the Mines Inspection Act, 1901; and for other purposes.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, 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 Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1902, and the Mines Inspection Act, 1901; and for other purposes.
On motion of Mr. Moore, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
14. STATISTICAL MAPS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Dick 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. Dick, 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. Dick, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.

The House adjourned, at sixteen minutes before Ten o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 15.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTIETH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 18 JULY, 1905.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) "The Rocks" Resumed Area:—Mr. Daley asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the Municipal Council of Sydney refused to purchase "The Rocks" resumed area?
- (2.) Will he consider the advisability of amalgamating the Harbour Trust residential properties with "The Rocks" area, in order to save the public revenue?
- (3.) What are the Government's intentions with regard to the resumed area?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) This matter will receive consideration.
- (3.) To improve the area gradually in accordance with the amended design of streets and lanes; to demolish insanitary buildings; and to encourage the erection of residences and stores of a better class upon the unoccupied lands by granting leases for extended periods.

- (2.) The Launch "Lady Hopetoun":—Mr. Estell, for Mr. Sullivan, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) What was the total cost of construction, including engines, boilers, hull, &c., of the launch "Lady Hopetoun"?
- (2.) How many men are engaged upon her regularly; what is the total amount of their wages per year?
- (3.) What is her coal bill per year?
- (4.) What is the total cost of her up-keep per year, including docking, painting, &c.?
- (5.) What work does she perform other than for the personal use of the Harbour Trust Commissioners?
- (6.) Is he aware that no provision has been made aboard of her for towing purposes?
- (7.) Would not a smaller and cheaper launch do her work?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—This information will be laid upon the Table in the form of a return.

- (3.) Rent of Crown Lands:—Mr. Collins asked the Secretary for Lands,—In view of the length of time that elapses between the date of application and subsequent survey and confirmation of lands, and of the fact that the title starts from the date of application, necessitating, in many instances, settlers having to pay rent on land many months before they are enabled to go into occupation, will he consider the advisableness of amending the law so that the rent shall not commence until the land is duly confirmed to the successful applicant?

Mr. Ashton answered,—Under the 1861, 1875 and 1880 Acts, up to the 1st January, 1885, title ran from date of application, if valid, for conditional purchases and conditional leases. The 1884 Act altered this, and up to the 1st December, 1889, title ran from confirmation for conditional purchases and conditional leases and homestead leases. In consequence of this being found to act inimically to the interests of settlement, amendment of the procedure was found necessary, and it was provided by section 12 of the Act of 1889 that the title for conditional purchases or conditional or homestead leases should run from date of application, if valid. Under the 1895 Act, which came into force on the 1st June, 1895, title for settlement leases and homestead selections ran from confirmation. For reasons similar to those stated, it was found necessary to amend the law in regard to these holdings; so by Act 59 Victoria 26, which came into force on the 15th June, 1896, the titles to settlement leases and homestead selections were made to commence from date of application, if valid. The objections, in the applicant's own interest, to dating the title from confirmation appear to be greater than those for dating the title from application. In the great majority of cases there is no objection to the applicant taking possession of the land immediately on application. Stringent measures to prevent delay in confirmation are being taken. It is considered necessary that rental payment shall run with the title.

18th July, 1905.

(4.) Royal Commission of Inquiry into the Administration of the Lands Department :—*Mr. Estell*, for Mr. Sullivan, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is the Mr. O'Malley Wood, mentioned in the Lands Inquiry now pending, the Mr. O'Malley Wood who presided over the Inquiry into Myall Creek ?

(2.) Is the Mr. Millen, mentioned in the present Lands Inquiry, Senator Millen, who appeared at the Inquiry into the Myall Creek Resumption, before Mr. O'Malley Wood, on behalf of the owners of the property ?

Mr. Ashton answered,—

(1.) The inquiry in regard to the acquisition of the Myall Creek Estate was conducted by the Local Land Board, presided over by Mr. F. G. Finley. Mr. O'Malley Wood appeared for the Crown. He is the Mr. O'Malley Wood mentioned in the Lands Inquiry now pending.

(2.) The Minutes of Evidence attached to the Local Land Board's report of their preliminary inquiry above referred to show that Mr. E. D. Millen appeared for the owners at the inquiry into the acquisition of Myall Creek before the Local Land Board. He is identical with Senator Millen, whose name has been mentioned in the inquiry now pending.

(5.) License to Bookmakers by Australian Jockey Club :—*Mr. Kelly*, for Mr. Eden George, asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is it a fact that an Order-in-Council has been issued approving of a by-law made by the Australian Jockey Club giving it power to license bookmakers to bet on payment of a fee ?

(2.) Under what Act or authority is such an Order-in-Council issued ?

Mr. Wade answered,—By-laws were made under the "Australian Jockey Club Act of 1873," which gives the Committee of the Club power to make by-laws, and provides that they may be disallowed by the Governor-in-Council within one month after their receipt by the Chief Secretary. That portion of the by-laws which related to betting fees is only an amendment, as to amount of license fee, of the by-laws previously in force, and was not disallowed.

(6.) Public School Teachers' Examinations :—*Mr. Scobie*, for Mr. Henley, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Is it a fact that much discontent exists among teachers at the unduly long time that elapses between the date of their examinations and the publication of the results ?

(2.) Is it a fact, as stated in the current number of the *New South Wales Educational Gazette*, that the results of the teachers' examination held at Easter have not yet been published, and that the Departmental officers cannot say when these results will be made known ?

(3.) If so, will he take steps to remedy this state of affairs ?

Mr. O'Connor answered,—The results of examination of candidates for First-class Certificates have already been notified to the teachers concerned. The results in the case of applicants for Second-class are expected in two or three days, and in regard to Third-class Candidates early next month. It is recognised that the system that has prevailed for some years past is productive of great delay, but it is proposed to rearrange the Examining Staff in order to carry on the work more expeditiously.

(7.) Railway and Tramway Employees' Appeals :—*Mr. Hollis* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Does the Government Railways Act, 1901, provide that a railway and tramway employee shall have an appeal against any punishment imposed upon him ?

(2.) Is it a fact that in the Tramway Department where "Reprimands" or "Cautions" are recorded against tramway drivers, conductors, &c., that the Appeal Board declines to hear appeals against such "Reprimands" or "Cautions" ?

(3.) Is it a fact that where two such "Reprimands" or "Cautions" are recorded against any such employee in any one year, that he forfeits a good conduct holiday in consequence ?

(4.) If so, will he see that the law in this respect is enforced, and that in all cases of such punishments in future the employee shall have the right to appeal as provided ?

(5.) Does the Railways Act provide for the employment of supernumeraries, or temporary hands ?

(6.) Does not the appeals portion of the Act provide for appeals against punishment to all employees ?

(7.) Will he in future, see that this portion of the Act is obeyed ?

(8.) Is it a fact that there are no regulations to govern the conduct of appeals before the Board ?

(9.) Will he, as the responsible Minister, see that proper regulations are brought into force for this purpose ?

(10.) Has it been the custom for tramway employees, in common with railway employees, to enjoy the privilege of an interstate railway pass ?

(11.) Is it a fact that the Railway Commissioners have deprived tramway employees of this privilege ?

(12.) Does the Railways Act provide that no such privilege shall be taken away from such employees unless by regulation approved by Governor and gazetted ?

(13.) Has any regulation for this purpose been so approved and gazetted ?

(14.) If not, will he, as the responsible Minister, see that this privilege is conserved, as formerly ?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

(1.) The Railways Act provides that any employee may appeal against dismissal, suspension, fine, or reduction in rank, position, grade, and pay.

(2.) The Appeal Board has no jurisdiction to entertain appeals against cautions or reprimands, and the Railway Commissioners inform me that it would be most undesirable that they should.

(3.) Not necessarily. The record of each employee is carefully considered; but good-conduct holidays are not withdrawn unless such a course is found to be necessary.

(4.) The law is being observed.

(5.) Yes.

(6.) Yes.

(7.) The Act is being obeyed.

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(8 and 9.) The provisions of the Act are being complied with, and no regulations are required.

(10.) It was.

(11.) No.

(12.) No privilege has been withdrawn that comes within the provision of the Government Railways Act. Interstate passes were withdrawn in pursuance of a resolution adopted at the Railway Commissioners' Interstate Conference held in May last, as there are no State Tramways in the adjoining States, and therefore, no reciprocity could be extended by this State. The Railway Commissioners assure me that nowhere in the world outside of New South Wales are railway passes granted to tramway men.

(13.) No.

(14.) It is a matter over which I have no control.

2. PAPERS :—

Mr. Carruthers laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Report by the Sydney Harbour Trust respecting the steam launch "Lady Hopetoun."

(2.) Memorandum respecting the Regent-street Dispensary.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Moore laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Proclamation under the Vine and Vegetation Diseases Act, 1901, prohibiting the introduction of eel-worms of the family *Anguillulidae*.

(2.) Proclamation under the Vine and Vegetation Diseases Act, 1901, declaring eel-worms of the family *Anguillulidae* to be a disease.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Ashton laid upon the Table,—Return of areas available for settlement between the Woronora River and George's River, and other Crown Lands within a radius of 30 miles of the City of Sydney.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Lec laid upon the Table,—Reports of the Public Service Board upon investigation made by them into,—(a) the erection of the Prince Alfred Hospital Pavilions; (b) the letting of a contract for joinery work to Messrs. Brown and Tapson in connection with the erection of the Prince Alfred Hospital Pavilions.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. COAL MINES REGULATION (AMENDING) BILL :—Mr. Moore, pursuant to leave granted on the 13th July, 1905, presented a Bill, intituled, "*A Bill to amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1902, and the Mines Inspection Act, 1901; and for other purposes*,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

4. BOROUGH OF BROMPTON NAMING BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

(1.) Mr. McCoy moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to alter the name of the Municipal District of St. Peters.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. McCoy then presented a Bill, intituled, "*A Bill to alter the name of the Municipal District of St. Peters*,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

5. STATISTICAL MAPS BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Dick read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Dick then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to authorise the compilation of maps showing certain particulars relating to lands used for the purposes of agriculture, pastoral pursuits, timber-getting, and mining, and exempting persons giving information necessary for such compilation from penalty; to amend the Census Act, 1901; and for other purposes incidental thereto*."

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 authorise the compilation of maps showing certain particulars relating to lands used for the purposes of agriculture, pastoral pursuits, timber-getting, and mining, and exempting persons giving information necessary for such compilation from penalty; to amend the Census Act, 1901; and for other purposes incidental thereto*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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Sydney, 18th July, 1905.

6. MESSAGES FROM THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR :—The following Messages from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor were delivered by Mr. Carruthers, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

(1.) Observatory Hill Lands Leasing Bill :—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 31.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th 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 Bill to authorise the leasing of certain resumed lands situate at Observatory Hill; to amend the Darling Harbour Wharfs Resumption Act, 1900; and for other purposes.

State Government House,

Sydney, 17th July, 1905.

Ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

(2.)

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(2.) Local Government Extension Bill :—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 32.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th 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 Bill for the better government of municipalities and shires, and the establishing and Government of Greater Sydney and Greater Newcastle; for those purposes to amend, extend, and repeal certain Acts, and to apply the provisions of the Local Government (Shires) Act, 1905, to municipalities; and for other purposes.

*State Government House,
Sydney, 17th July, 1905.*

Ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

7. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Waverley, Mr. Jessep, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz. :—“The action of the Lunacy Department, in relation to Josephine Pearson, daughter of an inmate of Callan Park Asylum.”

And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—

Mr. Jessep moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

8. REFUSAL OF THE PHARMACY BOARD TO REGISTER MR. WALTER TRAFFORD :—Mr. Gillies moved, pursuant to *amended* Notice,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon all matters connected with the refusal of the Pharmacy Board of New South Wales to register Mr. Walter Trafford as a Pharmacist.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Hogue, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Fallick, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. W. W. Young, Mr. Collins, Mr. Charlton, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Levien, and the Mover.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

9. CASE OF THOMAS FOSTER, TRIED FOR BIGAMY :—Mr. John Hurley moved, pursuant to *amended* Notice,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the case of Thomas Foster, who was tried at Darlinghurst, on 30th September, 1902, before Acting Judge Rogers, on a charge of bigamy.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Wade, Mr. Edden, Mr. Law, Mr. Brinsley Hall, Mr. Davidson, Mr. Latimer, Mr. Fegan, Mr. Levien, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

10. CLAIM OF ROBERT ROBERTS, LATE BOOKBINDER, REGISTRAR-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT :—Mr. Broughton moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the suspension and claim of Robert Roberts, late bookbinder in the Registrar-General's Department.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Carruthers, Mr. Briner, Mr. Nobbs, Mr. Levy, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Booth, Mr. McGowen, Mr. Hollis, Mr. McNeill, and the Mover.

(3.) That the Progress Report from the Select Committee of Session 1901, and the Report from the Select Committee of Session 1902, together with the proceedings of the Committees, minutes of evidence, and appendices, be referred to such Committee.

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, Dr. Arthur, Mr. Booth, Mr. Broughton, Mr. Charlton, Mr. Edden, Mr. Gardiner, Mr. Hogue, Mr. Hollis, Mr. Jessep, Mr. Jones, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Levy, Mr. McGarry, Mr. McGowen, Mr. Nobbs, Mr. Norton, Mr. O'Sullivan, and Mr. Sullivan,—

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, at five minutes after Seven o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 16.

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OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTIETH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 19 JULY, 1905.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Sheepskin and Hide Buyers :—Mr. Donaldson asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Will he introduce a short Bill this Session rendering it compulsory to register all sheepskin and hide buyers?
- (2.) Will he also make it compulsory for the ears to be left on sheepskins for purposes of identification?

Mr. Ashton answered,—The matter is under consideration in connection with the amendment of the Pastures Protection Act. It is hoped that the provision in the amending Bill will meet all the Honorable Member's requirements.

- (2.) Settlement Lands on Burren :—Mr. Collins asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) What area of land was made available on Burren in May last?
- (2.) What area was withdrawn from settlement?
- (3.) What were the circumstances connected with such withdrawal?
- (4.) What action does he propose to take in regard to these lands?

Mr. Ashton answered,—

- (1.) On the 19th April last, 33,250 acres were set apart in six settlement lease farms, available for application on the 25th May, 1905.
- (2.) Three of these farms, covering 16,246 acres, were withdrawn from settlement on the 17th May, 1905.

(3 and 4.) The circumstances of the withdrawal were that 15,000 acres of the area referred to in Answer No. 2 were recommended to be granted to the late lessee of Burren Holding as an eighteenth section lease for a period of twenty-eight years. After careful consideration, I decided that I could not give effect to the Board's recommendation without first testing the demand for the land for settlement purposes. In the ordinary course of things, it would have taken some time to get the land ready for settlement, which would have allowed for reasonable notice being given to the outgoing tenant. In this case, however, the land having been previously designed, the notifications appeared within sixteen days of my decision being arrived at. Mr. Barton, the lessee, represented to me that, on the assumption that the Board's recommendation would be given effect to, he had arranged for the purchase of a large number of sheep, and he asked that the land should not be taken from him without notice. In the circumstances, and in order to allow the lessee time to get rid of his stock or make other arrangements, I temporarily withdrew the area in question, and it will not be offered for settlement until the end of this year.

- (3.) Drafting Bills presented to Parliament :—Mr. Levy asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Have any of the Bills presented to Parliament during this Session been drafted by persons outside the Public Service?
- (2.) If so, which Bills, and by whom?
- (3.) What remuneration has been paid, or agreed to be paid, for drafting such Bills, respectively?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—All Public Bills presented to Parliament during this Session have been drafted either by the Parliamentary Draftsman or by his Assistant.

- (4.) Proposed Railway from Maitland to South Grafton :—Mr. McFarlane asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will he ask Parliament to give effect to the resolution passed by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works recommending the construction of a line of railway from Maitland to South Grafton?

Mr. Lee answered,—Notice will be given to-day.

(5.)

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- (5.) Pelaw-Main Colliery Dispute :—Mr. Charlton asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the Proprietors of the Pelaw-Main Colliery object to refer the existing dispute at that Colliery to the jurisdiction of the Arbitration Court?
 - (2.) If so will he withdraw the police from that Colliery, as their presence assists the Proprietors to defy the Arbitration Act?
- Mr. Hogue answered,—
- (1.) I understand that the proprietors of the colliery have taken no action to refer the dispute to the Arbitration Court, and state that under the special circumstances of the matter the Court has no jurisdiction.
 - (2.) In connection with this matter, I may state that the Inspector-General of Police has already reported that he has issued instructions for the gradual withdrawal of the police.
- (6.) Amendment of the Old-age Pensions Act :—Mr. John Hurley asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill this Session to amend the Old-age Pensions Act relating to the two years' absence?
- Mr. Carruthers answered,—A Bill for the amendment of the Old-age Pensions Act is now under consideration. The question the Honorable Member raises will be considered at the same time.
- (7.) Labour Conditions, Gold Leases, Hill End :—Mr. John Hurley asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) Has gold lease No. 54, Hill End, been reported against for non-compliance with labour conditions; if so, why is the lease not cancelled?
 - (2.) Is he aware that many leases at Hill End are unworked, and should be thrown open for *bond fide* mining?
 - (3.) Will he call for a report, and take immediate action to have those complaints rectified?
- Mr. Moore answered,—
- (1.) Yes; but after inquiry the complaint was disallowed. Another complaint reached the Department to-day, and will be duly considered.
 - (2.) No.
 - (3.) A report will be called for.
- (8.) Retirement of Mr. J. S. Shaw, Attorney-General's Department :—Mr. John Hurley asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) How long has Mr. J. S. Shaw been removed from the position of Accountant in the Attorney-General's Department?
 - (2.) If Mr. Shaw's services had been satisfactory for over twenty-three years, what was the reason for dispensing with his services?
 - (3.) Is it not a fact that after Mr. Shaw had been retired, a junior officer, in receipt of a salary of £250, was raised to the position of Accountant, at a salary of £450, even though he had failed to pass the examination prescribed by the Board's regulation for promotion from a lower to a higher grade?
- Mr. Wade answered,—
- (1.) Since 1st November, 1902.
 - (2.) Mr. Shaw was retired upon a pension of £143 per annum after six months' leave, consequent on the amalgamation of the Department of the Attorney-General and the Department of Justice, as his services were not necessary for the efficient working of the amalgamated Account Branch, and could not be usefully and profitably employed in any other Department.
 - (3.) Mr. W. A. Thomson was appointed on 1st July, 1902, to the position of accountant of the amalgamated branches at a salary of £450 per annum, and has discharged the duties of such position in a very satisfactory manner. At the date of his appointment he had been in receipt of salary in excess of £250 per annum for a period of eighteen months.
- (9.) Oil and Electric Launches :—Mr. McNeill asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the Navigation Department have neither authority nor supervision over all launches in Sydney Harbour, driven by oil or electric power?
 - (2.) Is it also a fact that most of the said launches are driven by uncertificated men?
 - (3.) Is it also a fact that the said launches are carrying passengers about Sydney Harbour without first obtaining a certificate?
 - (4.) If so, will he see that the necessary steps are taken to have a regulation framed by the Department which will bring the oil and electric launches under the same conditions as those driven by steam power which carry passengers in Sydney Harbour?
- Mr. Carruthers answered,—
- (1.) The Crown Law Officers advise that the Department of Navigation has no jurisdiction over oil launches.
 - (2 and 3.) The only certificates granted by the Navigation Department are in respect of steamships.
 - (4.) This would require an amendment of the law.
- (10.) Applications for Land, Bathurst Temporary Common :—Mr. W. W. Young asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Is it a fact, that J. O'Mara, Bathurst, applied for land on the Bathurst Temporary Common, on 28th November, 1904; also, E. Frost, Perth, 6th December, 1904; also, J. McIntyre, 19th December, 1904; and M. Regan, of Bathurst, about three months ago?
 - (2.) Was any subsequent information sent to any of the above applicants as to condition of tenure, or when the land would be available for settlement?
 - (3.) If so, on what dates, and if not, why not?
 - (4.) Will he state when application for this land by Joanna B. Green, W. J. McPhillamy, P. C. Callaghan, and G. S. Smith, were lodged with the Department?

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- (5.) Is it a fact, that these four persons were notified to appear before the Land Board at Bathurst, on the 29th ultimo, to have their applications dealt with?
 (6.) Will he state why none of the other applicants were so notified?
 (7.) Was the Land Agent at Bathurst furnished with information as to how it was proposed to dispose of this land so that he could give information to the public? If so, when, and if not, why not?

Mr. Ashton answered,—

(1.) Yes—as regards Messrs. Frost, O'Mara, McIntyre—and as to one application by Rosina O'Regan, dated the 6th June, 1905. These applications were merely in the nature of general requests that land should be made available.

(2 and 3.) No. The question of disposal has not yet been decided upon, pending receipt of the District Surveyor's report on the above applications.

(4.) The 4th February, 1905; 31st January, 1905; 2nd February, 1905; and 12th January, 1905, respectively. Applications for Special Leases.

(5.) Yes. The applications by Messrs. Green, McPhillainy, and Callaghan have been recommended for refusal by the Local Land Board. Decision in Mr. Smith's case is not yet to hand.

(6.) Because they had made no specific applications as to which the Local Land Board could be asked to adjudicate.

(7.) No. See reply to Questions Nos. 2 and 3.

2. **CRIMES (AMENDMENT) BILL**:—Mr. Wade, pursuant to leave granted on the 5th July, 1905, presented a Bill, intituled, "*A Bill to amend the Crimes Act, 1900*,"—which was read a first time.
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

3. **PAPERS**:—

Mr. Carruthers laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Report of the Railway Commissioners on Railways and Tramways, for quarter ended 30th June, 1905.

(2.) Report by the Board of Health respecting two Kanaka Lepers appearing in Court recently as witnesses.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Hogue laid upon the Table,—

(1.) By-laws of the Borough of Newcastle.

(2.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Balranald, under the Nuisances Prevention Act, 1897.

(3.) Amended Regulation under the Metropolitan Traffic Act, 1900.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Ashton laid upon the Table,—

Amended Regulation No. 218, under the Crown Lands Acts.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

4. **APPORTIONMENT BILL** (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Wade, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Wade then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act for the better apportionment of rents and other periodical payments*."

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 for the better apportionment of rents and other periodical payments*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

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Sydney, 19th July, 1905.

5. **GOVERNMENT MOTOR OMNIBUS BILL** (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Carruthers, read a third time and passed.

Mr. Carruthers then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to enable the Railway Commissioners of New South Wales to construct, purchase, or lease motor omnibuses, and to run the same on certain roads; and for other purposes connected therewith or incidental thereto*."

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 Railway Commissioners of New South Wales to construct, purchase, or lease motor omnibuses, and to run the same on certain roads; and for other purposes connected therewith or incidental thereto*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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6. **POSTPONEMENT**:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Borough of Brompton Naming Bill,—postponed until Tuesday, 5th September.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Hartley, Mr. John Hurley, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz.:—"That the action of Mr. Peter Murphy, a magistrate, in the indiscriminate granting of warrants imperils the liberty of the subject, especially when there was no specific charge, as in the instance of the case against W. N. Willis."

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And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—

Mr. Hurley moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Point of Order :—Mr. Fegan submitted that the motion was not in order as there was no such person as Mr. Peter Murphy on the Bench.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker said he was not called upon to decide as to the magistrate's correct name.

Further Point of Order :—Mr. Carruthers pointed out that the motion did not state a definite matter but rather an opinion.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker ruled that the subject was sufficiently definite and could be proceeded with.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 3.

Mr. Fegan.

Tellers,

Mr. Dacey,

Mr. Sullivan.

Noes, 60.

Mr. Jones,

Mr. Cohen,

Mr. Hogue,

Mr. Thomas,

Mr. Dick,

Mr. Carruthers,

Mr. Wade,

Mr. Scobie,

Mr. Creswell,

Mr. McGarry,

Mr. Edden,

Mr. Meehan,

Mr. Burgess,

Mr. Charlton,

Mr. Holman,

Mr. Broughton,

Mr. Cann,

Mr. Latimer,

Dr. Arthur,

Mr. Gardiner,

Mr. Kelly,

Mr. Waddell,

Mr. Law,

Mr. Levien,

Mr. Hindmarsh,

Mr. Gillies,

Mr. Mahony,

Mr. Bennett,

Mr. Levy,

Mr. R. J. Anderson,

Mr. Storey,

Mr. Norton,

Mr. Booth,

Mr. Thrower,

Mr. Davidson,

Mr. W. W. Young,

Mr. Downes,

Mr. Moore,

Mr. McFarlane,

Mr. McLaurin,

Mr. Collins,

Mr. Hollis,

Mr. McCoy,

Mr. Mackenzie,

Mr. W. Millard,

Mr. John Hurley,

Mr. Ashton,

Mr. Walter Anderson,

Mr. Fell,

Mr. Lee,

Mr. Fallick,

Mr. Oakes,

Mr. Estell,

Mr. McNeill,

Mr. J. H. Young,

Mr. Morton,

Mr. Wood,

Mr. Henley.

Tellers,

Mr. Nobbs,

Mr. Donaldson.

And so it passed in the negative.

8. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council :—

(1.) Darling Island Vesting Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to vest certain land in the Railway Commissioners for the purposes of the Government Railways Act, 1901,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 19th July, 1905.*

F. B. SUTTON,
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Carruthers, read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

(2.) Bank of New South Wales Bill :—

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 some of the provisions of the 'Bank of New South Wales Act of 1886,'*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and the Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 19th July, 1905.*

F. B. SUTTON,
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Cohen, read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

9. OBSERVATORY HILL LANDS LEASING BILL :—Mr. Carruthers moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to authorise the leasing of certain resumed lands situate at Observatory Hill; to amend the Darling Harbour Wharves Resumption Act, 1900; and for other purposes.

Question put and passed.

10. LOCAL GOVERNMENT EXTENSION BILL :—Mr. Carruthers moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill for the better government of municipalities and shires, and the establishing and government of Greater Sydney and Greater Newcastle; for those purposes to amend, extend, and repeal certain Acts, and to apply the provisions of the Local Government (Shires) Act, 1905, to municipalities; and for other purposes.

Question put and passed.

11. NEGLECTED CHILDREN AND JUVENILE OFFENDERS BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—

Mr. Wade moved, "That" this Bill be now read a third time.

Mr. Levy moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "That" and inserting the words "the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of clause 48, third section

"of the Schedule, clauses 17 and 9,"—instead thereof.

Question,—

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Question,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question,—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 39.

Mr. Moore.	Mr. Law,
Mr. Carruthers,	Dr. Arthur,
Mr. Lee.	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Creswell,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Wade,	Mr. Fallick,
Mr. Ashton,	Mr. R. J. Anderson,
Mr. Dick,	Mr. Walter Anderson,
Mr. Levy,	Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Henley,
Mr. Wood,	Mr. Fell,
Mr. Thomas,	Mr. Morton,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. John Hurley,
Mr. Booth,	Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Hindmarsh,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Davidson,	Mr. J. H. Young,
Mr. Downes,	Mr. Fegan.
Mr. McCoy,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Latimer,	Mr. Brinsley Hall,
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Gillies.
Mr. Nobbs,	
Mr. Mackenzie,	

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Mr. Burgess,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. Daley,	Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Nielsen,	Mr. Sullivan,
Mr. McGowen,	Mr. McNeill.
Mr. Edden,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Estell,
Mr. Miller,	Mr. Jones.
Mr. Holman,	
Mr. Hollis,	
Mr. O'Sullivan,	
Mr. McLaurin,	
Mr. Broughton,	
Mr. Waddell,	
Mr. W. W. Young,	
Mr. Norton,	
Mr. Dacey,	
Mr. Thrower,	
Mr. Kelly,	
Mr. McGarry,	
Mr. Charlton,	
Mr. Meehan,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question,—That this Bill be now read a third time,—put and passed.

Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Wade, *passed*.

Mr. Wade then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to make better provision for the protection, control, education, maintenance, and reformation of neglected and uncontrollable children and juvenile offenders ; to provide for the establishment and control of institutions, and for contribution by near relatives towards the support of children in institutions ; to constitute children's courts, and to provide for appeals from such courts ; to provide for the licensing and regulation of children trading in streets and in certain places open to the public ; to amend the State Children Relief Act, 1901, the Children's Protection Act, 1902, the Infant Protection Act, 1904, and the Crimes Act, 1900 ; to repeal the Reformatory and Industrial Schools Act, 1901 ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to make better provision for the protection, control, education, maintenance, and reformation of neglected and uncontrollable children and juvenile offenders ; to provide for the establishment and control of institutions and for contribution by near relatives towards the support of children in institutions ; to constitute children's courts and to provide for appeals from such courts ; to provide for the licensing and regulation of children trading in streets and in certain places open to the public ; to amend the State Children Relief Act, 1901, the Children's Protection Act, 1902, the Infant Protection Act, 1904, and the Crimes Act, 1900 ; to repeal the Reformatory and Industrial Schools Act, 1901 ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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Sydney, 19th July, 1905.

12. LANDS COMMISSION BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Wade, 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 ratify and confirm the authorisation and appointment, and to extend the powers of the Commissioner appointed to make inquiry relating to the Department of Lands and to other matters ; to further provide for the procedure before such Commissioner ; and for other purposes.

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

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, 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 ratify and confirm the authorisation and appointment, and to extend the powers of the Commissioner appointed to make inquiry relating to the Department of Lands and to other matters ; to further provide for the procedure before such Commissioner ; and for other purposes.

On motion of Mr. Wade, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

(2.) Mr. Wade then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to ratify and confirm the authorisation and appointment, and to extend the powers of the Commissioner appointed to make inquiry relating to the Department of Lands and to other matters ; to further provide for the procedure before such Commissioner ; 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 seven minutes before Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 17.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTIETH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 20 JULY, 1905.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Work for the Unemployed :—*Mr. Nielsen*, for *Mr. Estell*, asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) Has his attention been called to a letter in the *Sydney Morning Herald* of the 8th instant, entitled "Sheep or Men," under the signature of *Mr. Owen Blacket*?
 - (2.) Is he aware of this large area of gold-bearing wash?
 - (3.) Will he consider the suggestion made by *Mr. Blacket* as a practical means of absorbing some of our present unemployed by finding them profitable employment?
 - (4.) Noting that *Mr. Blacket's* suggested Board of Experts are Government officials, asking for no reward but expenses, and that the mechanical appliances to aid them in reaching a practical solution will be granted to them without charge, will he set aside a sufficient sum of money to satisfactorily solve the problem of saving float gold?

Mr. Moore answered,—

- (1.) My attention has been drawn to the letter.
 - (2.) I understand that the areas referred to are auriferous.
 - (3 and 4.) A report will be obtained from the Expert Officers of the Department.
- (2.) Short-weight Bread :—*Mr. Daley* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that *Messrs. Cullen and Mabrinnatti* reported and exhibited short-weight bread to the Inspector of Weights and Measures on the 10th instant?
 - (2.) Will he explain why no action was taken by the Inspector of Weights and Measures in connection with this information?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) The Inspector was not satisfied that a case would lie, as the informants had not complied with the provisions of the Bread Act (see subsection 2 of section 5). He, however, offered assistance in laying an information. They were told that if the Inspector prosecuted, the penalties would be paid into the revenue, but if they acted they would be allowed half the fines. As a matter of fact, the Inspector immediately took action by visiting the premises of the baker said to have sold this bread, examined all the bread there, and found it satisfactory as to weight.

- (3.) *Mr. C. C. Lance's* Appointment as Commercial Agent in London :—*Mr. Morton* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it not a fact that *Mr. C. C. Lance* was appointed and acted in an independent capacity as Commercial Agent in London during the Agent-Generalship of the late *Mr. H. Copeland*?
- (2.) Was any alteration made on the appointment of *Mr. Coghlan* as Acting Agent-General whereby the status of *Mr. Lance's* position was altered?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—I cannot say, but he so asserts. *Mr. Lance* was asked to work in harmony with the Agent-General, and in certain matters to accept his control—these matters having been decided upon by the Government, and *Mr. Coghlan* having had the benefit of direct and personal consultation with the Government thereon.

- (4.) Mildura-Yelta-Wentworth Railway Proposal :—*Mr. Nielsen*, for *Mr. Scobie*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—When does he propose to commit the inquiry into the Mildura-Yelta-Wentworth Railway to the Public Works Committee?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—As the Honorable Member knows, the Railway Commissioners' report is opposed to this line, but the matter of referring it to the Public Works Committee will be considered.

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- (5.) Amendment of the Early Closing Act:—Mr. Thrower asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
- (1.) Is it his intention to introduce an Amending Early Closing Bill?
 - (2.) If so, when?
 - (3.) Is it proposed to repeal the optional clauses relating to the usual weekly half-holiday as applied to hairdressers?

Mr. O'Connor answered,—The amendments deemed necessary in connection with the Early Closing Bill are now under consideration.

- (6.) Arrest of Business Men on a charge of Breaking and Entering:—Mr. Nielsen, for Mr. McNeill, asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that two reputable business men of this City were arrested for breaking and entering on Saturday, 15th instant, at 12 o'clock, noon, and conveyed to No. 3 Police Station, and there placed in a cell, notwithstanding the fact that four reputable business men were present to act as bondsmen upon their behalf to the extent of £20,000, if necessary?
 - (2.) Is he aware that a Chamber Magistrate who was then present, refused to grant bail until such time as the Police inquiries were made, notwithstanding the fact, that it was well known to the Police that any one of these men were not only worth £30, as required by the Magistrate, but a £1,000, or £10,000 if necessary?
 - (3.) Is it also a fact that the person or persons upon whose sworn information the arrests were made were at the time on bail upon a criminal offence—viz., obtaining money under false pretences?
 - (4.) Will he cause inquiries as to why the Magistrate did not proceed upon a criminal summons instead of issuing a warrant, seeing that the person or persons who swore the information were then on bail themselves upon a criminal charge?
 - (5.) Is it a fact that warrants are issued at the Water Police Court without reasonable inquiry being taken by those in charge; if so, will he have a thorough investigation made, so as to have this practice stopped in the future?

Mr. Wade answered,—As I find that the criminal proceedings referred to are still *sub judice*, I do not see my way to answer these questions now. I will, however, make all necessary inquiries with regard to the matter complained of, in due course, and communicate the result to the Honorable Member.

- (7.) Roads and Bridges Vote:—Mr. Perry (*The Richmond*) asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) What amount was voted for roads and bridges for the year ending 30th June, 1905?
 - (2.) What amount was expended for the same period?

Mr. Lee answered,—

- (1.) £405,500.
- (2.) £378,484.

- (8.) The Intelligence Department:—Mr. Fegan asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Has there been a Department established entitled The Intelligence Department?
 - (2.) If so, has there been an Under Secretary appointed?
 - (3.) Who is the person appointed, and at what salary?
 - (4.) What are the duties of the Under Secretary?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) An officer has been appointed as head of this Department.
- (3.) Mr. H. C. L. Anderson, M.A., who performs the duties of the position in conjunction with those of Principal Librarian of the Public Library, &c., at his present salary.
- (4.) The duties of the head of the new Department are to organise it and control its functions.

- (9.) Sydney and Prince Alfred Hospital Appointments:—Mr. Fegan asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) In making appointments to the Sydney or Prince Alfred Hospital is he consulted, and if so, what powers, if any, has he?
 - (2.) Are women eligible for the position of Resident, Honorary or Visiting Medical Officers?
 - (3.) How are the appointments made to the Hospital, and by whom; are the appointments made by merit, that is gauged by examination test (competitive)?
 - (4.) If so, why was not Dr. L. O'Reilly and the other lady medical student appointed; as Dr. O'Reilly passed fourth in order of merit and some exceedingly lower (17th) were appointed?
 - (5.) Is he aware that the only excuse given was to the effect that there were no suitable quarters for women?
 - (6.) Does he consider that such an excuse should hold good in a large public institution where a number are women patients?

Mr. Hogue answered,—

- (1.) I am not consulted in these matters.
- (2.) This is a question for the management of the institution to determine.
- (3, 4, 5, and 6.) As these institutions are not controlled by the Government, I am not in a position to answer these questions.

- (10.) Agricultural Gazette:—Mr. Fegan asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) Has the *Agricultural Gazette* been taken away from his Department?
 - (2.) If so, under whose authority will the publication be issued?

Mr. Moore answered,—

- (1.) No.
- (2.) Answered by No. 1.

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- (11.) W. A. Smith, Metropolitan Engineer:—Mr. Fegan asked the Secretary for Public Works,— Will he have any objection to lay upon the Table of this House, papers in connection with the Censure passed by the Public Service Board upon W. A. Smith, Metropolitan Engineer, in reference to his recovery of £80, which was overpaid to a Contractor?

Mr. Lee answered,—No objection if moved for in the usual way.

- (12.) Acting Stock Inspector, Queensland Border:—Mr. Jones asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) Is there an Officer, who does not hold a stock inspector's certificate, holding the position of Acting Stock Inspector on the Queensland border, with a salary at £250 per annum?
 - (2.) Are there any employees on the Queensland border, who hold stock inspectors' certificates, and whose salaries only amount to £130 per annum?
 - (3.) If such is the case, what reasons are assigned for keeping an unqualified man in the position?

Mr. Moore answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) One certificate holder is at present filling a position of Assistant Inspector at the Queensland Border, with a salary of 50s. a week.
- (3.) At the time the appointment was made Acting Inspectors were not required to hold such certificates. The Acting Inspector referred to is considered thoroughly competent to carry out the duties of the position. Any vacancies now occurring are filled by persons holding certificates.

- (13.) Retirement of Long-service Officers, Government Printing Office:—*Mr. Gillies*, for Mr. Norton, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact, that within the last few years, some few officers retired from the Government Printing Office, and consequent upon their exceptional length of service, extending over some forty years, have been granted twelve months' leave on full pay?
- (2.) Is it a fact, that several old officers in the same Department, when retired some years previously, in 1896, and having corresponding, or even greater length of service, did not receive similar leave as those officers mentioned in question No. 1?
- (3.) If the corresponding lengths of service be a fact, will he see that no invidious distinctions be made as to the respective officers, and as to the difference of leave referred to?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) It is a fact that several officers of similar service in the Government Printing Office were retired in 1896 in connection with the grading of that Office and were not granted extended leave of absence.
- (3.) The question of granting leave of absence generally to officers whose services were being dispensed with in connection with the re-organisation of the Public Service in 1896, was brought under the notice of the then Premier, the Honorable G. H. Reid, by the Public Service Board. It was pointed out that a compliance with the requests would mean a most serious delay in carrying out the reforms in the Service, for it was evident that no beneficial change could be made in the constitution of any Department while an important office remained practically unfilled and in a condition of unsettlement and impaired usefulness during the currency of lengthened leave of absence granted to a retiring member of the staff. The Government decided that extended leave of absence should not be allowed in these cases. Some years later, however, a sum of £5,000 was voted on the Estimates to provide monetary compensation to officers of long service in lieu of leave which they had not enjoyed, and some of the officers above referred to no doubt participated in the distribution of this sum.

- (14.) Installation of Grinnell Sprinklers, Parliamentary Buildings:—Mr. Mackenzie asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Will he, as a safeguard against fire, and to protect the Parliamentary buildings, take action to instal the Grinnell sprinklers, which have been the means of preventing many disastrous fires?
- (2.) Will he obtain a report from the proper authorities as to the number of fires stopped by the sprinklers, the actual losses, and the value of the stock saved?

Mr. Lee answered,—

- (1.) I am not prepared to instal them in the Parliamentary Buildings until further investigated.
- (2.) Reports will be obtained.

- (15.) Hour of Holding Inquests:—*Mr. Burgess*, for Mr. Holman, asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the Coroner held an inquest on the body of Violet Howart, who was killed on 14th July instant?
- (2.) Was the inquest held at Mr. Howart's house, Dora-street, Hurstville, at 3 p.m. on that date?
- (3.) Is it a fact that, owing to the late hour at which the inquest was held, the parents of the deceased were compelled to have the coffin placed in a passenger carriage at Hurstville Station for conveyance to Sutherland, and that the clergyman had to read the burial service in the moonlight, assisted by lighted matches?
- (4.) Is he aware that the only funeral train for Sutherland leaves Sydney at 2.10 p.m., and arrives at Hurstville at 2.45?
- (5.) Is it a fact that a fletcher named Dwyer was killed at Hurstville on or about the 3rd April, 1905?
- (6.) Was the inquest held at 2 p.m. on the 3rd April?
- (7.) Is it a fact that people from Rockdale, Kogarah, Carlton, Hurstville, and other stations had to wait at Hurstville till 5 p.m. before the funeral could proceed to Sutherland?
- (8.) Is it true that, owing to the inquest being held at such a late hour, a special train was put on to go to Sutherland?

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(9.) In view of the delay and suffering caused by holding the inquests at such a late hour, will he take steps to have all future inquests, when possible, held at 10 or 11 a.m., so as to enable the funeral to proceed by the ordinary funeral train?

Mr. Wade answered,—The City Coroner has furnished me with the following replies:—

(1.) The Assistant Coroner, Mr. Icely, did.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) The Assistant Coroner has no knowledge of the circumstances referred to. The inquest was held as early as the attendance of the witnesses permitted, and was completed within twenty-three hours after death.

(4.) The Assistant Coroner is not aware of the funeral train arrangements.

(5.) Yes, on 1st April, 1905, by the City Coroner.

(6.) Yes, about that hour. The break-down of the train at Arncliffe delayed the inquest one hour.

(7 and 8.) I have no knowledge of these circumstances.

(9.) Such an arrangement would not be practicable under existing circumstances, but the convenience of parties travelling by the funeral train is always considered when other business so permits.

(16.) Government Railway Workshops:—Mr. Gillies asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is he aware that the railway workshops are competing with outside engineering works?

(2.) Is he aware that repairs to engines and rolling-stock are being carried on, to the detriment of outside shops?

(3.) Will he give instructions that this shall cease, so that outside employers may have a chance of getting a living?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—The general practice throughout the world is to carry out all repairs to Railway Rolling Stock in the Railway Shops. The Commissioners have in a few instances done some unimportant repairs to privately owned vehicles which run on the State Railway Lines, but these repairs are too trivial to call for attention. Although frequently asked to undertake private work, the requests have, with the exceptions mentioned, been uniformly declined.

(17.) Commercial Agent in London:—Mr. Fegan asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it the intention of the Government to appoint a successor to Mr. Lance, as Commercial Agent in London?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—Not at present. The duties connected with the office can be performed by the present staff attached to the Agent-General's Office, pending a complete report on the management of the whole of the Government business in London.

2. CRIMES (GIRLS' PROTECTION) BILL:—The following Petitions—praying that the House will, at the earliest possible date, pass into law the Crimes (Girls Protection) Bill, raising the age of consent from fourteen to seventeen years of age—were presented by the Members named:—

(1.) By Mr. Lee—From the Casino Branch of the Women's Political Educational League.

(2.) By Mr. John Hurley—From the Lithgow Branch of the Women's Political Educational League.

(3.) By Mr. Brinsley Hall—From the Penrith Branch of the Women's Political Educational League.

(4.) By Mr. Gillies—From the Maitland Branch of the Women's Political Educational League.

Petitions received.

3. NEGLECTED CHILDREN AND JUVENILE OFFENDERS BILL:—Mr. Brinsley Hall presented a petition from residents of Lawson and District, praying the House to pass into law the Neglected Children and Juvenile Offenders Bill.

Petition received.

4. PAPERS:—

Mr. Moore laid upon the Table,—Amended Regulations under the Gold and Mineral Dredging Act, 1899.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. O'Connor laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Report of the Senate of the University of Sydney for the year 1904.

(2.) Report of the Trustees of the Public Library of New South Wales for the year 1904.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

5. PRINTING COMMITTEE:—Mr. McFarlane, as Chairman, brought up the Fourth Report from the Printing Committee.

6. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS:—Mr. Wade 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 ratify and confirm the authorisation and appointment, and to extend the powers of the Commissioner appointed to make inquiry relating to the Department of Lands and to other matters; to further provide for the procedure before such Commissioner; and for other purposes,—through all its stages during one sitting of the Assembly.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Carruthers moved, That this debate be now adjourned.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the debate be adjourned to a later hour of the day, to follow Order of the Day No. 1.

7. LANDS COMMISSION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Wade 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. Wade, 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 report be adopted on Tuesday next.

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8. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council :—

(1.) Forfeiture and Validation of Leases Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to grant relief against the exercise of rights of re-entry and forfeiture under leases, and against defects invalidating certain leases ; to amend the Forfeiture of Leases Act of 1901 ; and for other purposes,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 20th July, 1905.*

F. B. SUTTON,
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Carruthers, read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

(2.) Centenary Park Sale (Conveyancing) Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to make better provision for the conveyance to purchasers of lands sold or to be sold under the Centenary Park Sale Act, 1904, and for the issue of certificates of title for the same ; to amend the said Act and the Centenary Celebration Act ; and for other purposes,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 20th July, 1905.*

F. B. SUTTON,
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Carruthers, read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

(3.) Wollongong Harbour Trust Resumption Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled, "*An Act to vest the lands of the Wollongong Harbour Trust in His Majesty ; to provide that such lands may be dealt with as Crown lands ; to repeal the Wollongong Harbour Trust Act, 1889 ; and for other purposes,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 26th July, 1905.*

F. B. SUTTON,
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Carruthers, read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

(4.) Jury (Amendment) Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorise the Governor to fix jurors' districts ; to regulate the liability of jurors to be summoned ; to amend the Jury Act, 1901, the Jury (Amendment) Act, 1902 ; and for other purposes incidental thereto,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 20th July, 1905.*

F. B. SUTTON,
President.

(5.) Sydney Diocesan Revenues 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 provide for the disposal of certain revenues appertaining to the Church of England, in the Diocese of Sydney.*"

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 20th July, 1905.*

F. B. SUTTON,
President.

9. SUSPENSION OF THE STANDING ORDERS :—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on motion of Mr. Wade, "That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing of a Bill, intituled a Bill to ratify and confirm the authorisation and appointment, and to extend the powers of the Commissioner appointed to make inquiry relating to the Department of Lands and to other matters ; to further provide for the procedure before such Commissioner ; and for other purposes,—through all its stages during one sitting of the Assembly."

And the Question being again proposed,—
The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned, at Ten minutes before Twelve o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 18.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTIETH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 25 JULY, 1905.

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

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS :—

(1.) Mr. Wade moved, without Notice, That it is a matter of urgent necessity that the House should immediately proceed with Order of the Day No. 1 of Government Business, viz., "Lands Commission Bill, reported; adoption of report."

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Wade then moved, without Notice, That so much of the Sessional Orders be suspended as would preclude the House from immediately proceeding with the Order of the Day No. 1 of Government Business, and the remaining stages of the Lands Commission Bill.

Question put and passed.

2. LANDS COMMISSION BILL :—

(1.) The Order of the day having been read,—Mr. Wade moved, That the report be now adopted.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

(2.) Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Wade, *passed*.

Mr. Wade then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to ratify and confirm the authorisation and appointment and to extend the powers of the Commissioner appointed to make inquiry relating to the Department of Lands, and to other matters; to further provide for the procedure before such Commissioner; and for other purposes.*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message :—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to ratify and confirm the authorisation and appointment and to extend the powers of the Commissioner appointed to make inquiry relating to the Department of Lands, and to other matters; to further provide for the procedure before such Commissioner; and for other purposes,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 25th July, 1905.*

3. APPORTIONMENT BILL :—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. Carruthers, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 33.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act for the better apportionment of rents and other periodical payments,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His 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.

*State Government House,
Sydney, 24th July, 1905.*

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4. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Narrabri to Walgett Railway:—Mr. Collins asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Has his attention been drawn to a telegram appearing in the daily press on the 15th July, conveying the result of an indignation meeting held at Walgett, and pointing out the injustice and hardship inflicted on the residents of the town and district by the unprecedented delay in the completion of the Walgett Railway?
- (2.) Is he aware (a) That the solicitation for the construction of the Narrabri to Walgett line was commenced in the year 1882; (b) that after eighteen years of persistent agitation the line was sanctioned by Parliament in 1900, and a definite promise given by the Minister then in power to have it completed within two years from date of starting?
- (3.) How many miles have been constructed, and what length of time has elapsed since the line was commenced?
- (4.) What was the estimated cost per mile of this line, and what has been the actual cost per mile of the portion already constructed?
- (5.) What distance is the line from Walgett at the present time?
- (6.) Have the earthworks been completed into Walgett from the present terminus, and what amount has been expended upon this uncompleted section?
- (7.) What amount of material is on hand which could be used upon this section?
- (8.) What will it cost to complete same, after allowing for such material?
- (9.) Is there any truth in the statement made from time to time, and still being made, that this Government is against the continuation of the Walgett extension; if not what are their intentions regarding same?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

- (1.) No.
- (2.) (a) Yes, petition received by the Legislative Assembly on the 20th October, 1882; (b) an Act sanctioning the construction of the line from Narrabri to Walgett, with branch to Collarendabri, was assented to on the 5th December, 1900. There is no record of any definite promise being given by any Minister to have the line completed within two years from date of starting, but the then Minister for Works gave orders that the work was to be expedited as much as possible.
- (3.) 74 miles Narrabri West to Cryon; the work was started March, 1901, and carried on intermittently to June, 1905.
- (4.) Estimated cost per mile, £3,020; actual cost per mile, about £2,860.
- (5.) Cryon to Walgett, 30½ miles.
- (6.) Yes; earthworks completed, including Walgett station yard, at a cost of about £7,000.
- (7.) About £18,000 worth, including sleepers, bridge timber, and ironwork, piles, &c.
- (8.) Approximately £67,000.
- (9.) There is no truth in such a statement, and Ministers have every desire to assist the district in getting better communication. Unfortunately, however, the finances will not permit of more being done than at present, especially in view of the reports of the Railway Commissioners in regard to other railway construction to districts equally as badly off.

(2.) Amendment of the Early Closing Act:—Mr. John Hurley asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill this Session to amend the Early Closing Act?

Mr. O'Connor answered,—The amendments in the Early Closing Act are now being considered by the Cabinet, and a decision will be come to very shortly.

(3.) Money-lenders and Infants' Loans Bill:—Mr. Estell, for Mr. Daley, asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to introduce the Money-lenders Bill as passed by the Legislative Council?
- (2.) If so, when will the Bill be introduced in this House?

Mr. Wade answered,—A Bill to regulate the business of money-lenders was introduced in the Legislative Council on Thursday last.

(4.) Leases held by Mr. F. R. C. Hopkins:—Mr. Gardiner asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) What was the unexpired period of leases held by Mr. F. R. C. Hopkins at the time they were converted into improvement leases?
- (2.) What was the total area of church and school land held under lease by Mr. F. R. C. Hopkins?
- (3.) What was the total annual rental of such leases, and the average per acre?
- (4.) What is the area of improvement leases now held by Mr. Hopkins?
- (5.) What is the total annual rental of such leases, and the average per acre?

Mr. Ashton answered,—

- (1.) 4½ to 7½ years from date of application to convert.
- (2.) 23,548 acres 1 rood 9 perches. Includes 5,947¾ acres surrendered, 1,220 acres (1,137 by survey) converted into a homestead selection, 827 acres 1 rood 9 perches still held as church and school lands leases and 15,553¼ acres (by survey, 16,338 acres) converted into improvement lease.
- (3.) £1,596 19s. 9d. Average per acre, 1s. 4.382d. Rent at date of application to convert includes the two 20 per cent. increases on original rent in all cases but two; in these it includes one 20 per cent. increase.
- (4.) 16,338 acres.
- (5.) £200 19s. 10d. (average 2.95d. per acre) fixed by Land Appeal Court on appeal from Land Board's rental of £320 2s. 6d.

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- (5.) Public Servants Salaries:—*Mr. Estell*, for Mr. Sullivan, asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—Will he make provision enabling judgment creditors to garnishee public servants salaries over £3?

Mr. Wade answered,—It has not been decided to do this, but the matter is under consideration.

- (6.) Licenses to Bookmakers by Proprietors of Race-courses:—*Mr. Gardiner*, for Mr. Sullivan, asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—Under what law, or by what legal authority, do the proprietors of racecourses issue licenses to bookmakers permitting them to bet, and charge fees for so doing?

Mr. Wade answered,—I do not think the Honorable Member's question comes within the scope of those to which Ministers reply.

- (7.) Waverley Garbage-tip:—*Mr. Nobbs*, for Mr. Fell, asked the Colonial Secretary,—When will the papers relating to the Waverley garbage-tip, ordered on the motion of F. Farnell, Esq., on the 27th August, 1903, be laid upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Hogue answered,—The papers are rather voluminous, but I am not aware of the reason why they were not laid upon the Table in 1903, as ordered by the House. It is open to the Honorable Member to move for the papers if he thinks their production will serve a useful public purpose.

- (8.) Marshall Island Trouble:—Mr. Cohen asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Have any instructions been sent to the Acting Agent-General with regard to the Marshall Island trouble; if so, what?

(2.) Has any information on the subject been received from the Acting Agent-General; if so, what?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

(1.) The Acting Agent-General for this State in London has been instructed on several occasions to make urgent representations to the Imperial Government in regard to the position of Australian trade in the Pacific, special reference being made to the treatment accorded the vessels of Messrs. Burns, Philp, and Company (Limited), in the Caroline and Marshall Islands.

(2.) Mr. Coghlan reported on the 6th April last that the Earl of Jersey had been informed by the Colonial Office that the whole question of British trade with the German Islands in the Western Pacific was engaging the earnest attention of His Majesty's Government. Mr. Coghlan stated, however, in a telegram which he recently addressed to me, that Germany appeared desirous of outwearing the patience of the parties interested. I may add that a suggestion made by the Agents-General of the various Australian States, that no orders be placed in Germany until redress be granted, is under consideration. I may inform the hon. gentleman, further, that the attention of the Agent-General has also been called to the following facts:—On the 20th January, 1902, in reply to a question in the House of Commons, the Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs (Lord Cranborne) stated that a sum of £28,380 was paid in September, 1900, to the German Government in respect of compensation for the seizure and detention of the three German mail steamers, "General," "Bundesrath," and "Herzog," of the German sailing ship "Hans Wagner," and of the German barque "Marie." The amount was arrived at after consideration by a joint Anglo-German Committee, which sat at the Foreign Office, and it was based on what appeared a fair and reasonable calculation of the expenses necessarily incurred.

5. CRIMES (GIRLS' PROTECTION) BILL:—The following Petitions—praying that the House will, at the earliest possible date, pass into law the Crimes (Girls' Protection) Bill, raising the age of consent from fourteen to seventeen years of age—were presented by the Members named:—

(1.) By Mr. McLaurin—From the Albury Branch of the Women's Political Educational League.

(2.) By Mr. John Hurley, for Mr. Latimer—From the Women's Political Educational League, Sydney.

(3.) By Mr. Hollis—From the Erskineville Branch of the Women's Franchise League.

(4.) By Mr. Kearney—From the Armidale Branch of the Women's Political Educational League.

(5.) By Mr. John Hurley, for Mr. Latimer—From the Central Branch of the Women's Political Educational League.

Petitions received.

6. MOSS VALE CATTLE SALE-YARDS BILL:—Mr. Cohen presented a Petition from the Council of the Municipal District of Moss Vale, under their Common Seal, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to authorise the construction, maintenance, and regulation of Cattle Sale-yards by the Council of the Municipal District of Moss Vale.

And Mr. Cohen having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald*, and *The Scrutineer* (Moss Vale), newspapers containing the Notices required by the 396th Standing Order,—Petition received.

7. CASE OF THOMAS FOSTER, TRIED FOR BIGAMY:—Mr. John Hurley presented a Petition from Thomas Foster, representing that the House had appointed a Select Committee to inquire into and report upon the case of Thomas Foster, who was tried at Darlinghurst on 30th September, 1902, before Acting Judge Rogers, on a charge of Bigamy, and praying to be represented by Counsel or Attorney, or in person before such Committee with the right to call, examine, and cross-examine witnesses.

Petition received.

Ordered to be referred to the Select Committee.

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8. PAPERS :—

Mr. Lee laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Additional By-law in connection with the Water Supply of the Municipal District of Moama, under the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act of 1880.

(2.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the Drainage of the Village of Berrigan.

(3.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the protection of the Macquarie River Bank, at Denison Bridge, Bathurst.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Wade laid upon the Table,—Regulations under the Justices (Fees) Act, 1904.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

9. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Bread Act, 1901,—postponed until Tuesday, 8th August.

10. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Belmore, Mr. O'Sullivan, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz. :—"The mistake of the Government in ordering the construction of a Bar-dredge in Great Britain at a cost higher than that for which it could have been constructed in New South Wales."

And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—

Mr. O'Sullivan moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 18.

Mr. Cann,
Mr. Macdonell,
Mr. Sullivan,
Mr. Estell,
Mr. Dacey,
Mr. Hollis,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,
Mr. Walter Anderson,
Mr. McGarry,
Mr. W. W. Young,
Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Charlton,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. McNeill.

Tellers,

Mr. Thrower,
Mr. Jones.

Noes, 36.

Mr. Cohen,	Mr. R. J. Anderson
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. John Hurley,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Broughton,	Mr. Booth,
Mr. Wade,	Mr. Oakes,
Mr. O'Conor,	Mr. Mackenzie,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Moxham,
Mr. Creswell,	Mr. Henley,
Mr. Fell,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Perry (<i>L'pool Plains</i>),
Mr. Davidson,	Mr. McCoy,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Downes,	Mr. Brinsley Hall,
Dr. Arthur,	Mr. Wood.
Mr. Carruthers,	
Mr. Ashton,	Tellers,
Mr. Kearney,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Jessep.
Mr. Law,	
Mr. Hindmarsh,	

And so it passed in the negative.

11. LANDS COMMISSION 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 ratify and confirm the authorisation and appointment, and to extend the powers of the Commissioner appointed to make inquiry relating to the Department of Lands, and to other matters; to further provide for the procedure before such Commissioner; and for other purposes,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 25th July, 1905.

F. B. SUTTOR,
President.

12. VOTE OF CREDIT :—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. Carruthers, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 34.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th 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 Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Year 1905-1906; and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan.

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Sydney, 17th July, 1905.

Ordered to be referred to the Committee of Supply.

13. JUDGES PENSIONS ABOLITION AND DUTIES BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Waddell moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. O'Sullivan moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday, 8th August.

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

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

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SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTIETH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 26 JULY, 1905.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Carracabad and Dewitt Creek Holding :—Mr. Gardiner asked the Secretary for Lands,—
 (1.) Is he aware that an area of 20,000 acres of land within the Carracabad and Dewitt Creek Holding, Land District of Stroud, was gazetted on 1st July for lease to the squatter only, under the 18th section of the Crown Lands Amendment Act of 1903, to the exclusion of the public?
 (2.) Is he aware that the inquiry into the application of the pastoral lessee was heard before the Land Board at Walcha, which is outside of and remote from the Stroud Land District?
 (3.) Will he explain why this was done, and the name of the agent who appeared for the lessee?
 (4.) Is he aware that in the Wingham Municipal Council, and at a public meeting, resolutions were passed, protesting against the leasing of this area, which was described as suitable for settlement, and within a zone favoured with a good rainfall?
 (5.) In view of the proposed early construction of the North Coast Railway, which should give easy access to market, does he consider it a wise policy to lock up large areas of land for twenty-eight years?

Mr. Ashton answered,—

- (1.) A *Gazette* notice dated the 28th June, 1905, was issued notifying the execution by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor of a lease of 20,000 acres on Carracabad and Dewitt Creek Holding to John Kenneth MacKay under section 18 of the Crown Lands Act Amendment Act, 1903.
 (2.) The inquiry by the Local Land Board was held at Stroud, on the 18th January, 1905, and not at Walcha as suggested.
 (3.) The papers show that the applicant for the lease appeared in person at the Land Board inquiry. Mr. W. N. Willis acted as agent in connection with the application which was signed by the applicant himself, and was dated the 31st March, 1904.
 (4.) No protest by the Wingham Municipal Council, by any public meeting, or by any person against the granting of the lease can be traced in the books at the head office. Mr. Staff Surveyor S. R. Beatty reported in August, 1904, that all the best portions of this holding were selected many years ago, and that the remainder is too rough and poor in quality to attract further settlement. His report shows that the whole of the land is very steep and hilly, rising near the northern boundary to very high, rocky, mountainous country, in many places precipitous and inaccessible for stock. His report shows that there is practically no land suitable for agriculture; a few small alluvial flats are to be found in isolated portions along the creeks, but not one of them is sufficient in size to form more than a small vegetable garden. The present carrying capacity of the land is given at one head of large stock to 25 acres, improvable to one head to 16 or 17 acres. The land is 70 miles from the nearest shipping place, and 80 miles from nearest railway station. The land had been available for settlement for fifteen years. Both the District Surveyor and Surveyor Beatty favoured the granting of the 18th section lease application. The Board reported that no part of the area in question was suitable for closer settlement or ever likely to be, and that no part of the land was suitable for or required by present holders to add to their holdings. They recommended the granting of the application.
 (5.) The lease is not for twenty-eight years. The recommendation of the Board was for twenty years. It was granted for fifteen years, with a right of withdrawal of any part of the land for mining or public purposes at any time.

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(2.) Railway and Tramway Employees' Appeals:—*Mr. Estell*, for *Mr. Hollis*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) When "reprimands" or "cautions" are imposed upon Railway or Tramway employees, is it the decision of the head of each Branch?
- (2.) Are such "reprimands" or "cautions" considered to be punishments, and recorded as such?
- (3.) Are not the powers of such heads of branches limited and specified as regards punishment to dismissal, suspension, fine, or reduction in rank, position, grade, or pay?
- (4.) Have there been cases recently, particularly on the tramways, where employees have suffered loss of good conduct holidays for the sole and only reason that two such "cautions" or "reprimands" have been recorded against an employee?
- (5.) If so, is such stoppage of good-conduct holidays the result of the advice or decision of the officer at the head of the Branch?
- (6.) Is the adoption or confirmation of the advice or decision of an officer at the head of a Branch open to an appeal?
- (7.) If so, to what body can such an appeal be directed, and by whom is such an appeal heard?
- (8.) Is it a fact that both in the Railway and Tramway Departments there are a large number of supernumeraries, or temporary hands, who have had continuous service, in some cases for years?
- (9.) When punishments are imposed on such temporary hands, have they the same powers of appeal as the employees who constitute the permanent staff?
- (10.) Is there any other Board or Court, besides the Railway Appeal Board, who like it, is supposed to base its decisions on evidence tendered before it, that is not ruled or guided, as to what shall be its method of procedure, what kind of evidence is, or not, admissible, &c., by regulations sanctioned by its Ministerial head?
- (11.) If not, what constitutes the exception in this respect of the Railway Appeal Board?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—It has been represented to me by the Railway Commissioners that "Cautions," "Reprimands," and "Good Conduct Holidays" are subjects about to be discussed by the Commissioners with duly accredited representatives of the Tramway Employees' Union at their request; and it is, therefore, inadvisable to pursue these matters further at present.

(3.) Public Service:—*Mr. Estell*, for *Mr. Arthur Griffith*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is the quinquennial grading of the Public Service due during the current financial year?
- (2.) In view of the fact that at present all appeals from the Public Service Board's decisions have to be made to the Board, is it intended to provide by legislation for a Court of Appeal from decisions of the Board in time for appeals from the forthcoming grading to be heard thereat?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) The matter is under consideration.

(4.) Public School Pupil Teachers:—*Mr. Estell*, for *Mr. Arthur Griffith*, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) How many male Pupil Teachers will complete their four years' term by next Christmas?
- (2.) How many of these are to receive full scholarships?
- (3.) How many are to receive half scholarships?
- (4.) How many female Pupil Teachers will complete their term by next Christmas?
- (5.) How many of these are to receive full scholarships?
- (6.) How many are to receive half scholarships?
- (7.) What provision is being made for the training of those who receive neither full nor half scholarships?

Mr. O'Connor answered,—

- (1.) One hundred and twenty-six.
- (2.) Fifteen.
- (3.) Ten.
- (4.) One hundred and forty-six.
- (5.) Fifteen.
- (6.) Ten.
- (7.) Pupil Teachers who pass their final examinations, but do not secure full or half scholarships, are admitted to the training schools at their own expense on their signifying their wish to obtain a course of training under such conditions.

(5.) Smoke Nuisance in the City:—*Mr. Broughton* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it the intention of the Government this Session to bring in a Bill to deal with the smoke nuisance in the City of Sydney?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—A Bill to amend the Sydney Corporation Act has been prepared by the City Council, and the Government is now considering the advisableness of adopting such Bill, which provides, amongst other things, for the prevention of smoke nuisance.

(6.) Sydney Hospital:—*Mr. Broughton* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) How much has been paid to the Sydney Hospital by the Government for the financial year ending 30th June, 1905?
- (2.) What amount, if any, was due to the Hospital by way of Government subsidy on that date?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

- (1.) £14,524 4s. 6d.
- (2.) £2,451 12s. 6d.

(7.) Coal-landing Scaffolding, Sydney Harbour Foreshores:—*Mr. Daley* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Who has charge of the coal-landing scaffolding on the Sydney Harbour foreshores?
- (2.) Is there any system of inspection in vogue to ensure the good order of same?
- (3.) Is he aware that many of these scaffolds are in a highly dangerous state, and will he call for a report from the proper authorities as to their safety or otherwise?

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Mr. Carruthers answered,—

(1 and 2.) So far as the area vested in the Sydney Harbour Trust Commissioners is concerned, the lessees of the various wharves upon which coal-landing scaffolding has been erected have charge of, and are responsible for, such scaffolding.

(3.) The Commissioners state that they are not aware that many of these scaffolds are in a highly dangerous state.

2. MURRUMBIDGEE NORTHERN WATER SUPPLY AND IRRIGATION BILL :—The following Petitions were presented by the Members named, representing that the House had appointed a Select Committee to inquire into and report upon the Murrumbidgee Northern Water Supply and Irrigation Bill, and praying to be represented by counsel or solicitor or in person before such Committee, with the right to call, examine, and cross-examine witnesses :—

(1.) By Mr. Briner—From H. F. Chilcott, Manager of the Scottish Australian Mining Company, Ltd.

(2.) By Mr. McGarry—From Jas. A. Brown, of Neutral Bay, Sydney.

Petitions received.

Ordered to be referred to the Select Committee.

3. CRIMES (GIRLS' PROTECTION) BILL :—Mr. Wade presented a Petition from Members of the Chatswood Branch of the Women's Political Educational League, praying that the House will, at the earliest possible date, pass into law the Crimes (Girls' Protection) Bill, raising the age of consent from 14 to 17 years of age.

Petition received.

4. NORTH COAST (MAITLAND TO SOUTH GRAFTON) RAILWAY :—Mr. Briner presented a Petition from residents of Glenora, in the Clarence River District, praying that the House will sanction, at the earliest possible date, the construction of the North Coast Railway.

Petition received.

5. PAPERS :—

Mr. Lee laid upon the Table,—Notification of resumption of land under the Public Works Act, 1900, for and in connection with the construction of the Narrandera Sewerage.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Carruthers laid upon the Table,—

(1.) *Precis* of Papers and Facts relating to the proposed Local Manufacture of Locomotives.

Ordered to be printed.

(2.) Reply of the Public Service Board to the comments of the Comptroller of Railway Stores respecting the general working of the State Clothing Factory. (*In substitution for Paper laid upon the Table, 6th July, 1905.*)

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Ashton laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, 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, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.

(3.) *Gazette* Notice setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the Dedication of certain Lands, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

6. MOSS VALE CATTLE SALE-YARDS BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Cohen moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to authorise the construction, maintenance, and regulation of Cattle Sale-yards by the Council of the Municipal District of Moss Vale.

Question put and passed.

7. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day were postponed, until Tuesday, 5th September :—

(1.) City Bank Act Extension Bill (*Council Bill*) ; second reading. [*Mr. Waddell.*]

(2.) Bank of New South Wales Bill (*Council Bill*) ; second reading. [*Mr. Cohen.*]

8. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS :—Mr. Carruthers moved, pursuant to Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing of a Bill, intitled "A Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1905-1906 ; 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.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

9. SUPPLY :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Carruthers, 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 :—

(1.) *Resolved*,—

That there be granted to His Majesty a sum not exceeding £1,677,461 : being £1,185,000, to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the State during the months of August and September, or following month of the financial year, ending 30th June,

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1906, to be expended at the rates which have been sanctioned for the financial year ended 30th June, 1905, subject to the rate of any reduction that may hereafter be made in the expenditure of the year 1905-1906; and

£492,461 for the following Services for the year 1905-1906, viz. :—

Secretary for Public Works—Roads, £180,000; Secretary for Lands—Compensation for improvements on Land reserved for village at Canbelego, £91; and

In anticipation of Loan Votes—

Sydney Harbour Trust—Wharfage Accommodation, Darling Harbour, £25,000; Railway Commissioners—Grain Shed and Railway, Darling Harbour, £20,000; Secretary for Public Works—Railways and Tramways—Manilla to Barraba, £18,000; Temora to Burrellan, £55,000; Bogan Gate to Bulbodney, £21,000; Narrabri to Walgett, with branch to Collarendabri, £37,000; Tramways generally, £3,000; Public Buildings—Penitentiary and Prison for Females, £11,500; Bridges—Bridge—Hunter River, at Donolly Ford, £1,500; Harbours and Rivers—Richmond River Improvements, £5,000; Newcastle Harbour Breakwater, £10,000; Sewerage Construction—Lismore Sewerage, £2,900; Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage—Water Supply—Re-lining and strengthening Upper Canal, £10,770; Improvements, Sydney Water Supply—Ryde, Wahroonga Pumps, Rising Main, &c., £24,000; Storage Tank at Beecroft, £4,400; Sewerage—Construction and Ventilation generally of Reticulation Sewers, &c., £23,800; Metropolitan Water Supply—Extension and Improvement of General Reticulation, &c., £39,000; Hunter District Board of Water Supply and Sewerage—Water Supply—Extension of Reticulation, Newcastle and Suburbs £500.

On motion of Mr. Carruthers, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

10. WAYS AND MEANS :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Carruthers, 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 His Majesty for the Services of the financial year, 1905-1906, the sum of £1,677,461 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.

On motion of Mr. Carruthers, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

11. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL :—

(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Carruthers, 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 1905-1906; and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan.

(2.) Mr. Carruthers 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 1905-1906; 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 Mr. Carruthers, 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. Carruthers, 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. Carruthers, *passed*.

Mr. Carruthers 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 1905-1906; 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 1905-1906; and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 26th July, 1905.

12. CRIMES (GIRLS' PROTECTION) 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 extend to girls of and above the ages of fourteen and sixteen years respectively, and under the age of seventeen years, the protection given to girls under the ages of fourteen and sixteen years respectively, by certain provisions of the criminal law relating to offences against the person; and to amend the Crimes Act, 1900*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 26th July, 1905.

F. B. SUTTON,
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Carruthers, read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

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13. OBSERVATORY HILL LANDS LEASING BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Carruthers, 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 authorise the leasing of certain resumed lands situate at Observatory Hill; to amend the Darling Harbour Wharves Resumption Act, 1900; and for other purposes.

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

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, 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 authorise the leasing of certain resumed lands situate at Observatory Hill; to amend the Darling Harbour Wharves Resumption Act, 1900; and for other purposes.

On motion of Mr. Carruthers, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

(2.) Mr. Carruthers then presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to authorise the leasing of certain resumed lands situate at Observatory Hill; to amend the Darling Harbour Wharves Resumption Act, 1900; and for other purposes*,”—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

14. CENTENARY PARK SALE (CONVEYANCING) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Carruthers moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Carruthers, 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. Carruthers, the report was adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

15. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Carruthers moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.



Acto South Wales.

No. 20.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTIETH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 27 JULY, 1905.

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

MESSAGES FROM THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor were delivered by Mr. Carruthers, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

- (1.) Sydney Diocesan Revenues Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 35.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the disposal of certain revenues appertaining to the Church of England in the Diocese of Sydney*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His 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.

*State Government House,
Sydney, 27th July, 1905.*

- (2.) Jury (Amendment) Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 36.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorise the Governor to fix jurors' districts; to regulate the liability of jurors to be summoned; to amend the Jury Act, 1901, the Jury (Amendment) Act, 1902; and for other purposes incidental thereto*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His 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.

*State Government House,
Sydney, 27th July, 1905.*

- (3.) Lands Commission Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 37.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to ratify and confirm the authorisation and appointment and to extend the powers of the Commissioner appointed to make inquiry relating to the Department of Lands, and to other matters; to further provide for the procedure before such Commissioner; and for other purposes*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His 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.

*State Government House,
Sydney, 27th July, 1905.*

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2. QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Pilliga Scrub Lands :—Mr. Collins asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) What action is being taken in connection with the Pilliga scrub lands?
- (2.) Are there any surveyors at work mapping out the physical features of the land; if so, how long will it take before their reports come to hand?
- (3.) In view of the great possibilities of these lands and the large area involved, will he take steps to have roads made through them in order to encourage settlers to go into occupation under the most favourable conditions possible?

Mr. Ashton answered,—

- (1.) An extensive preliminary survey for design is in progress.
- (2.) Yes. A report is expected within two months.
- (3.) The necessity, or otherwise, for road-making will be shown by the surveyors' reports.

(2.) Steam-yacht *Victoria* :—Mr. Daley asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) What is the annual expense to the Government for wages, stores, repairs, and general up-keep of the Steam-yacht *Victoria*?
- (2.) What was the rate of charter money paid by Messrs. Lever Brothers, and what did this cover?
- (3.) How often is the yacht used for private pleasure parties, and what payment is made to the Government for such use?
- (4.) Whenever the *Victoria* is used for light-house inspection, what amount is credited the Navigation Department for its use?
- (5.) What amount is charged per annum for dry docking, and what amount is written off annually for depreciation?
- (6.) Is the vessel insured; if so, with whom, for what amount, and what is the rate of premium?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

- (1.) £950, last year.
- (2.) £200 per month, the charterers finding all stores, provisions and coal required during the period of charter, also all wages and insurance, and expense of docking and repairs on the return of the vessel to Sydney.
- (3.) The *Victoria* is not used in this manner.
- (4.) No amount is credited.
- (5.) £100 for docking. No amount is written off.
- (6.) Not whilst she is laid up in the harbour, but a policy will be taken out for the time she is actually at sea.

(3.) "Rocks" Resumed Area :—Mr. Daley asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) What is the total value of vacant land in the "Rocks" Resumed Area on which taxes and interest are charged?
- (2.) What was the total income lost through the demolition of houses in Harrington-street and Cambridge-street?
- (3.) What was the actual and estimated cost of New Harrington street?
- (4.) What provision, if any, was made for the summarily ejected tenants in the above street by way of finding other dwellings in the area?
- (5.) Has his attention been called to the fact, that another eighteen houses are to be demolished in Cumberland and Gloucester Streets?
- (6.) Before commencing this work, will he consider the advisability of starting workmen's dwellings in Windmill and other streets, in order to provide houses for residents whose livings depend upon residing in or about the area?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

- (1.) The value of the vacant lands in the "Rocks" resumed area is roughly estimated at something between £50,000 and £60,000.
- (2.) £475 16s.
- (3.) The actual cost cannot be definitely stated at present because the work is incomplete. The original estimated cost was £2,744, while additional works in connection with relaying sewers, construction of stone steps, the substitution of a wider guttering to that at first proposed, were carried out at a total extra cost of £475, thus bringing the total amount involved to £3,219, on which it is expected a slight saving will be effected upon completion of the work.
- (4.) In most cases the tenants were transferred to other dwellings in the "Rocks" area.
- (5 and 6.) It was suggested to reconstruct a portion of Cumberland-street and Gloucester-street, which would involve the demolition of a number of houses in these streets, but the proposal will not be proceeded with at present. The Government will not enter into the building trade, except to construct its own public buildings.

(4.) Rates of Wage in Works Department Specifications :—Mr. Daley asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it fact that the Works Department insist, in Specifications, that Union rates of wage must be paid by all Contractors?
- (2.) If so, will he specify what is the recognised Departmental standard wage in connection with the following trades, viz. :—Bricklayers, masons, quarrymen, cranemen, bricklayers' labourers, labourers (pick and shovel), tool-sharpeners?

Mr. Lee answered,—

- (1.) The General Conditions attached to all Specifications (Clause 23) provide for union rates to be paid.
- (2.) Bricklayers, 11s. per day; masons, 1s. 4½d. per hour (44 hours per week); quarrymen, 8s. per day; cranemen, 9s. per day; bricklayers' labourers, 9s. per day; labourers (pick and shovel), 7s. per day; tool-sharpeners (blacksmiths), 1s. 3d. per hour.

(5.)

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(5.) Withdrawal of Land held under Goldfields Reserve :—*Mr. John Hurley*, for *Mr. Richards*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is it proposed to withdraw large areas of land held under goldfields reserve and commons adjacent, with a view to alienating under existing Lands Acts provisions?
- (2.) Will he authorise that all such proposals be submitted for inquiry before local Land Boards, prior to definite action Departmentally being taken towards revocation?
- (3.) Will the Government consider the advisability of special legislation in regard to such lands, as represented to the Premier during his visit to Gulgong?

Mr. Ashton answered,—

- (1.) Areas of land held under goldfields reserve and commons adjacent are the subject of inquiry with a view to settlement.
- (2.) The proposals, wherever a conflict of interests is apparent, will be submitted to the Local Land Board.
- (3.) The advisability of special legislation is under consideration.

(6.) Appointment of *Mr. Arthur Bragg* to the Licensing Bench, Cootamundra :—*Mr. McNeill*, for *Mr. Burgess*, asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) On whose recommendation was *Mr. Arthur Bragg* appointed to the Licensing Bench at Cootamundra?
- (2.) Was *Mr. Bragg* a Justice of the Peace at the time of appointment?
- (3.) Were there any other Justices of the Peace available; if so, why was not a selection made from among the number?

Mr. Wade answered,—

- (1.) *Mr. J. H. Nisbett*, Police Magistrate.
- (2.) No.
- (3.) I am not aware, but the selection of members of Licensing Courts is not necessarily made from gentlemen on the Commission of the Peace.

(7.) Risk from Fire to Employees in large City Establishments :—*Mr. Oakes* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Will he cause a report to be obtained from the Superintendent of the Metropolitan Fire Brigades as to the risk from fire to employees and others who are employed in the large establishments in the City, more especially those between George, Pitt, Market, and King Streets?
- (2.) Will he inquire if there are as many as 300 and 400 hands employed in some of these establishments and that the means of exit, the staircases, are in some cases piled up with highly inflammable material?

Mr. Hogue answered,—This matter will receive immediate attention.

(8.) Establishment of a National School of Art :—*Mr. Oakes* asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Will he take steps to give effect to the recommendations of the Art Gallery Trustees, made in 1902, and again in 1904—namely, "That a national school of art should be established by which students could obtain a more improved system of teaching than at present"?
- (2.) If so, when?

Mr. O'Connor answered,—I am obtaining further opinions with regard to this question, which will receive my earnest consideration. A decision will shortly be arrived at.

(9.) The Unemployed :—*Mr. O'Sullivan* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that a notice has been posted at the Labour Bureau to the effect that the unemployed will be given work at Pitt Town Labour Farm, or Labour Farm, Bunnerong-road, without wages, but to be given a plug of tobacco a week, while their wives and families are to receive from 2s. 6d. to 5s. per week?
- (2.) If so, does he consider it possible that a family can live upon from 2s. 6d. to 5s. per week?

Mr. Lee answered,—

(1.) A notice has been posted, but it offers board, lodging, and tobacco to a man, and a certain amount of rations weekly to his family, according to the number of dependents, if he works at the places mentioned. Such employment is only intended to be temporary, and board and lodging is offered to the men to avoid cost of tram fares in going to and from the work daily, so far as the depôt is concerned. Of course, at the Pitt Town farm men could not go backwards and forwards, because of the distance.

(2.) No. The Government contemplates giving those who claim that they are destitute and starving a certain amount of temporary assistance; and this will be afforded by the scheme proposed, under which, at all events, no one can possibly starve. Previously only a half-crown's worth of rations was issued for the whole family, and not always that; whereas present expenditure, including board and lodging for the man, and rations for his family, will average 10s. per family per week.

3. NORTH COAST (MAITLAND TO SOUTH GRAFTON) RAILWAY :—*Mr. McFarlane* presented a Petition from *Peter Kritsch*, Mayor, Chairman of a meeting of residents of Grafton, praying for the reasons set forth that the House will authorise the early construction of the North Coast Railway.
Petition received.

4. CRIMES (GIRLS' PROTECTION) BILL :—*Mr. Creswell* presented a Petition from Members of the North Sydney Branch of the Women's Political Educational League, praying that the House will, at the earliest possible date, pass into law the Crimes (Girls' Protection) Bill, raising the age of consent from 14 to 17 years of age.
Petition received.

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5. **MOSS VALE CATTLE SALE-YARDS BILL** :—Mr. Cohen, pursuant to leave granted on the 26th July, 1905; 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 State, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to authorise the construction, maintenance, and regulation of Cattle Sale-yards by the Council of the Municipal District of Moss Vale,*"—read a first time.
6. **PRINTING COMMITTEE** :—Mr. McFarlane, as Chairman, brought up the Fifth Report from the Printing Committee.
7. **CENTENARY PARK SALE (CONVEYANCING) BILL (Formal Order of the Day)**,—on motion of Mr. Carruthers, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Carruthers then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to make better provision for the conveyance to purchasers of lands sold or to be sold under the Centenary Park Sale Act, 1904, and for the issue of certificates of title for the same; to amend the said Act and the Centenary Celebration Act; 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 make better provision for the conveyance to purchasers of lands sold or to be sold under the Centenary Park Sale Act, 1904, and for the issue of certificates of title for the same; to amend the said Act and the Centenary Celebration Act; and for other purposes,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 27th July, 1905.*
8. **LIQUOR (AMENDMENT) BILL** :—
(1.) The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. Wade, and read by Mr. Speaker :—
FREDK. M. DARLEY, *Message No. 38.*
Lieutenant-Governor.
In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th Section of the Constitution Act, 1902, 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 Bill to amend the law relating to the supply of intoxicating liquor; to regulate the supply of liquor by clubs and co-operative societies; to make better provision for the exercise of local option with regard to the supply of intoxicating liquor; to amend the Liquor Act, 1898; and for other purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.
*State Government House,
Sydney, 27th July, 1905.*
Ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.
- (2.) Mr. Wade moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the law relating to the supply of intoxicating liquor; to regulate the supply of liquor by clubs and co-operative societies; to make better provision for the exercise of local option with regard to the supply of intoxicating liquor; to amend the Liquor Act, 1898; and for other purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.
Question put and passed.
9. **DARLING ISLAND VESTING BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Lee 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. Lee, 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. Lee, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time on Wednesday next.
10. **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 1905-1906; and for services to be hereafter provided for by Loan,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.
Legislative Council Chamber, **F. B. SUTTOR,**
President.
Sydney, 27th July, 1905.
11. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT (SHIRES) BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Carruthers moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Ball moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until Thursday, 10th August.

The House adjourned, at two minutes before Eleven o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 21.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTIETH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 1 AUGUST, 1905.

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

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

By Mr. Carruthers,—

- (1.) Consolidated Revenue Fund Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 39.

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 1905-1906; and for Services to be hereafter provided for by Loan,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His 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.

State Government House,

Sydney, 29th July, 1905.

By Mr. Wade,—

- (2.) Industrial Arbitration (Amendment) Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 40.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, 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 Bill to amend the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1901, and the Industrial Arbitration (Temporary Court) Act, 1905; to provide for the constitution of boards to determine disputes in certain industries; to define the powers, jurisdiction and procedure of such boards, and to give effect to their determinations; to modify in certain respects certain awards, orders, and directions of the Court of Arbitration; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

State Government House,

Sydney, 1st August, 1905.

Ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Technical Education:—Mr. Henley asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—In view of the urgent need for technical knowledge in all departments of industry, and the fact that thousands of our young men and women are anxious, but unable at present to properly equip themselves for the more strenuous competition now evident in our everyday occupations, will he undertake to submit to this House, on the forthcoming Estimates, a sum sufficient to properly establish technical classes on a scale worthy of the mother state?

Mr. O'Connor answered,—The necessity for the extension of technical education is receiving full attention at the hands of the Government; and Parliament will be asked to vote on the next Estimates such an amount for this purpose as the conditions of the present financial year will permit.

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- (2.) Improvement Leases :—Dr. Arthur asked the Secretary for Lands,—In view of the urgent need of land for closer settlement, is he prepared to bring in a Bill this Session cancelling all improvement leases, due compensation being given for any improvement effected?

Mr. Ashton answered,—No. Such a course would not be in the public interest. I am, however, considering the expediency of asking for Legislative authority to withdraw from improvement lease land that is suitable and required for closer settlement.

- (3.) Tenders for Steam Tug Service, Richmond River :—Mr. Mackenzie asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) In reference to the application last year inviting tenders for a steam tug service on the Richmond River from September, 1904—what were the reasons that necessitated a second application for tenders?
 - (2.) Why was the lowest tender not accepted in either of the applications?
 - (3.) How many tenders were received, and what were the amounts?
 - (4.) Referring to Clauses 4 and 5 in the Special Conditions of the Tender form, why was the tug which was carrying on the service allowed to do so without holding a certificate?
 - (5.) For what reason did the Navigation Board issue a certificate early in December dated back to June in favour of the tug doing the work?
 - (6.) Will he consider whether it would be advisable to cancel the present tender and invite fresh applications according to the specifications, &c.?
 - (7.) Is it also true that no certificate was held by the tug whose services were accepted under tender for the Manning River about the same time?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

(1.) The lowest of the first tenders was originally recommended for acceptance, but representations were received by the Public Service Tender Board that the tug proposed for the service was not suitable therefor. One of the tenderers then offered to substitute a more powerful boat in place of the one originally nominated by him, at what was considered a reasonable sum, but as this boat was not offered in the first instance, and the other tenderers had not been given an opportunity of offering a substitute boat, it was decided by the Public Service Tender Board to invite fresh tenders, giving fuller information as to the class of boat required, so that all tenderers would have a further opportunity of submitting other boats. Fresh tenders were accordingly then invited.

(2.) The lowest tender submitted in response to the second application was not considered suitable.

(3.) In response to the first application eight tenders were received for the service at the following amounts per month :—(1) £89; (2) £90; (3) £98; (4) £98; (5) £100; (6) £108 6s. 8d.; (7) £115; (8) 135. In respect of the second application five tenders were received at the following amounts per month :—(1) £75; (2) £80; (3) £89; (4) £105; (5) £130.

(4.) The tug referred to has been surveyed by the Department of Navigation, and has held a certificate under the Navigation Act, 1901, for some years past; and has complied with the requirements of Clauses 4 and 5 of the Special Conditions relating to survey.

(5.) No such certificate was issued.

(6.) It is not considered advisable to cancel the present contract.

(7.) The tug accepted for the Manning River held and now holds a certificate issued under the Navigation Act, 1901, in compliance with Clauses 4 and 5 of the Special Conditions of the contract relating to survey.

- (4.) Fines or Penalties inflicted under the Arbitration Act :—Mr. R. J. Anderson asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is it a fact that fines or penalties inflicted under the Arbitration Act are handed to persons upon whose complaint or information action has been taken, leading to the infliction of such fines or penalties?

(2.) Will he furnish this House with a detailed statement showing : (a) The names and occupations of all persons who have lodged complaints or informations under the Arbitration Act, and of those against whom such have been lodged during the time that Act has been in force; (b) The amount of fine or penalty (if any) adjudged in each such instance, and to whom paid?

(3.) Will he consider the advisability of providing in any measure framed to amend the existing Act that all such moneys shall be paid into the Treasury?

Mr. Wade answered,—

(1.) Penalties for breaches of awards of the Court of Arbitration are, by the awards, usually made payable to the Secretaries of the claimant and respondent unions respectively; and, under section 37 of the Industrial Arbitration Act, those penalties are sued for and recovered by the persons entitled to receive the same.

(2.) Yes; but the preparation of the statement will occupy some little time.

(3.) Yes.

3. PAPER :—Mr. Carruthers laid upon the Table,—Papers relating to the Residence of the Governor-General in New South Wales.

Ordered to be printed.

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

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 22.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTIETH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 2 AUGUST, 1905.

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

CENTENARY PARK SALE (CONVEYANCING) BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. Carruthers, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 41.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to make better provision for the conveyance to purchasers of lands sold or to be sold under the Centenary Park Sale Act, 1904, and for the issue of certificates of title for the same; to amend the said Act and the Centenary Celebration Act; and for other purposes,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His 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.

*State Government House,
Sydney, 2nd August, 1905.*

2. REFUSAL OF THE PHARMACY BOARD TO REGISTER MR. WALTER TRAFFORD:—Mr. Gillies presented a Petition from Walter Trafford, of West Maitland, representing that the House had appointed a Select Committee to inquire into and report upon all matters connected with the refusal of the Pharmacy Board of New South Wales to register Mr. Walter Trafford, as a Pharmacist, and praying to be represented by Counsel or Attorney, or in person, before such Committee, with the right to call, examine, and cross-examine witnesses.
Petition received.
Ordered to be referred to the Select Committee.
3. POSTPONEMENT:—All the Government Business and the Orders of the Day of General Business postponed until To-morrow.
4. VOTE OF CENSURE—LANDS INQUIRY COMMISSION:—Mr. McGowen moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the Government is deserving of censure for their conduct in connection with the Lands Inquiry Commission.
(2.) That the foregoing resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Ducey moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow, and (*with the unanimous concurrence of the House*) take precedence of other business.

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

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 23.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTIETH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 3 AUGUST, 1905.

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 Frederick Earle Winchcombe, Esquire, resigning his Seat as Member for the Electoral District of Ashfield.

Whereupon Mr. Carruthers moved, That the Seat of Frederick Earle Winchcombe, Esquire, Member for the Electoral District of Ashfield, hath become, and is now vacant, by reason of the resignation thereof by the said Frederick Earle Winchcombe, Esquire.

Question put and passed.

2. CRIMES (GIRLS' PROTECTION) BILL:—Mr. Cohen presented a Petition from Representatives of the Women's Liberal League, representing that petitioners deeply regret the inadequate protection of girls in this State upon attaining their fourteenth year, and praying the House to pass into law the Crimes (Girls' Protection) Bill, as presented.
Petition received.

3. CASE OF THOMAS FOSTER, TRIED FOR BIGAMY:—Mr. John Hurley, 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 18th July, 1905.
Ordered to be printed.

4. VOTE OF CENSURE—LANDS INQUIRY COMMISSION:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. McGowen,—

“(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the Government is deserving of censure for their conduct in connection with the Lands Inquiry Commission.

“(2.) That the foregoing resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.”

And the Question being again proposed,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the House continuing to sit after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 4 AUGUST, 1905, A.M.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 20.

Mr. Sullivan,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Burgess,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Nielsen,
Mr. Daley,
Mr. Meehan,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Cann,
Mr. Hollis,
Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,
Mr. McNeill,
Mr. Holman,
Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Estell,
Mr. Charlton,
Mr. W. W. Young.

Tellers,

Mr. Thrower,
Mr. Macdonell.

Noes, 51.

Mr. Ashton,	Mr. R. J. Anderson,	Mr. McLaurin,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Levien,	Mr. Creswell,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Collins,	Mr. Eden George,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Morton,
Mr. Wade,	Mr. Perry (<i>The Richm'd</i>),	Mr. O'Connor.
Mr. Dick,	Mr. Briner,	Tellers,
Mr. J. H. Young,	Mr. Fell,	
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Donaldson,	Mr. Cohen,
Mr. John Hurley,	Mr. McCoy,	Mr. Nobbs.
Mr. Kearney,	Mr. Davidson,	
Mr. Broughton,	Mr. Law,	
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Henley,	
Mr. Wood,	Mr. Perry (<i>L'pool Plains</i>),	
Mr. Mackenzie,	Mr. Brinsley Hall,	
Mr. Downes,	Mr. Mahony,	
Mr. Hindmarsh,	Mr. Jessop,	
Mr. Thomas,	Mr. Oakes,	
Mr. Levy,	Mr. Latimer,	
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. W. Millard,	
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Walter Anderson,	
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Booth,	
Mr. Reynoldson,	Dr. Arthur,	

And so it passed in the negative.

The House adjourned, at twenty-five minutes after Two o'clock, a.m., until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 24.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTIETH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 8 AUGUST, 1905.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Railway and Tramway Employees' Appeals :—Mr. Hollis asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) When "reprimands" or "cautions" are imposed upon Railway or Tramway employees, is it the decision of the head of each Branch?
 - (2.) Are such "reprimands" or "cautions" considered to be punishments, and recorded as such?
 - (3.) Are not the powers of such heads of branches limited and specified as regards punishment to dismissal, suspension, fine, or reduction in rank, position, grade, or pay?
 - (4.) Have there been cases recently, particularly on the tramways, where employees have suffered loss of good-conduct holidays for the sole and only reason that two such "cautions" or "reprimands" have been recorded against an employee?
 - (5.) If so, is such stoppage of good-conduct holidays the result of the advice or decision of the officer at the head of the Branch?
 - (6.) Is the adoption or confirmation of the advice or decision of an officer at the head of a Branch open to an appeal?
 - (7.) If so, to what body can such an appeal be directed, and by whom is such an appeal heard?
 - (8.) Is it a fact that both in the Railway and Tramway Departments there are a large number of supernumeraries, or temporary hands, who have had continuous service, in some cases for years?
 - (9.) When punishments are imposed on such temporary hands, have they the same powers of appeal as the employees who constitute the permanent staff?
 - (10.) Is there any other Board or Court, besides the Railway Appeal Board, who like it, is supposed to base its decisions on evidence tendered before it, that is not ruled or guided, as to what shall be its method of procedure, what kind of evidence is, or not, admissible, &c., by regulations sanctioned by its Ministerial head?
 - (11.) If not, what constitutes the exception in this respect of the Railway Appeal Board?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

- (1.) Not always. The Superintendents generally deal with minor irregularities.
 - (2.) No.
 - (3.) Yes.
 - (4 and 5.) The granting or stoppage of good-conduct holidays is a matter coming within the discretion of the Heads of Branches, and their decision is based upon general conduct.
 - (6 and 7.) The Appeals Board has no power under the Act to deal with good-conduct holidays, but the Commissioners themselves have heard appeals from the staff in this respect.
 - (8 and 9.) Temporary hands employed for six months or over are accorded all the privileges of permanent hands.
 - (10 and 11.) It is understood that the Appeals Board bases its decisions on the evidence tendered.
- (2.) Nambucca River and its Tributaries :—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is he aware that owing to the laying-up of a large number of dredges, some of the northern rivers are in a neglected and serious condition, the Nambucca and its chief tributaries, Taylor's Arm and Warrell Creek being, it is alleged, unnavigable in some places, even at high tide, except by almost empty droghers?
 - (2.) Has he noted the repeated representations made by local bodies and by the Member for Raleigh in regard to the matter?
 - (3.) In view of the fact that the busiest part of the shipping season is now beginning, and of the allegation that the farmers and timber-getters and business people generally are unable to get produce to market, or to obtain back freights unless at great cost and inconvenience, will he see that immediate steps are taken to expedite the clearing of the channels at and below Devir's wharf, near Bowraville, and at Warrell Creek, and at Taylor's Arm, from Welsh's wharf downwards?

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- Mr. Lee answered,—I am aware that considerable shoaling has taken place on the Nambucca River and its tributaries, and in response to representations made by local bodies and the Member for Raleigh, the dredging appliances on this river have recently been increased. The clearing of the obstructions complained of was sanctioned by the removal of the *Tau* from the Heads to do that work.
- (3.) Mulee Reserve, Scone Land District :—*Mr. Davidson*, for Mr. Fleming, asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Why has the making available for settlement of the Mulee Reserve, recommended some months ago by the Scone Land Board, been so long delayed?
 - (2.) Will he take steps to have the recommendation of the Board given effect to forthwith?
- Mr. Ashton answered,—
- (1.) Because the land is the subject of an application for exchange now with the Land Board.
 - (2.) Action will follow at once on the receipt of the Board's report.
- (4.) New Hotel Licenses :—*Mr. Davidson*, for Mr. Fleming, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he issue instructions to all Licensing Magistrates throughout the State that all new licenses to retail fermented and spirituous liquors which may in future be issued in this State shall specifically state that, in the event of Local Option being established in the State, and such licenses being done away with, no compensation shall be payable?
- Mr. Carruthers answered,—There is no power under the present Liquor Act to issue such instructions, the existing Local Option Vote merely having the effect of limiting the issue of new licenses and the removal of existing ones.
- (5.) Harbour Trust Wharfage Charges :—*Mr. Estell*, for Mr. Daley, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the Harbour Trust charges wharfage for vessels moored alongside docks undergoing repairs?
 - (2.) Is it a fact that a vessel lately paid this rate under protest; if so, what was the amount and the days charged for?
 - (3.) Will he take steps to have the Act so administered as to prevent such charges?
- Mr. Carruthers answered,—The Commissioners have for some time had under consideration the framing of a regulation exempting vessels from the payment of tonnage dues whilst berthed at a wharf or other place exclusively for repairs; if the proposed regulation can be made, it will be recommended for the approval of the Governor.
- (6.) "Rocks" Resumed Area :—*Mr. Estell*, for Mr. Daley, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Who is the officer responsible for the valuation of vacant land in the "Rocks" resumed area?
 - (2.) Is he aware that he stated, in answer to Mr. Daley's Question *re* the value of the vacant land, that it was only £50,000 or £60,000?
 - (3.) Is he aware that Mr. Sievers, some time ago, assessed the value of such vacant land at £130,000?
 - (4.) Such being the case what explanation will he demand as to the accuracy of the information supplied him on the 27th July?
- Mr. Carruthers answered,—
- (1.) The Government Land Valuer, Mr. Sievers.
 - (2.) Yes.
 - (3.) No; Mr. Sievers did not make such a valuation.
 - (4.) Answered by No. 3.
- (7.) Superannuation Act :—*Mr. Estell*, for Mr. Daley, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Does he intend to bring in a Bill to amend in any way the Superannuation Act, as far as the Police Force is concerned?
 - (2.) If so, will he provide for the compulsory retirement of all police officers after thirty years' service, irrespective of age?
- Mr. Hogue answered,—
- (1.) It is proposed to deal with the Act referred to at a convenient opportunity.
 - (2.) As this proposal, if adopted, would involve the retirement of many police officers at about 50 years of age, it is not at present in contemplation.
- (8.) Width of Tyres Regulation Bill :—*Mr. Briner* asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to introduce a measure regulating the width of tyres during the present Session?
 - (2.) If not, will the Government give a private Member an opportunity to do so?
- Mr. Hogue answered,—Provision is made in the Local Government (Shires) Bill to empower Shire Councils to make ordinances regulating the width of tyres. By the Local Government Extension Bill similar powers will be conferred on municipalities.
- (9.) Bellinger River Entrance :—*Mr. Briner* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he, at as early a date as possible, submit to Parliament, a proposal for further extending the works at Bellinger River entrance, with a view to referring the proposal to the Public Works Committee for inquiry and report?
- Mr. Lee answered,—The question of the extension of the Bellinger Harbour works will be, in the first instance, referred to a board now reporting upon the whole of the harbour works on the coast,

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- (10.) Proposed Works, Nambucca River Entrance :—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When does he intend to submit to Parliament the proposed works at Nambucca River entrance, as reported upon by the Public Works Committee during the last session of the last Parliament?

Mr. Lee answered,—I am awaiting the report of the Board on this and other North Coast rivers.

- (11.) Locomotive Workshops, Eveleigh—Mr. Thow, Chief Mechanical Engineer—Workmen's Trains:—Mr. Hollis asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What was the total number of the wages staff employed at the Locomotive Workshops, Eveleigh, under the supervision of Mr. Howe in each year, from the year 1895 to 1905, giving the numbers in each year?

(2.) What was the number of cases and the amount paid for accident allowance at the said workshops in each of the said ten years?

(3.) How many times since the appointment of Mr. Thow as Chief Mechanical Engineer, has he been absent from his office for periods exceeding three days, giving the number of absences, and the length of such absence in each case?

(4.) Were there any cases of such absence in which any deduction of salary was made for such absence; and if so, what is the amount of deduction?

(5.) Are the workmen's trains on suburban lines a paying traffic?

(6.) What are the earnings per train mile of such workmen's trains?

Mr. Carruchers answered,—

(1.) Year 1895, 727; 1896, 721; 1897, 740; 1898, 746; 1899, 790; 1900, 904; 1901, 1,043; 1902, 1,123; 1903, 1,105; 1904, 1,135; 1905, 1,142.

(2.) Year ending June, 1896, 27 cases, £127; 1897, 34 cases, £126 9s. 1d.; 1898, 30 cases, £112 17s. 3d.; 1899, 29 cases, £110 15s. 1d.; 1900, 37 cases, £187 11s. 3d.; 1901, 52 cases, £197 15s.; 1902, 75 cases, £259 4s. 5d.; 1903, 55 cases, £207 5s. 6d.; 1904, 56 cases, £172 7s. 6d.; 1905, 59 cases, £232 11s. 6d.

(3.) From the date of appointment, May, 1889, up to the present, the Chief Mechanical Engineer was entitled to annual holiday leave at the rate of three weeks for each complete year's service, totalling forty-seven weeks. Absences in excess of three days were as follows:—(a) On account of holiday leave, sixteen times. The length of absences varied as follows:—Year 1889, nil; 1890, nil; 1891, nil; 1892, 11 days (including Sundays), 17 days (including Sundays); 1893, 14 days (including Sundays); 1894, 25 days (including Sundays); 1895, 23 days (including Sundays); 1896, 21 days (including Sundays), 22 days (including Sundays); 1897, 28 days (including Sundays); 1898, 20 days (including Sundays); 1899, nil; 1900, 16 days (including Sundays); 1901, 17 days (including Sundays); 1902, 26 days (including Sundays); 1903, 36 days (including Sundays); 1904, 14 days (including Sundays); 1905, 10 days (including Sundays), 15 days (including Sundays). Total, 315 days, equal to 45 weeks. (b) On account of sick leave, one absence of seven working days in June, 1904. (c) On service—England and America, 8 months from August, 1890; England and America, 6 months from August, 1898.

(4.) No.

(5.) There are no trains run specially for workmen, but by a number of trains on each line Workmen's Tickets at very low rates are available, and the value of the traffic is included in the general revenue.

(6.) It is not possible to state the earnings per mile of these trains.

- (12.) Electors' Rights :—Mr. Briner asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he take steps to have the electoral law amended during the present session, providing for the abolition of electors' rights?

Mr. Hogue answered,—This matter is attended to in the Bill about to be introduced amending the electoral law.

- (13.) Forestry Bill :—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it his intention to introduce a Forestry Bill during the present session; and, if so, will the Bill provide for collecting royalty upon the output at mills and at loading and shipping places?

(2.) Does he intend to offer any timber areas for sale at public auction, with a time limit for removal, in order that lands may become available for settlement?

Mr. Ashton answered,—I hope to submit proposals to the House during this Session dealing with the matters referred to.

- (14.) Roads Expenditure, Bellingen District :—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What was the total amount of money actually expended in the Bellingen Roads District on (a) scheduled roads, (b) minor roads, during the years ending 30th June, 1902-3, 1903-4, and 1904-5?

(2.) Is he aware that the expenditure during the past year was the lowest on record for the past fifteen years, and that it amounted to little more than half the amount expended in the year 1896, although the mileage has increased very considerably?

(3.) As the roads are in a very bad state, will he take steps at once to have repairs effected, and to put on more maintenance men, so that the settlers may be able to get their produce to market?

Mr. Lee answered,—

(1.) Scheduled and minor roads are one, and the expenditure on same for years named was as follows:—1902-3, £6,311 18s. 5d.; 1903-4, £6,014 1s. 4d.; 1904-5, £6,049 17s. 2d.

(2.) The expenditure on minor roads during 1896-7 was £7,511 14s. If the Honorable Member will move for a return of the expenditure during each of the last fifteen years, the information required will be prepared and laid upon the Table.

(3.) The votes as made available will be expended without delay.

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- (15.) Railway Freights and Fares :—Mr. W. W. Young asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is he aware that goods are carried on the Northern Line to Newcastle, 104 miles, for £1 10s. per ton ; Western Line, same distance, £2 17s. 4d. ; West Maitland, 120 miles, £1 19s. ; Western Line, same distance, £3 4s. 10d. ; Singleton, 149 miles, £1 15s. ; Western Line, same distance, £3 19s. 4d. ; Muswellbrook, 180 miles, £2 9s. 10d. ; Western Line, same distance, £4 12s. 4d., and so on all along the Northern and Western Lines ?
 - (2.) Is he aware that the second-class fare from Sydney to Newcastle, 104 miles, is 8s. ; Sydney to Wallerawang, 104 miles, 13s. 9d. ; Sydney to Singleton, 148 miles, 13s. 4d. ; Sydney to Bathurst, 145 miles, 19s. 3d. ; Sydney to Wollongong, 48 miles, 5s. 2d. ; Bathurst to Orange, 48 miles, 6s. 9d. ; first-class—Bathurst to Orange, 48 miles, 10s. 3d. ; same distance, South Coast Line, 8s. ; Sydney to Parramatta, 14 miles, second-class, 11d. ; Bathurst to Wimbleton, same distance, 1s. 11d. ?
 - (3.) If these figures are correct, will he consider whether this is an unfair handicap for the producers of one district to pay as against that of another ?
 - (4.) Is he aware that section 28 of the Railways Act, 1901, states that “ subject to the provisions of this Act, all such tolls shall at all times be charged equally to all persons, and after the same rate, whether per ton, per mile, or otherwise, in respect of all passengers and of all goods or carriages of the same description and conveyed or propelled by a like carriage or engine passing over the same portion of the line of railway and under the same circumstances, and no reduction or advance in any such tolls shall be made, either directly or indirectly, in favour of or against any particular person or company travelling upon or using the railway ” ; and section 39, “ The Commissioners shall not afford or give any undue or unreasonable preference or advantage to any particular person or to any particular description of traffic, in any respect whatever ; nor shall they subject any particular person or any particular description of traffic to any undue or unreasonable prejudice or disadvantage in any respect whatsoever ” ?
 - (5.) Will he, in the interest of responsible Government in its integrity, consider the freights and fares above quoted, and see that sections 28 and 39 of the Act are enforced, and that the people in the west are not penalised to the advantage of others ?
 - (6.) If not, why not ?
 - (7.) Is it a fact that by-laws have been passed authorising the Commissioners to charge these differential freights and fares ?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—I am informed by the Railway Commissioners that the rates and fares quoted by the Honorable Member are substantially correct, and that they have all received the approval of the Governor-in-Council. In charging the same rates and fares to all persons travelling or sending goods over the same section of the railways, it is not felt that any injustice is being done, or that the provisions of the Railway Act are being departed from.

- (16.) Bathurst Temporary Common :—Mr. W. W. Young asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) How does he propose to dispose of the land comprising the Bathurst Temporary Common ?
 - (2.) Will he cause the conditions under which the land can be applied for to be made known through the local papers, so that those wishing to take up the land will know how, and to whom, to apply ?
 - (3.) Can he say when this land will be available for settlement ?

Mr. Ashton answered,—

- (1.) Under special leases by auction, after survey.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) Immediately on completion of survey, which is being specially expedited.

- (17.) Royal Commission of Inquiry into the Administration of the Lands Department :—*Mr. Kelly*, for Mr. McNeill, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is Mr. Houston, who is Secretary to the Land Commission, a son of Mr. Houston a member of the Land Appeal Court ?
- (2.) Was his father Under Secretary for Lands during the time Mr. Hassall was Minister for Lands ?
- (3.) Is it a fact that no case dealt with during Mr. Hassall's tenure of office has so far been brought before the Commission ?
- (4.) Will he say why all the cases so far brought before the Commission by the Secretary are confined to Mr. Crick's term of office ?
- (5.) Did Mr. Houston, senior, write a letter to Mr. Crick protesting against the appointment of Mr. Curry to the Land Appeal Court ?
- (6.) Will he lay upon the Table a copy of such letter, and the reply thereto ?

Mr. Ashton answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Yes. From 14th September, 1899 (the date of Mr. Hassall's accession to office) to the 23rd November, 1899, on which date Mr. Houston was appointed Deputy Member of the Public Service Board. Mr. Houston vacated the position of Deputy Member of the Public Service Board to take a position on the Land Appeal Court.

(3 and 4.) In response to my request that the Secretary to the Royal Commission should furnish such replies to these questions as might be approved by His Honor Mr. Justice Owen, I am in receipt of the following letter :—

“ 1905/751. Royal Commission Office, Lands Department, Sydney, 2nd August, 1905.

“ Dear Mr. Ashton,—

“ In answer to your note asking me to furnish you with such answers to Nos. 3 and 4 of the Questions numbered 7 on the business-paper of the Legislative Assembly for to-day, as His Honor Mr. Justice Owen may approve, I beg to inform you that Question 3 may shortly be answered in the negative, and Question 4 may be answered by stating that the cases which have been brought before the Commission, up to the present, are not entirely confined to the administration of Mr. Crick as Minister for Lands.

“ Regarding

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“ Regarding Question 3, I may inform you that the leases Nos. 649 of 14,600 acres, and 650 of 6,117 acres, granted to Thomas Cornish, during Mr. Hassall's term of office, have been inquired into, and evidence has been given to the effect that the sums of £500, on the 2nd January, 1900, and £1,000, on the 19th February, 1900, were paid to Mr. W. N. Willis through Mr. Close as fees in respect of these leases.

“ A lease of Mr. J. K. Mackay's, granted by Mr. Hassall, for which a fee of £1,000 was paid to Mr. Willis, on the 15th December, 1900, has also been before the Commissioner.

“ In further answers to these questions, I refer you to the attached circular letter, showing the initial step taken, at my suggestion, towards bringing cases of improvement leases under the notice of the Commissioner which might call for inquiry. This circular was sent by me to every district surveyor in the State, and referred by him to the Chairman of the Local Land Board of his district, according to its terms.

“ It will be seen that the information solicited through this medium was relative to all improvement leases granted since that form of tenure was created by the Crown Lands Act of 1895.

“ In response to these inquiries, I was referred to a large number of improvement lease matters, all of which I forthwith obtained from the Department of Lands. I personally inspected the papers relating to these matters, and apprised His Honor the Commissioner of the result. I found, with the exceptions above mentioned, that they belonged solely to Mr. Crick's administration, and in a great majority of the cases Mr. Willis was the agent, and in the minority of cases the agents were Messrs. Hill, Clark & Co. and Mr. Charles Bath.

“ The circular referred to is exemplary of the methods which have been adopted by me, in ascertaining what cases it appeared to be necessary to bring under the notice of the Commissioner.

“ I have sent for other papers, at the instance of members of the public, contained in voluntary communications which have been addressed to me as Secretary, and have found after looking into them, that they, without exception, relate to Mr. Crick's administration.

“ In compliance with your suggestion I beg to inform you that His Honor Mr. Justice Owen has approved of the contents of this letter.

“ Yours faithfully,

“ J. W. H. HOUSTON,

“ Secretary, Royal Commission of Inquiry, Lands Department Administration.”

“ 1905/91.

“ Sir,

Lands Department, Sydney, 29th May, 1905.

“ I am directed by his Honor Mr. Justice Owen, the Royal Commissioner inquiring into certain matters in relation to the administration of the Department of Lands, to address you on the subject matter of improvement leases, to which, upon the recommendation of His Honor, the terms of his commission have been extended.

“ The matter being one of great urgency and importance, I have to request that you will be good enough to let me have an answer to this communication by return of post if possible.

“ It is stated that of recent years—that is, within the period from which improvement leases have been granted by the Crown—there have been many cases in which the reports of local officers have been opposed to the granting of such leases, and, notwithstanding this, the lease has been obtained.

“ If any such cases are within your knowledge, or any cases where improvement leases have been obtained by persons, without the local officers being called upon for report as to the expediency of such lease being granted, I shall be glad of your reference to the name of the lease, number of the lease, and the district.

“ Mr. Edward Macfarlane has been good enough to intimate to His Honor that any information known either to himself or his officers will be made readily available. Your services in this connection are therefore enlisted with the object of avoiding the necessity of searching through something like 1,400 bundles of papers to obtain the desired information.

“ If the Chairman of the Local Land Board of your district has been appointed to his present position within the last nine years, he may be able to afford some information upon this subject. Will you kindly inquire.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

“ Your obedient servant,

“ J. W. H. HOUSTON,

“ Secretary, Royal Commission of Inquiry, Lands Department Administration.”

“ Urgent. Staff Surveyors W. M. Thomas, T. B. U. Sloman for perusal and for any information they can give on this subject; then to Draftsmen-in-Charge and Chief Clerk.— M. BARLOW, D.S., 30/5/05.”

(5 and 6.) There is no record of such; but a letter jointly signed by Messrs. Brandis and Houston was addressed to Mr. Crick. Following are a copy of this letter together with a copy of reply thereto:—

“ Minl. 03/12,324.

“ Sir,

Land Appeal Court, 2nd September, 1903.

“ Having, as yet, received no reply to our note to you of this forenoon requesting the favour of an interview, we desire to submit, with great respect, the following protest against a proposal which we understand, is in contemplation, to appoint as Acting President of this Court an outside person, viz., Mr. Curry, the Under Secretary for Lands.

“ Some few of the considerations which would seem, from our point of view, to bear on the matter, are shortly as follow, viz.:—

“ (1.) That the Act of 1889 (section 8) contemplates that in the absence of the President, one of the Members of the Court shall be authorised by the Governor to act as President. This course is supported by precedent and reason, as the members are necessarily conversant with the practice and procedure of the Court and competent to fill the position of Acting President.

“ (2.)

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"(2.) That the appointment of an outside person as Acting President over the heads of the Members of the Court is unnecessary, unless it be desired to introduce some person of legal attainments.

"(3.) That, in the hearing of appeals, questions of general law, more or less complicated, and the practice of Courts are continually arising, and that, if an Acting President be deemed necessary (other than one of the Members of the Court), it should be a person of the experience of, say, a District Court Judge, or a barrister of standing.

"(4.) That Mr. Curry's appointment would be open to question on the ground that he, as Under Secretary for Lands, has already formed definite conclusions on many cases which will come before the Court during the next few months.

"We beg now to respectfully submit this statement of the case for, we trust, your favourable consideration.

We have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servants,

C. BRANDIS.

W. HOUSTON.

"The Honorable W. P. Crick, M.P., Secretary for Lands."

"Acknowledge and reply stating the Minister for Lands directs the acknowledgment of your communication dated 2nd September, 1903, in which you take the liberty of protesting against the action of the Executive Government in appointing Mr. Curry as Acting President of the Land Appeal Court. As it is no part of your duty to obtrude your opinions on the Minister in this matter, he concludes your object is as stated in paragraph 1, to direct his attention to the estimate you entertain of your own qualifications as competent to fill the position of Acting President. The Minister's inability to share your conclusion necessitated the selection already made. The object of the Land Appeal Court is stated in the 8th Section of 53 Victoria No. 21, and the Minister most strongly deprecates any action on the part of a Member of the Court calculated to impede its high functions. The ready discharge of these high functions must stand as the sole object of the Court to the absolute exclusion of any consideration of personal claims advanced by its Members. I am further directed by the Minister to express the hope that no Member of the Land Appeal Court will again be responsible for a communication similar to the one under reply, and also to express his regret that in referring to so high and responsible an officer as the Under Secretary for Lands and Acting President of the Land Appeal Court, the writers' choice of words was not sufficiently wide to furnish a more suitable designation than 'an outside person.'—W. P. CRICK. 3/9/1903.

"Letter sent 4/9/1903.—EDWARD MACFARLANE, Acting Under Secretary. 9/9/1903."

"Minl. 1903/12,324.

"Gentlemen,

3rd September, 1903.

"I am directed by the Honorable the Minister for Lands to acknowledge the receipt of your communication, dated 2nd September, 1903, in which you take the liberty of protesting against the action of the Executive Government in appointing Mr. H. A. G. Curry as Acting President of the Land Appeal Court. As, in his opinion, it is no part of your duty to obtrude your opinions on the Minister in this matter, he concludes your object is as stated in the first paragraph of your letter, to direct his attention to the estimate you entertain of your own qualifications as 'competent to fill the position of Acting President.' The Minister's inability to share your conclusion necessitated the selection already made.

"The object of the Land Appeal Court is stated in the 8th Section of 53 Victoria No. 21, and the Minister most strongly deprecates any action on the part of a Member of the Court calculated to impede its high functions. The ready discharge of those high functions must stand as the sole object of the Court to the absolute exclusion of any consideration of personal claims advanced by its Members.

"I am further directed by the Minister to express his hope that no Member of the Land Appeal Court will again be responsible for a communication similar to the one under reply, and also to express his regret that in referring to so high and responsible an Officer as the Under Secretary for Lands and Acting President of the Land Appeal Court, the writers' choice of words was not sufficiently wide to furnish a more suitable designation than 'an outside person.'

"I have the honor to be, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

EDWARD MACFARLANE,

Acting Under Secretary.

"C. Brandis and W. Houston, Commissioners of the Land Appeal Court."

(18.) Poison on Public Roads:—Mr. Fallick asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it the practice of his Department to allow poison to be laid on a public road for the purpose of poisoning rabbits?

(2.) If not, how close to a public road or place of residence is poison allowed to be laid?

(3.) Is he aware that poison has been laid on the public roads which children have to travel over to reach school, and that pigs have been poisoned on being driven to market in the Baerami District; and will he take steps to prohibit poison being used within a reasonable distance of road or residence in future?

Mr. Ashton answered,—

(1.) Persons laying poison for destruction of rabbits or any other purpose on a public road are liable for any resulting loss or injury to others using the road.

(2.) The Pastures Protection Act does not provide as to the distance.

(3.) No. A safeguarding provision will be made in the Amending Pastures Protection Bill now being prepared.

(19.) State Public Service:—Mr. Broughton asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) The number of Civil Servants in New South Wales when the Public Service Board was inaugurated on 16th January, 1896?

(2.) The number of civil servants employed at the 31st July, 1905?

(3.)

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- (3.) The number belonging to the various Departments taken over by the Federal Government?
- (4.) The total annual cost of the New South Wales Civil Service in the year prior to the appointment of the Public Service Board?
- (5.) The total cost for 1904?
- (6.) The cost per head of population of the Civil Service for 1895?
- (7.) The cost per head of population of the Civil Service for 1904?
- (8.) How much has the New South Wales annual expenditure been reduced by the taking over of the Departments which the Federal Government now administer, but which the New South Wales Government formerly administered?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—This information should be moved for in the form of a Return.

- (20.) Civil Service Pensions:—*Mr. Briner*, for Mr. Levien, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is he aware of the fact, that at the Colonial Treasury, on the 1st of August, a number of the Civil Service Pensioners, notwithstanding the Civil Service Officials were paid some few days previously, were informed that in future they would not be paid until the second day of the month or any day subsequently; and by whom was this order issued and by what authority?
 - (2.) Will he, where any similar cases arise, of the Civil Service Officials being paid prior to the first of the month, give authority for the Civil Service Pensioners being paid on the date named, and where so desired?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—The payment of salaries and that of pensions are two distinct matters. The former have for a considerable time past been paid on the last day of the month and the latter on the second day of the succeeding month. It would not be desirable to alter the existing practice.

- (21.) Mr. W. Tait, J.P., Parkes:—*Mr. Briner*, for Mr. Levien, asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) Is there a person of the name of W. Tait on the Commission of the Peace, and does he sit on the magisterial Bench at Parkes?
 - (2.) Will he lay upon the table of this House all documents, papers, and reports of the case of one James Callaghan charged with larceny, and also the report of the case of *Nicholson v. Alford*, heard by this magistrate?
 - (3.) Is this the same justice who has twice been prosecuted for carrying on the business of a chemist?
 - (4.) Will he also lay upon the Table of this House all papers and reports in possession of the Pharmacy Board (including Police Report) in connection with W. Tait's application for registration as a pharmacist?

Mr. Wade answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) I beg to remind the Honorable Member that, under the Standing Orders, papers having reference to the administration of justice shall be asked for only by address to the Governor.
- (3.) I have not yet received definite information as to this.
- (4.) I would suggest that the Honorable Member address his inquiry regarding this matter to the Honorable the Colonial Treasurer, by whom the Pharmacy Act is administered.

- (22.) Public Service Appeal Bill:—*Mr. Estell*, for Mr. Dacey, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Was a promise made to the Public Service Association that the Public Service Appeal Bill, foreshadowed in the Liberal Party's Manifesto, would be passed next (*i.e.*, this) Session?
 - (2.) In view of the fact that another grading of the Public Service is at hand, is it proposed to redeem such promise?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—This Bill is now under consideration.

- (23.) Increases to Salaries of Tramway Officials:—*Mr. Estell*, for Mr. Nielsen, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) How many salaried officers of the Tramway Department have been granted an increase of salary since 1st July, this year?
 - (2.) What are the names of such officers, and the amount received by each?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

- (1.) Ninety-two.
- (2.) There will be no objection to supply this information in the form of a Return, if moved for in the usual way.

- (24.) Tenders for the Coraki and Dunolly Ford Bridges:—*Mr. Cann* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Who were the successful tenderers for the manufacture and delivery of the Coraki Bridge, Richmond River?
 - (2.) What was the contract price?
 - (3.) What was the actual cost of manufacture and delivery of same?
 - (4.) Who were the successful tenderers for the manufacture and delivery of the Dunolly Ford (Singleton) Bridge?
 - (5.) What was the contract price?
 - (6.) What was the actual cost of same when delivered and completed?

Mr. Lee answered,—

- (1.) The Government Dockyard.
- (2.) £4,007.
- (3.) £3,877 11s. 11d.
- (4.) The Government Dockyard.
- (5.) £6,935 3s. 2d.
- (6.) Not yet completed.

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2. **MURRUMBIDGEE NORTHERN WATER SUPPLY AND IRRIGATION BILL**.—Mr. Scobie presented a Petition from W. A. Macpherson, of Paika, near Balranald; Frederick Edmund Vandeleur, of Canally, near Balranald; and Samuel Lindsay, of Yanga, near Balranald; representing that the House had appointed a Select Committee to inquire into and report upon the Murrumbidgee Northern Water Supply and Irrigation Bill, and praying to be represented by Solicitor or Counsel, with power to send for persons and papers and to examine and cross-examine witnesses.
Petition received.
3. **PAPERS**.—
Mr. Carruthers laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Statement respecting pension payments, &c., for the year 1904–5, required by section 48 of the Old-age Pensions Act, 1900.
(2.) Report of the Railway Commissioners on Railways and Tramways, for year ended 30th June, 1905.
(3.) Regulation under the Sydney Harbour Trust Act, 1900.
(4.) Précis of Papers and Facts relating to the proposed local manufacture of locomotives. (In substitution for précis laid upon the Table, 26th July, 1905.)
(5.) Return to an Order made on 25th October, 1904, "Gratuities and Bonuses paid to Officers in the Public Service."
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
- Mr. Hogue laid upon the Table,—
(1.) By-law of the Municipal District of Cobar, under the Nuisances Prevention Act, 1897, and the Public Health (Night-soil Removal) Act, 1902.
(2.) By-laws of the Borough of Narrandera, under the Nuisances Prevention Act, 1897.
(3.) By-law of the Municipal District of Manly, under the Public Parks Act, 1902, and the Municipalities Act, 1897.
(4.) By-law of the Municipal District of Hay, under the Nuisances Prevention Act, 1897, and the Public Health (Night-soil Removal) Act, 1902.
(5.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Hurstville, under the Municipalities Act, 1897.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
- Mr. Ashton laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Amended Regulations Nos. 35 and 85, under the Crown Lands Acts.
(2.) Amended Form No. 107 under the Crown Lands Acts.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
- Mr. Lee laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Report of the completion of the Rose Bay Stormwater Drain, Sewerage Contract No. 85.
(2.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the construction of a Cutting from the Murrumbidge River to Cudgel Creek.
(3.) Report of the Royal Commission of Inquiry into the discrepancy between the estimated cost of the Cataract Dam and the amount it is now anticipated it will cost to complete the structure, together with copies of Commissions, Minutes of Proceedings, and Evidence.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
4. **POSTPONEMENT**.—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Bread Act, 1901,—postponed until Tuesday, 22nd August.
5. **LANDLORD AND TENANT (AMENDMENT) BILL**.—The Order of the Day having been read, and Mr. Holman proceeding to move, That this Bill be now read a second time,—
Point of Order.—Mr. Henley submitted that this Bill proposed seriously to interfere with the trade of persons supplying furniture on the time payment system, and should therefore have been brought in through Committee of the Whole.
Mr. Speaker said he did not consider the Bill interfered with trade.
- Mr. Holman then moved, "That" this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
- Mr. O'Sullivan moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "That" and inserting the words "the Bill be referred to a Select Committee for inquiry and report."
" (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Holman, Mr. Fallick, Mr. Dacey, Mr. Broughton, Mr. Reynoldson, Mr. Wade, Mr. Levy, Mr. Thrower, Mr. W. W. Young, and the Mover,"—instead thereof.
Question, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question,—put and negatived.
Question (after debate), That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted,—put and passed.
Question then,—
(1.) That the Landlord and Tenant (Amendment) Bill be referred to a Select Committee for inquiry and report.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Holman, Mr. Fallick, Mr. Dacey, Mr. Broughton, Mr. Reynoldson, Mr. Wade, Mr. Levy, Mr. Thrower, Mr. W. W. Young, and the Mover,—put and passed.

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6. CONSTRUCTION OF LOCOMOTIVES WITHIN THE STATE :—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. Carruthers and read by Mr. Speaker :—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 42.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th 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 to be made by the Government for the construction, within the State, of sixty locomotives of the "P" and "T" class (thirty of each), at a price not exceeding £71 13s. 11d. per ton, according to the conditions and specifications of the Railway Department, and to be delivered as required by the Commissioners at periods up to seven and a half years, and subject to an approved guarantee or deposit by the Contractors for the due performance of the Contract.

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Ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Subject.

7. NEW SOUTH WALES INSTITUTION FOR THE DEAF AND DUMB AND THE BLIND INCORPORATION BILL :—

The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Mackenzie moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Mackenzie, 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. Mackenzie, the report was adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

8. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Ashton moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at half-past Ten o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.



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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTIETH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 9 AUGUST, 1905.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Public Works Department Expenditure:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What was the total amount voted last financial year for expenditure for the Public Works Department?

(2.) How much was expended?

Mr. Lee answered,—The total amount voted (including Metropolitan and Hunter District Water and Sewerage Boards) on Revenue for 1904-5 was £896,605. The total expenditure therefrom was £845,097. The total amount voted (including Metropolitan and Hunter District Water and Sewerage Boards) on Loans for 1904-5 was £697,251. The total expenditure from Loans was £828,260. The total expenditure on the Loan Vote for the financial year just closed, showing a larger sum than the amount voted, is accounted for by the fact that it includes expenditure of Loan monies previously voted by Parliament.

- (2.) Government Grading for Butter and other Products:—Mr. Perry (*The Richmond*) asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Sydney daily and the *Sunday Times* newspapers are advocating Government grading for butter and other New South Wales products?

(2.) Is it his intention to adopt that policy?

(3.) If so, will he also appoint a Government grader to grade the stuff retailed by Sydney newspapers, in order to protect the public against deleterious articles and adulterated truth which has been so fully distributed for some years?

Mr. Moore answered,—

(1.) The Honorable Member can judge for himself as to that.

(2.) The matter is under consideration.

(3.) No.

- (3.) Mine at Sunny Corner, owned by John Kemp Charleston:—Mr. W. W. Young asked the Secretary for Mines,—Is he now in a position to answer Mr. Young's Question of 6th July last, in reference to Mine at Sunny Corner not being worked for years?

Mr. Moore answered,—In view of a report which has been received, the lessees have been called upon to show cause why their leases should not be cancelled.

- (4.) Nuggety Gully Gold Mining Company Leases:—Mr. W. W. Young asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) How many Gold Leases does the Nuggety Gully Gold-mining Company hold at Turondale?

(2.) How many years has this Company held these Leases?

(3.) How many acres are in the total area held?

(4.) How many men have been employed on each Lease every year since the Company got these Leases?

(5.) How many men would be employed on these Leases if the full complement were employed according to law?

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- (6.) Is it a fact that this Company was allowed two months from the 22nd of February last to fully comply with the labour conditions of their Leases by employing nineteen men, or, to surrender that portion of the area held not actually required by the Company, and failing one or other of these courses the Leases would be cancelled?
- (7.) Did the Company comply with this request; and, if not, were the leases cancelled?
- (8.) If not, why not?
- (9.) Is it a fact that the warden refused to hear evidence against suspension of labour conditions on these leases from men because they were not adjoining holders of leases?
- (10.) Does the law authorise the warden to adopt such a course?
- (11.) If not, will he see that the warden acts in accordance with the law?
- (12.) Will he see that the labour conditions on all these leases are promptly complied with in future, or that the leases are cancelled forthwith?

Mr. Moore answered,—

- (1.) W. A. Notting holds four leases understood to be the property of the Nuggety Gully Gold-mining Company.
- (2.) About thirteen months—since 7th July, 1904.
- (3.) Twenty-five acres.
- (4.) This information is not available.
- (5.) Fourteen men.
- (6, 7, and 8.) As a result of inquiry two leases were cancelled, the Lessee at date of complaint holding six leases.
- (9, 10, and 11.) The power to grant suspension of labour on gold leases rests entirely with the Warden.
- (12.) Such action will be taken as the circumstances warrant.

- (5.) South Newcastle Public School :—*Mr. Burgess*, for *Mr. Edden*, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Can he inform the House when the much-needed repairs to the South Newcastle Public School will be undertaken?

Mr. Lee answered,—The District Architect at Newcastle has now received full particulars upon which to prepare plans. He has also been instructed to invite tenders for the work without delay.

2. CRIMES (GIRLS' PROTECTION) BILL :—*Mr. Oakes* presented a Petition from Representatives of Women's Associations in New South Wales, representing that Petitioners deeply regret the inadequate protection of girls in this State upon attaining their fourteenth year, and praying the House to pass into law the Crimes (Girls' Protection) Bill.
Petition received.

3. PAPERS :—

Mr. Carruthers laid upon the Table,—Amendment of Rule 1 of the Regulations for the Conduct and Management of the affairs of the Savings Bank of New South Wales.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Moore laid upon the Table,—Copy of Actuary's Report of the First Quinquennial Investigation of the Miners' Accident Relief Fund.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

4. DARLING ISLAND VESTING BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of *Mr. Carruthers*, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Carruthers then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to vest certain land in the Railway Commissioners for the purposes of the Government Railways Act, 1901.*"

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 vest certain land in the Railway Commissioners for the purposes of the Government Railways Act, 1901,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 9th August, 1905.*

5. ADJOURNMENT :—*Mr. Speaker* stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Paddington, *Mr. Oakes*, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz. :—"That, in view of the great evils caused by betting shops in Sydney, stringent measures are required to deal with their suppression."

And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—

Mr. Oakes moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 16.

Mr. Macdonell,
Mr. Cann,
Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Meehan,
Mr. Sullivan,
Mr. Estell,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Charlton,
Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Daley,
Mr. Thrower.

Tellers,

Mr. Nielsen,
Mr. McNeill.

Mr. Hogue,
Mr. Moore,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Broughton,
Mr. Wade,
Mr. Jessep,
Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Levy,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Holman,
Mr. J. H. Young,
Mr. Mahony,
Mr. Creswell,
Dr. Arthur,
Mr. Ashton,

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Mr. Perry (*L'pool Plains*)
Mr. McLaurin,
Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Hindmarsh,
Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Alan Millard,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Reynoldson,
Mr. Davidson,
Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Wood,
Mr. W. W. Young,
Mr. Downes,
Mr. Henley,
Mr. Booth,
Mr. Walter Anderson,
Mr. McCoy,
Mr. Fallick,

Mr. Fell,

Mr. Law,

Mr. Dick,

Mr. W. Millard.

Tellers,

Mr. Donaldson,

Mr. Ball.

And so it passed in the negative.

6. CONSTRUCTION OF LOCOMOTIVES WITHIN THE STATE:—Mr. Carruthers moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the following resolutions:—
- (1.) That this House approves of a contract being made by the Government for the construction, within the State, of sixty locomotives of the "P" and "T" class (thirty of each), at a price not exceeding £71 13s. 11d. per ton, according to the conditions and specifications of the Railway Department, and to be delivered as required by the Commissioners at periods up to seven and a half years, and subject to an approved guarantee or deposit by the contractors for the due performance of the contract.
- (2.) That the above resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.
- Question put and passed.
7. INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION (AMENDMENT) BILL:—Mr. Wade moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1901, and the Industrial Arbitration (Temporary Court) Act, 1905; to provide for the constitution of boards to determine disputes in certain industries; to define the powers, jurisdiction, and procedure of such boards, and to give effect to their determinations; to modify in certain respects certain awards, orders, and directions of the Court of Arbitration; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
- Question put and passed.
8. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the District Courts (Amendment) Bill postponed until To-morrow.
9. FORFEITURE AND VALIDATION OF LEASES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Wade 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. Wade, 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. Latimer, Temporary Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
- On motion of Mr. Wade, the report was adopted.
- Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
10. WOLLONGONG HARBOUR TRUST RESUMPTION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Lee moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
- Question put and passed.
- Bill read a second time.
- On motion of Mr. Lee, 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. Latimer, Temporary Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
- On motion of Mr. Lee, the report was adopted.
- Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
11. OBSERVATORY HILL LANDS LEASING BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Carruthers 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. Carruthers, 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. Latimer, Temporary Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
- On motion of Mr. Carruthers, the report was adopted.
- Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

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12. **POSTPONEMENTS** :—The following Orders of the Day postponed until To-morrow, viz. :—
- (1.) Coal Mines Regulation (Amending) Bill ; second reading. [*Mr. Moore.*]
 - (2.) Liquor (Amendment) Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the law relating to the supply of intoxicating liquor ; to regulate the supply of liquor by clubs and co-operative societies ; to make better provision for the exercise of local option with regard to the supply of intoxicating liquor ; to amend the Liquor Act, 1898 ; and for other purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto. [*Mr. Wade.*]
 - (3.) Conveyancing (Amendment) Bill (*Council Bill*) ; second reading. [*Mr. Wade.*]
13. **HABITUAL CRIMINALS BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Wade, 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 provide for the detention and control of habitual criminals.
- Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Latimer, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.
- Ordered, on motion of the Temporary Chairman, That the report be *now* received.
- The Temporary 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 detention and control of habitual criminals.
- On motion of Mr. Wade, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
14. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT EXTENSION BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Carruthers, 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 for the better government of municipalities and shires, and the establishing and government of Greater Sydney and Greater Newcastle ; for those purposes to amend, extend, and repeal certain Acts, and to apply the provisions of the Local Government (Shires) Act, 1905, to municipalities ; and for other purposes.
- Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Latimer, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.
- Ordered, on motion of the Temporary Chairman, That the report be *now* received.
- The Temporary Chairman then reported the resolution, which was read a first time, as follows :—
- Resolved*,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill for the better government of municipalities and shires, and the establishing and government of Greater Sydney and Greater Newcastle ; for those purposes to amend, extend, and repeal certain Acts, and to apply the provisions of the Local Government (Shires) Act, 1905, to municipalities ; and for other purposes.
- On motion of Mr. Carruthers, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
15. **ADJOURNMENT** :—Mr. Carruthers moved, That this House do now adjourn.
- Debate ensued.
- Question put and passed.
- The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty-eight minutes before Twelve o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

RICH'D. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 26.

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OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTIETH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 10 AUGUST, 1905.

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

QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Cataract Dam :—*Mr. Edden*, for Mr. Kelly, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What is the cost of excavation per yard for by-wash ; also cost per yard of foundations, by day-labour, at Cataract Dam ?

(2.) What price is the contractor paid per yard for masonry and excavation ?

Mr. Lee answered,—

(1.) Excavation per cubic yard for by-wash, 2s. 8½d. ; excavation per cubic yard for foundation of dam, 8s. 0¼d.

(2.) The schedule rate for excavation per cubic yard for by-wash is 6s. 3d. ; the schedule rate for excavation per cubic yard for foundation of dam is 13s. 8d. ; the schedule rates are as follow :—For hearting masonry, 16s. 4d. ; rubble masonry, 25s. 9d. The rates tendered by the Contractors for items do not necessarily represent the value of the work, as the prices for all the other items in the contract must be considered together. Owing to the excavation being the first portion of the work to be done, and there being a deal of expensive preparatory work to be carried out for which no payment would be received, and considering the risk of a flood in the foundations, tenderers would obviously keep the rate for excavation high, making a proportionate reduction in other items of their contract, and this appears to have been done in this instance.

(2.) Mining Registrar's Offices, East and West Wyalong :—*Mr. Edden*, for Mr. Kelly, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) What was the amount of business transacted at the Mining Registrar's Office for the past eighteen months at West Wyalong ?

(2.) What was the amount of business transacted at the Mining Registrar's Office for the past eighteen months at East Wyalong ?

Mr. Moore answered,—This information is being prepared, and will be furnished at the earliest moment.

(3.) Payments due to Contractors and others :—*Mr. O'Sullivan* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a number of payments to contractors and others, which should have been paid last financial year, have not yet been paid ?

(2.) Will he take steps to have these payments made as soon as possible ?

Mr. Lee answered,—

(1.) As far as I can ascertain it is not a fact.

(2.) If the Honorable Member will supply particulars of specific cases no delay in payment will take place.

(4.) Amended Gaming Bill :—*Mr. Walter Anderson* asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—In view of the decision of the High Court, stating the sale of lottery tickets to be legal, and the consequent alarming growth of betting shops in the suburbs, will he inform the House when it is his intention to introduce the Amended Gaming Bill ?

Mr. Wade answered,—I hope to be able to introduce this Bill next week.

(5.) W. J. Forster's Conditional Leases, Bellingen and Grafton Land Districts,—*Mr. Briner* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) How many conditional leases are held by W. J. Forster in the Bellingen and Grafton land districts ?

(2.) What was the date in each case of (a) application, (b) confirmation ?

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- (3.) What was the area and the annual rent in each case?
- (4.) How long did Forster pay rent before falling into arrears?
- (5.) Were the leases not rendered liable to forfeiture for non-payment of rent and non-fulfilment of improvement conditions?
- (6.) Were the leases forfeited, and the name of W. J. Forster taken off the charted maps?
- (7.) When were the leases restored, and on what grounds?
- (8.) Is it not a fact the leases were shown on the maps as Crown lands for some years, and did not timber-getters operate there, paying license and royalty?
- (9.) Is it not a fact that when the leases were reinstated in the name of Forster, he refused to allow men to remove timber on which they had paid royalty?
- (10.) On whose representations were the leases restored to Forster, and who referred them to the Local Land Board recently?
- (11.) In view of petitions, letters, and telegrams from local residents, will he consider whether the requests contained therein to refer the whole matter to the Lands Commission for inquiry and report should be granted?

Mr. Ashton answered,—

- (1.) Three.
- (2.) 18,013, applied for 12th June, 1890, confirmed 13th August, 1891. 18,014, applied for 12th June, 1890, confirmed 13th August, 1891. 19,863, applied for 23rd January, 1890, confirmed 17th June, 1892.
- (3.) 18,013, area 698 $\frac{3}{4}$ acres, annual rent £7 5s. 7d. 18,014, area 780 acres, annual rent £6 10s. 19,863, area 640 acres, annual rent £8.
- (4.) Four years.
- (5.) Yes.
- (6.) Yes.
- (7.) 18,014, restored, provisionally, on 30th March, 1904; and 19,863, restored, provisionally, on the 25th July, 1900, on the ground that Mr. Forster stated that he was willing to pay up all arrears and carry out the improvement condition. No. 18,013 has not been restored.
- (8.) 18,013 stands forfeited since 28th October, 1896. 18,014 stood forfeited from 28th October, 1896, to 30th March, 1904. 19,863 stood forfeited from 21st August, 1897, to 25th July, 1900. In February last timber-cutters holding licenses were fined at the instance of Mr. Forster for cutting timber on the lands, but they did not claim that licenses were held by them to cut on his lands, whose boundaries they illegally crossed.
- (9.) See answer to No. 8.
- (10.) The leases have not yet been restored. I authorised the recent inquiries, but the Local Land Board's reports have not yet been considered by me.
- (11.) At present I see nothing in the case to refer to the Royal Commission. That question, perhaps, may be again raised after I have given my decision.

(6.) Bellingen Land Board :—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) When does he propose to fill the vacancy on the Bellingen Land Board?
- (2.) In view of the repeated representations made by the Member for Raleigh, to the effect that the Nambucca portion of the district has for eight or nine months been without a representative on the Board, will he state the cause of the delay?
- (3.) Will he lay all the papers in connection with the matter upon the Table of this House as soon as the vacancy has been filled?

Mr. Ashton answered,—

- (1.) On receipt of a report asked for from the Chief Inspector, now visiting the district.
- (2.) Owing to conflicting reports as to relative eligibility of candidates.
- (3.) Yes, if moved for in the usual way, except in the case of any reports that should properly be treated as confidential.

(7.) Land for settlement, Therribri Holding :—Mr. Collins asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is he aware that an area of 17,560 acres of land on Therribri, which was set apart for conditional purchase or conditional lease on 24th June, 1905, was revoked without notice to intending applicants, on 26th July, 1905, and made available on the same day for original conditional purchase only?
- (2.) Is he also aware that such action has deprived several *bonâ fide* settlers, who have been living on an insufficient area in close proximity to these lands for many years, of making up their holdings to a living area?
- (3.) What was his reason for taking such action, and will he take immediate steps to remedy this apparent injustice as far as the law will permit him?

Mr. Ashton answered,—

- (1.) An area of 17,560 acres (part of an area of 20,107 acres on Therribri Holding, notified to be available for conditional purchase or conditional lease on Thursday, 27th July, 1905) was notified on 26th July, 1905, for original conditional purchase only; notice was given to the Crown Land Agent on Friday, 21st July, 1905. That Officer, by memorandum of 22nd July, 1905, stated that he had posted a notice outside his office, had informed the local press, and sent a memorandum for exhibition at the Post Office, Boggabri.
- (2.) No official information to this effect was received, but the Honorable Member has so informed me.
- (3.) The local officers being of opinion that an area of 2,547 acres would be sufficient to permit of extension of small holdings in the vicinity, the remainder of the area was set apart for original conditional purchase; but, owing to representations since made, it has been decided to renotify that area for conditional purchase or conditional lease, to become available on Thursday, 17th August,

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1905. An advertisement to this effect will appear in the Narrabri (2) and Boggabri (1) newspapers. I may add that the trouble in this case has been occasioned by my desire to make the bulk of the land available for new settlement only. Section 3 of the Crown Lands Act Amendment Act, 1903, does not, however, permit of land being made available as conditional purchases and conditional leases for original applicants only.

(8.) Mr. Houston, late Under Secretary for Lands, and Mr. Houston, Secretary to the Lands Commission:—*Mr. Estell*, for Mr. Kelly, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) On what date was Mr. Houston appointed Under Secretary for Lands?
- (2.) Who was Minister for Lands?
- (3.) When did Mr. Houston cease to act as Under Secretary?
- (4.) How many applications for improvement leases were received while Mr. Houston was Under Secretary, and how many were finally dealt with?
- (5.) The like information with regard to exchanges?
- (6.) What position in the Public Service does Mr. Houston, Secretary to the Lands Commission, hold?
- (7.) What is his salary?
- (8.) Has he been absent from his duty as Secretary any day since the Commission has been sitting?

Mr. Ashton answered,—

- (1.) 7th January, 1890.
- (2.) The Honorable James N. Brunker.
- (3.) On the 23rd November, 1899, when he was appointed Deputy Member of the Public Service Board.
- (4 and 5.) The information will be included in the returns now being prepared in response to the request of the Honorable Member for Northumberland, but cannot be furnished at the present time.
- (6.) Clerk in the Civil Law Branch of the Crown Solicitor's Office.
- (7.) £250 per annum.
- (8.) I am in receipt of the following letter from the Secretary of the Royal Commission on this point:—

“ Dear Mr. Ashton,

Lands Department, Sydney, 10th August, 1905.

“ In answer to Question No. 8 of the Questions numbered 8 on the Business Paper of the Legislative Assembly for to-day, I beg to notify you, with the concurrence of His Honor, Mr. Justice Owen, that I have not been absent from my duty as Secretary any day since the Commission has been sitting; but I was absent from my position of Secretary to the Commission for half an hour on Friday, the 4th instant.

“ In addition, I desire to say that since my appointment as Secretary on the 1st May last I have worked for the Commission during portion of every Sunday, with one exception, and throughout the whole of both Government holidays which have occurred within that period, as well as during a great number of evenings until late hours.

“ Since my appointment as Secretary to the Commission I have worked beyond the hours prescribed for the public service, approximately 300 hours.

“ Yours faithfully,

“ J. W. H. HOUSTON,

“ Secretary, Royal Commission of Inquiry, Lands Department Administration.

“ The Honorable James Ashton, Esq., M.L.A., Minister for Lands.”

2. REFUSAL OF THE PHARMACY BOARD TO REGISTER MR. WALTER TRAFFORD:—Mr. Dick presented a Petition from A. Forster, Registrar of the Pharmacy Board, representing that the House had appointed a Select Committee to inquire into and report upon the refusal of the Pharmacy Board of New South Wales to register Mr. Walter Trafford as a Pharmacist, and praying to be represented by Council or Attorney, or in person, before such Committee, with the right to call, examine, and cross-examine witnesses.

Petition received.

Ordered to be referred to the Select Committee.

3. PAPERS:—

Mr. Hogue laid upon the Table,—

(1.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Bourke, under the Nuisances Prevention Act, 1897, and the Public Health (Night-soil Removal) Act, 1902.

(2.) Report of the Board of Health on a Fourth Outbreak of Plague at Sydney, 1904.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Ashton laid upon the Table,—Return of Leases granted under the provisions of section 18 of the Crown Lands Act Amendment Act, 1903.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

4. LOCAL GOVERNMENT EXTENSION BILL:—Mr. Carruthers, pursuant to leave granted on the 9th August, 1905, presented a Bill, intituled “ *A Bill for the better government of Municipalities and Shires, and the establishment and government of Greater Sydney and Greater Newcastle; for those purposes to amend, extend, and repeal certain Acts, and to apply the provisions of the Local Government (Shires) Act, 1905, to Municipalities; and for other purposes,* ”—which was read a first time. Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 24th August.

5. PRINTING COMMITTEE:—Mr. McFarlane, as Chairman, brought up the Sixth Report from the Printing Committee.

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6. **FORFEITURE AND VALIDATION OF LEASES BILL** (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Wade, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Wade then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to grant relief against the exercise of rights of re-entry and forfeiture under leases, and against defects invalidating certain leases; to amend the Forfeiture of Leases Act of 1901; 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 grant relief against the exercise of rights of re-entry and forfeiture under leases, and against defects invalidating certain leases; to amend the Forfeiture of Leases Act of 1901; and for other purposes,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 10th August, 1905.*
7. **WOLLONGONG HARBOUR TRUST RESUMPTION BILL** (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Lee, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Lee then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to vest the lands of the Wollongong Harbour Trust in His Majesty; to provide that such lands may be dealt with as Crown Lands; to repeal the Wollongong Harbour Trust Act, 1889; 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 vest the lands of the Wollongong Harbour Trust in His Majesty; to provide that such lands may be dealt with as Crown lands; to repeal the Wollongong Harbour Trust Act, 1889; and for other purposes,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.
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8. **OBSERVATORY HILL LANDS LEASING BILL** (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Carruthers, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Carruthers then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to authorise the leasing of certain resumed lands situate at Observatory Hill; to amend the Darling Harbour Wharves Resumption Act, 1900; and for other purposes.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message :—
MR. PRESIDENT,—
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorise the leasing of certain resumed lands situate at Observatory Hill; to amend the Darling Harbour Wharves Resumption Act, 1900; and for other purposes,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 10th August, 1905.*
9. **MOSS VALE CATTLE SALE-YARDS BILL** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Cohen moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That the Moss Vale Cattle Sale-yards Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Hogue, Mr. Henley, Mr. John Hurley, Mr. McFarlane, Mr. Fallick, Mr. Jones, Mr. Dacey, Mr. Estell, Mr. Nielsen, and the Mover.
Question put and passed.
10. **SUPERANNUATION FUND** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Broughton moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—
(1.) The names of public servants who called off the Superannuation Fund in the year 1896 and were dismissed the same year.
(2.) The length of service in each case.
(3.) The annual salary they were in receipt of at the time of such dismissal.
(4.) The names of all who called off the fund up to the date of this return still in the Service or transferred to the Federal Government.
(5.) The names of the respective Departments to which they are attached or were attached at the transfer.
(6.) The amount of refund in each case now bearing interest at the rate of 3 per cent. per annum.
(7.) The amount of gratuity paid or to be paid in each case.
Question put and passed.
11. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT (SHIRES) BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Carruthers, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—
And the Question being again proposed,—
The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.
Mr. Fallick moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until Wednesday next.

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12. LIQUOR (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Wade, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the law relating to the supply of intoxicating liquor; to regulate the supply of liquor by clubs and co-operative societies; to make better provision for the exercise of local option with regard to the supply of intoxicating liquor; to amend the Liquor Act, 1898; and for other purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported a Point of Order from the Committee, and obtained leave to sit again so soon as the Point of Order had been decided by the House.

Point of Order:—The Chairman stated that an amendment having been moved to insert certain words in the resolution, the Chairman ruled that the only question before the Committee was such amendment as it affected the resolution, and that an Honorable Member could not speak to the original resolution until the amendment was decided.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker sustained the ruling of the Chairman.

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Carruthers, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the Committee resumed.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman 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:—

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to amend the law relating to the supply of intoxicating liquor; to regulate the supply of liquor by clubs and co-operative societies; to make better provision for the exercise of local option with regard to the supply of intoxicating liquor; to amend the Liquor Act, 1898; and for other purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.

Mr. Wade then moved, That the resolution be read a second time.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 35.

Mr. Lee,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Miller,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Wood,	Mr. Walter Anderson,
Mr. Wade,	Mr. Charlton,
Mr. Creswell,	Mr. Dick,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Morton,
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Mackenzie,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. R. J. Anderson,
Mr. Hindmarsh,	Mr. Henley,
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Estell,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. Fell,
Mr. Law,	Mr. Gardiner.
Mr. Latimer,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Ashton,	Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Booth.
Mr. Gillies,	
Mr. McCoy,	

Noes, 10.

Mr. Hollis,
Mr. Sullivan,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. McNeill,
Mr. Nielsen,
Mr. Holman,
Mr. Meehan,
Mr. W. W. Young.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Scobie.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Wade the resolution was then agreed to.

13. CRIMES (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the day having been read,—Mr. Wade moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until Wednesday next.

14. NEW SOUTH WALES INSTITUTION FOR THE DEAF AND DUMB AND THE BLIND INCORPORATION BILL. The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Mackenzie moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Mackenzie, *passed*.

Mr. Mackenzie then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to incorporate and otherwise promote the objects of the New South Wales Institution for the Deaf and Dumb and the Blind.*"

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 incorporate and otherwise promote the objects of the New South Wales Institution for the Deaf and Dumb and the Blind,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Assembly requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

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NEW SOUTH WALES INSTITUTION FOR THE DEAF AND DUMB AND THE BLIND INCORPORATION BILL.
Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 11th August, 1905, A.M.

—————
 RICHD. A. ARNOLD,

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

Page 5, clause 16, line 12. *After* "contributions" *insert* "provided that any person or organisation
 "contributing twenty shillings or more shall have only one vote in connection with the
 "Election of Directors at the Annual General Meeting"

Page 5, clause 16, line 18. *After* "Provided" *insert* "further"

Examined,—

W. H. WOOD,

Chairman of Committees.

The House adjourned, at twenty-two minutes before Two o'clock, a.m., until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

W. H. WOOD,

Deputy Speaker.

New South Wales.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTIETH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 15 AUGUST, 1905.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.

ABSENCE OF MR. SPEAKER:—The Clerk informed the House that Mr. Speaker was unavoidably absent, and read the following letter from him:—

“ Dear Mr. Arnold, Ranelagh, Darling Point, 15th August, 1905.
 “ I have been confined to bed since Friday with a severe attack of bronchitis and pleurisy,
 “ and to-day am far from well. I trust, therefore, the House will excuse my non-attendance to-day.
“ Yours truly,
 “ W. McCourt.”

Whereupon the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy-Speaker, pursuant to the 22nd Standing Order of the House.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Mount Kembla Relief Fund, Art Union:—Mr. Henley asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Was an Art Union authorised by a previous Attorney-General in connection with the Mount Kembla Relief Fund?
- (2.) If so, what are the names of the persons who obtained permission?
- (3.) What was the amount and nature of the prizes offered?
- (4.) Is it a fact that 51,206 tickets were sold, and cash received for same to the amount of £2,560 6s. 2d.?
- (5.) If so, how much of the £2,560 6s. 2d. subscribed was absorbed by secretary's salary and other expenses?
- (6.) What was the name of the Secretary or Promoter, did he receive a fixed weekly salary, and what was the amount?
- (7.) Were such persons criminally prosecuted; if so, what was the verdict of the Court?
- (8.) What was the cost to the country of such prosecution?
- (9.) How much of the money subscribed went to the Mount Kembla Relief Fund?

Mr. Wade answered,—

- (1.) Yes; under the name of the “Mount Kembla Motor-car Art Union.”
- (2.) Mr. J. A. Daley.
- (3.) Four automobile carriages, stated to be worth £3,050.
- (4.) I believe so.
- (5.) The whole amount subscribed is said to have been absorbed in the purchase of the prizes and in expenses.
- (6.) Mr. J. A. Daley, who received £5 a week from 30th August, 1902, to 8th May, 1903. £180.
- (7.) Certain persons were prosecuted for conspiracy. One charge was withdrawn, and two charges were dismissed.
- (8.) £93 6s.
- (9.) Not any, so far as I know.

(2.) Licenses to Bookmakers by Proprietors of Race-courses:—*Mr. Throver*, for Mr. Sullivan, asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—In view of the strong views held by a section of the public on licensing of bookmakers, and of the fact that the legal representative of the Ministry in Victoria answered a similar question to Mr. Sullivan's of the 25th July last, will he call for a report on the right of racing clubs to license betting?

Mr. Wade answered,—I am making further inquiry.

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(3.) Burrowa Hospital :—Mr. Nielsen asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Has the subsidy for last year been paid to the Committee of the Burrowa Hospital?

(2.) If not when will it be paid?

Mr. Wade answered,—This claim was paid on the 14th instant.

(4.) Additions to Moorcliff Branch of Sydney Hospital :—Mr. Hollis asked the Colonial Secretary,—

In view of the conflicting statements made upon the subject, and its public interest and importance, will he lay upon the Table of this House an Official Report from the Board of Health upon the additions made to the Moorcliff Branch of the Sydney Hospital, and an opinion as to (a) its hygienic and sanitary conditions; (b) its general suitability for use as an hospital from a modern standpoint; (c) its special suitability or otherwise for the treatment of eye cases?

Mr. Wade answered,—The matter of the maintenance of Moorcliff is under consideration. There will be no objection to the Honorable Member seeing the latest report on the subject.

(5.) Improvement Lease 24,761, parish Waddi, county Boyd :—Mr. Scobie asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) With respect to Improvement Lease 24,761, parish Waddi, county Boyd, does he intend to grant same to Mr. Duncan Fraser, as approved of by Narrandera Land Board, or will he make it available for original and additional applications?

(2.) Is he aware that there is a great demand for land in this part of The Murray electorate?

(3.) How many acres of land does this Mr. Fraser now possess?

Mr. Ashton answered,—

(1.) The Land Board did not recommend that the land be granted to Mr. Duncan Fraser, but merely that it be "offered" for public competition (either by auction or tender) as an improvement lease. The question is now under consideration as to whether the land should be offered as improvement leases in limited areas, with a condition restricting any person from holding more than one lease.

(2.) The District Surveyor reports that a great demand exists for land in the vicinity of the subject reserve, which, however, he thinks, in the interests of timber conservation, should not be revoked.

(3.) Mr. Fraser, in his evidence before the Board at Narrandera, on the 5th November, 1904, stated that he owned about 3,000 acres.

(6.) Coff's Harbour and Woolgoolga Jetties :—Mr. Briner asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it proposed to lease the jetties at Coff's Harbour and Woolgoolga; if so, will the producers and shippers be compelled to pay outward dues as well as harbour rates in Sydney; also dues on anything landed on the jetties named?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—It is not proposed to lease the jetties at Coff's Harbour and Woolgoolga. It has already been decided that where outward wharfage dues have been paid upon goods shipped from either of these ports, and inward wharfage dues are again charged on the same goods on being landed at Sydney, the outward wharfage paid at the port of shipment shall be refunded.

3. INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION ACT :—Mr. Charlton presented a Petition from certain workmen in New South Wales representing that it is in the interests and well-being of the workmen that Solicitors and Barristers should no longer be permitted to practise in the Arbitration Court; that it was never intended by the workmen that legal men should be permitted to practice other than on the lines of the New Zealand Act; that the cost of employing legal men is a serious financial burden on unions; that cases would be more expeditiously dealt with were the parties left to appoint their own representatives; and praying that the Industrial Arbitration Act be so amended that legal practitioners will be excluded from practising in the Arbitration Court.
Petition received.

4. DIOCESE OF GOULBURN CHURCH LAND SALE BILL :—Mr. Ashton presented a Petition from the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Goulburn, in the State of New South Wales, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Goulburn, as trustee of certain parcels of land, situate in the county of Argyle, held upon certain trusts connected with the Church of England, in the Diocese of Goulburn, to sell the said lands to provide for the application of the proceeds thereof, and for other purposes in connection therewith.

And Mr. Ashton, having produced the *Government Gazette*, the *Goulburn Penny Post*, the *Goulburn Herald*, the *Sydney Morning Herald*, and the *Daily Telegraph*, newspapers containing the notices required by the 396th Standing Order,—
Petition received.

5. PAPERS :—Mr. Carruthers laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Minutes by the Railway Commissioners in regard to the amended tender from the Clyde Engineering Company for the local manufacture of Locomotives.

(2.) Further correspondence between the Commonwealth Government and the Government of New South Wales respecting the Federal Capital Site, and the residence of the Governor-General in New South Wales. (In supplementation of the correspondence and papers on these matters laid upon the Table on the 11th July, and 1st August, 1905.)

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

6. HABITUAL CRIMINALS BILL :—Mr. Wade, pursuant to leave granted on the 9th August, 1905, presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to provide for the detention and control of habitual criminals*,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

7. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Tamworth Show-ground (Amendment) Bill postponed until To-morrow.

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8. CASES OF GEORGE BULFIN AND WILLIAM WEBBER, CALLAN PARK AND RYDALMERE ASYLUMS:—
Mr. Thrower moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) "That" a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the alleged wrongful dismissal of George Bulfin and William Webber, from the Callan Park and Rydalmerc Asylums respectively.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Hogue, Mr. McGarry, Mr. Law, Mr. Walter Anderson, Mr. Jessep, Mr. W. W. Young, Mr. Moxham, Mr. Hollis, and the Mover.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Fegan moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the first word "That" and inserting the words "the cases of the dismissal of George Bulfin and William Webber" be referred to the Public Service Board for inquiry and report,"—instead thereof.

Debate continued.

Point of Order:—Mr. Jessep submitted that the amendment was not relevant to the motion.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker ruled that the amendment was relevant and in order.

Debate continued.

Question put,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question.

The House divided.

Ayes, 18.

Mr. J. H. Young,	Mr. W. W. Young,
Mr. Latimer,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Estell,	Mr. Charlton,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Gardiner,	Mr. Law.
Mr. Macdonell,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hollis,	
Mr. Thrower,	Mr. Levy,
Mr. Briner,	Mr. Booth.
Mr. Meehan,	
Mr. McGarry,	

Noes, 20.

Mr. Hindmarsh,	Mr. Mahony,
Mr. Alan Millard,	Mr. Creswell,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. John Hurley,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Downes,	Mr. Reynoldson,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Henley,
Mr. Dick,	Mr. W. Millard.
Mr. Moxham,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Crick,	
Mr. Jessep,	Mr. Morton,
Mr. O'Conor,	Mr. R. J. Anderson.

And so it passed in the negative.

Question then,—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted.

The House divided.

Ayes, 19.

Mr. Dick,	Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Morton,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Booth,	Mr. W. W. Young,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Gardiner,	Mr. Charlton.
Mr. Macdonell,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hollis,	
Mr. Thrower,	Mr. Estell,
Mr. Briner,	Mr. Law.
Mr. Meehan,	

Noes, 19.

Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. J. H. Young,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Alan Millard,	Mr. Henley,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Reynoldson,
Mr. Downes,	Mr. Levy,
Mr. Moxham,	Mr. John Hurley.
Mr. Crick,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. O'Conor,	
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Jessep,
Mr. Creswell,	Mr. Hindmarsh.
Mr. R. J. Anderson,	

The numbers being equal, Mr. Deputy-Speaker, stating that he would be guided by the usual practice and vote in favour of further consideration, gave his casting vote with the *Ayes*, and declared the Question to have been resolved in the *affirmative*.

Question as amended—That the cases of the dismissal of George Bulfin and William Webber be referred to the Public Service Board for inquiry and report—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 21.

Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Law,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. R. J. Anderson,
Mr. Alan Millard,	Mr. Charlton,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Booth,	Mr. W. W. Young,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Dick,	Mr. Morton.
Mr. Estell,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Macdonell,	
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Meehan,
Mr. Thrower,	Mr. Gardiner.
Mr. Briner,	

Noes, 16.

Mr. Hindmarsh,	Mr. Downes,
Mr. J. H. Young,	Mr. Nobbs.
Mr. Moxham,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Crick,	
Mr. O'Conor,	Mr. Jessep,
Mr. Creswell,	Mr. Mahony.
Mr. Latimer,	
Mr. W. Millard,	
Mr. Henley,	
Mr. Reynoldson,	
Mr. Levy,	
Mr. John Hurley,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

9. EMPIRE DAY:—Mr. Henley moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House,—

(1.) The nearest Monday to the "24th day of May," be hereafter fixed and proclaimed a Public Holiday in perpetuity—To be known as "Empire Day" to fitly commemorate the memory of our late beloved Queen Victoria, and in honor of the birthday of the heir apparent, the Prince of Wales.

(2.) The holiday formerly held on the 3rd day of June, and known as Prince of Wales' Birthday, be hereafter discontinued as a Public Holiday.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Jessep moved, That the Question be now put.

Question put—That the Question be now put—and voices given,—

Mr. Deputy-Speaker stated his opinion that the *Noes* had it.

Whereupon

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Whereupon, Division called for, and Mr. Speaker having in accordance with Standing Order No. 213, directed the Members to take their seats to the right and left of the Chair respectively, declared the determination of the House to be in the *Negative*, as there were only three Members in the minority who had challenged his decision.

The following are the names of the Members in the minority, viz. :—Mr. Crick, Mr. Jessep, and Mr. Alan Millard.

Debate continued.

Mr. Crick moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out the words "24th day of May," and inserting the words "12th day of July" instead thereof.

Debate continued.

Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker counted the House, and there being only Nineteen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Deputy-Speaker, namely :—Mr. R. J. Anderson, Mr. Walter Anderson, Mr. Booth, Mr. Briner, Mr. Charlton, Mr. Downes, Mr. Henley, Mr. Jessep, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Latimer, Mr. Law, Mr. Lee, Mr. Levy, Mr. W. Millard, Mr. Moore, Mr. Nobbs, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Storey, and Mr. W. W. Young,—

Mr. Deputy-Speaker adjourned the House, at half-past Nine o'clock, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

W. H. WOOD,
Deputy Speaker.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTIETH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 16 AUGUST, 1905.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.

ABSENCE OF MR. SPEAKER:—The Clerk informed the House that Mr. Speaker was still unavoidably absent, in consequence of illness.

Whereupon the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy-Speaker, pursuant to the 22nd Standing Order of the House.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) *Brewers' Bills of Sale*:—*Mr. Thrower*, for *Mr. Sullivan*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he bring in a short Bill, at his earliest convenience, to provide that when all principal and interest moneys are paid or tendered under a brewer's bill of sale that the bond to trade with that particular brewer be cancelled, and that the lease of the premises be handed over to the mortgagor?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—I do not propose to deal with this matter this Session, as the work before the House and the Government is already sufficiently heavy. I would recommend the Honorable Member to take the subject up himself.

(2.) *Inducements to Immigrants*:—*Dr. Arthur* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Will he state what inducements are being held out by the Agent-General in London to persuade immigrants to come to New South Wales?

(2.) Is he aware if any of the large number of desirable settlers with capital who were making inquiries of the Agent-General about New South Wales, have as yet started for Australia?

(3.) Is he prepared to follow the example of Canada, and offer a free grant of land to any desirable immigrant?

(4.) Is he prepared to follow the example of New Zealand, and place a sum on the next Estimates for the purpose of giving free or assisted passages to desirable immigrants?

(5.) Will he, at the next Conference of the State Premiers, propose that combined action be taken by the States to encourage immigration?

(6.) Will he give encouragement and facilities to private individuals or organisations that may assist them in introducing immigrants?

(7.) For this purpose will he approach the Federal Government, and endeavour to obtain a guarantee that in the case of white agricultural settlers entering New South Wales the provisions of the Immigrant Restriction Act, as to contract-labour, will not be enforced?

(8.) Will he cause inquiries to be made as to the truth of the statement that numbers of New South Wales farmers are leaving the State for Canada?

(9.) What number of immigrants from outside Australia or New Zealand have come into the State during the last two years and settled on the land?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

(1.) The primary resources of the State are being advertised by lectures and exhibitions. Other steps will follow as the organisation of the Intelligence Department becomes more complete.

(2.) Not aware.

(3.) No.

(4.) The matter is engaging attention.

(5.) The suggestion will receive due consideration.

(6.) Yes; every legitimate encouragement and facility.

(7.) Representation will be made to the Federal Government.

(8.) The migration returns do not distinguish the professions or callings of persons arriving and departing. It is difficult, in fact, almost impossible, to obtain reliable information regarding such.

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During 1904 the excess of departures over arrivals from Canada was 660, and during the first six months of 1905, 590. These include persons of both sexes and of all ages and callings. Probably a considerable number of them are persons (tourists and others) travelling to Europe *via* Canada.

(9.) It is not possible to say. During 1904 the arrivals in New South Wales from countries beyond Australia were 30,068, and the departures 27,735, the excess of arrivals being 2,333. During the first six months of 1905 the figures were—arrivals, 16,026; departures, 15,507; excess of arrivals, 519. I should like to add that to-day I received a letter from Mr. Coghlan, the Acting Agent-General, to the effect that he already had a considerable list of most desirable immigrant settlers, and the lowest amount possessed by any of them was £500. It appears they were ready to start for this State, and desired that upon arrival they should not be disappointed with regard to the land. They knew the particulars, and were ready to take up land of such a character as had been opened by the Government at Myall Creek. I gave directions to the Director of Intelligence, who is at the head of the Settlers' Board, to have all particulars prepared, and I have also asked the co-operation of the Minister for Lands, so that we may cable information of lands which the Government have available, and also lands under private subdivision, so that intending immigrants may know what land is available before they leave London, and the price at which it can be taken up. I therefore hope that in a few weeks we shall receive the first influx of desirable immigrants, men of experience and capital, to help us to develop the resources of this country.

(3.) Subsidies to Agricultural Societies :—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Is it true that the estimates now under consideration for the current year provide for a greatly reduced vote towards the subsidising of Agricultural Societies, and that in consequence country societies will receive nothing?

(2.) Is the subsidy for the Royal Agricultural Society to be increased or decreased?

(3.) In view of the fact that liberal subsidies to country societies tend to encourage settlement and production in the country, will he consider the advisability of providing for an increased sum on the Estimates?

Mr. Moore answered,—

(1.) No. Provision will be made for subsidies to Agricultural Societies at same rates as were paid last year, viz., 7s. 6d. in the £ on approved prizes, not to exceed 12s. 6d. in the £ on members' subscriptions.

(2.) The Royal Agricultural Society will be paid subsidy at the same rate as other societies, in accordance with the Regulations.

(3.) Answered by No. 1.

(4.) Patents for Inventions :—Mr. Estell, for Mr. Holman, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is he aware that it is impossible to ascertain who are the owners of patents for inventions in New South Wales in this State, and that it is necessary to apply at an office in Melbourne for the information?

(2.) Is he aware that it is impossible to inspect the specifications of patents for inventions of New South Wales without visiting two offices, one at Chancery Square and the other at Circular Quay?

(3.) Is he aware that a citizen is not allowed to inspect patent records of New South Wales housed at Chancery Square without first visiting the Custom House and paying a fee to the Commonwealth Government?

(4.) Is he aware that the Indexes to patent documents housed at Chancery Square are kept at the Custom House?

(5.) Will he at once take such measures as will remove the inconveniences at present experienced by those interested in patent matters?

Mr. Lee answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) Yes.

(4.) Yes.

(5.) The administration of the several States' Patents Acts having been transferred to the Commonwealth Patent Office, which is located in Melbourne, some inconvenience is inevitable. Every effort is being made to render the State Patent Records available to those interested with the least possible inconvenience.

(5.) Public Servants' Court of Appeal Bill :—Mr. Dacey asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Referring to the answer given recently to a question by Mr. Dacey, to the effect that a Bill to provide a Court of Appeal for Public Servants is now under consideration—will he state if it is proposed to pass such Bill during the present Session, so as to be available in connection with the grading now at hand—in accordance with the promise which it is understood was given to the Public Service Association?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—In connection with the proposal to establish a Court of Appeal for Public Servants, I informed a deputation from the Council of the Public Service Association in October last that a Bill dealing with the matter would be introduced during this Session. No promise was given that such Bill would provide for appeals against re-grading.

(6.) Boys employed under Railway Commissioners :—Mr. Estell, for Mr. Holman, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact, that the Railway Commissioners have engaged boys of various ages under 21 years, and required that these lads should take out a policy of insurance under the Railway Act, as a preliminary to an appointment to a permanent position in the service?

(2.) Is it true, they have now retrenched these lads, filling the vacancies with younger boys?

(3.) Do the Commissioners allow these lads a refund?

(4.) Are they entitled to any other consideration, in view of the circumstances?

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Mr. Carruthers answered,—I am informed :—

- (1.) Lads under 21 years of age are not called upon to insure unless in receipt of over 30s. a week.
- (2.) In some cases lads have been dispensed with when there were no vacancies available in adult positions, and they could not be profitably employed.
- (3.) The Railway Act makes it compulsory to insure, and does not authorise any refund of the premiums.
- (4.) Not unless there are suitable vacancies in the adult grades.

(7.) Mr. P. de L. Maitland :—Mr. Dacey asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is E. de L. Maitland a clerk in the Harbours and Rivers Department; if so, what salary does he receive?
- (2.) Is he a Trustee in connection with the Johnston Estate, Annandale, or any member of his family?
- (3.) What remuneration does he receive in regard to his Trusteeship?
- (4.) Do his duties take him away from his office in Government time?

Mr. Lee answered,—No such clerk is employed in the Harbours and Rivers Branch, or any other Branch of the Public Works Department, but it is understood that the reference is to Mr. P. de L. Maitland, an officer of the Sydney Harbour Trust, who has furnished the following replies :—

- (1.) Chief Draftsman, Survey Branch, Sydney Harbour Trust; salary, £300 per annum.
- (2.) Yes. A trustee in the estate of the late A. Johnston, also a trustee in L. Johnston's estate.
- (3.) The remuneration averages about £15 per annum—5 per cent. on the income being allowed under the will of the late A. Johnston.
- (4.) No. The only business done is simply signing about twenty cheques per annum.

(8.) Use of "Scribblers" in Public Schools :—Mr. Booth asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Is he aware that the use of "scribblers" instead of slates for all classes of school work is having a deteriorating effect on the writing in our Public Schools?
- (2.) Will he cause inquiries to be made into this matter?

Mr. O'Connor answered,—Paper is being used instead of slates in schools, the use of slates being open to objection on hygienic grounds. This change has not led to any deterioration in the character of the writing in the schools.

(9.) Housemaids employed in Metropolitan hotels :—Mr. Booth asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Is he aware that housemaids in the large Metropolitan hotels are worked unreasonably long hours?
- (2.) Is the law unable to reach this class of sweating?

Mr. O'Connor answered,—Inquiries are now being instituted.

(10.) Liverpool Asylum :—Mr. Thrower asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Who is the Officer-in-Charge of the Liverpool Asylum?
- (2.) Is it a fact that in the event of one or more consumptives being guilty of a breach of the regulations that the whole of the consumptives are punished by being locked in and prevented from taking open-air exercise?
- (3.) Will he obtain expert medical opinion upon the treatment of consumptives there?

Mr. Lee answered,—

- (1.) Dr. J. A. Beattie is the Officer-in-Charge of the Liverpool Asylum and Hospital, and has been Medical Superintendent of this Institution for nineteen years.
- (2.) It is not the fact that all consumptive patients are punished by being "locked in and prevented from taking open-air exercise" in consequence of the misconduct of one or more of their number. Owing to complaints of police officers and several of the residents as to the presence in the streets and at the public-houses of these patients in an intoxicated condition, on Sundays, it has been found desirable to forbid them wandering about the town and railway-station, and on two or three occasions to restrict their peregrinations to the recreation ground specially provided for consumptives.
- (3.) There is no necessity for this course.

(11.) Cattle Slaughtering and Diseased Animals and Meat Act :—Mr. Briner asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is he aware that under the existing law a man may be prosecuted for selling a diseased beast, even though he may not have known that any disease existed and may have refunded the purchase money to the buyer when satisfied of the facts?
- (2.) Will he take steps as early as possible to have the Act amended so as to prevent harsh prosecutions in such cases?

Mr. Lee answered,—No. The standing direction to persons authorised to take action under the Cattle Slaughtering and Diseased Animals and Meat Act, issued by authority of the Board of Health, runs as follows :—"Prosecutions for consigning diseased cattle for sale should only be undertaken when disease is evident to any ordinarily careful grazier or butcher."

(12.) Dorrigo Land for Settlement :—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) How many surveyors are engaged in designing blocks at Dorrigo for early settlement?
- (2.) Will the land be made available for conditional purchase, or for homestead selection, or will the applicants have the choice of tenure?
- (3.) How does he propose to deal with the marketable timber, if any, on the land?
- (4.) Will roads of access be formed and put into good condition before the land is made available, and have any instructions been issued in this direction?
- (5.) When is it probable that the land will be available for settlement?

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Mr. Ashton answered,—

- (1.) Five.
- (2 and 3.) This will be decided upon completion of survey and receipt of District Surveyor's report.
- (4.) A road from Coramba to Dorrigo is now being formed.
- (5.) The District Surveyor has been asked by telegram for a reply which, on receipt, will be furnished to the Honorable Member.

- (13.) Foreign Life Assurance Companies :—Mr. Levy asked the Colonial Treasurer,—In view of the disclosures made in the Press as to the gross mismanagement and misapplication of the funds of a large foreign life assurance company, and considering the total absence of protection to New South Wales insurers in this and other foreign life assurance companies, will he consider the advisableness of introducing legislation to protect such insurers in this State, as has been done in all the other Australian States?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—The matter will receive consideration.

- (14.) Mildura-Yelta-Wentworth Railway Proposal :—Mr. Scobie asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Referring to the Mildura-Yelta-Wentworth railway, when does he propose submitting this work to the Public Works Committee for inquiry and report?

Mr. Lee answered,—This matter is under consideration.

- (15.) Royal Commission of Inquiry into the Administration of the Lands Department :—Mr. Kelly asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) In view of the fact that Mr. Houston, father of the Secretary to the Lands Commission, was Under Secretary during the administration of Messrs. Brunner, Copeland, Carruthers, Young, and part of that of Mr. Hassall, does he consider it desirable he should act as Secretary while investigation of these administrations are under review?
- (2.) Can he state how many exchanges came before Mr. Crick, and how many were dealt with before his time?
- (3.) Will he explain how it is that, while it was considered necessary to obtain the services of our most able Judge to act as Commissioner, it was considered sufficient to appoint as Secretary a clerk whose services are only estimated as worth £5 per week?

Mr. Ashton answered,—

- (1.) His Honor Mr. Justice Owen, who is conducting the inquiry and to whom this question has been referred, informs me that he is more than satisfied with the way in which Mr. Houston, junior, is doing his work as Secretary, and is of opinion that any change in the direction of superseding Mr. Houston would be prejudicial to the Commission's work. In the circumstances I cannot see my way to suggest any alteration of existing arrangements.
- (2.) The information will be included in the returns now being prepared in response to the request of the Honorable Member for Northumberland, but cannot be furnished at the present time.
- (3.) Copies of the papers in connection with Mr. Houston's appointment will be presently laid upon the Table of this House.

- (16.) Inventions by Railway Employees :—Mr. Fegan asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Have any regulations been issued by the Railway Commissioners in connection with protecting inventions brought out by their employees?
- (2.) If so, will he lay upon the Table of this House copies of such regulations?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—I am informed that there are no regulations nor are any necessary. It is quite open to the employees to patent any invention. In connection with inventions of merit the Commissioners would be glad to give any reasonable encouragement.

3. PAPERS :—

Mr. Ashton laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.
 - (2.) Abstract of Alterations of Designs of Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.
 - (3.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from Sale for the Preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.
 - (4.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorised to be dedicated to Public Purposes, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.
 - (5.) *Gazette* Notice setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the Dedication of certain Lands, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884 and the Public Trusts Act, 1897.
 - (6.) Correspondence respecting the appointment of Secretary and Shorthand Writer to the Royal Commission on Lands Administration.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. O'Connor laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Report of the Trustees of the Sydney Grammar School, for the year 1904.
 - (2.) Report of the Superintendent of the Carpenterian Reformatory, for the year 1904.
 - (3.) Report of the Superintendent of the Industrial School for Girls, Parramatta, for the year 1904.
 - (4.) Report of the Nautical School-ship "Sobraon," for the year ended 30th April, 1905.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Moore laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order, made on 29th June, 1905,—“Application of “R. D. Barry for land under the Mining Act.—Mineral Lease Applications by the Bellambi Coal “Company.”

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

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4. NEW SOUTH WALES INSTITUTION FOR THE DEAF AND DUMB AND THE BLIND INCORPORATION 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 incorporate and otherwise promote the objects of the New South Wales Institution for the Deaf and Dumb and the Blind.*"

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 16th August, 1905.

F. B. SUTTON,

President.

5. DIOCESE OF GOULBURN CHURCH LAND SALE BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Ashton moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Goulburn, as trustee of certain parcels of land situate in the county of Argyle, held upon certain trusts connected with the Church of England in the Diocese of Goulburn, to sell the said lands; to provide for the application of the proceeds thereof; and for other purposes in connection therewith.
Question put and passed.
6. CRIMES (AMENDMENT) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Wade, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—
The Question was again proposed.—
And the Debate not being resumed,—
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Wade, 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. Jessep, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Wade, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
7. DISTRICT COURTS (AMENDMENT) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Wade moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 35.

Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Law,
Mr. Ashton,	Mr. Mackenzie,
Mr. Wade,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. Creswell,	Mr. Downes,
Mr. Broughton,	Mr. R. J. Anderson,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Davidson,
Mr. Kearney,	Mr. Fallick,
Mr. Fleming,	Mr. Henley,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Walter Anderson,
Mr. Dick,	Mr. Caun,
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Oakes,
Mr. McCoy,	Mr. W. Millard.
Mr. O'Connor,	
Mr. Booth,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hindmarsh,	Mr. Levy,
Mr. Morton,	Mr. John Hurley.
Mr. Cohen,	
Mr. Levien,	
Mr. Perry (<i>L'pool Plains</i>),	
Mr. Latimer,	
Mr. Donaldson,	

Noes, 19.

Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Charlton,
Mr. Macdonell,
Mr. Thrower,
Mr. Dacey,
Mr. Scobie,
Mr. McNeill,
Mr. Sullivan,
Mr. Estell,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Hollis,
Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. McLaurin,
Mr. Meehan,
Mr. Gardiner.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Daley,
Mr. Briner.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Wade, 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. Latimer, Temporary Chairman, reported progress and obtained leave to sit again To-morrow.

8. TAMWORTH SHOW-GROUND (AMENDMENT) 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. 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. Latimer, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Levien, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
9. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Ashton moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at ten minutes before Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

W. H. WOOD,
Deputy Speaker.



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1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.

ABSENCE OF MR. SPEAKER :—The Clerk informed the House that Mr. Speaker was still unavoidably absent, in consequence of illness.

Whereupon the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy-Speaker, pursuant to the 22nd Standing Order of the House.

2. ELECTORATE OF ASHFIELD :—Mr. Deputy-Speaker informed the House, that upon the passing of the Resolution of the 3rd August, 1905, declaring the Seat of Frederick Earle Winchcombe, Esquire, vacant, Mr. Speaker had issued a Writ for the Election of a Member to serve in the room of Mr. Winchcombe; and that such Writ had been duly returned, with a Certificate endorsed thereon by the Returning Officer of the election of William Elliott Veitch Robson, Esquire, to serve as Member for the Electoral District of Ashfield.

3. QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Tramway Officials :—*Mr. Kelly*, for Mr. Sullivan, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) How many superintendents, inspectors, deputy-inspectors, overseers, ticket examiners, and inspectors of traffic are there in the Tram service?

(2.) What is their total wage per year?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—Traffic Branch, Tramways :—1 Superintendent, £500 per annum; 1 Assistant Superintendent, £500 per annum; 18 Inspectors, £4,008 10s.; 15 Deputy-Inspectors (Sub-Inspectors) £2,522; 30 Ticket Examiners, £4,433; 15 Overseers (Foremen), £2,569 10s.; total, 80—£14,833. This includes City and Suburban, Newcastle, Broken Hill, Ashfield-Enfield-Burwood-Mortlake, Baulkham Hills, Sans Souci, and Manly Tramway Systems. Compared with the total staff employed in the Traffic Branch of the Tramways, the Supervising Staff is very small, forming only 3·37 per cent., and the expenditure in wages and salaries for the Supervising Staff is only 5 per cent. of the total, and only 1·82 per cent. compared with the tramway revenue.

(2.) Port Kembla Coal and Oil Company's Act :—*Mr. Gillies*, for Dr. Arthur, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to submit a Bill during the present Session for repeal of the Port Kembla Coal and Oil Company's Act before continuing expenditure in harbour works at Kembla?

(2.) What balance of £200,000, authorised for expenditure in harbour works, remains unexpended?

(3.) What is the total sum of claims for compensation for lands, jetties, and way-leave rights, &c., under the Port Kembla Coal and Oil Company's Private Act, assented to 23rd March, 1881?

(4.) Are the matters referred to in answer to Question 2, Sub-questions 2 and 3, *Votes and Proceedings* No. 41, 7th December, 1904, still *sub judice*?

Mr. Lee answered,—

(1.) It is not intended to submit a Bill to repeal the Mount Kembla Coal and Oil Company's Railway Act of 1881, as the Company are still carrying on operations on the unresumed portion of their line.

(2.) £95,053 4s. 1d.

(3.) The cases are still *sub judice*.

(4.) Yes.

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- (3.) Construction of Bridge over Upper Coldstream, between Ulmarra and Tucabia :—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is he aware that repeated representations have been made for years past by the members for The Clarence and Raleigh urging the construction of a bridge over the Upper Coldstream between Ulmarra and Tucabia ?
 - (2.) Is he aware that the bridge would be a great convenience to ordinary traffic, and that it would also provide a means of escape for thousands of stock in times of flood, in a most important dairying district of the Clarence ; and if so, will he provide for the construction of the bridge at an early date ?
- Mr. Lee answered,—
- (1.) I understand representations have been made.
 - (2.) The papers urging the erection of the bridge are with the local officer at present. When they are returned I will have the matter looked into, and inform the Honorable Member what is proposed to be done.
- (4.) Macleay Swamps :—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it intended to carry out the scheme of draining the Macleay Swamps ; and, if so, when is the work likely to be undertaken ?
- Mr. Lee answered,—It is proposed to subdivide these swamps into Trust Districts for drainage purposes, and it is anticipated that the services of an officer will be available to undertake the preparation of the Trust proposals in two months' time.
- (5.) Entrances to Coastal Rivers :—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that a trial was made some time ago of an appliance for clearing the entrances to coastal rivers ?
 - (2.) Did Mr. Booth, of the Public Works Department, report upon the matter on 1st June, 1905.
 - (3.) Was not a copy of Mr. Booth's report, accompanied by a letter (05/2,119—16, H. & R.), supplied to Messrs. Jennings and Macquarie, the patentees of the appliance ?
 - (4.) Is he prepared to grant the use of the dredge *Theta* (now lying in Macleay River) for a further test of Messrs. Jennings and Macquarie's invention, the *Theta* being alleged to be more suitable for the work than the *Antleon* ?
- Mr. Lee answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) No ; but Mr. Howarth did.
 - (3.) A copy of Mr. Howarth's report was supplied to Messrs. Jennings and Macquarie.
 - (4.) No ; because the application of jet-erosion gear to the *Theta* for the purpose of further testing that method of deepening bars does not commend itself, owing to the fact that the dredge in question is only suitable for work in smooth waters.
- (6.) Diminution of the Birth-rate :—Mr. Kelly asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—Is it a fact that the Royal Commission on the birth-rate question, supplied the Crown Law authorities with a confidential report as to the deleterious effect of certain starchy foods in the shape of biscuits, &c., as seriously contributing to our infantile mortality ?
- Mr. Wade answered,—No such report was received.
- (7.) Registry Offices :—Mr. Broughton asked the Colonial Secretary,—Does the Government propose to introduce legislation placing all Registry Offices under Government supervision, with a view of removing the abuses alleged to exist in certain offices in the city ?
- Mr. Lee answered,—This matter is receiving consideration.
- (8.) Coff's Harbour and Woolgoolga Jetties :—Mr. Briner asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) With regard to the answer given to Question 7, by the Colonial Treasurer, on Tuesday, 15th instant, concerning Coff's Harbour and Woolgoolga Jetties, is it proposed to vest the jetties in Trustees ?
 - (2.) If Trustees be appointed will they be asked to assume full control of the jetties, to collect all jetty dues, to regulate the use of the jetties, to employ and pay the caretaker, and to carry out all necessary repairs ?
 - (3.) Will the Trustees receive all revenues from the jetties and pay all salaries, wages, and repairs and improvements, without any assistance from the Government ?
- Mr. Carruthers answered,—
- (1.) Application was made some time ago to the Government to effect certain improvements to these jetties, involving considerable expenditure. The matter was referred to the Board of Reference, who reported that before the expenditure was authorised the jetties should be leased, and the lessees charged for future maintenance. For the better management of the jetties and the greater convenience of the public it was proposed to vest same in trustees in a manner similar to that adopted with regard to the public wharf at Byron Bay.
 - (2 and 3.) Yes ; but the Government will make good defects, the result of fair wear and tear.
- (9.) Metal Work for Cataract Dam :—Mr. Estell, for Mr. McNeill, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) When were tenders called for the manufacture, &c., of metal work for the Cataract Dam, Contract No. 596 ?
 - (2.) How many tenders were received ?
 - (3.) The names of the various tenderers ?
 - (4.) What was the amount of lowest tender received ?
 - (5.) The name and the amount of the successful tenderer ?

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Mr. Lee answered,—

- (1.) Tenders invited 12th May. Closed 5th June.
- (2.) Five.
- (3.) Fitzroy Dock; H. Vale and Sons; The Clyde Engineering Company; G. and C. Hoskins; Mort's Dock Company, Limited.
- (4.) £1,434 8s. 3d.
- (5.) H. Vale and Sons, £1,774 10s.

(10.) Timber on Cataract Dam Reserve :—Mr. John Hurley asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) How much per acre is paid for clearing and burning off timber on Cataract Dam reserve?
- (2.) Are measurements made on horizontal or surface principle?
- (3.) Has a book been used, showing measurement of each block, such book being known as "Turner's book"?
- (4.) Was Turner's book lost; if not, who holds possession of it, and who is responsible for its safe-keeping?

Mr. Lee answered,—Before replying to these questions it will be necessary to obtain particulars from the District Engineer. This will be done, and I will then furnish answers to the Honorable Member.

(11.) Foreigners in the State :—Mr. John Hurley asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) What number of foreigners were in the State at the taking of the last Census?
- (2.) How many are in trade, including hawkers?
- (3.) What number of Italians and Greeks, respectively, hold wine licenses in the Metropolitan area and of the number, how many are naturalized?
- (4.) How many wine licenses are held by persons of our own race?

Mr. Lee answered,—

- (1.) 35,344.
- (2.) 4,886.
- (3 and 4.) I am not in a position to answer these questions at present.

(12.) Oyster Lessees :—Mr. Estell, for Mr. Jones, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that Oyster Lessees are compelled by the conditions of the leases to lay down stones, shells, stakes, shingles, tiles, logs, and other materials to catch spat?
- (2.) Is there any record of Oyster Lessees having been notified by the Navigation Department of their liability to prosecution for laying down stones, shells, stakes, &c. (in compliance with Regulation 71, under the Fisheries Act, 1902), on their leased areas adjoining privately-owned property?
- (3.) Will he have inquiry made whether the Fisheries Act, 1902, or any regulation made thereunder, is in conflict with the Navigation Act or any Act relating to private property adjoining oyster leases; and will he take the necessary steps to protect the Oyster Lessees?

Mr. Lee answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) The Navigation Department has furnished the following reply :—"Only where such action interferes with the right of navigation, which is a 'paramount right.' Only one case of the kind has come under the notice of the Navigation Department, and in that case the local pilot warned the lessee of the liability for interfering with the right of navigation."
- (3.) Oyster-culture leases are issued subject to the public rights of navigation, and to the right of owners or occupiers of land on which leased areas abut to pass to and from such land over the waters of the leased areas.

(13.) Motor Omnibuses :—Mr. Kearney asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Have the Railway Commissioners placed the order for building motor 'buses with a local firm without tender?
- (2.) If so, what is the name of the firm, and how many 'buses are to be built?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—I am informed :—

- (1.) Yes, for car bodies only.
- (2.) Messrs. Angus and Son. For four omnibus car bodies.

4. DIOCESE OF GOULBURN CHURCH LAND SALE BILL :—Mr. Ashton, pursuant to leave granted on the 16th August, 1905, 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 State, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Goulburn as Trustee of certain parcels of land situate in the county of Argyle held upon certain trusts connected with the Church of England in the Diocese of Goulburn to sell the said lands to provide for the application of the proceeds thereof; and for other purposes in connection therewith*,"—read a first time.

5. HABITUAL CRIMINALS BILL :—The following Petitions, praying that the House will, at the earliest possible date, pass into law the Habitual Criminals Bill, were presented by the Members named :—

- (1.) By Mr. Latimer—From the Women's Political Educational League, Sydney.
 - (2.) By Mr. Hollis—From the Erskineville Branch of the Women's Franchise League.
 - (3.) By Mr. Gillies—From the Maitland Branch of the Women's Political Educational League.
 - (4.) By Mr. Lee—From the Casino Branch of the Women's Political Educational League.
 - (5.) By Mr. McLaurin—From the Albury Branch of the Women's Political Educational League.
 - (6.) By Mr. John Hurley—From the Lithgow Branch of the Women's Political Educational League.
 - (7.) By Mr. Kearney—From the Armidale Branch of the Women's Political Educational League.
 - (8.) By Mr. Brinsley Hall—From the Penrith Branch of the Women's Political Educational League.
- Petitions received.

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6. LIQUOR TRAFFIC:—Mr. Brinsley Hall presented a petition from residents of Windsor, praying that power be given the electors, by direct voting in every electorate and all over the State, to continue or reduce the number of licenses to sell intoxicating liquor or to have no license, as they may please; that all clubs shall come under the Local Option poll; that Local and State Option polls shall be held simultaneously with every General Election; that in case of a poll being declared void because of any irregularity having occurred, provision shall be made for the taking of another poll; and that the licensing authority in each electorate shall be vested in a Committee to be elected for each electorate by the electors on the Parliamentary rolls thereof at a convenient time after the Local Option polls have been taken.
Petition received.
7. PAPERS:—
Mr. Lee laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Papers in connection with the special leave of absence granted to Mr. Harry Landers, Clerk, Registrar General's Department.
(2.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Cobar.
(3.) By-laws of the Borough of Richmond, under the Nuisances Prevention Act, 1897.
(4.) Amended Regulation under the Fisheries Act, 1902.
(5.) Regulation under the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, 1902.
(6.) Report of the Royal Commission of Inquiry into the Discrepancy between the Estimated Cost of the Cataract Dam, and the amount it is now anticipated it will cost to complete the structure; together with copies of Commissions, Minutes of Proceedings, Evidence, and Appendix (*in substitution of the Paper which was laid upon the Table of this House on the 8th August, 1905*).
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
- Mr. Wade laid upon the Table,—Amended and Additional Regulations Nos. 15, 41, 42, 49, 50, 348, 462, 463 and 464, under the Public Service Act, 1902.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
8. PRINTING COMMITTEE:—Mr. McFarlane, as Chairman, brought up the Seventh Report from the Printing Committee.
9. CRIMES (AMENDMENT) BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Wade, read a third time, and passed.
Mr. Wade then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the Crimes Act, 1900.*"
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 Crimes Act, 1900,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 17th August, 1905.*
10. TAMWORTH SHOW-GROUND (AMENDMENT) BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. John Hurley, read a third time, and passed.
Mr. Hurley then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the Tamworth Show-ground Act, 1899, and to authorise the expenditure of the proceeds of sale of the lands therein described otherwise than as therein provided; and for other purposes.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—
MR. PRESIDENT,—
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Tamworth Show-ground Act, 1899, and to authorise the expenditure of the proceeds of sale of the lands therein described otherwise than as therein provided; and for other purposes,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 17th August, 1905.*
11. TURBINE ENGINES FOR THE ULTIMO POWER-HOUSE (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Fegan moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a copy of all papers in connection with the introduction and purchase of turbine engines for the power-house at Ultimo.
Question put and passed.
12. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed until Tuesday, 19th September, viz.:—
(1.) Judges Pensions Abolition and Duties Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Waddell, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
(2.) Crimes (Girls' Protection) Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading. [*Mr. Waddell.*]
13. DISTRICT COURTS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Latimer, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill with amendments.
On motion of Mr. Wade, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.

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14. MEMBER SWORN :—William Elliott Veitch Robson, Esquire, having taken and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance, and signed the Roll of the House, took his seat as Member for the Electoral District of Ashfield.

15. DARLING ISLAND VESTING BILL :—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. Carruthers, and read by Mr. Deputy-Speaker:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

Message No. 43.

Lieutenant-Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to vest certain land in the Railway Commissioners for the purposes of the Government Railways Act, 1901,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His 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, 16th August, 1905.

The House adjourned, at twenty-three minutes before Ten o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

W. H. WOOD,

Deputy Speaker.

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SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTIETH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 22 AUGUST, 1905.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.

ABSENCE OF MR. SPEAKER:—The Clerk informed the House that Mr. Speaker was still unavoidably absent, in consequence of illness, and read the following certificate, which he had received:—

"22nd August, 1905.

"I hereby certify that Mr. McCourt is suffering from an attack of acute bronchitis and pleurisy, and though rapidly recovering, I have strongly advised him not to resume his Parliamentary duties till he gets a little stronger.

"JAMES GRAHAM, M.D."

Whereupon the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy-Speaker, pursuant to the 22nd Standing Order of the House.

2. MESSAGES FROM THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor were delivered by Mr. Carruthers, and read by Mr. Deputy-Speaker:—

(1.) Wollongong Harbour Trust Resumption Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

Message No. 44.

Lieutenant-Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to vest the lands of the Wollongong Harbour Trust in His Majesty; to provide that such lands may be dealt with as Crown lands; to repeal the Wollongong Harbour Trust Act, 1889; and for other purposes,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His 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.

*State Government House,**Sydney, 21st August, 1905.*

(2.) New South Wales Institution for the Deaf and Dumb and the Blind Incorporation Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

Message No. 45.

Lieutenant-Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to incorporate and otherwise promote the objects of the New South Wales Institution for the Deaf and Dumb and the Blind,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His 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.

*State Government House,**Sydney, 21st August, 1905.*

(3.) Forfeiture and Validation of Leases Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

Message No. 46.

Lieutenant-Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to grant relief against the exercise of rights of re-entry and forfeiture under leases, and against defects invalidating certain leases; to amend the Forfeiture of Leases Act of 1901; and for other purposes,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His 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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3. QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Report of the Education Commissioners:—Mr. Broughton asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—When does he propose to lay upon the Table of this House the complete report of the Education Commissioners ?

Mr. O'Connor answered,—It is expected that the final report of the Commissioners will be issued within three weeks.

(2.) Burra Bogie Station :—Mr. Scobie asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Have any exchanges been carried out on Burra Bogie station ; if so, when started, when completed, and the acreage of such surrendered lands ?

(2.) Are such surrendered lands still intact ; if not, how many acres have been alienated, to whom, under what tenure, and for what reason ?

Mr. Ashton answered,—

(1.) Yes ; started 1st August, 1896, completed 24th February, 1903. Area of surrendered lands, 45,797 acres 2 roods 36 perches.

(2.) No. Surrendered lands have been disposed of as follows :—Area set apart for reserves and roads, 5,203 acres ; area added to A. Ogilvie's conditional purchase 85-35, Hay, under section 47, Act 58 Vic., No. 18, 1,854 acres ; area added to A. Ogilvie's conditional lease 7,716, under section 47, Act 58 Vic., No. 18, 2,703 acres ; area added to W. M. Hill's conditional purchase 91-9, under section 47, Act 58 Vic., No. 18, 9,528 acres ; area set apart for settlement, gazetted 7th September, 1904, 26,507 acres ; out of this area 24,025 acres have been selected as per attached schedule. The areas have been granted to bring holdings up to living areas. Schedule referred to :—Julia A. Hatton, additional conditional purchase 1904-21, Hay, 29th September, 1904, 1,477 acres ; W. V. Schiller, additional conditional lease 1904-28, 29th September, 1904, 5,694 acres ; A. Jamison, conditional lease 1904-30, 29th September, 1904, 1,887 acres ; A. Millikson, conditional lease 1904-31, 20th September, 1904, 1,788 acres ; Julia A. Hatton, conditional lease 1904-32, 29th September, 1904, 4,605 acres ; Mary J. Neill, conditional lease 1905-10, 23rd March, 1905, 6,866 acres ; W. V. Schiller, conditional lease 1905-18, 18th May, 1905, 1,708 acres ; total area, 24,025 acres.

(3.) The Murray Electorate :—Mr. Scobie asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) What is the area of the Murray Electorate comprised within the Central Division of New South Wales ?

(2.) Will he be good enough to say how many reserves there are within that area under all various headings, and the total acreage of such reserves ?

(3.) How many of such reserves are along the south and north banks of the River Murrumbidgee between Whitton and junction of the River Lachlan with River Murrumbidgee, and acreage of such Reserves ?

Mr. Ashton answered,—

(1.) 10,300 square miles.

(2 and 3.) As it will entail the expenditure of a considerable amount of time and money to prepare this information, I would be glad if the Honorable Member would move for it in the form of a return.

(4.) Mr. J. B. Stephens :—Mr. John Hurley asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—Is he aware that the liberty of one J. B. Stephens, an important witness in the Willis conspiracy case is being illegally restrained by the Police—that his counsel, solicitor, brother, and other relatives, are prevented by the Police from gaining access to or having communication with him, and that on formal complaint by Stephens' counsel and Stephens' brother to Mr. Wilshire, S.M., that gentleman suggested the matter should be brought before Parliament ?

Mr. Wade answered,—I am not aware that J. B. Stephens is being illegally restrained by the police, nor even that he is a necessary witness in the proceedings, which have just terminated. Since receiving notice of the question, I have caused inquiries to be made, and I am informed that Stephens is absolutely a free agent (so far as the police are concerned). I wish further to add that a misapprehension exists with regard to the nature of the proceedings recently concluded in connection with the arrest of W. N. Willis. These proceedings are not in the nature of a police court committal, depositions are taken merely for the purpose of establishing the *bona-fides* of the Crown, and for transmission of the same to South Africa. They are *ex parte*, and no person other than the Crown has any legal right to be present at the proceedings, but, as a matter of grace, the Crown offered no objection to counsel for W. N. Willis being present and cross-examining, or calling evidence. In the event of Mr. Willis being returned to this State, oral evidence will then be taken in the ordinary way under the Justices Act for the purposes of securing a committal for trial.

4. HABITUAL CRIMINALS BILL :—The following Petitions, praying that the House will, at the earliest possible date, pass into law the Habitual Criminals Bill, were presented by the Members named :—

(1.) By Mr. Brinsley Hall,—From Residents of Lawson and district.

(2.) By Mr. Fell,—From the Chatswood Branch of the Women's Political Educational League. Petitions received.

5. THE NEW REDHEAD ESTATE AND COAL COMPANY LIMITED TRANSFER BILL :—

(1.) Mr. Perry (*The Richmond*) (*by consent*) moved without notice, That the 396th and 398th Standing Orders be suspended to admit of the presentation of a Petition for leave to bring in a Bill to vest in the New Redhead Estate and Coal Company, Limited, the rights, powers, and privileges vested in The Redhead Coal-mining Company, Limited, under The Redhead Coal-mine Railway Act of 1883 and the Acts amending the same—the period of three months within which the Petition is required to be presented having expired.

Question put and passed.

(2.)

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(2.) Mr. Perry then presented a Petition from The New Redhead Estate and Coal Company, Limited, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to vest in The New Redhead Estate and Coal Company, Limited, the rights, powers, and privileges vested in the Redhead Coal-mining Company, Limited, under the Redhead Coal-mine Railway Act of 1883, and the Acts amending the same.

And Mr. Perry having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Daily Telegraph*, and the *Newcastle Morning Herald and Miners' Advocate* newspapers containing the Notices required by the 396th Standing Order,—
Petition received.

6. PAPERS :—

Mr. Lee laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Report of the completion of the Mosman Sewerage, Middle Harbour Slopes Easements.
- (2.) Report on the Liernur Pneumatic System of Sewage Collection, by Mr. E. M. de Burgh, M. Inst. C.E., Principal Assistant Engineer, Public Works Department.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
- (3.) Evidence given before the Public Service Board at the Inquiry held by that body into the circumstances surrounding the letting of a contract by the Department of Public Works to Messrs. Brown and Tapson for joinery work in connection with the erection of two new Pavilions at the Prince Alfred Hospital. (*As an Exhibit only.*)

Mr. Moore laid upon the Table,—Report of the Stock Branch of the Department of Mines and Agriculture for the year 1904.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Hogue laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) By-laws of the Municipal Districts of Carrington, Hamilton, Merewether, and Wickham, under the Public Health Act, 1902.
 - (2.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Braidwood, under the Public Health Act, 1902.
 - (3.) By-law of the Borough of Temora under the Nuisances Prevention Act, 1897.
 - (4.) By-law of the Borough of Mudgee, under the Nuisances Prevention Act, 1897, and the Public Health (Night-soil Removal) Act, 1902.
 - (5.) By-law of the Borough of Mudgee.
 - (6.) Additional By-laws of the Municipal District of Moree.
 - (7.) By-laws of the Borough of Windsor, under the Nuisances Prevention Act, 1897.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

7. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS BILL :—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. Hogue, and read by Mr. Deputy-Speaker :—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 47.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, 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 Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, 1902, and the Constitution Act, 1902, and for other purposes.

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Sydney, 21st August, 1905.*

Ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

8. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Deputy-Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Corowa, Mr. Ball, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz. :—“The administration of the Lands Act in the matter of the granting of additional holdings under Section 3 of the “ Crown Lands Act of 1903.”

And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—

Mr. Ball moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

9. PRIVILEGE.—NEWSPAPER ARTICLE :—Mr. Briner drew attention to a paragraph in a column headed, “Politics” published in the *Catholic Press* of Thursday, 17th August, 1905, which, by direction of Mr. Deputy-Speaker, was read by the Clerk as follows :—

“POLITICS.”

* * * * *
There are very few members in the House said to be keen about Mr. Willis' return. It is alleged that he had almost every Member in his employ, and that if he explains what he did with all the money he received there is scarcely a Member who is not likely to be carpeted by the Income Tax Commissioners.

Mr. Briner then moved, That His Honor Mr. Justice Owen's attention be drawn to the articles in the *Catholic Press* of the 17th instant, under the heading of “Politics,” and that His Honor be asked to subpoena the editor of the *Catholic Press*, Mr. Tighe Ryan, as a witness to state to the Lands Commission any facts within his knowledge which will bear out the statements made in the paragraph particularly referred to.

Debate ensued.

Points

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Points of Order :—Mr. Eden George submitted that, as it had been laid down that this House had no power to punish any persons outside this House, this Question could not be submitted as a question of privilege.

Mr. Cann further submitted that any motion claiming to be submitted as privilege must relate to the conduct of members in the actual transaction of the business of the House.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker said he was asked to rule on two difficult points. First,—That, as this Parliament had no power of punishing persons outside Parliament, the motion submitted could not be entertained; and, Second, That the motion could only be considered on the ground of privilege if it directly impugned the actions of Members in their duties in the House.

He considered that the House had the power to control its own actions as to whether it would entertain the motion. He was not prepared to rule the motion out of order on either of the points stated, but would allow it to be proceeded with.

Debate continued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 32.

Mr. Cann,	Mr. John Hurley,
Mr. Daley,	Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Estell,	Mr. Reynoldson,
Mr. Booth,	Mr. Brinsley Hall,
Mr. Law,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Hindmarsh,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Robson,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Broughton,	Mr. Sullivan,
Mr. Fell,	Mr. Meehan,
Mr. Perry (<i>The Richmond</i>),	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Briner,	Mr. Charlton,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. W. Millard.
Mr. Miller,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Thrower,
Mr. McCoy,	Mr. Levy.
Mr. Thomas,	

Noes, 18.

Mr. Moore,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Jessep,
Mr. J. H. Young,	Mr. Fallick.
Mr. Dacey,	
Mr. Wade,	
Mr. Lee,	
Mr. Ashton,	
Mr. Davidson,	
Mr. Nobbs,	
Mr. Mackenzie,	
Mr. Ball,	
Mr. Cohen,	
Dr. Arthur,	
Mr. Latimer,	
Mr. R. J. Anderson,	
Mr. Eden George.	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

W. H. WOOD,
Deputy Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 31.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTIETH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 23 AUGUST, 1905.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.

ABSENCE OF MR. SPEAKER :—The Clerk informed the House that Mr. Speaker was still unavoidably absent, in consequence of illness.

Whereupon the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy-Speaker, pursuant to the 22nd Standing Order of the House.

2. QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Butter Commission :—Mr. Cann asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) How long did the Butter Commission sit in Sydney?
- (2.) Was any further evidence offering?
- (3.) Did the Commission offer to hear further evidence?
- (4.) Did the Government object to the prolongation of its sittings?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

- (1.) Four days.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) Yes.
- (4.) Yes; the main object of reopening the inquiry in Sydney was to afford certain citizens of this State an opportunity of rebutting what was regarded as a personal attack made upon them and the institutions they represent by witnesses who appeared before the Commission in Melbourne. I may add that, in view of the very exhaustive inquiry previously held in Melbourne into the butter industry, four days were considered ample for the Commission to complete its labours here.

(2.) Mr. J. B. Suttor :—Mr. John Hurley, for Mr. Henley, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Has his attention been drawn to an article appearing in the *Australian Boot and Shoe Journal and Leather Trades Guardian* of 31st July, 1905, in reference to a report and also to samples of goods forwarded by Mr. J. B. Suttor to a person other than his official superior?
- (2.) Is he aware that (a) a number of samples of goods recently advised by Mr. J. B. Suttor as having been forwarded to the Government have not been duly received; (b) that a number of similar samples forwarded to a private person have been received by that person and announced by him as being available for inspection?
- (3.) Is he aware that Mr. J. B. Suttor has on more than one occasion previously forwarded reports and samples of goods to persons otherwise than through his official superior?
- (4.) Will he cause inquiry to be made into the foregoing matters, and consider whether it is advisable to permit such communications in future, especially as Mr. Suttor is alleged to have stated on pages 15 and 16 of the report making mention of the samples, not received by the Government, that he is at present overworked?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) (a) Yes. A collection of samples of leather was sent by Mr. Suttor, the commercial agent, to the Department, but it has gone astray. (b) Samples of some leathers have been forwarded by Mr. Suttor to a certain journal, but so far as has been ascertained they are not of the same description as those sent for the Department.
- (3.) No.
- (4.) There is no necessity for any inquiry in the matter. Mr. Suttor has been asked to send duplicates of the missing samples.

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- (3.) Western Lands Act :—Mr. Scobie asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Is he aware that a large number of young men have been waiting for over two years to get on land in the Western Division?
 - (2.) Is he aware that the Commissioners state that they have not the power under the Act in its present form to give leases on resumed or attached resumed areas to applicants without a basal block?
 - (3.) Under the Western Lands Act of 1901, as it at present stands, is it a fact the Commissioners state that they have no power to withdraw for the benefit of new intending lessees the one-eighth mentioned in Clause 18 of the Act; if he, on inquiry, finds such disabilities exist, will he provide relief by the early introduction of the long-promised amending Bill?

Mr. Ashton answered,—

- (1.) I am informed by the Commissioners that the Honorable Member has made representations generally to the effect that the sons of settlers in the Western Division will require land, but few, if any, applications by young men have been made.
 - (2.) The Commissioners state with regard to resumed areas that they have not so advised, but with regard to a number of attached resumed areas of holdings not brought under the Western Lands Act, they have informed applicants that pending specific legislation, or surrender of such attached resumed areas, no lands thereon can be leased.
 - (3.) It has not been stated that there is no power to make the withdrawal contemplated by section 18 of the Western Lands Act for the benefit of new intending lessees. In the Amending Bill about to be introduced provision will be made for the disposal of lands withdrawn from attached resumed areas.
- (4.) Motor Omnibuses :—Mr. Briner, for Mr. Fegan, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) As there were no tenders called for the construction of the four motor 'buses would he kindly supply Members with the date when the order was given to the firm of Angus and Son?
 - (2.) What is the estimate of cost of the four motor 'buses?
 - (3.) Has the above firm any special qualification for building motor 'buses?
 - (4.) Has the above firm constructed any motor 'buses, or tendered before the order of the Railway Commissioners was placed in its hands?
 - (5.) Why did the Railway Commissioners give preference to the above firm?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—I am informed :—

- (1.) Orders were given for two sample motor omnibuses on 19th July, 1905; and for two others of a different design on 5th August, 1905.
 - (2.) The bodies are being built under the supervision of the Commissioners' officers, the payment to be actual cost incurred with a small percentage added for shop charges.
 - (3, 4, and 5.) No motor omnibus bodies have yet been constructed in this State. The firm in question has had considerable experience in building street vehicles, and was exceptionally situated with regard to stock of seasoned timber, most suitable for the purpose, and available for immediate use.
- (5.) Public Servants' Court of Appeal :—Mr. Dacey asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Referring to his statement, in reply to Mr. Dacey's recent Question, that he did not promise to provide a Court of Appeal against grading, is it to be understood that the Government are now in favour of a continuance of the present system of having appeals from the Public Service Board's decisions in regard to grading made to the Public Service Board?
 - (2.) Is the practice of having appeals heard by the same body or authority which gave the decisions appealed against followed in the law courts?
- Mr. Carruthers answered,—As I have already explained, the whole matter is under consideration, and, until a decision has been arrived at, it is impossible satisfactorily to answer the Honorable Member's question.

- (6.) Coff's Harbour and Woolgoolga Jetties :—Mr. Briner asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) In regard to the statement made by the Minister, that harbour rates must be collected on timber and other produce landed in Sydney from Coff's Harbour and Woolgoolga jetties, although jetty dues have to be paid on produce when shipped at these jetties; and the promise made that a refund would be made to shippers, is it intended that each producer who ships to Sydney shall keep books and make a claim to the Sydney authorities for any refund?
 - (2.) Is he aware that at present the timber-getter pays the dues, royalty, and all expenses at the jetties, and the shipowner and timber merchant gets the refund, and that it is impossible for the producer to obtain it from him?
 - (3.) If this be the case, will he take steps to do away with such a condition of things, either by exempting produce from harbour rates if such produce has already paid jetty dues, or by abolishing the jetty dues?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—This matter will be inquired into.

- (7.) State Batteries :—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) Is it his intention to place on some of our gold-fields State batteries, in order that miners may obtain *bond fide* tests and results?
 - (2.) Will he at least give the proposal a trial in each division of the State, and particularly on the coast and table land?

Mr. Moore answered,—

- (1.) A number of applications for batteries have been received, but in none of the cases dealt with was the locality considered suitable, or the circumstances such as to warrant the establishment of a State battery.
- (2.) Consideration will be given to every proposal submitted.

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- (8.) Amendment of the Mining Acts :—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) When will a Bill be introduced to amend the present Mining Acts?
 - (2.) Is it intended to try the system of elective Local Mining Boards in this State, such Boards to allot the prospecting vote?
 - (3.) Is he aware that £1 per acre rental per annum is charged for all gold-mining leases, while agricultural and pastoral lands are leased at from 1d. per acre, and are sold outright at from 10s. to 20s. per acre in the majority of cases?
 - (4.) Will he consider the advisability of amending the law so as to reduce the rent of gold leases to a maximum of 5s. per acre per annum?

Mr. Moore answered,—The new Mining Bill will be introduced shortly. I have given careful consideration to the questions mentioned by the Honorable Member, and the House will have an early opportunity of dealing with my proposals.

- (9.) Amending Fire Brigades Bill :—Mr. Levy asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it his intention to introduce during this Session the Amending Fire Brigades Bill?

Mr. Hogue answered,—I hope to be able to introduce such a Bill during the present Session.

3. PAPERS :—

Mr. Moore laid upon the Table,—Information respecting the amount of business transacted at the Mining Registrar's Offices at East and West Wyalong for the past eighteen months.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Hogue laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) By-laws of the Borough of Lithgow.
 - (2.) By-laws of the Borough of Lithgow, under the Public Health Act, 1902.
 - (3.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Maclean, under the Nuisances Prevention Act, 1897, and the Public Health (Night-soil Removal) Act, 1902.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

4. THE NEW REDHEAD ESTATE AND COAL COMPANY (LIMITED) TRANSFER BILL :—

(1.) Mr. Perry (*The Richmond*) moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to vest in The New Redhead Estate and Coal Company (Limited) the rights, powers, and privileges vested in The Redhead Coal-mining Company (Limited) under The Redhead Coal-mine Railway Act of 1883, and the Acts amending the same.
Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Perry 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 State, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to vest in The New Redhead Estate and Coal Company (Limited) the rights, powers, and privileges vested in The Redhead Coal-mining Company (Limited) under The Redhead Coal-mine Railway Act of 1883, and the Acts amending the same,*"—read a first time.

5. ROADS, BELLINGEN DISTRICT (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Briner moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing—(a) The mileage of all roads within the Bellingen Roads District in each of the fifteen years, ending 30th June, 1905; (b) the total expenditure on such roads for each year during the same period.
Question put and passed.

6. DIOCESE OF GOULBURN CHURCH LAND SALE BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Ashton moved, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) That the Diocese of Goulburn Church Land Sale Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Scobie, Mr. Levy, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Kelly, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Charlton, Mr. Ball, and the Mover.
- Question put and passed.

7. ABATTOIRS, NEWCASTLE (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Estell moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers in connection with the establishment of Abattoirs at Newcastle.
Question put and passed.

8. PUBLIC INSTRUCTION ACT AMENDMENT (ABOLITION OF FEES) BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. John Hurley moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to abolish payment of fees in State Schools.
Question put and passed.

9. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day were postponed :—

- (1.) Newspaper Articles Bill; second reading. [*Mr. Holman*];—until Tuesday, 3rd October.
- (2.) Bread (Amendment) Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Bread Act, 1901. [*Mr. Broughton*];—until Tuesday, 5th September.

10. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS BILL :—Mr. Hogue moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, 1902, and the Constitution Act, 1902; and for other purposes.
Question put and passed.

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11. LANDS COMMISSION (AMENDMENT) BILL:—

(1.) Mr. Wade moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to further extend the powers of the Commissioner under the Lands Commission Act, 1905; to amend and extend the said Act; to provide that the Commissioner shall be a Court of Record, that proceedings therein shall be legal proceedings, and that the Crown shall be a party to such proceedings; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Wade then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to further extend the powers of the Commissioner under the Lands Commission Act, 1905; to amend and extend the said Act; to provide that the Commissioner shall be a Court of Record, that proceedings therein shall be legal proceedings, and that the Crown shall be a party to such proceedings; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

12. DISTRICT COURTS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Wade moved, "That" this Bill be now read a third time.

Mr. Daley moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "That" and inserting the words "the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of clause 24"—instead thereof.

Debate ensued.

Question put,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question.

The House divided.

Ayes, 34.

Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Kearney,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Mahony,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Wade,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. J. H. Young,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Eden George,
Mr. Booth,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Morton,
Mr. Ashton,	Mr. R. J. Anderson,
Mr. Robson,	Mr. Henley,
Mr. Broughton,	Mr. Reynoldson,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. McCoy,
Mr. Latimer,	Mr. Mackenzie.
Dr. Arthur,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hindmarsh,	Mr. Jessep,
Mr. John Hurley,	Mr. Davidson.
Mr. Creswell,	

Noes, 22.

Mr. Daley,	Mr. Macdonell,
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Nicholson.
Mr. McGowen,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Estell,
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Jones.
Mr. Sullivan,	
Mr. Levy,	
Mr. Perry (<i>The Richm'd</i>),	
Mr. Gillies,	
Mr. Briner,	
Mr. McNeill,	
Mr. W. W. Young,	
Mr. Donaldson,	
Mr. O'Sullivan,	
Mr. Thrower,	
Mr. Edden,	
Mr. Charlton,	
Mr. Miller,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original Question—That this Bill be now read a third time—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 39.

Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Henley,
Mr. Davidson,	Mr. R. J. Anderson,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Morton,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Eden George,
Mr. Wade,	Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Briner,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Jessep,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. J. H. Young,
Mr. Booth,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Ashton,	Mr. Perry (<i>The Richm'd</i>),
Mr. Robson,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Broughton,	Mr. Mahony,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Kearney,
Mr. Latimer,	Mr. Creswell.
Dr. Arthur,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hindmarsh,	Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Mackenzie,	Mr. John Hurley.
Mr. McCoy,	
Mr. Reynoldson,	

Noes, 15.

Mr. Macdonell,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Charlton,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Thrower,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Hollis,
Mr. Estell,
Mr. Scobie,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. W. W. Young,
Mr. McNeill,
Mr. Levy.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Daley,
Mr. Sullivan.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a third time, and on motion of Mr. Wade, *passed*.

Mr. Wade then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the law relating to District Courts and appeals to Quarter Sessions; to extend the jurisdiction of such Courts, and to provide for the trial therein of issues under certain Acts; to provide for the removal of actions from the Supreme Court to a District Court; to amend the District Courts Act, 1901, the Common Law Procedure Act, 1899, and the Landlord and Tenant Act of 1899; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"

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 District Courts and appeals to Quarter Sessions; to extend the jurisdiction of such Courts, and to provide for the trial therein of issues under certain Acts; to provide for the removal of actions from the Supreme Court to a District Court; to amend the District Courts Act, 1901, the Common Law Procedure Act, 1899, and the Landlord and Tenant Act of 1899; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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13. STATISTICAL MAPS BILL :—Mr. Deputy-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 authorise the compilation of maps showing certain particulars relating to lands used for the purposes of agriculture, pastoral pursuits, timber-getting, and mining, and exempting persons giving information necessary for such compilation from penalty; to amend the Census Act, 1901; and for other purposes incidental thereto,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 23rd August, 1905.

F. B. SUTTON,
President.

STATISTICAL MAPS BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 23rd August, 1905.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 1, clause 1, line 6. Omit "one month" insert "two months"
 Page 2, clause 3, line 5. After "mining" insert "respectively"
 Page 2, clause 3, line 7. Omit "such industry" insert "agricultural land"
 Page 2, clause 3, line 9. Before "Census" omit "the" insert "any"
 Page 2, clause 3, line 9. Omit "1901"
 Page 2, clause 3, line 10. After "the" insert "consent of the"
 Page 2, clause 3, line 10. After "land" omit remainder of clause insert "shall be obtained by the
 "Statistician before such information can be divulged with reference to his land."
 Page 2, clause 4, line 18. Omit "the" insert "any"
 Page 2, clause 4, line 18. Omit "1901"
 Page 2, clause 4, line 22. Omit "and not objected to" insert "in cases where consent has been
 "given"

Examined,—

F. T. HUMPHERY,
Deputy-Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Deputy-Speaker, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

14. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (SHIRES) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Carruthers, "That this Bill be 'now' read a second time,"—

And the Question being again proposed,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Mr. O'Sullivan moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out the word "now" and adding at the end thereof the words "this day six months."

Debate continued.

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

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until Wednesday next.

15. HABITUAL CRIMINALS BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Wade 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. Wade, 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. Latimer, Temporary Chairman reported the Bill with an amendment.

On motion of Mr. Wade, the report was adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

16. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Wade moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

W. H. WOOD,
Deputy Speaker.



Actu South Wales.

No. 32.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTIETH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 24 AUGUST, 1905.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.

ABSENCE OF MR. SPEAKER:—The Clerk informed the House that Mr. Speaker was still unavoidably absent, in consequence of illness.

Whereupon the Chairman of Committees took the Chair as Deputy-Speaker, pursuant to the 22nd Standing Order of the House.

2. LANDS COMMISSION (AMENDMENT) BILL:—

(1.) Mr. Wade moved, without Notice, That it is a matter of urgent necessity that so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing of a Bill, intituled "A Bill to further extend the powers of the Commissioner under the Lands Commission Act, 1905; to amend and extend the said Act; to provide that the Commissioner shall be a Court of Record, that proceedings therein shall be legal proceedings, and that the Crown shall be a party to such proceedings; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,"—through all its remaining stages in one day. Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Wade then moved, without Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing of a Bill, intituled "A Bill to further extend the powers of the Commissioner under the Lands Commission Act, 1905; to amend and extend the said Act; to provide that the Commissioner shall be a Court of Record, that proceedings therein shall be legal proceedings, and that the Crown shall be a party to such proceedings; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,"—through all its remaining stages in one day. Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

(3.) The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Wade 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. Wade, 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. Latimer, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill with amendments.

On motion of Mr. Wade, the report was adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time at a later hour of the day.

3. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Railway Deviation between Como and Hurstville:—Mr. Broughton asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What was the estimated cost, including purchase of land and alterations to stations, of the railway deviation recently constructed between Como and Hurstville?

(2.) What has been the actual cost, including payment for land resumption and altering stations?

(3.) Have all the liabilities in connection with this deviation been liquidated; if not, what amount is still unpaid?

(4.) What is the amount of interest payable annually on the total cost of the deviation?

(5.) What would have been the cost of lowering the grade on the old line, where required, to the same angle of ascent as the grade on the deviation?

(6.) How much less in feet per mile is the grade on the new line than the grade on that section of the old line which is no longer used in consequence of the deviation?

(7.) What is the length of the deviation?

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- (8.) What was the length of the old line from the southern point where the new line starts to the northern point where it rejoins the old line ?
- (9.) What was the total curvature of that section of the old line contained between the points where the deviation leaves and rejoins the main line ?
- (10.) What is the total curvature of the deviation ?
- (11.) Is he aware that the batter (backward slope) of the cuttings on the deviation is not sufficient to prevent masses of stone and earth falling on the line during or after heavy rains ?
- (12.) Are fewer locomotive engines now used on the South Coast line in consequence of the deviation between Como and Hurstville ; if so, how many less are used ?
- (13.) How much per cent. more can a locomotive engine of a given power haul at a speed of 20 miles per hour from Como to Hurstville, in consequence of the grade on the deviation being easier for engines to negotiate than the grade on the old line ?
- (14.) Are fewer trains now run on the South Coast line owing to the deviation between Como and Hurstville ; if so, how many less are run weekly ?
- (15.) Have any alterations in the time-tables for the South Coast line been made in consequence of the deviation between Como and Hurstville ; if so, what alterations ?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—The Honorable Member should move for the production of this information in the form of a return.

(2.) Conditional Leases :—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is he aware that the rentals placed upon conditional leases cause, in many cases, dissatisfaction and complaints ?
- (2.) Is he aware that in some districts conditional leases have been assessed at 1s. per acre per annum, which is the amount payable on a conditional purchase ?
- (3.) Is he aware that conditional leases are generally assessed at from 3d. to 1s., and that while one lease may pay 6d., or, perhaps, 9d., an adjoining lease of similar land may be assessed at 3d. or 4d. ?
- (4.) Will he provide by early legislation, among other provisions for one which will fix a minimum and a maximum rental for conditional leases ?

Mr. Ashton answered,—

(1 and 3.) In all cases of appraisal of rent conditional lessees have the right of appeal to the Land Appeal Court. During the last two years 2,979 conditional leases have been appraised, and in fifty-four cases appeals have been lodged. The average rental for the past two years is 2½d.

(2.) Yes. I understand there are a few of exceptional value.

(4.) In the past there was a minimum, but late legislation removed this provision—I do not propose to re-enact it, nor do I propose to fix a maximum.

(3.) Cost of Transfers, Public Servants and Police Constables :—Mr. Dacey asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) When a public servant is transferred from one district to another, does the Government pay the cost of removal ?
- (2.) When a constable is transferred from one station to another, does the Government pay the cost of removal ?

Mr. Hogue answered,—

(1.) In accordance with Public Service Regulation 83, "Officers who are transferred from one locality to another solely at their own request or by exchange" (except in certain prescribed cases) "must bear the whole cost of their removal. When transferred on account of misconduct, the cost of their conveyance must be borne by officers, unless otherwise arranged prior to removal."

(2.) As a rule, a constable is allowed fares and part cost of removal of his furniture, unless such removal is brought about by his own misconduct, or upon his own application.

(4.) Subsidies to Suburban and Country Hospitals :—Mr. Creswell, for Mr. Fell, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is he aware that it is alleged, that several Suburban and Country Hospitals are temporarily financially embarrassed owing to the non-payment of subsidy due to the 31st December last ?
- (2.) Will he be good enough to state when such subsidy will be paid ?

Mr. Hogue answered,—

(1.) I understand that some of the country hospitals are in want of funds.

(2.) As soon as the necessary votes are available.

(5.) Cataract Dam Contracts :—Mr. Gardiner, for Mr. McNeill, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) The name of the lowest tenderer for the manufacture, &c., of metal-work for Cataract Dam, Contract 596 ?
- (2.) Why was the lowest tender not accepted ?
- (3.) Is this a similar class of work to that carried out by the Superintendent of Fitzroy Dock for Cataract Dam, Contract 560 ?
- (4.) What was the amount of tender received from the Superintendent of Fitzroy Dock for penstock and taper pipes for Cataract Dam, Contract 560.
- (5.) The name and amount of the next lowest tender for that work, Contract 560 ?
- (6.) Did the Superintendent of Fitzroy Dock exceed the amount of his tender for penstocks and taper pipes for Cataract Dam, Contract 560 ?
- (7.) If not, why was Contract 596 withheld from the Fitzroy Dock, and preference given to H. Vale and Son at an extra cost of £340 1s. 9d. ?
- (8.) What was the finding of the Royal Commission that inquired into the Manufacture and Supply of penstocks and taper pipes for Cataract Dam, Contract 560 ?

Mr. Lee answered,—

(1.) Superintendent, Fitzroy Dock.

(2.) It was not recommended by the responsible officer, as it was possible the amount supplied by the Dockyard, with the condition which it would be necessary to stipulate as to supervision, would be exceeded. (3.)

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- (3.) Portion of the work is of similar class.
 (4.) £545, subsequently amended to £604 5s.
 (5.) Henry Vale and Sons, £754.
 (6.) No.
 (7.) See reply to Question No. 2.
 (8.) This contract, which the deputation to the Minister for Public Works declared could not be carried out by the Dockyard at the price quoted, nor even for £1,000, the Board find has been carried out for £594 12s. 8d., or £9 12s. 4d. under the tender price:

(6.) Water Conservation in Lake Victoria:—Mr. Scobie asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Did the Premiers' Conference at Hobart consider the question of water conservation in Lake Victoria, Lower River Murray; and, if so, what arrangement was come to?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—The matter was considered, and proposals were made by the South Australian Government involving the expenditure of £100,000. The matter was discussed by Victoria, New South Wales, and South Australia, but no definite arrangement was arrived at.

(7.) Retrenched Public Servants:—Mr. Cohen asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Are inquiries being made into the claims of certain retrenched civil servants for compensation for being deprived of their leave of absence?
 (2.) Will he furnish a list of the names of those who have received such compensation out of the amount voted by Parliament, together with the sum each received and the length of service of each officer?
 (3.) Will he also furnish a list of those claimants who have not received anything, together with the respective amounts claimed?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
 (2 and 3.) This information will be laid upon the Table in the form of a return, if moved for in the usual way.

(8.) Classified and Unclassified Roads:—Mr. Morton asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What were the the total amounts voted for Classified Roads for the years ending 30th June, 1901 to 1905 inclusive?
 (2.) The amount of the Unclassified Roads Vote for same years?
 (3.) The amounts actually expended during those years?

Mr. Lee answered,—

- (1.) 1900-1, £472,251; 1901-2, £505,317; 1902-3, £410,000; 1903-4, £314,000; 1904-5, £334,800.
 (2.) 1900-1, £107,739; 1901-2, £96,683; 1902-3, £64,000; 1903-4, £30,000; 1904-5, £20,700.
 (3.) Expended on Classified Roads:—1900-1, £477,315 7s.; 1901-2, £465,864 19s. 7d.; 1902-3, £385,267 0s. 1d.; 1903-4, £317,392 15s. 3d.; 1904-5, £302,156 13s. 11d.; and on Unclassified Roads:—1900-1, £124,294 12s. 10d.; 1901-2, £94,408 16s. 9d.; 1902-3, £68,575; 1903-4, £33,479 16s. 2d.; and 1904-5, £28,290 1s. 6d.

(9.) Royalty and License Fees, North Coast Districts:—Mr. Briner, for Mr. Davidson, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) How much royalty and license fees were received from Camden Haven District during the years 1903-4 and 1904-5?
 (2.) How much royalty and license fees were received from the Hastings River District during the years 1903-4 and 1904-5?
 (3.) How much royalty and license fees were received from the Macleay River District during the years 1903-4 and 1904-5?

Mr. Ashton answered,—It would take some time to prepare the information in the form desired, but, if the returns for the forestry districts which include the districts named will suffice, I will be glad to lay them upon the Table of the House in the form of a return.

(10.) Butter Commission:—Mr. Morton asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it the intention of the Government to pay the expenses of witnesses summoned before the Federal Butter Commission which sat in Sydney recently?

Mr. Carruthers answered,— Yes.

4. HABITUAL CRIMINALS BILL:—Mr. Creswell presented a Petition from members of the North Sydney Branch of the Women's Political Educational League praying that the House will at the earliest possible date pass into law the Habitual Criminals Bill.
 Petition received.

5. PAPERS:—

Mr. Wade laid upon the Table,—Statement respecting fines or penalties inflicted under the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1901.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Carruthers laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Minutes of evidence given at the Inquiry by the Public Service Board into the General Working of the Electoral Office and defects in the Electoral Acts.
 (2.) Correspondence between the Head of the Government and the Railway Commissioners upon the subject of the local manufacture of locomotives. (*In supplementation of the documents laid upon the Table on 15th August, 1905.*)

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Ashton laid upon the Table,—Return respecting royalty and license fees received from Camden Haven, Hastings and Macleay Rivers Districts.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

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6. MOSS VALE CATTLE SALE-YARDS BILL:—Mr. Cohen, 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, 1905; together with Appendix and a copy of the Bill as agreed to by the Committee.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Cohen then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday, 5th September.

Question put and passed.

7. PRINTING COMMITTEE:—Mr. McFarlane, as Chairman, brought up the Eighth Report from the Printing Committee.

8. HABITUAL CRIMINALS BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Wade, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Wade then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to provide for the detention and control of habitual criminals.*"

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 detention and control of habitual criminals,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 24th August, 1905.

9. THE NEW REDHEAD ESTATE AND COAL COMPANY, LIMITED, TRANSFER BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Perry (*The Richmond*) moved, pursuant to Notice—

(1.) That The New Redhead Estate and Coal Company, Limited, Transfer Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Moore, Mr. Briner, Mr. Edden, Mr. Estell, Mr. Fegan, Mr. Hindmarsh, Mr. McFarlane, Mr. Oakes, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

10. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the following resolutions,—

(1.) That this House approves of a contract being made by the Government for the construction, within the State, of sixty locomotives of the "P" and "T" class (thirty of each), at a price not exceeding £71 13s. 11d. per ton, according to the conditions and specifications of the Railway Department, and to be delivered as required by the Commissioners at periods up to seven and a half years, and subject to an approved guarantee or deposit by the contractors for the due performance of the contract.

(2.) That the above resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor. [*Mr. Carruthers*];—postponed until Wednesday, 30th August.

11. GOVERNMENT MOTOR OMNIBUS BILL:—Mr. Deputy-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 Railway Commissioners of New South Wales to construct, purchase, or lease motor omnibuses, and to run the same on certain roads; and for other purposes connected therewith or incidental thereto,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 24th August, 1905.

W. J. TRICKETT,

Deputy-President.

GOVERNMENT MOTOR OMNIBUS BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 24th August, 1905.

JOHN J. CALVERT,

Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, clause 2, line 10. *Omit* "in the State of New South Wales."

Page 1, clause 3. *Omit* clause 3 *insert* the following new clause:—

The provisions of any Act for the regulation of traffic, except so far as they relate to the regulation and licensing of public vehicles, shall apply to such motor omnibuses.

Examined,—

W. J. TRICKETT,

Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Deputy-Speaker, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration on Tuesday next.

12. LANDS COMMISSION (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Wade moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a third time, and on motion of Mr. Wade, *passed.*

Mr. Wade then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to further extend the powers of the Commissioner under the Lands Commission Act, 1905; to amend and extend the said Act; to provide that the Commissioner shall be a Court of Record, that proceedings therein shall be legal proceedings, and that the Crown shall be a party to such proceedings; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered,

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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 extend the powers of the Commissioner under the Lands Commission Act, 1905; to amend and extend the said Act; to provide that the Commissioner shall be a Court of Record, that proceedings therein shall be legal proceedings, and that the Crown shall be a party to such proceedings; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 24th August, 1905.*

13. LOCAL GOVERNMENT EXTENSION BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Carruthers moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until Thursday, 31st August.

14. LANDS COMMISSION (AMENDMENT) 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 further extend the powers of the Commissioner under the Lands Commission Act, 1905; to amend and extend the said Act; to provide that the Commissioner shall be a Court of Record, that proceedings therein shall be legal proceedings, and that the Crown shall be a party to such proceedings; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

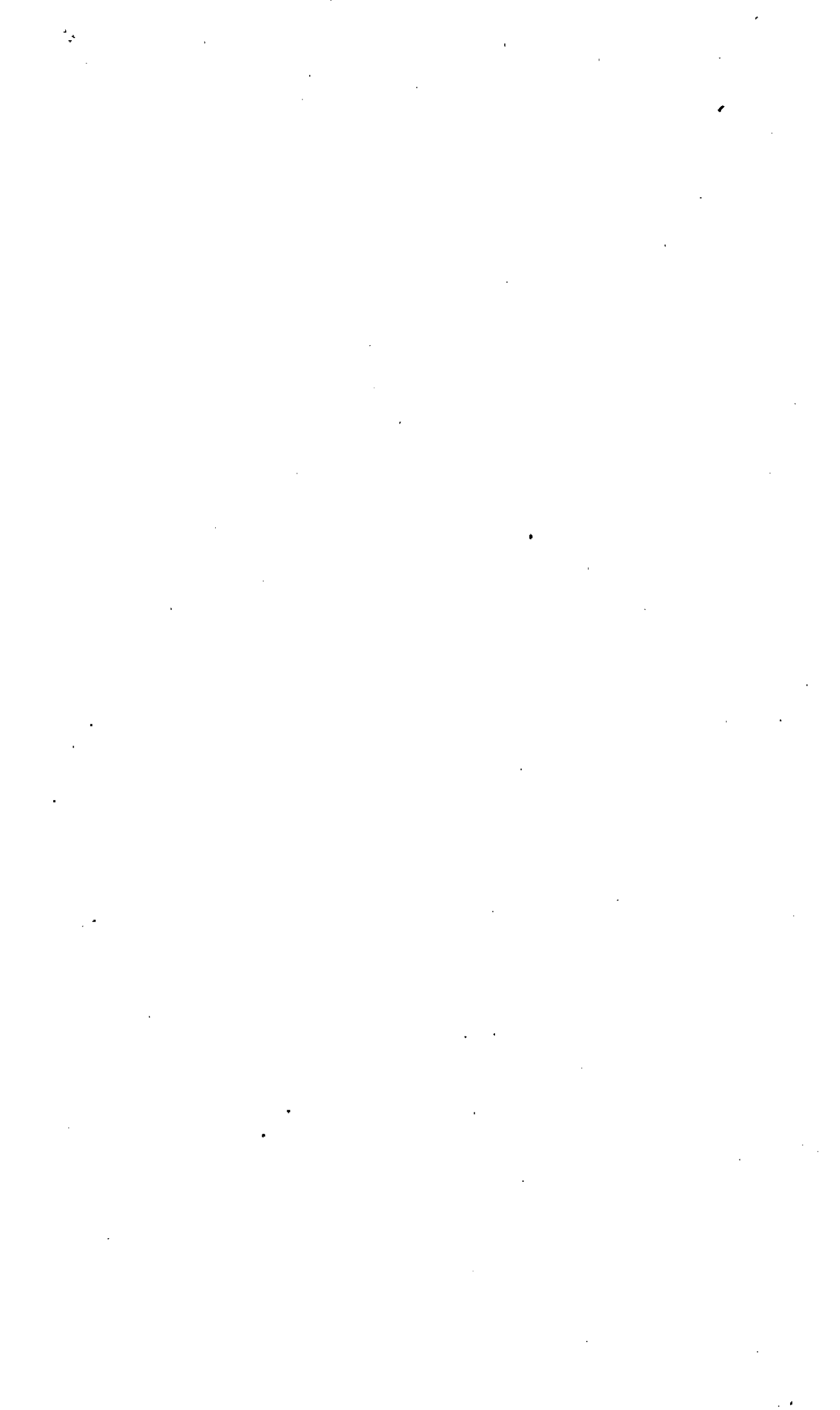
*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 24th August, 1905.*

W. J. TRICKETT,
Deputy-President.

The House adjourned, at Five minutes before Ten o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

W. H. WOOD,
Deputy Speaker.



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OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTIETH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 29 AUGUST, 1905.

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

LANDS COMMISSION (AMENDMENT) BILL :—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. Carruthers, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 48.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to further extend the powers of the Commissioner under the Lands Commission Act, 1905 ; to amend and extend the said Act ; to provide that the Commissioner shall be a Court of Record, that proceedings therein shall be legal proceedings, and that the Crown shall be a party to such proceedings ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His 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.

*State Government House,
Sydney, 25th August, 1905.*

2. QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Miners' Accident Relief Act :—*Mr. Estell*, for Mr. Kelly, asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) Is he aware that certain provisions of the Miners' Accident Relief Act (notably section 6) are causing dissatisfaction amongst certain mining communities?
 - (2.) If so, is he prepared to introduce amending legislation early this Session?
- Mr. Moore* answered,—
- (1.) Within the last few days, it has been intimated that in one district exception is taken to the provision embodied in Section 6 of the Miners' Accident Relief Act.
 - (2.) Certain provisions of the Act, including Section 6, have been noted with a view to amendment, and the question of introducing an Amending Bill is under consideration.

- (2.) Lease for Extension of Baths at the Spit :—*Mr. Booth*, for Dr. Arthur, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Will he lay upon the Table of this House copies of all the papers in connection with the granting of a lease for an extension of the baths at the Spit by the Harbour Commissioners to Charles Lyons?
 - (2.) Is it a fact that the Harbour Trust Commissioners ignored the protests of the Mosman Council in this matter, and did not reply to these protests until after the lease had been granted?
 - (3.) Will he obtain from the Harbour Trust Commissioners their reasons for granting this lease in spite of the Council's objections?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

- (1.) There is no objection, if moved for in the usual way.
- (2.) The protest of the Council was carefully considered, but as the application referred to an area abutting on a reserve vested in the Department of Lands, and as that Department had consented to the granting of the application, the protest referred to was not considered a sufficient reason for refusing the application which was allowed, and the Council was so informed.
- (3.) Because there were not any ladies' baths within the Borough and because the site was eminently suited for the purpose. The baths will be used not only by the residents of Mosman, but by residents of North Sydney generally, and by the large number of visitors brought by the tram which has been constructed by the State at a large cost.

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- (3.) Don Dorrigo Reserves :—*Mr. Estell*, for *Mr. Holman*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Has his attention been drawn to a letter in the *Sydney Morning Herald* of the 22nd August, 1905, appearing over the signature of *Mr. Mark Reynolds*?
 - (2.) Is he aware the Don Dorrigo Reserves contain for their area the largest quantity of the best timber in the State?
 - (3.) Is he aware the timber on the Don Dorrigo Reserves is more valuable than the land?
 - (4.) Has the Government Botanist or any Officer of the Forest Department reported in favour or against throwing the Don Dorrigo land open for selection?
 - (5.) Before any of the Don Dorrigo Reserves are thrown open for alienation, will he appoint the Government Botanist and an Engineer of the Works Department versed in timbers and an Agriculturalist and a Timber Dealer to report on whether the Don Dorrigo country should be thrown open for agricultural and pastoral purposes or reserved for its timber?
- Mr. Ashton* answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
 - (2, 3, 4, and 5.) There can be no doubt that the matter referred to is one of great importance, and steps are being taken to have it exhaustively inquired into.
- (4.) Robert Kerr, Inmate of Callan Park Asylum :—*Mr. Booth*, for *Mr. John Hurley*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is there a person in Callan Park by name of Robert Kerr, formerly a guard on the railways?
 - (2.) Has his property and available cash been taken by the Master-in-Lunacy?
 - (3.) Will he make inquiry of the Master-in-Lunacy if he is aware that the wife and family of the aforesaid Robert Kerr are in want through his action, and will he see that they are afforded immediate relief from the estate of the said Robert Kerr?
- Mr. Hogue* answered,—
- (1.) Robert Kerr, stated to have been a ticket collector on the railways, was admitted to the Hospital for the Insane, Callan Park, on the 25th July ultimo.
 - (2.) The sum of £99 14s. 7d., being the balance to credit of the patient in the Government Savings Bank, was, at the wife's request, collected by the Master-in-Lunacy, who alone had power to draw it, on the 8th August instant.
 - (3.) The patient's wife personally represented her circumstances to the Master-in-Lunacy on the 26th ultimo, who, at her request, made an advance payment of £3 on the 5th instant, and another payment of £8 on the 9th instant, to meet pressing needs. She was informed that further allowances would be made as the circumstances of the case warrant.
- (5.) Exchange Lands on Wallangra and Gunyerwarildi Stations—Lands Offices, Moree and Armidale.—*Mr. Jones* asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) When will the exchange lands on Wallangra Station and Gunyerwarildi Station be made available for settlement?
 - (2.) Is he aware that the changes in the District Lands Offices at Moree and Armidale are causing great delays and inconvenience in the consideration of land matters?
 - (3.) Will he, in view of these delays and the representations made, give an early and favourable reply to the requests for reversion to the old land districts?
- Mr. Ashton* answered,—
- (1.) The District Surveyors in the respective districts are now reporting as to the best method of disposing of the surrendered lands. Their action is being expedited, and the land will be offered at an early date.
 - (2 and 3.) The matter will be gone into by me in all its bearings at an early date.
3. THE NEW REDHEAD ESTATE AND COAL COMPANY, LIMITED, TRANSFER BILL :—*Mr. Perry* (*The Richmond*), 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, 1905; together with a copy of the Bill as agreed to by the Committee.
- Ordered to be printed.
- Mr. Perry* then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday, 17th October.
- Question put and passed.
4. LIQUOR (AMENDMENT) BILL :—*Mr. Wade*, pursuant to leave granted on the 11th August, 1905, a.m., presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the law relating to the supply of intoxicating liquor; to regulate the supply of liquor by clubs and co-operative societies; to make better provision for the exercise of local option with regard to the supply of intoxicating liquor; to amend the Liquor Act, 1898; and for other purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto*,"—which was read a first time.
- Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 12th September.
5. PAPERS :—*Mr. Hogue* laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) By-laws of the Borough of Lithgow, under the Nuisances Prevention Act, 1897.
 - (2.) By-law of the Borough of New Lambton, under the Nuisances Prevention Act, 1897.
 - (3.) By-law of the Municipal District of Forbes, under the Nuisances Prevention Act, 1897, and the Public Health (Night-soil Removal) Act, 1902.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
6. TESTATOR'S FAMILY MAINTENANCE BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—*Mr. Arthur Griffith* moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a bill to assure to a widow or widower a certain interest in the estate of the deceased husband or wife.
- Question put and passed.

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7. PAPER:—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Copy of the Colonial Treasurer's Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure of the Consolidated Revenue and other Moneys for the Financial Year ended 30th June, 1905, together with the Auditor-General's Report thereon, transmitted to the Legislative Assembly under the provisions of the Audit Act, 1902.
Ordered to be printed.

8. ALLEGATION BY THE REV. W. WOOLLS RUTLEDGE RESPECTING AN APPOINTMENT TO THE PUBLIC SERVICE:—Mr. Arthur Griffith moved, pursuant to *amended* Notice,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the truthfulness or otherwise of an allegation made publicly on several occasions by the Rev. W. Woolls Rutledge, to the effect that a certain public officer (Mr. Hall, the Acting Government Statistician) was unable to obtain re-employment in the public service until he joined the Roman Catholic Church, and that immediately upon his doing so he was re-employed at a salary of £1,000 a year.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Dick, Mr. Fegan, Mr. John Hurley, Mr. Edden, Mr. Jessep, Mr. Collins, Mr. Norton, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Cann, and the Mover.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 31.

Mr. Macdonell,	Mr. Meehan,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. Charlton,
Mr. Estell,	Mr. Perry (<i>L'pool Plains</i>),
Mr. Daley,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. W. W. Young,
Mr. Jones,	Mr. Richards,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Thrower,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. McLaurin,
Mr. Gardiner,	Mr. Morton,
Mr. J. H. Young,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. McGowen,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Kelly.
Mr. Sullivan,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Collins,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Briner,	Mr. Arthur Griffith.
Mr. O'Sullivan,	
Mr. Miller,	

Noes, 24.

Mr. Moore,	Mr. Brinsley Hall,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Jessep,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. O'Conor,	Mr. Mahony,
Mr. Levy,	Mr. Ashton.
Mr. Nobbs,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Law,	Mr. Davidson,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Cohen.
Mr. Dick,	
Mr. Wade,	
Mr. Downes,	
Mr. Eden George,	
Mr. Henley,	
Mr. Oakes,	
Mr. Moxham,	
Mr. Ball,	
Dr. Arthur,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

9. CLAIM OF MR. F. E. STOWE—ELECTRIC TRAM, DARLING-STREET, BALMAIN:—Mr. Henley moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the claim of Mr. F. E. Stowe for a scheme, the design of which was supplied by him to the Public Works Department, and adopted by the Government for carrying the electric trams safely to the wharf at Darling-street, Balmain.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Lee, Mr. Walter Anderson, Mr. Law, Mr. J. H. Young, Mr. Brinsley Hall, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Scobie, Mr. W. Millard, and the Mover.

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday, 12th September.

10. TESTATOR'S FAMILY MAINTENANCE BILL:—Mr. Estell, *on behalf of* Mr. Arthur Griffith, pursuant to leave obtained this day, presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to assure to a widow or widower a certain interest in the estate of the deceased husband or wife,*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 17th October.

11. CLAIMS OF MRS. SARAH CUNYNGHAME:—Mr. Briner moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the claims of Mrs. Sarah Cunyngame, as to the amount of compensation which she should receive (1) in connection with her dismissal from the office of Matron-Superintendent of the Macquarie-street Asylum, Parramatta; (2) in connection with her retirement in 1904 from the office of Matron-Superintendent of the Shaftesbury Reformatory.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Hogue, Mr. Crick, Mr. Moxham, Mr. Latimer, Mr. Waddell, Mr. Holman, Mr. McLaurin, Mr. McGarry, and the Mover.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Eden George moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 13.

Mr. Macdonell,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Meehan,
Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Eden George,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Morton,
Mr. Moxham,
Mr. Briner.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Thrower,
Mr. Estell.

Noes, 29.

Mr. Wade,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Perry (<i>L'pool Plains</i>),
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Davidson,
Mr. Levy,	Mr. Hogue,
Mr. Jones,	Mr. Downes,
Mr. Ashton,	Mr. Booth,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Henley,
Mr. Dick,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. McGarry,	Mr. Walter Anderson.
Mr. Charlton,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Gardiner,	Mr. Law,
Mr. O'Conor,	Mr. Cohen.
Mr. Oakes,	
Mr. Jessep,	

And so it passed in the negative.
Debate continued.

Original

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Original Question put.—(1) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the claims of Mrs. Sarah Cunynghame, as to the amount of compensation which she should receive (1) in connection with her dismissal from the office of Matron-Superintendent of the Macquarie street Asylum, Parramatta; (2) in connection with her retirement in 1904 from the office of Matron-Superintendent of the Shaftesbury Reformatory.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Hogue, Mr. Crick, Mr. Moxham, Mr. Latimer, Mr. Waddell, Mr. Holman, Mr. MacLaurin, Mr. McGarry, and the Mover.

The House divided.

Ayes, 7.

Mr. Jones,
Mr. Thrower,
Mr. Meehan,
Mr. Moxham,
Mr. Briner.

Tellers,

Mr. Miller,
Mr. Macdonell.

Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Moore,
Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Wade,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Law,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Dick,
Mr. Fallick,
Mr. Morton,

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Mr. Oakes,
Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Charlton,
Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Estell,
Mr. Collins,
Mr. Perry (*L'pool Plains*),
Mr. Davidson,
Mr. Hogue,
Mr. Ashton,
Mr. Downes,

Mr. Booth,
Mr. Henley,
Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Eden George,
Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Walter Anderson,
Mr. Edden.

Tellers,

Mr. Jessep,
Mr. Levy.

And so it passed in the negative.

12. WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION BILL :—MR. Levy moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the law with respect to compensation to workmen for injuries suffered in the course of their employment.

Question put and passed.

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

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 34.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTIETH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 30 AUGUST, 1905.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Railway Season Tickets :—*Mr. Estell*, for *Mr. Hollis*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it the intention of the Railway Commissioners to abolish the use of metal tokens as railway season tickets, in all, or in part?
 - (2.) If so, what do they propose to substitute therefor?
 - (3.) If so, what are the reasons for taking away from these railway passengers what is recognised as a convenient token or form of railway ticket?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—I am informed :—

- (1.) It is intended to discontinue the use of metal tokens for railway season tickets so far as country tickets are concerned, but as to season tickets within the suburban areas, which are very much more numerous than country tickets, the existing practice of using metal tickets will not be disturbed. The arrangement was agreed to at the last Interstate Railway Conference.
 - (2.) Where the change is made, leather books will be used.
 - (3.) It is not considered that the new style of ticket will be inconvenient, and it has been designed on such lines that it will afford a much better check against fraud, *e.g.*, the use of expired tickets, than the present metal tickets.
- (2.) Local Government (Shires) Bill :—*Mr. Perry* (*The Richmond*) asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that at least twenty-four copies of his speech on the Local Government (Shires) Bill have been sent to each agricultural and kindred society in the State?
 - (2.) If so, will he, before the second reading of the bill is taken, send, say, at least twelve copies of the *Hansard* containing other speeches for and against to each of the secretaries of the various progress associations in the rural districts which will be affected if the measure is passed?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

- (1.) Copies of my speech, containing a detailed explanation of the Shires Bill, have been sent to each Progress Association, Farmers and Settlers' Association, and Agricultural Society. It is usual to do so.
 - (2.) The practice of the past will not be altered.
- (3.) Public Works Expenditure, Bourke and Wilcannia Districts :—*Mr. Meehan* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) What was the total amount of money actually expended in the Bourke Roads District for the year 1904–5 on (a) scheduled roads, (b) unclassified roads, (c) bridges, (d) wharves, (e) punts?
 - (2.) What was the total amount of money actually expended in the Wilcannia Roads District for the year 1904–5 on (a) scheduled roads, (b) unclassified roads, (c) bridges, (d) wharves, (e) punts?
- Mr. Lee* answered,—
- (1.) (a) £1,361 13s. 4d.; (b) £348 16s. 2d.; (c) £646 4s. 4d.; (d) Nil.; (e) £31 6s. 11d.
 - (2.) (a) £550; (b) £635 15s.; (c) £11 3s. 10d.; (d) Nil.; (e) £77 4s.

- (4.) Employment of *Mr. W. A. E. Campbell* on Woolgoolga Jetties :—*Mr. Briner* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Was *Mr. W. A. E. Campbell* employed as foreman in repairing Woolgoolga Jetties during last year, and a portion of the present year?
 - (2.) What rate of pay did he receive per day?
 - (3.) Was he not prevented from working at times by bad weather and heavy seas, and by vessels loading at the jetties?

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- (4.) Was Mr. Campbell refused full time pay, and did the Department pay only for actual hours worked, although Mr. Campbell could not possibly work at certain times?
 (5.) Was such an arrangement made, or any such condition stipulated for, when Mr. Campbell was sent to the work?
 (6.) Has Mr. Campbell since resigned because of the refusal of the Department to pay full time?

Mr. Lee answered,—

- (1.) Mr. Campbell was employed as leading carpenter repairing Woolgoolga and Coff's Harbour jetties during the time mentioned.
 (2.) 12s. per day.
 (3.) Yes.
 (4.) Mr. Campbell was paid full time, wet or dry.
 (5.) I cannot say until further local inquiries have been made.
 (6.) The work upon which he was employed at Coff's Harbour having been completed on 13th May, his services were dispensed with.

- (5.) Court-house and Police Quarters for Coff's Harbour :—Mr. Briner asked the Colonial Secretary,—
 (1.) Was a sum of £1,350 for erecting of Court-house and Police Quarters at Coff's Harbour, noted for consideration on the Estimates three years ago?
 (2.) Is he aware that Coff's Harbour has since then become an important and busy place?
 (3.) Will he provide during this year for the erection of a Court-house and Police Quarters, and for police protection at this centre?

Mr. Hogue answered,—

- (1.) The sum of £1,225 was noted in connection with the Estimates referred to.
 (2.) I am aware that Coff's Harbour is becoming a busy place.
 (3.) This matter is not overlooked. The Police have reported that Coff's Harbour is free from crime and disorder, and is visited frequently by the Police.

- (6.) Local Government Extension Bill :—Mr. J. H. Young asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House a statement showing how the passage of the proposed Local Government Extension Act will affect the revenue and expenditure of the State—similar to Return C in the interim report of the Local Government Commission with reference to the Local Government (Shires) Bill?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—A statement of this nature is being prepared, and will be laid upon the Table of this House when ready.

- (7.) Moree Experimental Farm :—Mr. Jones asked the Secretary for Mines,—
 (1.) Has provision been made for the reception of students at the Experimental Farm at Moree?
 (2.) If not, will he consider the question of providing for the admission of day students at the Moree Experimental Farm, such students to be passed on to the agricultural colleges after having gained preliminary knowledge of farming, &c., under practical irrigation by artesian water?
 (3.) Will he obtain reports as to whether the Moree Farm can be rendered more useful to the district and more profitable to the State by greatly extending its educational and productive functions?

Mr. Moore answered,—

- (1.) No.
 (2.) It is not considered advisable at present to make provision for the admission of students to this Farm.
 (3.) The educational work of the Farm will be extended, and its productiveness increased, as far as circumstances will permit.

- (8.) Construction of Locomotive Boilers for Railway Department :—Mr. Jones, for Mr. Dacey, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) When did the Clyde Engineering Company build locomotive boilers for the Railway Department at £102 17s. 3d. per ton for "P" class, and £103 7s. 5d. per ton for "T" class?
 (2.) What slack time had the boiler-makers at Eveleigh during the year or years in which those boilers were built?
 (3.) When was the last lot of scrap iron sold by tender and how much did it realise per ton?
 (4.) When was the last lot of scrap iron sold privately and how much did it realise per ton?
 (5.) With reference to locomotive construction and the demand that one man should work two (2) or more machines; what are the names of the machines referred to, and what is the nature of the work they perform?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—I am informed :—

- (1.) They are building them now. Contract commenced 25th July, 1903.
 (2.) Boiler-makers at Eveleigh have not worked slack time since the contract was let to the Clyde Engineering Company.
 (3.) The last tenders were received on the 29th May, 1905, and the amount realised was £2 12s. 6d. per ton, delivered at Darling Harbour Station.
 (4.) The last scrap iron sold privately on 28th August, and realised £2 17s. 6d. per ton taken where it lay at Newtown Tram Car-Shed.
 (5.) Small lathes and similar tools called automatic machines are made for exactly repeating the same piece of work and no other, such as pins, studs, screws, &c. Four or five of these machines can be looked after by one man or boy according to the work executed.

- (9.) Art Unions :—Mr. Booth asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—In view of the alleged abuses in connection with so-called "art unions," will he take into consideration the amending of the Act, so as to entirely abolish this system of gambling?

Mr. Wade answered,—I am about to introduce a Bill dealing with the subject of lotteries generally.

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(10.) Gambling instituted by Shopkeepers:—Mr. Booth asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is he aware that a new system of gambling has been started by some shopkeepers, by selling packages with a number in one or more entitling the buyer to a prize?

(2.) Will he take steps to stop the practice?

Mr. Wade answered,—I am not aware, but will make inquiry. I may add that it is open to any person to institute proceedings for an offence of the nature suggested.

(11.) Roads Expenditure in the Murray Electorate:—Mr. Estell, for Mr. Scobie, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What was the total amount spent last financial year in making and maintaining roads in the Murray Electorate, where was it spent, and what was the cost of superintendence?

Mr. Lee answered,—The information required by the Honorable Member will be prepared in the form of a return and laid upon the Table of the House at an early date.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Carruthers laid upon the Table,—Correspondence, &c., upon the subject of the local manufacture of locomotives. (*In supplementation of the documents laid upon the Table on the 15th and 24th August, 1905.*)

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Ashton laid upon the Table,—Return showing amounts paid to witnesses as expenses in attending the Royal Commission of Inquiry into the Administration of the Lands Department.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. COMPENSATION TO CIVIL SERVANTS DEPRIVED OF LEAVE OF ABSENCE (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Cohen moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—

(1.) The names of retrenched Civil Servants who have received compensation for being deprived of leave of absence.

(2.) The sum each Officer received.

(3.) The length of service of each officer.

(4.) The names of the claimants who have not received any such compensation.

(5.) The respective amounts claimed.

Question put and passed.

4. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (SHIRES) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Carruthers, "That this Bill be 'now' read a second time,"—upon which Mr. O'Sullivan had moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out the word "now" with a view of adding at the end thereof the words "this day six months."

And the Question being again proposed,—That the word proposed to be left out stand part of the Question,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the House continuing to sit after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 31 AUGUST, 1905, A.M.

Disorder: The Honorable Member for Monaro, Mr. Miller, having, while addressing the House, used certain disorderly words, and having repeatedly refused to withdraw them was, by direction of Mr. Deputy-Speaker, removed from the Chamber by the Sergeant-at-Arms.

Debate continued.

Question,—That the word proposed to be left out stand part of the Question—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 45.

Mr. Moore,	Mr. Reynoldson,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Perry (<i>L'pool Plains</i>),
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Morton,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Brinsley Hall,
Mr. Wade,	Mr. Mahony,
Mr. Dick,	Mr. Walter Anderson,
Mr. Oakes,	Mr. Henley,
Mr. Nobba,	Mr. McCoy,
Mr. Fell,	Mr. Kearney,
Mr. Broughton,	Mr. Law,
Mr. Levy,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Robson,	Mr. Ashton,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Eden George,
Mr. Moxham,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. R. J. Anderson,	Mr. Fleming,
Mr. Downes,	Mr. Creswell,
Mr. John Hurley,	Mr. Ball.
Mr. O'Connor,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Mackenzie,	Dr. Arthur,
Mr. Davidson,	Mr. Jessep.
Mr. Gillies,	
Mr. Booth,	
Mr. Donaldson,	
Mr. Cohen,	
Mr. Collins,	
Mr. Thomas,	

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Mr. Hollis,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Dacey,
Mr. Holman,
Mr. Nielsen,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Meehan,
Mr. Estell,
Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Thrower,
Mr. Daley,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Sullivan,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Briner,
Mr. Bennett.

Tellers,

Mr. Macdonell,
Mr. Charlton.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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Original Question,—That this Bill be now read a second time,—put
The House divided.

Ayes, 44.

Dr. Arthur,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Law,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Kearney,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. McCoy,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Hebley,
Mr. Wade,	Mr. Walter Anderson,
Mr. Jessep,	Mr. Mahony,
Mr. Dick,	Mr. Morton,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Perry (<i>L'pool Plains</i>),
Mr. Fell,	Mr. Eden George,
Mr. Broughton,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Levy,	Mr. Fleming,
Mr. Robson,	Mr. Creswell,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Ball.
Mr. Moxham,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. R. J. Anderson,	
Mr. Downes,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. John Hurley,	Mr. Oakes.
Mr. O'Connor,	
Mr. Mackenzie,	
Mr. Davidson,	
Mr. Booth,	
Mr. Donaldson,	
Mr. Cohen,	
Mr. Collins,	
Mr. Thomas,	
Mr. Reynoldson,	
Mr. Ashton,	

Noes, 26.

Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Meehan,
Mr. Estell,
Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Thrower,
Mr. Daley,
Mr. Hollis,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Charlton,
Mr. Macdonell,
Mr. Dacey,
Mr. Nielsen,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Bennett,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,
Mr. Briner,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,
Mr. Fegan.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Holman,
Mr. Sullivan.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Carruthers, 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. Latimer, Temporary Chairman, reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again To-morrow.

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at Seven o'clock, a.m., until Four o'clock, p.m., This Day.

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 35.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTIETH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 31 AUGUST, 1905.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Signing Articles on board Vessels after office hours of Navigation Department :—*Mr. Edden*, for *Mr. Sullivan*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Do many vessels sign articles on board after the office hours of the Navigation Department; and if so, why?
- (2.) What remuneration do the Shipping Master and Deputy receive for this work of signing on crews after hours over and above their salary?
- (3.) Do they accept gratuities from the captains; and if so, is it with the sanction of the Department?
- (4.) Was a licensed boatman, used by the Deputy Shipping Master, fined in two cases £10 and £1 for illegally supplying seamen?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

- (1.) Yes; to facilitate the business of the ship, and for the convenience of the master and seamen.
- (2.) For signing on a crew of thirty and over one guinea. For signing on a crew under thirty half-a-guinea.
- (3.) No.
- (4.) Yes.

- (2.) Bonds and Free Stores in the Resumed Area :—*Mr. Dacey*, for *Mr. Daley*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the Harbour Trust Commissioners have leased several bonds and free stores in the resumed area to reputable tenants; and that the Commissioners are in open competition with these tenants by running two bonds and free stores?
- (2.) Is it a fact that tenders were called for leasing the Federal and Parbury's Bonds, &c., and with what result?
- (3.) Do the Commissioners pay city rates on their bonds; if not, is the like consideration meted out to the Commissioners' tenants?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

- (1.) (a) Yes; (b) The Sydney Harbour Trust Commissioners have given instructions to the Manager of the Bonds that he is not to unduly compete with their tenants.
- (2.) (a) Yes; (b) a tender was not accepted.
- (3.) The Sydney Harbour Trust Act, 1900, exempts the Commissioners from the payment of City rates on premises in their occupation, but such rates have to be paid on all premises not so occupied.

- (3.) Protection of Native Animals and Birds :—*Mr. Jones*, for *Mr. McNeill*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Has his attention been drawn to the unsatisfactory state of affairs in respect to the protection and preservation of our native animals and birds?
- (2.) What steps does he propose to take to provide the necessary control and protection?

Mr. Hogue answered,—

- (1.) This matter has had consideration.
- (2.) It is proposed to issue fresh proclamations very shortly. The issue of licenses has been stopped, and all those which were current have been cancelled and called in.

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- (4.) Government Launches and Steamers :—Mr. Jessep asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Has the Premier directed that Government launches and steamers are not to be used by private persons?
 - (2.) To whom was the Government launch "Argus" lent on Saturday, 18th March; what persons other than Government officials were aboard; whither were they conveyed?
 - (3.) For what reason and purpose was it lent, and by whose authority?
 - (4.) Will he direct that this or any Government steamer or launch be not given to private persons in future, or that the right to use them be extended to other persons under similar circumstances?
- Mr. Carruthers answered,—
- (1.) I have issued instructions that Government launches and steamers are to be kept for public work and official use only.
 - (2 and 3.) I am informed that the police launch "Argus" was not lent to anyone on Saturday, 18th March.
 - (4.) Answered by No. 1.
- (5.) Insurance of Government Property :—Mr. Fegan asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the Government has closed the State Insurance Account; if so, why?
 - (2.) Have any steps been taken to insure the Government property?
- Mr. Carruthers answered,—
- (1.) Yes; the consolidated nature of the risks, notably in the Resumed Properties and Harbour Trust Areas, made the scheme impossible of successful application.
 - (2.) Yes.
- (6.) Metropolitan Hotels :—Mr. Fegan asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) How many hotels have been closed in the metropolitan area during the last two years?
 - (2.) Has any compensation, either in time or money, been given to either the publican or brewer when such hotels have been closed?
- Mr. Hogue answered,—Information is being obtained regarding this matter.
- (7.) Inventions by Railway Employees :—Mr. Fegan asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Have the Railway Commissioners appointed a Board or Committee of the Railway Department to take into consideration the various inventions brought before the Commissioners by their employees?
 - (2.) If so, would he mind giving the names of the Board or Committee, with their official positions?
 - (3.) The names and inventions, if any, that have been before the Board or Committee?
- Mr. Carruthers answered,—I am informed that a Board was appointed about fifteen years ago, and consisted of Messrs. Parry, then Interlocking Engineer; Foxlee, then Engineer-in-Chief for Existing Lines; D. H. Neale, then a Mechanical Engineer, and H. Howe, Workshops Manager. This Board considered several inventions, but practical experience did not indicate that the continuance of a fixed Committee was necessary. It is found to be a simpler arrangement where expert opinion is desirable to refer any invention for report to the Officer most concerned, and the Commissioners then consider the merits of suggestions or inventions on the information furnished by the person submitting a scheme and the report of the expert officer.
- (8.) Carrington Tram-line :—Mr. Fegan asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) What was the cost of constructing the Carrington Tram-line, so far as it has gone?
 - (2.) Is it his intention to complete the same, and when?
- Mr. Lee answered,—
- (1.) £13,295 11s. 10d.
 - (2.) Not until funds have been voted for the purpose.
- (9.) Tenders for a Railway Bridge at Penrith :—Mr. Fegan asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Have Tenders been called and accepted for a Bridge at Penrith, by the Railway Commissioners?
 - (2.) Who was the successful Tenderer?
 - (3.) What is the contract price for the same?
 - (4.) Were the Honeysuckle workshops asked for a Tender?
 - (5.) Is it a fact that on a former occasion they were able to supply almost similar work cheaper than the Contractor?
 - (6.) What is the reason that the construction of the Penrith Bridge was taken away from the Honeysuckle Railway Workshops?
 - (7.) Is it a fact that a great portion of the steel was stored in Newcastle?
 - (8.) What is the estimated cost of conveying the steel from Newcastle to Penrith, and by whom is the cost borne?
 - (9.) Was the cost of carriage taken into consideration when the tender was accepted?
- Mr. Carruthers answered,—I am informed :—
- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) Mr. Robert Tulloch.
 - (3.) £10,075.
 - (4.) The estimated cost of constructing at Honeysuckle Point Shops is £14,000.
 - (5.) Yes, but of much less magnitude.
 - (6.) The shops were full of other work; very expensive alterations, costing about £3,000 would have been necessary to have permitted of the construction of the bridge in those shops.
 - (7.) Yes.
 - (8 and 9.) Material would have been conveyed from Newcastle to Penrith, whether manufactured Departmentally or by a Contractor, and the cost would be practically the same in either case.
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(10.) Plague at Newcastle :—Mr. Fegan asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) How many cases of plague were reported from Newcastle?
- (2.) Did the Government bear any of the cost in connection with the stamping out of the plague?
- (3.) What steps, if any, did the Health Department take in assisting the municipal authorities in dealing with the plague?
- (4.) Has he any objection to lay upon the Table of this House copies of all papers in connection with the plague at Newcastle?

Mr. Hogue answered,—

- (1.) Fourteen.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) The Department of Public Health directed all operations. It placed the Medical Officer of Health for the Hunter River combined districts in immediate charge of the outbreak under the local authority for the City (the council); detailed its Chief Sanitary Inspector and two foremen to superintend cleansing of houses and neighbourhoods, and to disinfect plague houses; furnished four experienced nurses to nurse patients; paid head-money for rats brought in by the public; established a furnace for burning carcasses, detailed an attendant at the furnace, and paid him; provided and paid eight rat-catchers; detailed a laboratory assistant to assist the Medical Officer of Health in examining carcasses of rats for plague; furnished disinfectants, and, generally, did by its own officers, or supervised the additional labour found by the local authority, in doing all that was necessary to successful management and arrest of the outbreak.
- (4.) There is no objection, but they consist largely of Departmental instructions to officers by the President.

(11.) Public School Teachers :—Mr. W. W. Young asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that classified teachers in charge of schools of a certain class are paid a salary three grades lower than their classification entitles them to?
- (2.) Is it a fact that relieving teachers are paid a lower salary than the school they are in charge of carries?
- (3.) Why should they not be paid the full salary for the school they are relieving at?

Mr. O'Connor answered,—

- (1.) Teachers are paid the salaries authorised by regulation for the class of school of which they are permanently in charge; and, while the classification they hold might render them eligible for promotion to higher grade schools as vacancies occur, it does not entitle them to salary in excess of the rate attached to their present position.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) They may not be eligible. Each case is dealt with on its merits.

(12.) Schools in charge of Unclassified Teachers :—Mr. Thomas asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) How many schools averaging over twenty in attendance were in charge of unclassified teachers on 24th June, 1905?
- (2.) How many of these teachers have been removed since that date?
- (3.) Will he cause all papers in connection with Mr. J. L. Eather's removal from Beardy School to be laid upon the Table of this House?

Mr. O'Connor answered,—

- (1.) Fifty-four—thirty public, nineteen half-time, and five provisional.
- (2.) None.
- (3.) Full opportunity will be given to the Honorable Member to peruse all the papers in this case.

2. PAPER :—Mr. Lee laid upon the Table,—Papers having reference to the claim of Mr. F. E. Stowe in respect of a device submitted by him to the Department of Public Works in connection with the Darling-street Tramway Extension, Balmain.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. PRINTING COMMITTEE :—Mr. McFarlane, as Chairman, brought up the Ninth Report from the Printing Committee.

4. LOTTERIES BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Wade moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make better provision for the suppression of lotteries; to declare fan-tan and pak-a-pu to be unlawful games; to repeal the Lotteries and Art Unions Act, 1901; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
Question put and passed.

5. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Hogue, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, 1902, and the Constitution Act, 1902; and for other purposes.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again at a later hour of the day.

6. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council :—

(1.) Crimes (Amendment) Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Crimes Act, 1900*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

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Sydney, 31st August, 1905.

F. B. SUTTON,
President.

(2.)

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(2.) Observatory Hill Lands Leasing Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to authorise the leasing of certain resumed lands situate at Observatory Hill; to amend the Darling Harbour Wharves Resumption Act, 1900; and for other purposes*,"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, including an amendment in the Title, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 31st August, 1905.*

F. B. SUTTOR,
President.

OBSERVATORY HILL LANDS LEASING BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 31st August, 1905.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, Title, line 1. *After "the" insert "sale or"*
Page 1, Preamble, line 3. *After "to" insert "sell or to"*
Page 1, clause 1, line 9. *After "Lands" insert "Sale and"*
Page 2, clause 2, line 2. *After "lands" insert "may be sold or"*
Examined,—

W. J. TRICKETT,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration on Wednesday next.

7. STATISTICAL MAPS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Dick, 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 other of the Council's amendments.

On motion of Mr. Dick, 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 23rd August, 1905, requesting its concurrence in certain amendments made by the Council in the Statistical Maps Bill,—

Disagrees to the amendments in clause 3, line 7,—because it is desirable that the sheep-carrying capacity of land, and its value for timber, should be shown on the maps.

Disagrees to the other amendments in clause 3, and to the amendments in clause 4,—because such amendments render the whole Bill nugatory, and because information supplied in the way indicated by the amendment may be obtained without going through the process of an Act of Parliament.

Agrees to the other amendments made by the Council in the Bill.
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 31st August, 1905.*

8. GOVERNMENT MOTOR OMNIBUS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Carruthers, 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. Carruthers, 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 Railway Commissioners of New South Wales to construct, purchase, or lease motor omnibuses, and to run the same on certain roads; and for other purposes connected therewith or incidental thereto.*"

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 31st August, 1905.*

9. CONSTRUCTION OF LOCOMOTIVES WITHIN THE STATE:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Carruthers, 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 made by the Government for the construction, within the State, of sixty locomotives of the "P" and "T" class (thirty of each), at a price not exceeding £71 13s. 11d. per ton, according to the conditions and specifications of the Railway Department, and to be delivered as required by the Commissioners at periods up to seven and a half years, and subject to an approved guarantee or deposit by the contractors for the due performance of the contract.

(2.) That the above resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.

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

The House adjourned, at Eleven o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 36.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTIETH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 5 SEPTEMBER, 1905.

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

PAPER:—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Letter from the Secretary to the Royal Commission of Inquiry into the administration of the Lands Department, enclosing copy of the sworn evidence of Mr. J. Tighe Ryan, Editor of the *Catholic Press*, taken before the Royal Commission, in compliance with the resolution passed by the Legislative Assembly on the 22nd August, 1905.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

2. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Breaches of the Merchant Shipping Act:—*Mr. Cann*, for Mr. Sullivan, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it the duty of the Superintendent of Navigation or the Shipping Master to prosecute captains of vessels for breaches of the Merchant Shipping Act, when such breaches are brought under their notice?

(2.) If so, why was not the captain of the *Miltiades* prosecuted for taking a seaman to sea without putting him on the articles?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

(1.) The Shipping Master, for breaches of the Merchant Shipping Act relating to seamen.

(2.) The seaman was reluctant to give evidence, and his attendance at the Court could not be relied on.

- (2.) Registration of Vessels:—*Mr. Cann*, for Mr. Sullivan, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Will he furnish a return showing the number of vessels registered in New South Wales previous to 1890; the tonnage of such vessels; and the number of seamen and firemen that were employed thereon?

(2.) The number at present registered; their tonnage; and the number of seamen and firemen employed thereon?

(3.) Will he kindly obtain the same returns from the other States for the *bond fide* purposes of the calling?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—The Honorable Member should move for the production of this information in the form of a return.

- (3.) State Grants to the New South Wales Kindergarten Association:—*Mr. W. W. Young* asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) What is the total amount of money that has been granted by the State to date to the New South Wales Kindergarten Association?

(2.) What sum was granted to that body during the last financial year?

(3.) What sum was subscribed last year by the members of the Association?

(4.) In what year was public money first granted to the Association?

(5.) How many children were there in daily attendance in the Schools run by the Association in the year prior to the first grant?

(6.) How many are there at the present time?

(7.) Do all the free Kindergarten Schools in the State get a share of the money voted to the Association?

(8.) If not, why not?

(9.)

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(9.) Is it a fact that the Kindergarten Association runs two classes of schools—one for free pupils in the slums, and another (paying Kindergarten) for the children of wealthy people in the fashionable suburbs?

Mr. O'Connor answered,—The question has been referred to my Honorable Colleague, the Chief Secretary, who informs me that steps are being taken to obtain the information required.

- (4.) Conditional Purchase Balances :—*Mr. Nobbs*, for Mr. Davidson, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the Treasury Department requires a fee of 5s. for supplying conditional purchase balances when the same are not for payment purposes?
 - (2.) If so, will he take steps to revert to the former practice, or allow the Crown Land Agents to do so without cost?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—It has been found necessary to charge a Search Fee in consequence of the large number of inquiries made by Financial Institutions, such inquiries being evidently for the sole purpose of checking their securities. In no case is the fee charged when the owner of the conditional purchase asks for the information, nor is it charged in cases where it is the intention to pay off the outstanding balance of purchase money.

3. PAPERS :—

Mr. Carruthers laid upon the Table,—Correspondence upon the subject of the local manufacture of locomotives. (*In further supplementation of the documents laid upon the Table on the 15th, 24th, and 30th August, 1905.*)

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Lee laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Additional Regulation under the Water and Drainage Act, 1902.
- (2.) Report on the Coast Hospital, Little Bay, for the year 1904.
- (3.) Additional By-laws of the Municipal District of Balranald.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Ashton laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Notice of intention to declare that conditional purchase No. 04-1, district of Maitland, being portions 44 and 48, parish of Haddon, county of Northumberland, applied for by Robert Scott Nicholls, shall cease to be voidable.
- (2.) Notice of intention to declare that additional conditional purchase No. 03-7, district of Picton, being portion 94, parish of Jooriland, county of Westmoreland, applied for by Joseph Donohue, shall cease to be voidable.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

4. DIOCESE OF GOULBURN CHURCH LAND SALE BILL :—Mr. Ashton, 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 August, 1905 ; together with a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Ashton then moved, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

Question put and passed.

5. BOROUGH OF BROMPTON NAMING BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. McCoy moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 27.

Mr. Broughton,	Mr. Reynoldson,
Mr. Booth,	Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Jessep,	Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Robson,	Mr. Arthur Griffith,
Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Perry (<i>The Richm'd</i>),
Mr. Levy,	Mr. McCoy,
Mr. Hindmarsh,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Moxham,	Mr. J. H. Young,
Mr. Henley,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Hollis,
Mr. Walter Anderson,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Edden,	
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Mahony,
Mr. Eden George,	Mr. Daley,
Mr. Briner,	

Noes, 22.

Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Thrower,
Mr. Estell,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Jones,	Mr. Dick,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Miller,
Mr. Sullivan,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Fallick,	
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Donaldson,	Mr. Chariton,
Mr. Nobbs,	
Mr. John Hurley,	
Mr. O'Sullivan,	
Mr. W. W. Young,	
Mr. Crick,	
Mr. Ashton,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. McCoy, 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. McCoy moved, That the report be now adopted.

Debate ensued.

Question put, and voices given,—Mr. Speaker stated his opinion that the *Ayes* had it.

Whereupon Division called for, and Mr. Speaker having, in accordance with Standing Order No. 213, directed the Members to take their seats to the right and left of the Chair respectively, declared the determination of the House to be in the *affirmative*, as there were only six Members in the minority who had challenged his decision.

The following are the names of the Members in the minority, viz. :—Mr. Gardiner, Mr. Macdonell, Mr. Scobie, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Crick, and Mr. McGarry.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

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5th September, 1905.

6. CITY BANK ACT EXTENSION BILL:—The Order of the Day having being read,—Mr. Waddell moved, "That" this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Arthur Griffith moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "That" and inserting the words "the Bill be referred to a Select Committee for inquiry and report.

"(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Dick, Mr. Waddell, Mr. Cann, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Fegan, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Fallick, Mr. Levy, Mr. John Hurley, and the Mover,"—instead thereof. Question,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question,—put. The House divided.

Ayes, 33.

Mr. Wood,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Levy,	Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Jessep,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Ashton,	Mr. Walter Anderson,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Charlton,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. W. W. Young,
Mr. John Hurley,	Mr. Eden George,
Mr. Wade,	Mr. McCoy,
Mr. Robson,	Mr. Hindmarsh,
Mr. Broughton,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Moore,
Mr. J. H. Young,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Law.
Mr. Oakes,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Ball,	
Mr. Briner,	Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Reynoldson,	Mr. Scobie.
Mr. McLaurin,	

Noes, 13.

Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Cann,
Mr. Macdonell,
Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Sullivan,
Mr. Estell,
Mr. Thrower,
Mr. McGarry.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Hollis.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original Question,—That this Bill be now read a second time,—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 34.

Mr. Wood,	Mr. John Hurley,	Mr. Charlton,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Walter Anderson,
Mr. Levy,	Mr. Sullivan,	Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Jessep,	Mr. Ball,	Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Ashton,	Mr. Briner,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Crick,	Mr. Reynoldson,	Mr. Law.
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. McLaurin,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Broughton,	Mr. Moore,	
Mr. Wade,	Mr. Lee,	Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Robson,	Mr. Hindmarsh,	Mr. McFarlane.
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. McCoy,	
Mr. J. H. Young,	Mr. Eden George,	
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. W. W. Young,	

Noes, 11.

Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Cann,
Mr. Estell,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Hollis,
Mr. McGarry.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Thrower,
Mr. Jones.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Waddell, 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. Waddell, the report was adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

7. BANK OF NEW SOUTH WALES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Cohen moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Cohen, the report was adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

8. BREAD (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Broughton, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Bread Act, 1901.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman 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:—

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to amend the Bread Act, 1901.

On motion of Mr. Broughton, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

9. MOSS VALE CATTLE SALE-YARDS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Cohen moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Cohen, the report was adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

5th September, 1905.

10. WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Levy, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the law with respect to compensation to workmen for injuries suffered in the course of their employment.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman 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:—

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to amend the law with respect to compensation to workmen for injuries suffered in the course of their employment.

On motion of Mr. Levy, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

(2.) Mr. Levy then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the law with respect to compensation to workmen for injuries suffered in the course of their employment*,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 17th October.

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

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 37.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTIETH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 6 SEPTEMBER, 1905.

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

MESSAGES FROM THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR :—The following Messages from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor were delivered by Mr. Carruthers, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

- (1.) Crimes (Amendment) Bill :—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 49.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Crimes Act, 1900*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His 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.

*State Government House,
Sydney, 6th September, 1905.*

- (2.) Government Motor Omnibus Bill :—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 50.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Railway Commissioners of New South Wales to construct, purchase, or lease Motor Omnibuses, and to run the same on certain roads; and for other purposes connected therewith or incidental thereto*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His 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.

*State Government House,
Sydney, 6th September, 1905.*

2. ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR 1905-1906, AND STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS FROM THE VOTE "ADVANCE TO TREASURER," 1904-1905, ON ACCOUNT OF SERVICES FOR THE YEAR 1904-5 :—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. Carruthers, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 51.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends, for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly, the accompanying Estimates of Expenditure for the year 1905-1906, together with a Statement of Payments from the Vote "Advance to Treasurer," 1904-5, on account of Services of the year 1904-5.

*State Government House,
Sydney, 5th September, 1905.*

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

6th September, 1905.

3. QUESTIONS :—

.) Crew of Steamship *Lombard*:—*Mr. Estell*, for *Mr. Sullivan*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Was the steamship *Lombard* in port for some two or three days with a coolie crew, and, on transhipment, were not some found to be missing?
- (2.) Is he satisfied with the allegation that some died?
- (3.) Why was a fresh crew of white men signed on board of this vessel by the Deputy Shipping Master after dark, although the vessel had been in port for some days; and why was it not done at the Shipping Office?
- (4.) Was there any disease amongst the coolies?
- (5.) Were any prosecutions instituted by the Inspector of Police in respect of this ship; and with what result?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

- (1.) Yes; the *Lombard* was in port four days with a coolie crew on board. None were missing.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) The Master being under a bond for the safe custody of the coolie crew decided to pay them off on board, and the opportunity was taken to sign on the white crew in their stead at the same time.
- (4.) One coolie died at sea from disease. No other cases were reported. Two have, however, since died in hospital.
- (5.) Yes; a licensed waterman was prosecuted for unlawfully supplying two seamen to be shipped on board the *Lombard*, and find £11, and the captain was summoned for unlawfully receiving the two seamen. The latter charge was, however, withdrawn, as the stipendiary magistrate was of opinion that there was no offence.

(2.) Liverpool Asylum:—*Mr. Downes* asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House a return with respect to the Liverpool Asylum (particulars for each year to be given separately) showing,—

- (1.) Number of deaths of inmates during the last three years, cause of death, and religion of deceased?
- (2.) Number of bodies sent to Sydney University School of Medicine during the last three years?
- (3.) Amount paid for interment of dead during the same period, detailing particular Cemetery Trustees to whom the money was paid?

Mr. Lee answered,—There is no objection to a return giving the information sought being laid upon the Table if moved for in the usual manner.(3.) Supply of Depositions to Prisoners:—*Mr. Estell*, for *Mr. Holman*, asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—Will he provide for an amendment of the Crimes Act, making it mandatory on the Crown Law Office to supply gratuitously all prisoners committed for trial, with one authenticated copy of the depositions in the Police Court at least a fortnight before the date of such trial?*Mr. Wade* answered,—In any case where it is shown to my satisfaction that an accused person is really unable to pay for a copy of the depositions one is supplied free of cost. I do not feel inclined to extend this concession to persons who are able to pay.(4.) Persons Released from Gaol before the Expiration of their Sentence:—*Mr. Estell*, for *Mr. Holman*, asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—Will he cause a return to be prepared showing the names, occupations, and offences of all persons undergoing sentences who have been released from gaol before the expiration of their sentence in the ordinary course during the last three years?*Mr. Wade* answered,—This return should be moved for in the usual way.(5.) Convictions for Selling Adulterated Milk:—*Mr. Thrower* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) How many persons were convicted of selling adulterated milk during the years 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904, 1905, and fines imposed in each case?
- (2.) How many were convicted of adding preservatives or admixtures, and how many were convicted of adding water?
- (3.) Of the number convicted how many were employers and employees respectively?
- (4.) Of the total number convicted, how many were shopkeepers, and the total amount of fines imposed?
- (5.) Is it a fact that persons have been summoned and fined without being given an opportunity of proving that the article which they have been found selling may have been adulterated before purchase by them?
- (6.) Will the Government take steps to have the Public Health Act amended to prevent the infliction of heavy fines upon persons who have no opportunity of knowing the quality of the milk which they purchase to again sell, and who unknowingly may sell an impure article, and be fined for so doing?

Mr. Lee answered,—In reply to Question 6 it is considered that the Public Health Act, section 93, affords defendants in the cases contemplated means of fully protecting themselves. To obtain the information desired by the Honorable Member under Questions 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, will entail considerable inquiry and the preparation of an expensive return.(6.) Expenditure on Locomotive Workshops, Eveleigh:—*Mr. Hollis* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—What is the total amount expended on the Locomotive Workshops, Eveleigh, since the year 1888, giving separately the amount on buildings and machinery?*Mr. Carruthers* answered,—I am informed the amounts were as under:—

- (1.) Additional buildings, £56,167.
- (2.) Additional machinery, £69,189.

(7.)

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6th September, 1905.

- (7.) Carriage of Coal used in the Railway Workshops :—Mr. Hollis asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
 (1.) Is the Locomotive Department, Railways, charged for carriage of coal from the pit to Eveleigh?
 (2.) If so, what is the charge per ton from Helensburgh, Lithgow, and Newcastle respectively?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—I am informed that the railway workshops are not debited with the cost of the haulage of coal used therein.

- (8.) Machine Shearers' Union :—Mr. Macdonell asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—
 (1.) Is it a fact that the secretary of the Machine Shearers' Union has failed to pay the costs due to the Crown in connection with his appeal to the Supreme and High Courts, and his application for leave to appeal to the Privy Council, in regard to the proceedings arising out of the proceedings of the Royal Commission appointed to inquire into the character of the Machine Shearers' Union?

(2.) If so, what is the amount of the costs so unpaid?

(3.) Is he aware that the Employers' Federation of this State was reported in the *Sydney Morning Herald* of the 16th December last to have decided to defray the costs of an appeal to the Privy Council in this matter?

(4.) Will he bring this refusal or inability of the Machine Shearers' Union to defray those costs under the notice of the Registrar of the Industrial Arbitration Court with a view of ascertaining if he does not consider this a reason within Section 8 (subsection a) of the Industrial Arbitration Act upon which he might base an application for the cancellation of the registration of the said Union under the said Act?

Mr. Wade answered,—

(1.) The costs in connection with the appeals to the Supreme and High Courts have not been paid. No costs were incurred in connection with the application for leave to appeal to the Privy Council.

(2.) The costs have not yet been taxed. Approximately they will amount to about £250.

(3.) The report in the *Sydney Morning Herald* referred to states that it was resolved that the Federation should undertake to support an appeal to the Privy Council from the decision of the Federal High Court, and that the matter should be left in the hands of the Finance Committee, with power to act.

(4.) The proceedings were against individuals. The Machine Shearers' Union was not a party to the proceedings, and is not responsible for the costs. Its position under the Industrial Arbitration Act consequently cannot be affected.

- (9.) Employees at Eveleigh Railway Workshops :—Mr. Jones asked the Colonial Treasurer,—With reference to the statement made during his speech in the Legislative Assembly on Thursday, 30th August, on the motion for the construction of locomotives, reported in *Hansard* on page 1912, to the effect that eighty men on Empire Day left their work at Eveleigh Railway Workshops without consulting their superior officers or obtaining permission to leave work, and that the work of the whole shop was disorganised as a result of the cessation of work by those eighty men without permission,—are those men still in the employment of the Railway Commissioners; if so, does he, as Minister for Railways, intend to see that the necessary steps are taken to prevent a recurrence of such undesirable actions on the part of railway servants?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—I am informed that the men who left work without permission are still in the employment of the Railway Commissioners, who advise me that such action was taken as was suitable, and a recurrence of such an offence will not likely occur.

4. BREAD (AMENDMENT) BILL :—Mr. Broughton, pursuant to leave granted on the 5th September, 1905, presented a Bill, intitled "*A Bill to amend the Bread Act, 1901*,"—which was read a first time. Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 19th September.

5. PAPERS :—

Mr. Carruthers laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Correspondence between the Commonwealth Government and the Government of New South Wales respecting the Federal Capital Site. (*In further supplementation of the documents laid upon the Table on the 11th July, 1st and 15th August, 1905.*)

(2.) Correspondence from Mr. Kirkcaldie, Railway Commissioner, to the Honorable the Premier upon the subject of the local manufacture of locomotives. (*In further supplementation of the documents laid upon the Table on the 15th, 24th, and 30th August, 1905, and 5th September, 1905.*)

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Ashton laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, 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, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.

(3.) Abstract of Crown Lands intended to be dedicated to Public Purposes, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.

(4.) *Gazette* Notice setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the Dedication of certain Lands, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.

(5.) Notice of intention to declare that additional conditional purchase No. 03-3, district of Parkes, being portion No. 26, parish of Salisbury, counties of Kennedy and Cunningham; and conditional lease No. 34287, district of Parkes, being portion No. 36, parish of Redcliffe, counties of Kennedy and Cunningham, applied for by Thomas Horatio Little, for the Citizens' Life Assurance Company, Limited, shall cease to be voidable.

(6.) Notice of intention to declare that additional conditional purchase No. 04-4, district of Hay, being portions Nos. 64 and 65, parish of Booligal, county of Nicholson, applied for by Charles John Boxshall, shall cease to be voidable.

(7.) Notice of intention to declare that additional conditional purchase, No. 04-42, district of Mudgee, being portion No. 262, parish of Gulgong, county of Phillip, applied for by Michael John Noy, shall cease to be voidable.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

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6. **LOTTERIES BILL**:—Mr. Wade, pursuant to leave granted on the 31st August, 1905, presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to make better provision for the suppression of lotteries; to declare fan-tan and pak-a-pu to be unlawful games; to repeal the Lotteries and Art Unions Act, 1901; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*”—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.
7. **BOROUGH OF BROMPTON NAMING BILL** (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Cohen, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Cohen then moved, That the Title of the Bill be “*An Act to alter the name of the Municipal District of St. Peters.*”
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—
MR. PRESIDENT,—
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled “*An Act to alter the name of the Municipal District of St. Peters.*”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 6th September, 1905.*
8. **CITY BANK ACT EXTENSION BILL** (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Waddell, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Waddell then moved, That the Title of the Bill be “*An Act to continue for a further term of twenty-one years the provisions of the City Bank Act, whereby The City Bank of Sydney as thereby incorporated was empowered to make, issue, circulate, and re-issue bank notes or bills.*”
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Bill be 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 continue for a further term of twenty-one years the provisions of the City Bank Act, whereby The City Bank of Sydney as thereby incorporated was empowered to make, issue, circulate, and re-issue bank notes or bills.*”—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 6th September, 1905.*
9. **BANK OF NEW SOUTH WALES BILL** (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Cohen, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Cohen then moved, That the Title of the Bill be “*An Act to amend 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 some of the provisions of the Bank of New South Wales Act of 1886.*”
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 some of the provisions of the Bank of New South Wales Act of 1886.*”—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 6th September, 1905.*
10. **MOSS VALE CATTLE SALE-YARDS BILL** (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Cohen, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Cohen then moved, That the Title of the Bill be “*An Act to authorise the construction, maintenance, and regulation of cattle sale-yards by the Council of the Municipal District of Moss Vale.*”
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 authorise the construction, maintenance, and regulation of cattle sale-yards by the Council of the Municipal District of Moss Vale.*”—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, 6th September, 1905.*
11. **NEWCASTLE FRIENDLY SOCIETIES AND TRADES HALL SITE ACT AMENDMENT BILL** (*Formal Motion*):—
(1.) Mr Edden moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Newcastle Friendly Societies and Trades Hall Site Act, 56 Victoria No. 35, to provide for the election of trustees under the Newcastle Eight-hours Committee By-laws; and other purposes incidental thereto.
Question put and passed.

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- (2.) Mr. Edden then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Newcastle Friendly Societies and Trades Hall Site Act, 56 Victoria No. 35, to provide for the Election of Trustees under the Newcastle Eight-hours Committee By-laws; and for other purposes incidental thereto,*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 31st October.

12. CONSTRUCTION OF LOCOMOTIVES WITHIN THE STATE :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the following resolutions :—

(1.) That this House approves of a contract being made by the Government for the construction within the State, of sixty locomotives of the "P" and "T" class (thirty of each), at a price not exceeding £71 13s. 11d. per ton, according to the conditions and specifications of the Railway Department, and to be delivered as required by the Commissioners at periods up to seven and a half years, and subject to an approved guarantee or deposit by the contractors for the due performance of the contract.

(2.) That the above resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress and obtained leave to sit again To-morrow.

13. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council :—

- (1.) Habitual Criminals Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to provide for the detention and control of habitual criminals,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

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Sydney, 6th September, 1905.

F. B. SUTTON,
President.

HABITUAL CRIMINALS BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 6th September, 1905.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, clause 3, line 16. *Omit "and"*

Page 1, clause 3, line 16. *After "III" insert "or IV"*

Examined,—

W. J. TRICKETT,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

- (2.) Small Debts Recovery (Amending) Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to amend the Small Debts Recovery Act, 1899; to provide for an appeal from a court of petty sessions to a district court; to provide for the collection of fees in a court of petty sessions; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 6th September, 1905.

F. B. SUTTON,
President.

SMALL DEBTS RECOVERY (AMENDING) BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 6th September, 1905.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, clause 1, line 7. *After "1905" insert "and shall come into force on the first day of October, "one thousand nine hundred and five."*

Page 2, clause 4. *Omit clause 4.*

Page 3, clause 9, line 15. *After "it" insert "or stating such facts as the court in the circumstances "deems sufficient in that behalf."*

Page 3, clause 10. *At end of clause add "Where judgment has been entered up by the court or "the registrar under this section, the court may, on the application of the defendant, direct "the said amount and costs to be paid at such times and by such instalments as it may "think fit."*

Page 3. *After clause 10, insert the following new clause :—*

Where in any such action the defendant has filed a notice of grounds of defence and affidavit as aforesaid, the action shall go to trial at the next sittings of the court held not less than four clear days after the day on which such notice was filed.

Page 4, clause 13. *At the end of clause add "or enter a verdict for the defendant"*

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Page 5, clause 20, lines 27 and 28. *Omit* "shall order" *insert* "shall not hear and determine the action or proceeding except with the consent of the parties, and shall at the request of the plaintiff order"

Process and
witnesses
expenses.

Page 6, clauses 23 and 24. *Omit* clauses 23 and 24, *insert* the following new clause:—

In all actions or proceedings in a court, the court may award to the successful party, by way of costs for court process and attendance of witnesses, such sum as in its discretion it thinks fit.

Page 6, clause 25, lines 28 and 29. *Omit* "in the absence of the court" *insert* "when the court is not sitting"

Page 6, clause 26, lines 35 and 36. *Omit* "in the absence of the court" *insert* "when the court is not sitting"

Pages 7 and 8, clauses 28 and 29. *Omit* "clauses 28 and 29"

Page 8, clause 30, lines 20 and 21. *Omit* "and prescribing the scale of costs and fees"

Page 8, clause 30, lines 25 and 26. *Omit* "Provided that until such rules are made the scale of fees and costs proscribed by or under the Principal Act shall continue in force"

Page 8. *After* clause 31 *insert* the following new clause:—

Amendment of
section 18.

Subsections one and two of section eighteen of the Principal Act are amended by inserting the words "carries on business or" before the words "usually resides" in those subsections.

Page 9, Schedule One, line 14. *Omit* "subsections two and three of section twenty nine"

Page 9, Schedule One, line 16. *Omit* "section sixty-four"

Examined,—

W. J. TRICKETT,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

(3.) Statistical Maps Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having had under consideration the Legislative Assembly's Message, dated 31st August, 1905, in reference to the Statistical Maps Bill,—does not insist upon its amendments disagreed to by the Assembly in this Bill.

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Sydney, 6th September, 1905.

F. B. SUTTON,
President.

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

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

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OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTIETH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 7 SEPTEMBER, 1905.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Signing Articles on board Vessels after Office Hours of Navigation Department:—*Mr. Estell*, for *Mr. Sullivan*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Referring to *Mr. Sullivan's* Question of 31st August,—

- (1.) How much money has been received by the Shipping Master and Deputy for shipping crews after hours during the past two years?
- (2.) Will he consider whether the State should pay these fees to their officers for doing work conveniencing the masters of ships and sailors, or whether the masters or sailors should pay them?
- (3.) What convenience is it to the master to sign his crew on board after hours?
- (4.) What convenience is it to the seamen to sign on board after hours?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

- (1.) £124 8s. 6d.
- (2.) The fees are paid by the ship-owners.
- (3.) Saving of time and inconvenience in bringing the men to the Shipping Office during working hours.
- (4.) With one or two exceptions, the attendance is on board steamers where the men have been at work, and it is a convenience to them to sign on board, instead of coming, sometimes long distances, to the Shipping Office.

(2.) *Wearne & Co.'s* Contract for building Locomotives:—*Mr. Hollis* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Was a contract for building locomotives some sixteen or seventeen years ago let to *Wearne & Co.*?
- (2.) If so, did the Railway Department or the Government supply this firm with materials for the contract?
- (3.) What loss (if any) resulted by this contract?
- (4.) Did the Railway Department take over this material, and construct locomotives with it?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

- (1.) I am informed that a contract was so let.
- (2.) The Railway Department supplied certain materials specified in the contract.
- (3.) £6,080. A contract was let by the Government to *Messrs. Wearne & Co.*, prior to the present Railway Act, which they failed to carry out, and the Commissioners had to take over partially constructed engines and material prepared for others, and complete the work at *Eveleigh*. As is usually the case, when a Contractor fails in this way, the cost of the work exceeds the contract price, and it was so in this instance.
- (4.) Yes.

(3.) State Grants to the New South Wales Kindergarten Association:—*Mr. W. W. Young* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) What is the total amount of money that has been granted by the State to date to the New South Wales Kindergarten Association?
- (2.) What sum was granted to that body during the last financial year?
- (3.) What sum was subscribed last year by the members of the Association?
- (4.) In what year was public money first granted to the Association?
- (5.) How many children were there in daily attendance in the Schools run by the Association in the year prior to the first grant?
- (6.) How many are there at the present time?

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(7.) Do all the free Kindergarten Schools in the State get a share of the money voted to the Association?

(8.) If not, why not?

(9.) Is it a fact that the Kindergarten Association runs two classes of schools—one for free pupils in the slums, and another (paying Kindergarten) for the children of wealthy people in the fashionable suburbs?

Mr. Hogue answered,—I will presently lay this information upon the Table in the form of a return.

(4.) Land resumed in Kent-street and claimed by James Dunn:—Mr. Oakes asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Government have offered compensation to the City Council for certain land situate in Kent-street recently occupied by the Council as a depot for storing wood blocks, &c.?

(2.) Will he ascertain whether the City Council, by not fulfilling the conditions of their grant of such land, forfeited all right to compensation in respect thereof?

(3.) Is the property in question part of a block of land which was, prior to the grant to the City Council, promised by the Crown to one Elizabeth Blaxell?

(4.) Has a claim been made by James Dunn, the heir-at-law of the said Elizabeth Blaxell, for compensation in respect of the resumption of such land?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

(1.) The amount of compensation has been agreed upon with the City Council, and the amount thereof has been paid into court under the provisions of the Public Works Act, 1900.

(2.) Answered by No. 1. The City Council has not forfeited its right to compensation.

(3.) Not to my knowledge.

(4.) A claim has been made by one James Dunn, who claims to be the heir-at-law of one Elizabeth Blaxell.

(5.) Mines Museum:—Mr. John Hurley asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Are any arrangements pending with the Education Department whereby a transfer of the Mines Museum is proposed?

(2.) Is it his intention to surrender the building known as the Mines Museum; if so, where is it intended to place the valuable exhibits?

Mr. Moore answered,—It is not proposed to transfer the control of the Mines Museum to any other Department, but the question of removing it to a more suitable site and building is engaging attention.

(6.) Intelligence Department:—Mr. Briner asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) How many new officers have been appointed in connection with the recently established Intelligence Department?

(2.) Is it proposed to make any further appointments?

(3.) Will he, before incurring expenditure of any extent, give Parliament an opportunity of expressing an opinion on the matter?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

(1.) No new officers have been appointed in connection with this Department.

(2.) Only as circumstances warrant.

(3.) Parliament will have an opportunity of discussing the matter when the estimate for the new Department is submitted.

(7.) Crown Land in Orara, Woolgoolga, and Coff's Harbour Districts:—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it a fact that 106,000 acres of land in the Orara, Woolgoolga, and Coff's Harbour districts are to be offered at auction during the current month for occupation license at 2s. 6d. and 3s. 6d. per section of 640 acres?

(2.) Is he aware that these lands if offered as annual leases would realise better rentals?

(3.) Is he aware that the granting of occupation licenses in these coastal districts causes trouble and annoyance to those engaged in the timber trade, particularly to teamsters, because of the comparatively high prices charged for agistment by holders of such licenses?

(4.) Will he reconsider the matter with a view to protecting teamsters and also to renting the land under annual lease?

Mr. Ashton answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) No. Part of the land has been available for annual lease application from the 23rd January, 1904, and part from the 25th January, 1905, and at present is open and available for annual lease application.

(3 and 4.) Inquiries are now being made, and if it appear that any considerable inconvenience would be caused by the granting of the proposed occupation licenses, they will be withdrawn from sale.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. O'Connor laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Amended By-laws of the University of Sydney.

(2.) Papers respecting the Special Increment of Salary granted to Mr. Finlayson, Assistant Teacher of the Alma Public School.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Carruthers laid upon the Table,—Return of Expenditure from Commonwealth and State Funds on Commonwealth Government House, Sydney, from 1st January, 1901, to 7th September, 1905.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

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Mr. Hogue laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Information respecting State grants to the Kindergarten Union of New South Wales.
 - (2.) Report by the Superintendent of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade on the risk from fire to employees and others in large establishments in the City.
 - (3.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Yass, under the Nuisances Prevention Act, 1897, and the Public Health (Night-soil Removal) Act, 1902.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. PRINTING COMMITTEE :—Mr. McFarlane, as Chairman, brought up the Tenth Report from the Printing Committee.
4. SUSPENSION OF SESSIONAL ORDERS :—Mr. Carruthers (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That so much of the Sessional Orders be suspended as would preclude the Orders of the Day of Government Business for Supply and Ways and Means, resumption of the Committee, taking precedence of all other business after Seven o'clock p.m., on Tuesday next.
Question put and passed.
5. MURRUMBIDGEE NORTHERN WATER SUPPLY AND IRRIGATION BILL :—Mr. Briner, 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 July, 1905; together with Appendix and a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Briner then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday, 19th September.
Question put and passed.
6. DRUMMOYNE MUNICIPAL LANDS SALE BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—
 - (1.) Mr. Henley moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable the Council of the Borough of Drummoyne to sell certain land; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
Question put and passed.
 - (2.) Mr. Henley then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable the Council of the Borough of Drummoyne to sell certain land; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 19th September.
7. MARRIED WOMEN OCCUPYING GOVERNMENT POSITIONS (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Henley moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing the number of married women occupying Government positions, whose husbands are in receipt of a competency, or salaries amounting to £3 per week and over.
Question put and passed.
8. CONSTRUCTION OF LOCOMOTIVES WITHIN THE STATE :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the following resolutions :—
 - (1.) That this House approves of a contract being made by the Government for the construction within the State, of sixty locomotives of the "P" and "T" class (thirty of each), at a price not exceeding £71 13s. 11d. per ton, according to the conditions and specifications of the Railway Department, and to be delivered as required by the Commissioners at periods up to seven and a half years, and subject to an approved guarantee or deposit by the contractors for the due performance of the contract.
 - (2.) That the above resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 8 SEPTEMBER, 1905, A.M.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to certain resolutions.

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, 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 made by the Government for the construction, within the State, of sixty locomotives of the "P" and "T" class (thirty of each), at a price not exceeding £71 13s. 11d. per ton, according to the conditions and specifications of the Railway Department, and to be delivered as required by the Commissioners at periods up to seven and a half years, and subject to an approved guarantee or deposit by the Contractors for the due performance of the contract.
- (2.) That the above resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.

On motion of Mr. Carruthers, the resolutions were read a second time, and agreed to.

The House adjourned, at Twenty-one minutes before Three o'clock, a.m., until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.



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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTIETH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 12 SEPTEMBER, 1905.

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

MESSAGES FROM THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor were delivered by Mr. Carruthers, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

- (1.) City Bank Act Extension Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 52.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to continue for a further term of twenty-one years the provisions of the City Bank Act, whereby The City Bank of Sydney as thereby incorporated was empowered to make, issue, circulate, and re-issue bank notes or bills,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His 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, 8th September, 1905.*

- (2.) Bank of New South Wales Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 53.

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 some of the provisions of the 'Bank of New South Wales Act of 1886,'*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His 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.

*State Government House,
Sydney, 8th September, 1905.*

- (3.) Statistical Maps Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 54.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorise the compilation of maps showing certain particulars relating to lands used for the purposes of agriculture, pastoral pursuits, timber-getting, and mining, and exempting persons giving information necessary for such compilation from penalty; to amend the Census Act, 1901; and for other purposes incidental thereto,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His 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.

*State Government House,
Sydney, 11th September, 1905.*

12th September, 1905.

2. QUESTION :—

(1.) Report of Mr. Henry Deane respecting his visit to America and Europe :—*Mr. Cohen*, for Mr. Fell, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Will he state whether Mr. Henry Deane, late Engineer-in-Chief for Railway Construction, furnished any report or reports upon the results of his recent visit to America, United Kingdom, and Europe?

(2.) If so, will he lay the same upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Lee answered,—I will lay the report upon the Table this evening.

3. LIQUOR (AMENDMENT) BILL :—Mr. McGowen presented a petition from William Blanchard, representing that petitioner views with satisfaction the introduction of the Liquor (Amendment) Bill, and praying that the Bill, with certain amendments indicated in the petition, may speedily be passed into law.

Petition received.

4. PAPERS :—Mr. Lee laid upon the Table,—

(1.) List of, and information relating to, Shires in Victoria.

(2.) Reports by Mr. Henry Deane, M.A., M. Inst. C.E., Engineer-in-Chief for Railway and Tramway Construction, Department of Public Works, upon various engineering matters investigated during his recent visit to Europe and America.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

5. CLAIM OF ROBERT ROBERTS, LATE BOOKBINDER, REGISTRAR-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT :—Mr. Broughton moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the suspension and claim of Robert Roberts, late bookbinder in the Registrar-General's Department.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Carruthers, Mr. Briner, Mr. Nobbs, Mr. Levy, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Booth, Mr. McGowen, Mr. Hollis, Mr. McNeill, and the Mover.

(3.) That the Progress Report from the Select Committee of Session 1901, and the Report from the Select Committee of Session 1902, together with the Proceedings of the Committees, Minutes of Evidence, and Appendices, be referred to such Committee.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

6. SALE OF ARTICLES MANUFACTURED IN NEW SOUTH WALES :—Mr. R. J. Anderson moved, pursuant to amended Notice,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed—

(a) To inquire into and report upon the alleged practice or trade custom of offering for sale, articles manufactured or produced in New South Wales as being the manufacture or production of other countries or States of the Commonwealth.

(b) To inquire into and report upon the best means to adopt for checking or preventing such a custom.

(c) To suggest some practical means whereby the public mind may be enlightened and freed from prejudices regarding the products of local industry.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Broughton, Mr. Downes, Mr. Tbrower, Mr. Gillies, Mr. Jessep, Mr. Macdonald, Mr. John Hurley, Mr. Law, and the Mover.

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

Point of Order :—Mr. Hogue submitted that Mr. Anderson having spoken in reply, the Honorable Member for Blayney, Mr. Crick, had no right of audience, and, therefore, could not demand a ballot.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker ruled that the Honorable Member for Blayney was within his rights in demanding a ballot before the Question had been fully put from the Chair.

And it being Seven o'clock, Orders of the Day of Government business for Supply and Ways and Means took precedence under resolution adopted on 7th September, 1905.

7. SUPPLY :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Carruthers, 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 :—

(2.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to His Majesty a sum not exceeding £855, for Executive Council, for the year 1905–1906.

On motion of Mr. Carruthers, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

8. WAYS AND MEANS (*Financial Statement*) :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Carruthers, 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 ten minutes before Ten o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 40.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTIETH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 13 SEPTEMBER, 1905.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Governor-General's Residence—State Governor's Residences:—Mr. Briner asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) What has been the total cost of the Governor-General's residence and grounds from 1st July, 1901, to date?
- (2.) What proportion of this sum will the people of New South Wales be asked to pay?
- (3.) What is the total period during which the Governor-General has occupied the place?
- (4.) What is the total cost to date of "Cranbrook," State Governor's Sydney residence and grounds?
- (5.) What was the cost of the State Governor's residence and grounds at Moss Vale during the five years ending 30th June, 1905?
- (6.) Will the Government take steps to provide that pending the taking up of permanent residence in Sydney by the Governor-General, the State Governor shall reside at the old Government House, and so save the expense of at least one establishment?

Mr. Dick answered,—

- (1 to 5.) The Honorable member should move for the production of this information in the form of a return.
 - (6.) The existing arrangement with the Commonwealth Government precludes the adoption of a proposal of this nature.
- (2.) Betting and Gambling:—Mr. Briner asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that steps have been taken to lessen betting and gambling generally by: (a) The suppression of two-up schools, pak-a-pu and fan-tan dens, lotteries, bazaars (except for charitable purposes); (b) the suppression of "tote" shops and the prosecution of persons found betting therein; (c) the prosecution of persons found betting on any sporting event, unless within a club or a racecourse enclosure; (d) the driving out of the State the business of Tattersall's sweeps and the revenue derived therefrom?
 - (2.) Is he aware that Tattersall's sweeps are now conducted in Tasmania, where the Government receives a royalty upon each ticket, and that the sweeps on every important race are advertised in Sydney papers, the names of sweep-winners and amounts won being also published openly?
 - (3.) Is he aware that Sydney papers (including the *Sydney Morning Herald* and the *Daily Telegraph*) devote special attention to the principal racing events, and openly announce the betting prices and the amounts wagered?
 - (4.) Is this the case in nearly every branch of sport?
 - (5.) Does the Government intend to suppress the publication of anything in connection with betting upon sporting events, or with Tattersall's sweeps; if not, will the Government remove the prohibition, as far as possible, of Tattersall's sweeps, and also legalise betting all round?

Mr. Wade answered,—As far as the present law allows, strict steps are taken to suppress illegal practices of the nature referred to. It is intended to introduce further legislation to make the law more stringent and effective. One Bill was introduced by me last week to make better provision for the suppression of lotteries. Further measures will be introduced at an early date.

- (3.) Boxing Contests:—Mr. R. J. Anderson, for Mr. Booth, asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Has his attention been drawn to the recent exhibition of boxing?
- (2.) Will he take steps to prevent a recurrence of that kind?

Mr. Hogue answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) It has been reported to me that on the occasion referred to nothing occurred to warrant police interference, and, as a matter of fact, such contests have been held to be not illegal.

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2. ALLEGATION BY THE REV. W. WOOLLS RUTLEDGE RESPECTING AN APPOINTMENT TO THE PUBLIC SERVICE:—The following Petitions, representing that the House had appointed a Select Committee to inquire into and report upon the truthfulness or otherwise of an allegation made publicly on several occasions by the Rev. W. Woolls Rutledge, to the effect that a certain public officer (Mr. Hall, the Acting Government Statistician) was unable to obtain re-employment in the Public Service until he joined the Roman Catholic Church, and that immediately upon his doing so he was re-employed at a salary of £1,000 a year, and praying to be represented by counsel or attorney or in person, before such Committee, with the right to call, examine, and cross-examine witnesses,—were presented by Mr. Cann:—
- (1.) From W. Woolls Rutledge.
 - (2.) From W. H. Hall.
- Petitions received.
Ordered to be referred to the Select Committee.
3. LIQUOR (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The following Petitions, representing that petitioners view with satisfaction the introduction of the Liquor (Amendment) Bill, and praying that the Bill, with certain amendments indicated in the petitions, may speedily be passed into law, were presented by the Members named:—
- (1.) By Mr. Nobbs—From F. B. Boyce, President of Conference of Delegates of Temperance Societies held in the Protestant Hall, Sydney.
 - (2.) By Mr. Kearney—From the Armidale Branch of the Women's Political Educational League.
- Petitions received.
4. PAPERS:—
- Mr. Dick laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) Estimates of the Ways and Means of the Government of New South Wales for the year 1905–1906.
 - (2.) Statements in connection with the Financial Speech, 12th September, 1905.
Ordered to be printed.
 - (3.) Amended Regulation under the Government Savings Bank Act, 1902.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
- Mr. Wade laid upon the Table,—Report of the Public Service Board for the year 1904.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
- Mr. Lee laid upon the Table,—Return of Leases granted under the provisions of section 18, Crown Lands Act Amendment Act, 1903.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
5. BELLINGEN ROADS DISTRICT (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Briner moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a return showing the amounts voted, and the amounts of such votes expended, upon all roads in the Taylor's Arm Division of Bellingen roads district during the financial years 1901–02, 1902–03, 1903–04, and 1904–05.
Question put and passed.
6. MR. HALL, ACTING GOVERNMENT STATISTICIAN (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Law moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon Table of this House copies of all papers and documents relating to the dismissal and subsequent re-appointment of Mr. Hall, Acting Government Statistician.
Question put and passed.
7. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS:—
- (1.) *Sydney Water Supply—Raising and Re-lining Lower Canal and Construction of Aqueduct at Booth Town*:—Mr. Lee moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of completing the raising and re-lining of the Lower Canal and the construction of an aqueduct at Booth Town, Sydney Water Supply.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
 - (2.) *Scheme for Treatment of Sewage at the Western Suburbs Outfall on Rockdale Sewage Farm*:—Mr. Lee moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of carrying out a scheme for the treatment of sewage at the Western Suburbs Outfall on Rockdale Sewage Farm, by liquifying tanks and filters.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 51.

Mr. Wade,	Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Latimer,	Mr. Charlton,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Reynoldson,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Dick,	Mr. Gillies,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Wood,
Mr. Dacey,	Mr. John Hurley,	Mr. Morton,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Donaldson,	Mr. Fell,
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. R. J. Anderson,	Mr. Estell,
Mr. Robson,	Mr. Jones,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Nielsen,	Mr. Moxham,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. Davidson,	Mr. Walter Anderson,	Mr. Holman,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Thomas,	Mr. Hollis,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Henley,	Mr. Briner.
Mr. J. H. Young,	Mr. Brinsley Hall,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. W. W. Young,	Mr. Mackenzie,	Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Hindmarsh,	Mr. Perry (<i>L'pool Plains</i>),	Mr. Kearney.
Mr. Downes,	Mr. Eden George,	
Dr. Arthur,	Mr. O'Sullivan,	

Noes, 7.

Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Daley,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,
Mr. Sullivan,
Mr. Macdonald.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Macdonell,
Mr. Meehan.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

(3.)

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(3.) *Scheme of Sewerage for the Illawarra Suburbs*:—Mr. Lee moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of carrying out a scheme of sewerage for the Illawarra Suburbs.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

8. **NEGLECTED CHILDREN AND JUVENILE OFFENDERS BILL**:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to make better provision for the protection, control, education, maintenance, and reformation of neglected and uncontrollable children and juvenile offenders; to provide for the establishment and control of institutions and for contribution by near relatives towards the support of children in institutions; to constitute children's courts and to provide for appeals from such courts; to provide for the licensing and regulation of children trading in streets and in certain places open to the public; to amend the State Children Relief Act, 1901, the Children's Protection Act, 1902, the Infant Protection Act, 1904, and the Crimes Act, 1900; to repeal the Reformatory and Industrial Schools Act, 1901; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*,"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 13th September, 1905.

F. B. SUTTON,
President.

NEGLECTED CHILDREN AND JUVENILE OFFENDERS BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 13th September, 1905.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 2, clause 1, line 9. *Omit "September" insert "October"*
Page 3, clause 5, line 9. *After "person" insert "admitting himself to be or"*
Page 3, clause 5, line 35. *After "dead" insert "insane"*
Page 3, clause 5, line 41. *After "smoked" insert "or (j) who is living under such conditions as indicate that the child is lapsing into a career of vice and crime"*
Page 4, clause 8, line 34. *After "Minister" omit remainder of clause.*
Page 6, clause 15, line 22. *After "board" insert "or other person appointed by the Minister in that behalf"*

Page 7. *After clause 17, insert the following new clause:—*

Any person authorised by the Governor in that behalf, or any officer of police of or above the rank of senior-constable may, without warrant, apprehend a child who is in a place which is a brothel or where opium or any preparation thereof is smoked, or who he has reason to believe is a neglected or uncontrollable child. Apprehension of child in brothel, &c.

Page 7, clause 22, lines 38 and 39. *Omit "send the child home to his parents with a reprimand, or on receiving the promise of the child to be of good behaviour; or" insert "release the child on probation upon such terms and conditions and for such period of time as the Court may think fit; or"*

Page 7, clause 22, line 40. *Omit "for a specified period" insert "upon such terms and conditions and for such period of time as the Court may think fit, either"*

Page 8, clause 23, lines 8 and 9. *Omit "send the child home to his parents with a reprimand, or on receiving the promise of the child to be of good behaviour; or" insert "release the child on probation upon such terms and conditions and for such period of time as the Court may think fit; or"*

Page 8, clause 23, line 10. *Omit "for a specified period" insert "upon such terms and conditions and for such period of time as the Court may think fit, either"*

Page 8, clause 25, lines 41 and 42. *Omit "send the child home to his parents with a reprimand, or on receiving the promise of the child to be of good behaviour; or" insert "release the child on probation upon such terms and conditions and for such period of time as the Court may think fit; or"*

Page 9, clause 25, line 1. *Omit "for a specified period" insert "upon such terms and conditions and for such period of time as the Court may think fit, either"*

Page 9, *After clause 26, insert the following new clauses:—*

When a child has been dealt with under paragraph (a) or (b) of sections twenty-three, twenty-four, or twenty-six, the following provisions shall apply— As to sections 23, 24, or 26.

- (1) Subject to the directions of the Minister the child shall be in the custody and under the control of the person in charge of the asylum, or to whose care he has been committed.
- (2) The child and the premises wherein he resides, or whereto he has been committed, shall be subject to inspection by officers appointed in that behalf.
- (3) Any person having the care of a child as aforesaid who neglects or ill-treats such child shall be liable to a penalty of five pounds and the child may be removed from his custody and control by the Minister.

If a child who has been released upon probation breaks the terms or conditions of the release he may be apprehended and brought before the Court. As to breach of terms of probation.

If it shall appear that such breach has occurred, the Court may commit him under the provisions of this Act in the same manner as if he had not been released upon probation.

Page 14, clause 49, line 35, *after "are" insert "placed or"*

Examined—

W. J. TRICKETT,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

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9. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS:—

(1.) *Proposed Sewerage Works for Parramatta*:—Mr. Lee moved, pursuant to Notice, That it is expedient that the construction of Sewerage Works for the Town of Parramatta, referred by the Legislative Assembly to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, be carried out.
Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

(2.) *Proposed Railway from Mailland to South Grafton*:—Mr. Lee moved, pursuant to Notice, That it is expedient that the construction of a line of Railway from Maitland to South Grafton, referred by the Legislative Assembly to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, be carried out.

Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 14 SEPTEMBER, 1905, A.M.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 30.

Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Estell,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Richards,
Mr. Wade,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Briner,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. R. J. Anderson,
Mr. Law,	Mr. Walter Anderson,
Mr. Mackenzie,	Mr. Henley,
Mr. Robson,	Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. J. H. Young,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Hindmarsh,	Mr. Perry (<i>L'pool Plains</i>),
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. Donaldson.
Mr. McCoy,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Moxham,	Mr. Davidson,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Gillies.
Mr. Dick,	

Noes, 12.

Mr. Macdonell,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Cann,
Mr. Hollis,
Mr. Nielsen,
Mr. Meehan,
Mr. Charlton,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Kearney.

Tellers,

Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Reynoldson.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The House adjourned, at ten minutes after Two o'clock, a.m., until Four o'clock p.m., This Day.

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 41.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTIETH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 14 SEPTEMBER, 1905.

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

NORTH COAST RAILWAY BILL :—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. Lee, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 55.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, 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 Bill to sanction the construction of a line of Railway from Maitland to South Grafton ; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads ; to amend the Public Works Act, 1900, so far as it relates to the making and maintaining of fences along the said line ; to provide for the use of the said line by the Constructing Authority or by persons authorised by him ; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

*State Government House,
Sydney, 13th June, 1905.*

Ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

2. QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Imprisonment of Persons without Trial :—Mr. Briner asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is he aware that a man named Waddell has been for some time in gaol, and is still there, for refusing to answer questions in the Bankruptcy Court ; also that two other persons were sent to gaol by the Registrar last week ?

(2.) How long may Waddell be kept in prison if he persists in refusing to answer, and can the other persons also be imprisoned indefinitely ?

(3.) Will the Government take steps to provide that no man shall in future be imprisoned without a trial ?

Mr. Wade answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) By section 31 of the Bankruptcy Act, "If a bankrupt shall refuse to answer any lawful question * * * * the Judge or Registrar may commit him to prison, there to remain until he shall have done the thing so required of him, or shall be discharged by the Judge or Court." Waddell can go free whenever he chooses to answer the questions put to him by the Court. The other two persons referred to were committed to prison by the Registrar last week for ten days for evasion and prevarication, under the same section of the Bankruptcy Act. They were liberated to-day, on completion of that term.

(3.) The question will be considered.

(2.) Lower Clarence District Hospital at Maclean :—Mr. Briner asked the Colonial Secretary,—In connection with the Lower Clarence District Hospital at Maclean,—

(1.) Is he aware that Mr. George McRae, a public officer from the Government Architect's Office, submitted a report on 23rd April, 1904, regarding the existing buildings and the necessary additions ?

(2.) Did the report recommend the erection of nurses' quarters and a ward for treatment of infectious diseases at a cost of £900 for the quarters and £475 for the isolation ward ?

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(3.) Seeing the importance of the district, and in view of the officers' report, will the Government consider as early as possible the necessity of granting a sum of money on condition that the Hospital Committee provide half the cost of the necessary improvements?

Mr. Hogue answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) The claims of this district will receive consideration with those of others when funds are available.

(3.) Appointment of a Public Trustee:—Mr. Broughton asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it the intention of the Government to legislate in the direction of the appointment of a Public Trustee on the lines of the New Zealand Act?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—This matter has for some time been engaging the attention of the Government, and the Parliamentary Draftsman is preparing a Bill in connection therewith.

(4.) Public Servants' Court of Appeal:—Mr. Broughton asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it the intention of the Government to legislate in the direction of providing an Appeal Board in connection with the Public Service of the State of New South Wales, in view of the quinquennial regrading due in January next?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—I would invite the attention of the Honorable Member to the replies given by me to the Questions on this matter which were asked by the Honorable Member for Alexandria (Mr. Dacey) on the 8th, 16th, and 23rd ultimo.

(5.) Royal Art Society of New South Wales:—*Mr. Oakes*, for Mr. Latimer, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) What is the amount of annual subsidy given by the Government to the Royal Art Society of New South Wales?

(2.) Is he aware that, according to the 1905 Catalogue (issued by the Council of the Society) out of the 345 exhibits this year, no less than 124 are the work of eleven of the Selection Committee and of the Secretary, such Selection Committee and Secretary numbering fourteen out of the nineteen members of Council and office bearers of the Society, and the pictures selected being an average of eleven pictures to each exhibiting selector and Secretary?

(3.) Is he aware that (according to the same catalogue) the remaining 221 pictures represent eighty-four exhibitors, or less than three pictures to each exhibitor?

(4.) Is he aware that the figures, as regards exhibits, and exhibitors, were much in the same proportion for the years 1903 and 1904 and that the same mode of selection existed in those years?

(5.) Does he consider it desirable or equitable that the pictures submitted for selection should be judged by a committee who are mostly themselves exhibitors?

(6.) Will he withhold the proposal for any further subsidy to the Society until a different system of selection is adopted?

Mr. O'Connor answered,—

(1.) £400.

(2, 3, 4, and 5.) The Department has nothing to do with the selection of pictures for exhibition. It is understood that the members of the Art Society appoint a selection Committee to do that work, and doubtless the rules of the Society are such as to enable members to deal with any objection that may be brought against the Committee.

(6.) No vote has been placed on the Estimates for the current year, as it is intended to consider the introduction of a complete scheme of art instruction.

(6.) Reserve 2,238, adjoining Waddi Reserve—*Tubbo Holding*:—*Mr. Estell*, for Mr. Scobie, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Has Reserve 2,238 adjoining Waddi Reserve been finally dealt with, if so, under what tenure and conditions, who has secured it, and what is the acreage?

(2.) Are any further leases to be made available on *Tubbo Holding*, and if so, under what form of tenure?

(3.) Is any action being taken to satisfy the demand existing in this locality for land for settlement purposes, and if so, will such land be made available under Homestead Selection and Settlement Lease tenures?

Mr. Ashton answered,—

(1.) The Local Land Board reported upon an application for an improvement lease in connection with the reserve, and recommended that it be offered under that tenure. The papers are, however, now under reference to the District Surveyor for further report. The area of the reserve in question is 2,159 acres 3 roods.

(2.) This depends on whether certain reserves be retained in the interests of forest conservation, which is still under consideration.

(3.) The only lands being made available for settlement are on *Benerebah Holding*, 5 miles distant from the subject reserve. The District Surveyor's report is expected during the week.

(7.) Killarney and Dobikin Stations:—Mr. Collins asked the Secretary for Lands,—When does he propose making the Killarney and Dobikin lands available for settlement?

Mr. Ashton answered,—The District Surveyor recommended the setting apart of the Killarney surrendered land for original holdings, but in view of the subsequent receipt of letters from neighbouring holders asking that provision be made to enable them to acquire additional areas out of the land for disposal a further report from the District Surveyor has been sought. In regard to the Dobikin surrendered land not yet dealt with, portion 9, of 2,560 acres, in the parish of Nanamoi, county of Jamison, it has been decided to set apart for original settlement lease only, and portion 27, of 1,280 acres, in the parish of Woolabrar, county of Jamison, for original homestead selection only. Both portions will be made available towards the end of next month.

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- (8.) Weather Reports at Port of Newcastle:—Mr. Oakes asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Was it the practice to publish weather reports, warning shipmasters, at the port of Newcastle?
 - (2.) What was the annual cost of those reports?
 - (3.) Is it a fact that such reports have been discontinued; if so, why?
 - (4.) In view of the recent loss of life at that port, and the value of these weather reports to the Port of Newcastle, will he see that they are supplied in the future?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

- (1.) Daily weather reports are received and posted at the Post Office at Newcastle at 9 a.m., 3 p.m., and 8 p.m.
- (2.) The cost is a matter of adjustment between the State and the Federal Governments.
- (3 and 4.) These reports have not been discontinued.

- (9.) Amendment of the Volunteer Fire Brigades Act:—*Mr. Estell*, for Mr. Jones, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Does he intend to amend the Volunteer Fire Brigades Act, especially as it affects country towns?
- (2.) If so, is there any prospect of the measure being introduced this Session?

Mr. Hogue answered,—

- (1.) An amended Fire Brigades Bill is being prepared.
- (2.) I hope to introduce the measure at any early date.

3. PAPERS:—

Mr. Carruthers laid upon the Table,—Papers relative to the proposed refund to Messrs. Haynes and Richards of the expenses incurred by them in connection with the hearing of the Petition of Mr. John Haynes against the return of Mr. Edwin Richards as Member for the Electoral District of Mudgoe.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Hogue laid upon the Table,—Report by the Inspector-General of the Insane on the state and condition of the Hospitals and other Institutions for the Insane, for the year ended 31st December, 1904.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

4. PRINTING COMMITTEE:—Mr. McFarlane, as Chairman, brought up the Eleventh Report from the Printing Committee.

5. OBSERVATORY HILL LANDS LEASING BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Carruthers, 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 the Council's amendments, including the amendment in the Title.

On motion of Mr. Carruthers, the report was adopted.

6. HABITUAL CRIMINALS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Wade, 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. Wade, 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 detention and control of habitual criminals.*"
Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 14th September, 1905.

7. SMALL DEBTS RECOVERY (AMENDING) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Wade, 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, and made a consequential amendment in the Title.

On motion of Mr. Wade, the report was adopted.

8. NEGLECTED CHILDREN AND JUVENILE OFFENDERS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Wade, 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 amended some, and agreed to the remainder, of the Council's amendments.

On motion of Mr. Wade, the report was adopted.

9. OBSERVATORY HILL LANDS LEASING BILL:—Ordered, on motion of Mr. Carruthers, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly, having taken into consideration the Legislative Council's Message, dated 31st August, 1905, in reference to the Observatory Hill Lands Leasing Bill, disagrees to the Council's amendments in this Bill, including the amendment in the Title,—because the amendments are unnecessary in this Bill in view of the existing law.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 14th September, 1905.

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10. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS 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 to further consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, 1902, and the Constitution Act, 1902; and for other purposes.

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

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, 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 Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, 1902, and the Constitution Act, 1902; and for other purposes.

On motion of Mr. Carruthers, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

The House adjourned, at two minutes after Ten o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 42.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTIETH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 19 SEPTEMBER, 1905.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Legislation proposed in the Commonwealth Parliament affecting State Rights :—Mr. Broughton asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Has the Government adopted any method of supervision of proposed legislation in the Commonwealth Parliament with a view to guarding State rights; if not, will he consider the advisability of appointing a joint committee from both State Chambers for this purpose?
 (2.) Will the Government arrange to supply Members of the State Parliament with copies of all proposed laws of the Commonwealth Parliament, and of all Acts passed by that Parliament?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—I recently asked the Prime Minister of the Commonwealth to cause me to be furnished with at least ten copies of all Bills presented to the Federal Parliament, as introduced, to enable me to obtain reports from the officers best qualified to express an opinion on any particular measure, and, if thought necessary, to make representations to the Federal Government in the matter. As soon as I perceived that the Commerce Bill seemed in some respects to be an attempt to pass Federal legislation on matters which it was decided at the Hobart Conference should be left to State control, I communicated with the Premiers of the other States with a view to a joint protest being made to the Federal Government. Similar action will be taken whenever a measure is introduced which it is considered embodies provisions detrimental to the interests of the States, and Honorable Members may rest assured that every legitimate step will be taken to safeguard the rights of the States. I may add that the views of this Government in regard to the Bills relating to the representation of the several States in the House of Representatives, and to Census and Statistics of the Commonwealth, have already been conveyed to the Prime Minister.

- (2.) State Fire Insurance :—Mr. Meehan asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Since the abandonment of the State Fire Insurance Fund, what aggregate risk has in consequence been covered with private insurance companies?
 (2.) What risks remain to be covered?
 (3.) Among what companies has the business been distributed?
 (4.) What is the aggregate amount per annum paid to such companies?
 (5.) What amount is it estimated will have to be paid for risks yet to be covered?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—The Honorable Member should move for the production of this information in the form of a return. It will take some time to prepare.

- (3.) Salaried Staffs, Victorian and New South Wales Railways :—Mr. Fegan asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is he aware that the salaried staff of the railways of Victoria are paid fortnightly?
 (2.) Will he ask the Commissioners to pay the salaried staff in this State fortnightly?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

- (1.) I am informed that it has been recently arranged to pay the staff in Victoria fortnightly. Until recently both the wages and salaried staffs were paid monthly. Here the wages staff has always been paid fortnightly.
 (2.) I will refer the matter to the Railway Commissioners.

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- (4.) Private Rubbish Tip, Moore Park:—Mr. Broughton asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is he aware that close to the Municipal Refuse Destructor, at Moore Park, there is a private tip, in which, for a small payment (6d. per cart load) rubbish of the city and neighbourhood are cast in the open, and that every strong southerly wind blows therefrom papers, rags, &c., back into the city; if not, will he make inquiries, and move the proper authorities with the view of having this practice put a stop to?

Mr. Hogue answered,—Yes. The private tip referred to is outside the city boundaries, being situate in the borough of Waterloo. The council of that borough, as local authority under the Public Health Act, has been called upon to serve the offenders with legal notice to abate the nuisance.

- (5.) The *Agricultural Gazette*:—Mr. Morton asked the Secretary for Mines,—Is it the intention of the Department to discontinue the issue of the *Agricultural Gazette*?

Mr. Moore answered,—The question of altering the form of the *Agricultural Gazette* is under consideration.

2. LIQUOR (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The following Petitions, representing that Petitioners view with satisfaction the introduction of the Liquor (Amendment) Bill, and praying that the Bill, with certain amendments indicated in the Petitions, may speedily be passed into law, were presented by the Members named:—

(1.) By Mr. Charlton—From Albert Pryor, Chairman of a Public Meeting at Kurri Kurri.

(2.) By Mr. Lee—From members of the Casino Branch of the Women's Political Educational League.

(3.) By Mr. Creswell—From Mary A. Stevens, President of the North Sydney Branch of the Women's Political Educational League.

Petitions received.

3. PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS BILL:—Mr. Hogue, pursuant to leave granted on the 14th September, 1905, presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, 1902, and the Constitution Act, 1902; and for other purposes*,"—and moved, That the Bill be now read a first time.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 37.

Mr. Moore,	Mr. Briner,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Ashton,	Dr. Arthur,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. R. J. Anderson,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Walter Anderson,
Mr. Wood,	Mr. McCoy,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Henley,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Brinsley Hall,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Broughton,	Mr. Law,
Mr. Creswell,	Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Booth,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Hindmarsh,	Mr. W. W. Young,
Mr. J. H. Young,	Mr. Eden George.
Mr. Morton,	
Mr. Wade,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. John Hurley,	Mr. Downes,
Mr. Oakes,	Mr. Davidson.
Mr. Cohen,	
Mr. Jessep,	
Mr. Perry (<i>The Richm'd</i>),	

Noes, 19.

Mr. McNeill,
Mr. Daley,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Holman,
Mr. Nielsen,
Mr. Charlton,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Macdonell,
Mr. Hollis,
Mr. Cann,
Mr. Meehan,
Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. McGarry,
Mr. O'Sullivan.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Thrower,
Mr. Jones.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

4. PAPERS:—Mr. Carruthers laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Regulations under the provisions of the Explosives Act, 1902.

(2.) Schedule to the Estimates for 1905-6.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

5. SMALL DEBTS RECOVERY (AMENDING) BILL:—Ordered, on motion of Mr. Wade, 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 6th September, 1905, requesting concurrence in certain amendments made by the Council, in the Small Debts Recovery (Amending) Bill,—

Proposes to amend the Title by omitting the words "to provide for an appeal from a court of petty sessions to a district court" as consequential upon the Council's amendments in the Bill,—in which amendment the Assembly requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Disagrees to the omission of Clause 4 with the exception of subsection (b),—because

1. It will expedite the hearing of actions and lessen the cost of litigation in the country districts; and

2. The definition of "admitted set-off" in section 2 becomes meaningless if section 4 is omitted from the Bill.

And agrees to the remaining amendments in the Bill.

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6. NEGLECTED CHILDREN AND JUVENILE OFFENDERS BILL :—Ordered, on motion of Mr. Wade, 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 13th September, 1905, requesting concurrence in certain amendments made by the Council, in the Neglected Children and Juvenile Offenders Bill,—

Agrees to the amendments in clause 22, page 7, line 40 ; in clause 23, page 8, line 11 ; and in clause 25, page 9, line 1 ; but proposes to amend such amendments by omitting the words, "upon such terms and conditions and,"—in which amendments the Assembly requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council. ;

Agrees to the other amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill.

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Sydney, 19th September, 1905.*

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

By Mr. Carruthers,—

- (1.) Old-age Pensions (Amendment) Bill :—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

Message No. 56.

Lieutenant-Governor.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th 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 Bill to amend the Old-age Pensions Act, 1900 ; to deal with the property of pensioners, and after death, with their estates ; to exempt certain documents from stamp duty ; and to amend the law for these and other purposes incidental thereto.

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Ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

By Mr. Lee,—

- (2.) Parramatta Sewerage and Drainage Bill :—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

Message No. 57.

Lieutenant-Governor.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, 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 Bill to sanction the construction of certain Sewerage works ; to provide for the taking over by the Council of the Borough of Parramatta of the said works and of other works of drainage, and for the payment of interest and expenditure in respect of the same ; to apply certain provisions of the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act of 1880 and Acts amending the same to such works ; to provide for drainage and sewerage rates, and for drainage and sewerage districts ; to exempt such works from the operation of the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act of 1880 and Acts amending the same ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

*State Government House,
Sydney, 14th September, 1905.*

Ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

8. JUDGES PENSIONS ABOLITION AND DUTIES BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Waddell, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—

And the Question being again proposed,—

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Point of Order :—Mr. Levy submitted that this Bill was out of order on the ground that it was in direct conflict with certain provisions of the Constitution Act, relating to pensions to Judges, which were not indicated in the Title.

Mr. Speaker said : Ordinarily all that is required in an order of leave is that it shall define the scope and general purpose of the Bill ; but, in this case, the Bill proposes to abolish pensions, and in that respect it comes in direct conflict with the Constitution Act. He held that, where it is proposed to make important amendments in the Constitution Act, that purpose should be set out in the order of leave ; he therefore ruled the Bill out of order.

On motion of Mr. Waddell, the Order of the Day was discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

9. CRIMES (GIRLS' PROTECTION) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Waddell moved, "That" this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Sullivan moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "That" and inserting the words "the Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.

"(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Wade, Mr. Waddell, Dr. Arthur, Mr. Scobie, Mr. Law, Mr. Perry (*The Richmond*), Mr. W. W. Young, and the Mover."

Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question.

Debate continued.

Question put,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 33.

Mr. Ashton,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Jessop,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Downes,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Fallick,
Dr. Arthur,	Mr. Henley,
Mr. Levy,	Mr. Morton,
Mr. Wade,	Mr. Booth,
Mr. R. J. Anderson,	Mr. W. W. Young,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Hindmarsh,	Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Robson,	Mr. Law,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. W. Millard.
Mr. Davidson,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Latimer,	
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Briner,
Mr. Storey,	Mr. Broughton.
Mr. Nobbs,	

Noes, 12.

Mr. Edden,
Mr. Hollis,
Mr. Sullivan,
Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Macdonell,
Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Charlton,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Meehan,
Mr. Nicholson.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Jones.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Debate on the original motion continued.

Question,—That this Bill be now read a second time,—put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Waddell, 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. Jessop, Temporary Chairman, reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again To-morrow.

10. BREAD (AMENDMENT) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Broughton moved, “That” this Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Ashton moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word “That” and inserting the words “the Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.

“(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. McGarry, Mr. Hollis, Mr. Walter Anderson, Mr. Levy, Mr. Broughton, Mr. Nobbs, Mr. Charlton, Mr. W. W. Young, Mr. Law, and the Mover,”—instead thereof.

Question,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question,—put and negatived.

Question,—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words left out be so inserted,—put and passed.

Question then,—That the Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. McGarry, Mr. Hollis, Mr. Walter Anderson, Mr. Levy, Mr. Broughton, Mr. Nobbs, Mr. Charlton, Mr. W. W. Young, Mr. Law, and the Mover,—put and passed.

11. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Ashton moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 43.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTIETH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 20 SEPTEMBER, 1905.

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

QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Crown Lands Available for Settlement :—*Mr. Mozham*, for Mr. Thomas, asked the Secretary for Lands,—In view of the fact that the great majority of the people do not see the *Government Gazette* notices of lands to be made available for settlement, will he cause such notices to be advertised in the local papers of the districts interested?

Mr. Ashton answered,—All lands made available for homestead selection, settlement or improvement lease are duly advertised in the local papers as required by law, also lands made available for conditional purchase within special areas. When lands within reserves are made available for ordinary conditional purchase or conditional lease by the cancellation of such reserves, advertisements in the local press are authorised when such a course is considered necessary.

(2.) Public Servants' Appeals :—*Mr. Nielsen*, for Mr. Dacey, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) In connection with the present system of appealing to the Public Service Board from decisions of the Public Service Board, are appellants allowed to call witnesses to aid in proving their contentions?

(2.) If the reply to No. 1 be yes,—are witnesses required by appellants compelled by the Department or by the Board to attend, or may witnesses required refuse to attend for fear of offending their Department or other similar reason?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) The Public Service Board are empowered by law to summon any person whether in or out of the Service to give evidence in any inquiry or investigation by the Board, and any witness who is able to give relevant evidence in the matter of any inquiry or appeal would be compelled to attend to give such evidence.

(3.) Crown and other Lands for Closer Settlement :—*Mr. Booth*, for Dr. Arthur, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is he aware that it is stated that a number of settlers are leaving this State and going to Queensland because there is no land open for settlement here?

(2.) Will he call at once for reports on the various improvement leases which are alleged to be suitable for closer settlement?

(3.) Is he prepared to introduce a measure dealing with these leases this session?

(4.) Will he call for a report on the suitability, or otherwise, of the Havilah Estate, near Mudgee, for resumption under the Closer Settlement Act?

(5.) Will he authorise the preparation of a map showing the area of Crown lands along the proposed North Coast Railway?

Mr. Ashton answered,—

(1.) Official reports which I received recently from the North Coast district show that a number of farmers have left the Richmond River District to take up what they regard as first-class scrub land in Queensland, which land has apparently not been fully appreciated by Queensland residents who lack the experience possessed by North Coast farmers in the treatment of this special class of land. Some of the farmers who left New South Wales sold their farms at £20 per acre. The District

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Surveyor reports that the exodus from the district is nothing in comparison with the influx of settlers from the South Coast and Victoria. The work of getting North Coast lands ready for settlement is being pushed on with as expeditiously as possible.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) I would refer the Honorable Member to my answer to his question of the 1st August last.

(4.) The Government will consider the matter.

(5.) This is already being done.

(4.) Travelling Stock Reserves:—Mr. Jones asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is he aware that many travelling stock routes, especially in the Central Division, under lease or license, are so eaten out as to be rendered almost useless for the purpose for which they are reserved?

(2.) Is he aware that the main roads from Moree to Mungindi and Boggabilla, respectively, are along the travelling stock reserves, under lease or license, and that some of the lessees or licensees so overstock these reserves as to denude them of the feed required by the travelling public, and that carriers especially suffer great hardship and loss by reason of the want of feed for their teams?

(3.) Will he have inquiries made as to whether some arrangements can be made so that the reserves in question may be withdrawn from lease, and placed under efficient control, or, if leased, whether conditions can be inserted, providing that the lessees shall not overstock the reserves?

(4.) Is the travelling stock reserve from Moree to Wallon under any form of lease; if not, is he aware whether its withdrawal from lease has proved any disadvantage to the adjacent settlers?

(5.) Will he have a report made as to the practicability of withdrawing from lease or license all, or suitable portions, of the travelling stock reserve from Moree to Mungindi and Boggabilla respectively, in the interest of the large number of carriers who use these roadways?

Mr. Ashton answered,—I am having the matters referred to in these questions inquired into and reported upon.

(5.) Contract of Messrs. Brown and Tapson for Joinery Work, Prince Alfred Hospital Pavilion:—Mr. Nielsen, for Mr. Thrower, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has a claim for compensation been made by Messrs. Brown and Tapson, contractors for the joinery work for the new pavilion, Prince Alfred Hospital?

(2.) What were the grounds upon which the claim was based, also the amount of the claim?

(3.) Has the claim been recognised, and to what extent?

(4.) Will he lay upon the table of this House all papers in connection with this matter?

Mr. Lee answered,—The whole of the papers dealing with the claims of Messrs. Brown and Tapson, and the action taken thereon, will be laid upon the Table of this House to-day.

(6.) New Buildings for Parliamentary Library:—Mr. Nielsen, for Mr. Thrower, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Who were the Contractors for the Parliamentary Library recently built?

(2.) Who was the Officer in charge of the work?

(3.) Is it a fact that the ironwork in connection with the building has been found to be inferior?

(4.) What firm supplied the ironwork?

(5.) Has the Officer who was in charge been suspended?

(6.) Is an inquiry being held into the matter, and by whom?

Mr. Lee answered,—

(1.) Messrs. Hocking Brothers.

(2 to 6.) The matters referred to are the subject of an inquiry under the Public Service Act before Mr. Barnett, City Coroner, and are, therefore, *sub judice*. Pending his report, it is considered inadvisable to answer these questions.

(7.) Cobar-Wilcannia Railway Proposal:—Mr. Meehan asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

In view of the Government proposal to construct the North Coast Railway, will he make an effort to construct the Cobar-Wilcannia line of railway, already sanctioned by both Houses of Parliament, with a view of preserving the stock in the west and developing the mineral and other resources of that region?

Mr. Lee answered,—Not this financial year.

(8.) Royal Commission into the Administration of Lands Department:—Mr. Hollis, for Mr. Daley, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Has his attention been directed to a leader in the *Daily Telegraph*, of Monday, the 4th September, headed "The whole truth in the Lands Commission"?

(2.) Has his attention been directed to a letter signed "Diogenes," appearing in the same journal of the same date?

(3.) Is he aware that in England by the terms of the Trades Union Commission Act, 1867, 30 Victoria C 8 and the Parnell Commission Act, 51 and 52 Victoria C 35, sections 9 and 10, indemnities are given in case of witnesses truthfully answering questions put to them, as suggested in the leading article and letter above mentioned?

(4.) Has his attention been directed to the very high terms in which Commissioners who took the inquiry under the Trades Union Commission Act of 1867 report as to the utility of the power of granting certificates on indemnity?

(5.) In view of this fact, will he reconsider his position, as indicated by his circular letter to officers of the Lands Department refusing all indemnity, and bring in a measure conferring upon the Lands Commissioner the power of extending an indemnity to witnesses?

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Mr. Ashton answered,—

(1 to 4.) I would be glad if the Honorable Member would put these questions to-morrow to my Honorable Colleague, the Attorney-General.

(5.) The Honorable Member is under a misunderstanding in regard to this. The letter referred to was written to Mr. Justice Owen in response to an inquiry from that gentleman, and related only to the effect which evidence given by officers of the Department might have upon their positions in the Government service. Neither His Honor Mr. Justice Owen's letter nor my reply thereto touched the question of legal consequences of criminal acts.

(9.) Judges of the Supreme and District Courts:—Mr. Booth asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is he aware that Supreme and District Court Judges hold Directorships of Companies?

(2.) Does he approve of such being done?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—I am not aware that any Judge is a Director of a Company. Perhaps the Honorable Member will supply particulars.

(10.) Intelligence Department:—Mr. Fegan asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) How many officers are there in connection with the Intelligence Department?

(2.) Their names, designations, and salaries?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

(1.) Seven, including Tourist Bureau.

(2.) Intelligence Department: H. C. L. Anderson, M.A., Head of Intelligence Department and Principal Librarian, £630; E. Rayment, Clerk, £200; F. C. Govers, Clerk, £200; F. R. Jordan, B.A., Clerk, £150; N. E. Hudson, Junior Messenger, 12s. 6d. per week—temporarily attached from other Departments. Tourist Bureau: C. D. Paterson, Government Tourist Agent, £200; W. A. Kimber, Apprentice Clerk, £40—Officers of the Railway Department.

(11.) Improvement Leases or Exchanges:—Mr. Charlton asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Are the returns asked for in reference to applications for improvement leases or exchanges yet completed?

(2.) When will he lay such returns upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Ashton answered,—The return in regard to applications for exchanges, has been completed, and that in regard to application for improvement leases will be completed within about four weeks. Information, as it has been got ready, has been forwarded to the Royal Commission, and the returns will be laid upon the Table of this House with the Commission's report.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Wade laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Regulations under the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1901.

(2.) Amended and Additional Regulations under the Public Service Act, 1902.

(3.) Minute respecting the increase of salary granted to Mr. E. W. Fegan, Clerk in the Ministerial Office of the Department of the Attorney-General and of Justice.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. O'Connor laid upon the Table,—Fifty-first Annual Report of the Trustees of the Australian Museum, being for the year ended 30th June, 1905.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Hogue laid upon the Table,—

(1.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Broken Hill.

(2.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Walcha.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Lee laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return of Expenditure by the Public Works Department within the Shires area for eight years from 1 July, 1897, to 30 June, 1905.

(2.) Report of the Harbour Improvement Board on the Clarence River Improvements.

(3.) Papers having reference to the contract of Messrs. Brown and Tapson for the supply and delivery of joinery for two new pavilions at Prince Alfred Hospital, Sydney, and their claims in connection therewith.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. NORTH COAST RAILWAY BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Lee moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Maitland to South Grafton; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; to amend the Public Works Act, 1900, so far as it relates to the making and maintaining of fences along the said line; to provide for the use of the said line by the constructing authority, or by persons authorised by him; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
- Question put and passed.

4. PARRAMATTA SEWERAGE AND DRAINAGE BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Lee moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the construction of certain sewerage works; to provide for the taking over by the Council of the Borough of Parramatta of the said works, and of other works of drainage; and for the payment of interest and expenditure in respect of the same; to apply certain provisions of the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act of 1880 and acts amending the same to such works; to provide for drainage and sewerage rates, and for drainage and sewerage districts; to exempt such works from the operation of the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act of 1880 and acts amending the same; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

Question put and passed.

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5. **MINING BILL (Formal Motion)**:—Mr. Moore moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to consolidate and amend the law relating to mining; to give further facilities for the development of mining; to amend the Crown Lands Act of 1884 and Acts amending the same; and for other purposes.
Question put and passed.
6. **MOSS VALE CATTLE SALE-YARDS 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 authorise the construction, maintenance, and regulation of Cattle Sale-yards by the Council of the Municipal District of Moss Vale*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.
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F. B. SUTTON,
President.
7. **TUESDAY SITTINGS—PRECEDENCE OF BUSINESS (Sessional Order)**:—Mr. Carruthers moved, pursuant to Notice, That during the remainder of the present Session, unless otherwise ordered, this House shall meet for the despatch of business at 2:30 p.m., on Tuesday in each week, and that General Business "shall take precedence of Government Business" until 7 o'clock p.m., and after that hour Government Business shall take precedence of General Business.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Arthur Griffith moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out the words "shall take precedence of Government Business," and inserting the words "only shall be taken" instead thereof.
Debate ensued.
Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Debate continued.
Question put and passed.
8. **NEGLECTED CHILDREN AND JUVENILE OFFENDERS BILL**:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—
MR. SPEAKER,—
The Legislative Council having had under consideration the Legislative Assembly's Message dated the 19th September, 1905, in reference to the Neglected Children and Juvenile Offenders Bill,—agrees to the Assembly's Amendments upon the Council's Amendments in this Bill.
Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 20th September, 1905.
F. B. SUTTON,
President.
9. **OLD-AGE PENSIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL**:—Mr. Carruthers moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Old-age Pensions Act, 1900; to deal with the property of pensioners, and, after death, with their estates; to exempt certain documents from stamp duty; and to amend the law for these and other purposes incidental thereto.
Question put and passed.
10. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT EXTENSION BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Carruthers, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—
And the Question being again proposed,—
The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.
Point of Order:—Mr. Storey submitted that this Bill was out of order, on the ground that the Title referred to the Local Government (Shires) Act which had not yet been, and might not be, passed into law.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Speaker said he did not consider he was called upon to decide whether the Local Government (Shires) Bill was an Act or not, it was sufficient that the order of leave covered the general scope and purport of the matters comprised in the Bill; the order of leave did that, and he ruled the Bill in order.
Mr. Kelly moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow.
11. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. Carruthers moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
The House adjourned accordingly, at eight minutes after Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

RICH. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 44.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTIETH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 21 SEPTEMBER, 1905.

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

HABITUAL CRIMINALS BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. Carruthers, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 58.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide for the detention and control of habitual criminals,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His 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.

*State Government House,
Sydney, 20th September, 1905.*

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Court of Petty Sessions at Tinonee, Manning River:—Mr. J. H. Young asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) What is the estimated yearly saving to the Government by the closing of the Court of Petty Sessions at Tinonee, Manning River?
- (2.) How is this amount made up?
- (3.) Does he consider that the time of the Police Magistrate at Taree is so fully occupied, as to prevent him attending the Court at Tinonee, or is his convenience more studied than that of the public?

Mr. Ashton answered,—

- (1.) About £18.
- (2.) Salary of acting Clerk of Petty Sessions, £10; allowance to Court Cleaner, £5 4s.; travelling expenses of Police Magistrate and incidental expenses, £2 16s.
- (3.) The Police Magistrate experienced no difficulty in attending to the requirements of the Tinonee Court, which is only 3 miles distant from his headquarters at Taree. The change was not made for the purpose of effecting a substantial saving, but because the small amount of business did not justify the retention of the Court. Last year only three summons and eleven small debts cases were dealt with.

(2.) Court of Petty Sessions at Cundletown, Manning River:—Mr. J. H. Young asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) What is the estimated yearly saving to the Government by the closing of the Court of Petty Sessions at Cundletown, Manning River?
- (2.) How is this amount made up?
- (3.) Has it been represented to him by letter and petition that much inconvenience will be caused the residents of the Islands and lower river by this action?
- (4.) Does he consider that the time of the Police Magistrate at Taree is so fully occupied, as to prevent him attending the Court at Cundletown, or is his convenience more studied than that of the public?

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Mr. Ashton answered,—

- (1.) About £17.
 - (2.) Salary of acting Clerk of Petty Sessions, £10; allowance to Court Cleaner, £5; travelling expenses of Police Magistrate and incidental expenses, £2.
 - (3.) Yes; the change was not made for the purpose of effecting a substantial saving, but because the small amount of business did not justify the retention of the Court. Last year only twenty-four police court and six small debts cases were dealt with, and Cundletown is but 4 miles from Taree and 9 miles from Coopernook, at both of which places Courts of Petty Sessions are held. Careful inquiries showed that the convenience of the public would be amply served by the Courts at Taree and Coopernook.
 - (4.) The Police Magistrate experienced no difficulty in attending to the requirements of the Cundletown Court.
- (3.) Royal Commission into the Administration of Lands Department:—*Mr. Estell*, for *Mr. Daley*, asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) Has his attention been directed to a leader in the *Daily Telegraph*, of Monday, the 4th September, headed "The whole truth in the Lands Commission"?
 - (2.) Has his attention been directed to a letter signed "Diogenes," appearing in the same journal of the same date?
 - (3.) Is he aware that in England by the terms of the Trades Union Commission Act, 1867, 30 Victoria C 8 and the Parnell Commission Act, 51 and 52 Victoria C 35, sections 9 and 10, indemnities are given in cases of witnesses truthfully answering questions put to them, as suggested in the leading article and letter above mentioned?
 - (4.) Has his attention been directed to the very high terms in which Commissioners who took the inquiry under the Trades Union Commission Act of 1867 report as to the utility of the power of granting certificates on indemnity?

Mr. Ashton answered,—

- (1 and 2.) Yes.
 - (3.) Yes. The attention of Honorable Members was drawn to these provisions by the Honorable Member for Petersham on the 24th ultimo during the second reading discussion upon the Lands Commission (Amendment) Bill.
 - (4.) Yes.
- (4.) Dealers in Second-hand Goods, Marine Stores, and Old Metal:—*Mr. John Hurley*, for *Mr. Mahony*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Referring to his answer to a deputation of several Municipal Councils on the 13th October last, when he promised to introduce a measure dealing with the licensing of dealers in second-hand goods, marine stores, and old metal, can he say when such a measure is likely to be introduced by him?
- Mr. Carruthers* answered,—This Bill is under consideration, and will be introduced as soon as the course of business will permit.

(5.) Application for Land at Molong:—*Mr. Gardiner* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) How many applications were made for a small block of land balloted for at Molong recently?
- (2.) Are any steps to be taken to give the unsuccessful applicants an opportunity to obtain land?
- (3.) Will unnecessary temporary commons and other reserves be thrown open for settlement?

Mr. Ashton answered,—

- (1.) Thirteen.
- (2.) Areas for settlement are being made available from week to week, of which due notice is published. As an example, an area of 209,317 acres was made available during the month of August. During that month 264,000 acres were applied for, of which 145,000 acres were secured by 215 new settlers.
- (3.) Yes.

(6.) Crown Lands for Settlement:—*Mr. Gardiner* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is he aware that there are a large number of men in the Western district anxious to obtain land for settlement?
- (2.) Is it a fact that there were over 200 applicants for eight blocks of land balloted for at Dubbo recently?
- (3.) What steps, if any, are to be taken to meet this demand?
- (4.) Will the Government find a suitable block of land for each applicant for land who has been unsuccessful in three ballots?

Mr. Ashton answered,—

- (1.) I think it very likely.
- (2.) No; I have ascertained from the Crown Land Agent that there were forty-four applicants.
- (3.) A map of the Land Board District of Dubbo is now being prepared to show the area available for settlement distinguishing that available (1) for purely agricultural settlement; (2) for mixed farming; and (3) for purely grazing settlement. The question of the cancellation and curtailment of reserves is also being gone into.
- (4.) The Government cannot undertake to do this. I hope that before long the present ballot system will be modified.

(7.) Betting Shops:—*Mr. Gardiner* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is he aware that the police raided two betting shops last week?
- (2.) Is it the intention of the Government to make a systematic attempt to stop shop betting?
- (3.) Will the police be instructed to treat all betting shops alike?
- (4.) Is he aware that the Carlton Club was generally known as Oxenham's betting shop?

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- (5.) Is he aware that the said club still carries on the business of a betting shop, having the horses competing in coming races posted on the walls, with the amount of odds offering against them?
 (6.) What conditions are necessary to obtain registration as a club?
 (7.) Will he cancel the registration of any club that conducts a betting business?

Mr. Hogue answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2 and 3.) The Police have strict instructions to suppress, as far as the law enables them, betting in shops, without distinction of persons, and are doing their best to stamp out gambling.

(4.) The Carlton Club is registered as a limited liability company, and members only are admitted.

(5.) No information is available as to what takes place.

(6.) The law does not require clubs to be registered, but many clubs register under the Companies Act as limited liability companies.

(7.) The power to cancel registration under the Companies Act rests entirely with the Law Courts.

- (8.) Public Servants' Salaries:—*Mr. Nielsen*, for *Mr. Briner*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will the Government give early consideration to the question of paying every person engaged in the Public Service—whether on the temporary or the permanent staff—weekly or fortnightly, with a view to enabling those in receipt of small salaries to meet engagements on better terms?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—The matter has already received full consideration, but it is not deemed advisable to alter the present system, as a change would involve a large increase in work and cost.

- (9.) Returned Soldiers injured in South Africa:—*Mr. Gardiner* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) How many returned soldiers, from South Africa, were supplied with artificial limbs?

(2.) By whom were the limbs supplied?

(3.) In the event of artificial limbs becoming worn and defective, will the Government supply new ones, or defray cost of repairing old ones?

(4.) Does he consider the pension these men receive sufficient to enable them to replace damaged or defective artificial limbs?

Mr. Hogue answered,—

(1.) The official records do not show that any returned soldiers from South Africa were supplied with artificial limbs by this State.

(2.) It is understood that men to whom it was necessary to supply these limbs, and who were invalidated by England, were supplied by and at the cost of the Imperial authorities.

(3 and 4.) These matters will receive attention as they arise, and will be dealt with on their merits.

- (10.) Unpaid Accounts, Chief Secretary's Department:—*Mr. McCoy* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is there any explanation of the apparent increase in the amount of accounts unpaid in the Chief Secretary's Department as in Statement "A" Ways and Means papers?

(2.) Is it true that there has been a change in compiling the totals of such accounts under instructions from the Auditor-General this year?

(3.) If so, will he state what would be the totals if the same method had been adopted as heretofore?

Mr. Hogue answered,—

(1.) Yes. All accounts received are included this year.

(2.) Yes. A change has been made in view of a report received from the Audit Department.

(3.) £28,159 3s. 10d.

- (11.) Deaths in Private Hospitals or similar Institutions:—*Mr. McNeill* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—In view of the large number of deaths which have occurred in private hospitals or similar institutions, will he obtain a return showing,—

(1.) The number of patients treated in such institutions during the past twelve months?

(2.) The number of deaths which have taken place during the same period?

Mr. Hogue answered,—

(1.) No information is available.

(2.) During the year 1904 there were eighty-five deaths at private hospitals within the Metropolitan area.

3. LIQUOR (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The following Petitions, representing that Petitioners view with satisfaction the introduction of the Liquor (Amendment) Bill, and praying that the Bill, with certain amendments indicated in the Petitions, may speedily be passed into law, were presented by the Members named:—

(1.) By *Mr. J. H. Young*—From certain electors of New South Wales.

(2.) By *Mr. Estell*—From certain electors of New South Wales.

Petitions received.

4. PAPERS:—

Mr. O'Connor laid upon the Table,—Report of the Education Commissioners on Agricultural, Commercial, Industrial, and other forms of Technical Education.
 Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Lee laid upon the Table,—Report of the completion of the residue of site of the Septic Tanks, Chatswood-Willoughby Sewerage under the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1889.
 Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Ashton laid upon the Table,—Report of the Forestry Branch, Department of Lands, for the period from 1st January, 1904, to 30th June, 1905.
 Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Hogue laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order, made on 13th September, 1905,—“*Mr. Hall*, “Acting Government Statistician.”
 Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

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- [5. PRINTING COMMITTEE:—Mr. McFarlane, as Chairman, brought up the Twelfth Report from the Printing Committee.
6. ALLEGATION BY THE REVEREND W. WOOLLS RUTLEDGE RESPECTING AN APPOINTMENT TO THE PUBLIC SERVICE:—Mr. Jessep (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Return to Order, "Mr. Hall, "Acting Government Statistician," laid upon the Table of this House this day, be referred to the Select Committee now sitting on "Allegation by the Reverend W. Woolls Rutledge respecting an "appointment to the Public Service."
Question put and passed.
7. RESERVES WITHIN THE CENTRAL DIVISION AREA OF THE MURRAY ELECTORATE (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Scobie moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing all the reserves for every and any purpose within the Central Division area of The Murray Electorate, and total acreage of such reserves in detail; also, how many of such reserves are situated along the south and north banks of River Murrumbidgee between Whitton and junction of River Lachlan with River Murrumbidgee, and acreage of such reserves.
Question put and passed.
8. LOCAL GOVERNMENT EXTENSION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Carruthers, "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 after Midnight,—

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Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Carruthers, 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 the next sitting day.

9. PARRAMATTA SEWERAGE AND DRAINAGE BILL:—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Lee, 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 sanction the construction of certain sewerage works; to provide for the taking over by the Council of the Borough of Parramatta of the said works, and of other works of drainage; and for the payment of interest and expenditure in respect of the same; to apply certain provisions of the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act of 1880 and Acts amending the same to such works; to provide for drainage and sewerage rates, and for drainage and sewerage districts; to exempt such works from the operation of the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act of 1880 and Acts amending the same; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman 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:—

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to sanction the construction of certain sewerage works; to provide for the taking over by the Council of the Borough of Parramatta of the said works, and of other works of drainage; and for the payment of interest and expenditure in respect of the same; to apply certain provisions of the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act of 1880 and Acts amending the same to such works; to provide for drainage and sewerage rates, and for drainage and sewerage districts; to exempt such works from the operation of the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act of 1880 and Acts amending the same; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

On motion of Mr. Lee, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

- (2.) Mr. Lee then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to sanction the construction of certain sewerage works; to provide for the taking over by the Council of the Borough of Parramatta of the said works, and of other works of drainage; and for the payment of interest and expenditure in respect of the same; to apply certain provisions of the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act of 1880 and Acts amending the same to such works; to provide for drainage and sewerage rates, and for drainage and sewerage districts; to exempt such works from the operation of the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act of 1880 and Acts amending the same; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.

10. OLD-AGE PENSIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Carruthers, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Old-age Pensions Act, 1900; to deal with the property of pensioners, and, after death, with their estates; to exempt certain documents from stamp duty; and to amend the law for these and other purposes incidental thereto.

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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman 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 :—

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to amend the Old-age Pensions Act, 1900 ; to deal with the property of pensioners, and, after death, with their estates ; to exempt certain documents from stamp duty ; and to amend the law for these and other purposes incidental thereto.

On motion of Mr. Carruthers, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

11. INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION (AMENDMENT) BILL :—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Wade, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1901, and the Industrial Arbitration (Temporary Court) Act, 1905 ; to provide for the constitution of boards to determine disputes in certain industries ; to define the powers, jurisdiction, and procedure of such boards, and to give effect to their determinations ; to modify in certain respects certain awards, orders, and directions of the Court of Arbitration ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and the Chairman 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 :—

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to amend the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1901, and the Industrial Arbitration (Temporary Court) Act, 1905 ; to provide for the constitution of boards to determine disputes in certain industries ; to define the powers, jurisdiction, and procedure of such boards, and to give effect to their determinations ; to modify in certain respects certain awards, orders, and directions of the Court of Arbitration ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

On motion of Mr. Wade, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

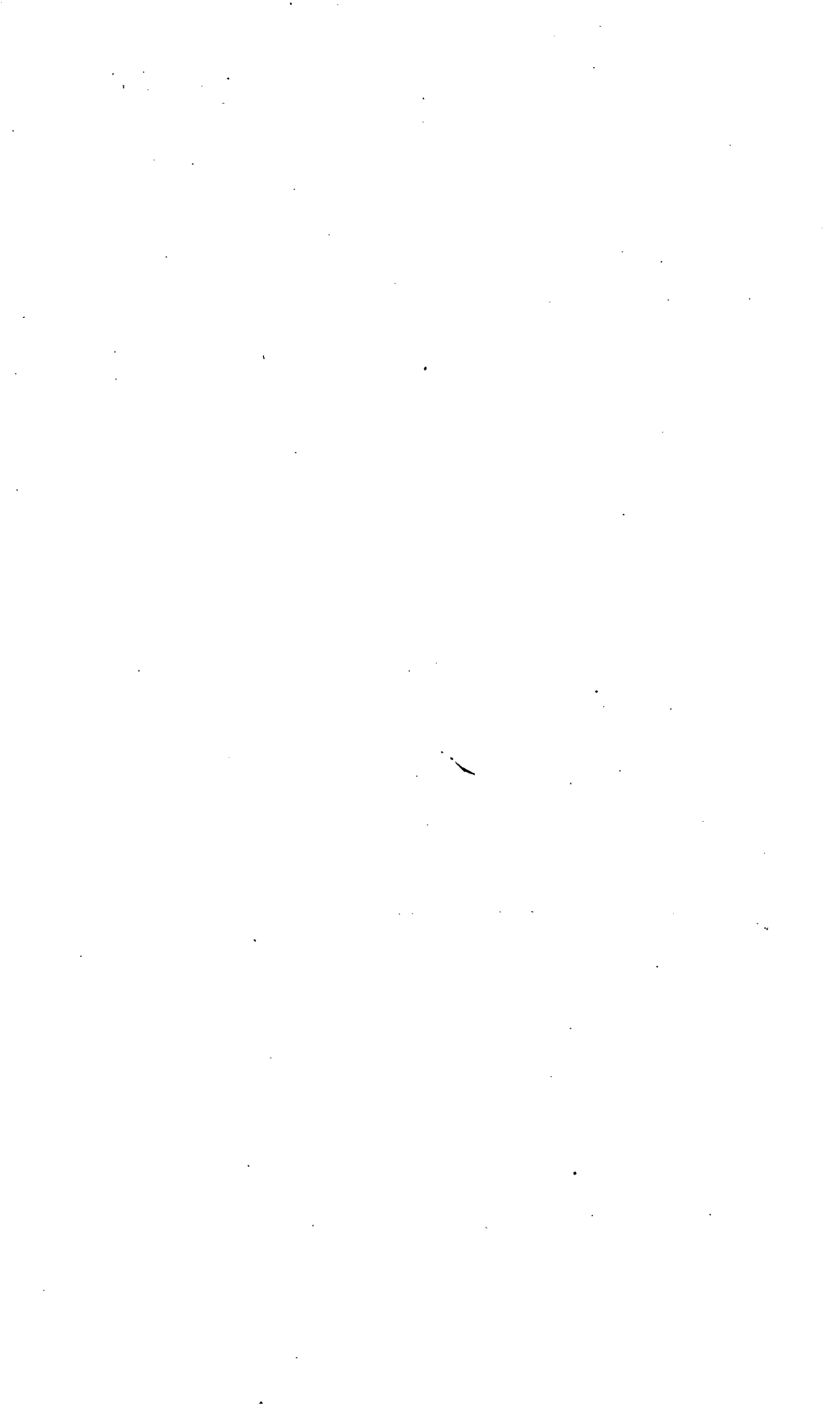
- (2.) Mr. Wade then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1901, and the Industrial Arbitration (Temporary Court) Act, 1905 ; to provide for the constitution of boards to determine disputes in certain industries ; to define the powers, jurisdiction, and procedure of such boards, and to give effect to their determinations ; to modify in certain respects certain awards, orders, and directions of the Court of Arbitration ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

The House adjourned, at twenty-seven minutes before Two o'clock, a.m., until Tuesday next, at *Half-past Two o'clock*.

RICH. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 45.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTIETH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 26 SEPTEMBER, 1905.

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

VOTE OF CREDIT:—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. Dick, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 59.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th Section of the Constitution Act, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends, for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly, that provision be made for defraying the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the State for the months of October and November, or following month of the Financial Year ending 30th June, 1906.

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Sydney, 18th September, 1905.*

Ordered to be referred to the Committee of Supply.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) High Court of Australia:—*Mr. Booth*, for Mr. Broughton, asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is he aware that legislation is being promoted in the Federal Parliament to localise the sittings of the High Court of Australia in Melbourne?

(2.) Is he aware that this will constitute a breach of the Federal Judiciary Act, and will he take steps to protect the interests of the State of New South Wales?

Mr. Wade answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) It is competent for the Federal Parliament to amend the Act referred to if a majority of Members in each House is in favour of doing so. The Honorable Member can rest assured that the views of this State will be fully represented to the Federal Parliament. I have already forwarded a protest on behalf of the legal profession to the Prime Minister of the Commonwealth and the Leader of the Opposition.

(2.) Stormwater Sewer in Lincoln-crescent:—*Mr. Booth*, for Mr. Broughton, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it the intention of the Government to make provision on the Estimates for the completion of the unfinished stormwater sewer in Lincoln-crescent, the construction of which was discontinued by the late Government owing to want of funds?

Mr. Lee answered,—Yes.

(3.) Cereals grown in the Queanbeyan District:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Has his attention been directed to a statement made by Mr. W. McFernan, a practical farmer, in a letter to the *Queanbeyan Age*, of 19th September, to the effect that extraordinary results have followed after the sowing of certain seeds, namely, that barley was raised from oats and rye from wheat, and again barley from wheat, where none had ever been sown. The seeds that the crops referred to were produced from in two instances, anyhow, out of three, were raised by the same farmers on the same land the previous season. In the case of the rye, no rye had ever been grown in the district previous to this, and was unknown. For further light, he refers the curious to Mr. W. Leach, Michelago, who grew rye from wheat. Also to Mr. John Kelly and Mr. Cassidy, Burra, who sowed oats and raised barley. The third case in point, and referred to, was the

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experience of the late Mr. K. Cameron; of "The Waterholes," in whose case wheat was sown in virgin soil, and a splendid crop of barley was the result. The names of the gentlemen given above being, to those who know them personally, a sufficient guarantee of their reliability?

(2.) Can he account for these extraordinary results? If he cannot, will he have an inquiry made into the matter by a competent expert for the information of the farmers of New South Wales?

Mr. Moore answered,—Such a thing as the transformation of one genus of plants into another genus of plants, through the medium of seeds, as inferred, is entirely discredited by the officers of the Agricultural Department. The Honorable Member, in my absence the other day, suggested that this seed might have been supplied by the Government, and I think he asked if the present Government had supplied any seed wheat which had produced these remarkable results. I should like to tell the Honorable Member that if any Government did palm off seed wheat on to the farmers, or something supposed to be seed wheat, which turned out to be barley, or rye, or anything else—which I may say I entirely disbelieve—it must have been the Honorable Member's own Government.

(4.) Martin-lane :—*Mr. Booth*, for Mr. Broughton, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is he aware that a serious dust nuisance arising from the state of Martin-lane exists?

(2.) Is it a fact that some years ago the Government of the day that sold the land promised that the lane at the rear of same would be paved?

Mr. Lee answered,—

(1.) I am not aware.

(2.) I am informed that there is no record of such a promise.

3. LIQUOR (AMENDMENT) BILL :—The following Petitions, representing that Petitioners view with satisfaction the introduction of the Liquor (Amendment) Bill, and praying that the Bill, with certain amendments indicated in the Petitions, may speedily be passed into law, were presented by Mr. Fegan :—

(1.) From Members of the Women's Political Educational League.

(2.) From Rose Scott, President of the Women's Political Educational League and its Branches.

Petitions received.

4. NEWCASTLE FRIENDLY SOCIETIES AND TRADES HALL SITE ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—Mr. Fegan presented a Petition from certain representatives of the Trade Unions and Branches of Trade Unions in the Newcastle District, praying the House to pass the Newcastle Friendly Societies and Trades Hall Site Act Amendment Bill.

Petition received.

5. LANDLORD AND TENANT (AMENDMENT) BILL :—Mr. O'Sullivan, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table, the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 8th August, 1905; together with appendix.

Ordered to be printed.

6. PAPERS :—

Mr. Lee laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Papers relating to the proposed contract to be entered into with W. Sandford, Limited, for the manufacture, supply, and delivery of steel and iron to be manufactured in New South Wales, for a period of seven years.

(2.) Return showing expenditure on roads in the Murray Electorate, from 1st July, 1904, to 30th June, 1905.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Hogue laid upon the Table,—Minute Papers and Diagram from the Registrar-General relating to the Report from the Select Committee on "Case of Henry Harding, W. S. Stead, and others—Certificate of Title."

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Dick laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Twenty-second Annual Report on Inscribed Stock, under the Inscribed Stock Act, 1902.

(2.) Statements of the total upkeep of the Houses of Parliament of the six States of the Commonwealth.

(3.) Reasons for granting special leave of absence on full pay to Mr. G. H. J. Hardwick, Clerk-in-charge, Land-Tax Assessment Book, Department of Taxation.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

7. OLD-AGE PENSIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL :—Mr. Dick, on behalf of Mr. Carruthers, pursuant to leave granted on the 22nd September, 1905, a.m., presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Old-age Pensions Act, 1900; to deal with the property of Pensioners, and, after death, with their estates; to exempt certain documents from stamp duty; and to amend the law for these and other purposes incidental thereto*,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

8. JUDGES PENSIONS ABOLITION AND DUTIES BILL (No. 2) (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Waddell moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide that no pensions shall be paid to Judges to be appointed to the Supreme Court or District Court Bench; to prescribe the duties of all Judges of the Supreme Court and of District Courts in relation to public inquiries and Royal Commissions; to amend the Constitution Act, 1902, the Supreme Court and Circuit Courts Act, 1900, and the District Courts Act, 1901; and for other purposes connected therewith.

Question put and passed.

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9. CASE OF HENRY HARDING, W. S. STEAD, AND OTHERS—CERTIFICATE OF TITLE :—Mr. Hollis moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Report from the Select Committee on "Case of Henry Harding, W. S. Stead, and others—Certificate of Title," brought up on 14th December, 1904, be now adopted.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Dacey moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow.
10. WIRE NETTING AS A FOIL TO THE RABBIT PLAGUE :—Mr. Eden George moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House,—
(1.) It is essential that wire-netting should be used extensively as a foil to the rabbit plague.
(2.) The Government should arrange "through their Commercial Agents" for the purchase of a large quantity direct from the manufacturers, and supply farmers with same on the deferred payment system.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Briner moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out, from paragraph (2), the words "through their Commercial Agents."
Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question.
Debate continued.
Question,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question,—put and negatived.
Question then, as amended,—That, in the opinion of this House,—
(1.) It is essential that wire-netting should be used extensively as a foil to the rabbit plague.
(2.) The Government should arrange for the purchase of a large quantity direct from the manufacturers, and supply farmers with same on the deferred payment system,—put and passed.
11. DISMISSAL OF EDWARD GENGE FROM THE MOUNTED POLICE FORCE :—Mr. Gillies moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the alleged wrongful dismissal of Edward Genge from the Mounted Police Force of New South Wales.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Hogue, Mr. Estell, Mr. Charlton, Mr. McLaurin, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Fegan, Mr. Perry (*Liverpool Plains*), Mr. Collins, Mr. W. W. Young, and the Mover.
Debate ensued.

And it being Seven o'clock, Government Business took precedence, under Sessional Order adopted on 20th September, 1905.

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

By Mr. Carruthers,—

- (1.) Moss Vale Cattle Sale-yards Bill :—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 60.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorise the construction, maintenance, and regulation of Cattle Sale-yards by the Council of the Municipal District of Moss Vale,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His 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.) Neglected Children and Juvenile Offenders Bill :—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 61.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to make better provision for the protection, control, education, maintenance, and reformation of neglected and uncontrollable children and juvenile offenders; to provide for the establishment and control of institutions and for contribution by near relatives towards the support of children in institutions; to constitute children's courts and to provide for appeals from such courts; to provide for the licensing and regulation of children trading in streets and in certain places open to the public; to amend the State Children Relief Act, 1901, the Children's Protection Act, 1902, the Infant Protection Act, 1904, and the Crimes Act, 1900; to repeal the Reformatory and Industrial Schools Act, 1901; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His 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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By Mr. Moore,—

(3.) Mining Bill :—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,
*Lieutenant-Governor.**Message No. 62.*

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, 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 Bill to consolidate and amend the law relating to mining ; to give further facilities for the development of mining ; to amend the Crown Lands Act of 1884 and Acts amending the same ; and for other purposes.

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Ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

13. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (SHIRES) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and the Chairman reported progress and obtained leave to sit again To-morrow.

14. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Carruthers moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty-seven minutes after One o'clock, a.m., until Four o'clock, p.m., This Day.

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 46.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTIETH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 27 SEPTEMBER, 1905.

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

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS:—

(1.) Mr. Wade moved, without Notice, That it is a matter of urgent necessity that a Bill, intituled "A Bill to prescribe the duties and immunities of witnesses examined before the Commissioner under the Lands Commission Act, 1905, and the Lands Commission (Amendment) Act, 1905; to amend those Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto," be passed through all its stages in one day.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Wade moved, without Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the House from immediately proceeding with Notice of Motion No. 1 of Government Business, and the passing through all its stages in one day of a Bill, intituled "A Bill to prescribe the duties and immunities of witnesses examined before the Commissioner under the Lands Commission Act, 1905, and the Lands Commission (Amendment) Act, 1905; to amend those Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto."

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

2. LANDS COMMISSION (WITNESSES) BILL:—

(1.) Mr. Wade moved, pursuant to amended Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to prescribe the duties and immunities of witnesses examined before the Commissioner under the Lands Commission Act, 1905, and the Lands Commission (Amendment) Act, 1905; to amend those Acts and the Royal Commissioners Evidence Act, 1901; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Wade then presented a Bill, intituled "A Bill to prescribe the duties and immunities of witnesses examined before the Commissioner under the Lands Commission Act, 1905, and the Lands Commission (Amendment) Act, 1905; to amend those Acts and the Royal Commissioners Evidence Act, 1901; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,"—which was read a first time. Ordered to be printed, and read a second time at a later hour of the day.

3. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Appointment of a High Commissioner for Australia:—*Mr. Nobbs*, for *Mr. Broughton*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is he aware that steps are being taken to secure the appointment of a High Commissioner for Australia on the vote of a joint sitting of both Houses of the Federal Parliament; if so, will he take steps to carefully watch the interests of New South Wales?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—Yes. The appointment of a High Commissioner for Australia rests with the Commonwealth Government, but, should the necessity arise, I will make such representations in the matter as may be deemed advisable.

(2.) Steam Yacht "Victoria":—*Mr. Walter Anderson* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—With reference to the sale of the yacht "Victoria," will he consider the expediency of devoting the proceeds from such sale to the building locally of an additional and up-to-date dredge, in order to replace some of those which are now obsolete?

Mr. Lee answered,—I do not think this proposal can be considered, but the question is one for the determination of the Honorable the Premier and Treasurer.

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(3.) State Grants to the New South Wales Kindergarten Association:—*Mr. Gillies*, for Mr. W. W. Young, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—In connection with the replies to the series of questions asked by Mr. W. W. Young, *re* the New South Wales Kindergarten Union,—

- (1.) What justification is there for granting public money to the Institution, if, as stated in reply to Question 9, “the Kindergarten Union does not conduct any school?”
- (2.) Why was no answer given to Question No. 3—What sum was subscribed by the Members of the Kindergarten Union during the Union's last financial year?
- (3.) Will he obtain a reply to such question?

Mr. O'Connor answered,—I shall presently lay the information upon the Table in the form of a return.

(4.) Parramatta Sewerage:—*Mr. Gillies*, for Mr. W. W. Young, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Has the Government considered the question of dealing with the Parramatta Sewerage on the Liernur system?
- (2.) Is he aware that this system is installed at Stanstead, in Essex, Capetown, Johannesburg, and at Trouville, in France?
- (3.) Is he aware that Mr. Cecil Darley, Government Inspecting Engineer in London, reported on this system, saying, “he was favourably impressed with it,” and “that it made the drainage of low-lying towns an easy matter,” and further that Mr. J. M. Smail, Chief Engineer for Water and Sewerage, in a report to his Board on his return from Europe, said, “I can strongly endorse the opinion expressed by Mr. Darley in his report to the Agent-General on this system?”
- (4.) Is he aware that the Board of Health has recently had the system under review and has passed a resolution expressing a hope to see the system installed in this State?
- (5.) Is he aware that by adopting this system in Parramatta a saving of £15,000 can be effected on the departmental estimate at the same time installing what is alleged to be a highly efficient and scientific up-to-date scheme with all necessary septic tanks, disposal plant, and garbage destructor included?
- (6.) Is he aware that this system can be installed in half the time necessary to instal the gravitation water carriage system?
- (7.) Is he aware that a considerable saving in water can be effected, inasmuch as no water is necessary for flushing purposes under this system?
- (8.) Is he aware that with this system there is no possibility of escaping gases to pollute the air in any way whatever?

Mr. Lee answered,—

- (1.) Yes, in connection with portion of the town.
- (2.) I am informed it is at Stanstead and Trouville.
- (3.) Yes.
- (4.) I am not aware.
- (5.) I have received a letter from Mr. P. C. Trebeck, stating that the English Liernur Company would be prepared to carry out a first-class system of sewerage, together with collecting station, septic tanks, refuse destructor, and complete disposal plant for £15,000 below the Government estimate, though it would appear from his subsequent application for plans and particulars that he was not aware of the requirements for Parramatta when he made the statement.
- (6.) I am not aware.
- (7.) The gradients obtainable at Parramatta are such that sewers will be self-cleansing, and no special flushings will be required.
- (8.) Yes, and the Department is considering the adoption of the system in all cases where the conditions point to its economical use.

(5.) Government Railway Coal Contracts:—*Mr. Nicholson* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) For what periods are contracts entered into by the Railway Commissioners for the purchase of supplies of coal for the New South Wales Government Railways?
- (2.) Do the said contracts contain stipulations for the right of rescission in cases where the miners or other employees receive less than the standard rates of wages?
- (3.) What prices per ton were paid in 1903, 1904, and are being paid at the present time for coal supplies on the Northern, North-western, Western, Southern, and Illawarra Lines?
- (4.) In cases where prices have advanced, have the wages of miners and other workmen been increased in a corresponding degree, or to any extent?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

- (1.) I am informed that the Railway Commissioners have entered into coal contracts for periods from one to four years.
- (2.) No.
- (3.) The coal prices vary according to the locality and would be lengthy to quote in detail, but the Railway Commissioners will forward the various prices to the Honorable Member.
- (4.) The Railway Commissioners are not aware.

(6.) Estimates for Certain Public Works:—*Mr. Briner*, for Mr. O'Sullivan, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What is the estimate for each of the following works:—Bogan Gate to Bulbodney Railway, Temora to Barellan Railway, Manilla to Barraba Railway, the North Coast Railway, the proposed Storage Reservoir at Barren Jack, the Rockdale Sewerage, the Parramatta Sewerage, the new works at the Western Suburbs Outfall?

Mr. Lee answered,—Bogan Gate to Bulbodney Railway, £244,370; Temora to Barellan, £183,927; Manilla to Barraba, £134,755; the North Coast Railway, £2,697,320; Storage Reservoir, Barren Jack, 120 feet level, £451,800—200 feet level, £758,000; Rockdale Sewerage is included in a scheme of sewerage for Illawarra suburbs, estimated to cost £119,913; Parramatta Sewerage, £66,123; scheme of treatment of sewage at Western Suburbs Outfall on Rockdale Sewage Farm, £110,800.

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- (7.) Buildings, erected on Islands in the Hawkesbury River, for Inebriate Homes:—Mr. Booth asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) The total cost (including water supply) of the buildings erected on Rabbit Island, Hawkesbury River, for homes for inebriates?
 - (2.) To what use does he intend to put those buildings?
- Mr. Lee answered,—
- (1.) The total expenditure on Milson and Rabbit Islands, including water supply and land resumptions is represented to be £13,329 7s.
 - (2.) This matter is under consideration.
- (8.) Public Servants' Appeals:—Mr. Dacey asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Does the reply furnished Mr. Dacey's Question of 20th instant, respecting public servants' appeals apply to appeals against grading, *i.e.*, would witnesses required by a public servant appealing against his grading be compelled to attend?
- Mr. Carruthers answered,—Yes, certainly, but the Board must be satisfied that the witness required is able to give relevant evidence.
- (9.) Pastures Protection Act:—Mr. Kelly asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is it his intention to bring in a Bill this Session to amend the Pastures Protection Act?
- Mr. Ashton answered,—The Bill is being drafted and will, if possible, be proceeded with this Session.
4. LIQUOR (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The following Petitions, representing that Petitioners view with satisfaction the introduction of the Liquor (Amendment) Bill, and praying that the Bill, with certain amendments indicated in the Petitions, may speedily be passed into law, were presented by the Members named:—
- (1.) By Mr. Briner—From certain Electors of the Federal Electorate of Cowper.
 - (2.) By Mr. Walter Anderson, *on behalf of* Mr. Fell—From Members of the Chatswood Branch of the Women's Political Educational League.
 - (3.) By Mr. Brinsley Hall—From Members of the Penrith Branch of the Women's Political Educational League.
- Petitions received.
5. PAPERS:—Mr. Lee laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) By-laws and Regulations of the Municipal District of Hay, under the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act of 1880.
 - (2.) Notification of resumption of land under the Public Works Act, 1900, for construction of the Euraba Bore.
 - (3.) Further return respecting State Grants to the Kindergarten Union of New South Wales. Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
6. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Carruthers 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 1905-1906," 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.
7. LIVERPOOL ASYLUM (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Downes moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return with respect to the Liverpool Asylum (particulars for each year to be given separately) showing,—
- (1.) Number of deaths of inmates during the last three years, cause of death, and religion of deceased.
 - (2.) Number of bodies sent to Sydney University School of Medicine during the last three years.
 - (3.) Amount paid for interment of dead during the same period, detailing particular cemetery trustees to whom the money was paid.
- Question put and passed.
8. GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S AND STATE GOVERNOR'S RESIDENCES IN NEW SOUTH WALES (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Briner moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—
- (1.) The total cost of repairs, maintenance, wages, &c., in connection with the Governor-General's residence and grounds from 1st July, 1901, to date, each year to be shown separately.
 - (2.) The proportion of this sum which is paid by the people of New South Wales.
 - (3.) The total period during which the Governor-General has occupied the place during the time stated.
 - (4.) The total cost to date of "Cranbrook," the State Governor's residence and grounds.
 - (5.) The total cost of the State Governor's residence and grounds at Moss Vale for the five years ending 30th June, 1905, the cost of each year to be shown separately.
- Question put and passed.
9. VESSELS REGISTERED IN NEW SOUTH WALES AND OTHER STATES (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—
- (1.) The number of vessels registered in New South Wales previous to 1890; the tonnage of such vessels; and the number of seamen and firemen that were employed thereon.
 - (2.) The number at present registered; their tonnage; and the number of seamen and firemen employed thereon.
 - (3.) Similar information from the other States for the *bond fide* purposes of the calling.
- Question put and passed.

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10. LANDS COMMISSION (WITNESSES) BILL :—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Wade 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. Wade, 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. Wade, the report was adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

(2.) Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Wade, *passed*.

Mr. Wade then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to prescribe the duties and immunities of witnesses examined before the Commissioner under the Lands Commission Act, 1905, and the Lands Commission (Amendment) Act, 1905; to amend those Acts and the Royal Commissioners Evidence Act, 1901; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"

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 prescribe the duties and immunities of witnesses examined before the Commissioner under the Lands Commission Act, 1905, and the Lands Commission (Amendment) Act, 1905; to amend those Acts and the Royal Commissioners Evidence Act, 1901; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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11. JUDGES PENSIONS ABOLITION AND DUTIES BILL (No. 2) :—Mr. Waddell, pursuant to leave granted on the 26th September, 1905, presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to provide that no pensions shall be paid to Judges to be appointed to the Supreme Court or District Court Bench; to prescribe the duties of all Judges of the Supreme Court and of District Courts in relation to public inquiries and Royal Commissions; to amend the Constitution Act, 1902, the Supreme Court and Circuit Courts Act, 1900, and the District Courts Act, 1901; and for other purposes connected therewith.*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday, 31st October.

12. SUPPLY :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Carruthers, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

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

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, That the report be now received.

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

(3.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to His Majesty a sum not exceeding £1,167,800 to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the State during the months of October and November or following month of the financial year ending 30th June, 1906, to be expended at the rates which are shown on the Estimates for the financial year ending 30th June, 1906, as laid on the Table of the House, subject to the rate of any reduction that may hereafter be made in the expenditure of the year 1905-1906.

On motion of Mr. Carruthers, 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 Mr. Carruthers, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

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

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, That the report be now received.

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

(3.) *Resolved*,—That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the Services of the financial year 1905-1906, the sum of £1,167,800 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.

On motion of Mr. Carruthers, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

14. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 2) :—

(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Carruthers, that a Bill be brought in, founded on resolution of Ways and Means (No. 3), to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1905-1906.

(2.) Mr. Carruthers 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 1905-1906.*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and now read a second time.

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(3.) Bill read a second time:

On motion of Mr. Carruthers, 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. Carruthers, 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. Carruthers, *passed*.

Mr. Carruthers 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 1905-1906.*"

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 1905-1906,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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Sydney, 27th September, 1905.

15. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (SHIRES) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again To-morrow.

16. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

(1.) Lands Commission (Witnesses) Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to prescribe the duties and immunities of witnesses examined before the Commissioner under the Lands Commission Act, 1905, and the Lands Commission (Amendment) Act, 1905; to amend those Acts and the Royal Commissioners Evidence Act, 1901; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

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F. B. SUTTON,

President.

(2.) Consolidated Revenue Fund Bill (No. 2):—

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 1905-1906,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

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F. B. SUTTON,

President.

(3.) Small Debts Recovery (Amending) Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having had under consideration the Legislative Assembly's Message, dated the 19th September, 1905, in reference to the Small Debts Recovery (Amending) Bill,—does not insist upon its amendment disagreed to by the Assembly, and agrees to the Assembly's consequential amendment in the Title in this Bill.

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Sydney, 27th September, 1905.

F. B. SUTTON,

President.

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

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,

Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 47.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTIETH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 28 SEPTEMBER, 1905.

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

MESSAGES FROM THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor were delivered by Mr. Carruthers, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

(1.) Lands Commission (Witnesses) Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

*Lieutenant-Governor.**Message No. 63.*

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to prescribe the duties and immunities of witnesses examined before the Commissioner under the Lands Commission Act, 1905, and the Lands Commission (Amendment) Act, 1905; to amend those Acts and the Royal Commissioners Evidence Act, 1901; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His 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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(2.) Consolidated Revenue Fund Bill (No. 2):—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

*Lieutenant-Governor.**Message No. 64.*

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 1905-1906,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His 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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2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Appointment of Inter State Commissioners:—Mr. Broughton asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Have any steps been taken to secure the appointment of the Inter-State Commissioners, as provided in the Federal Constitution; and, if so, will he kindly inform this House of same?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—It was decided at the Conference between the Commonwealth and State Ministers, held at Hobart, in February last, that as the Railway Commissioners of the various States had come to an agreement to abolish differential rates, the appointment and maintenance of an Inter-State Commission would involve unnecessary expense.

(2.) Wharfage Rates on Outward Cargo, Byron Bay:—Mr. Perry (*The Richmond*) asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is he aware that shippers from Byron Bay have to pay wharfage rates on outward cargo there, and that the same goods are charged wharfage rates in Sydney?

(2.) Is he aware that this means a loss to one factory alone of from £100 to £150 per annum?

(3.) Has he taken steps to remedy this double charge?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) I am unaware.

(3.) The Byron Bay Jetty is vested in trustees, who have been referred to in the matter.

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- (3.) Richmond River Channel :—Mr. Perry (*The Richmond*) asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is he aware that there are a number of shoal places in the channel of the Richmond River, impeding navigation from Pimlico to Lismore?
 - (2.) Will he take steps to have the obstructions removed without delay?
- Mr. Lee answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) The dredge "Ulysses" is now being sent to the Richmond River for the purpose of removing the obstructions.
- (4.) Caps or Helmets worn by the Mounted Police :—Mr. Briner asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Are the mounted police compelled to wear caps or helmets similar to those worn by foot police?
 - (2.) Seeing that mounted men must be in the sun when on duty, will he ask the Inspector-General to permit the mounted men to wear white hats or helmets of a kind which will protect them from the sun, and will the order or permission, if effected, be made general?
- Mr. Hogue answered,—Mounted police are supplied with helmets for summer wear the same as foot police. In country places they wear caps in winter months only.
- (5.) Disposal of Proceeds of Sales of Myall Creek and Centennial Park Lands :—Mr. Bennett asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is the money received for the sale of farms at Myall Creek paid into a separate account for the liquidation of debentures issued to the vendors for its purchase; if not, what account is it paid into?
 - (2.) Into what account are the proceeds of the sale of Centennial Park lands paid?
- Mr. Carruthers answered,—
- (1.) Yes; as directed in section 40 of the Closer Settlement Act of 1904.
 - (2.) Proceeds of sale of Centennial Park lands are carried to a special account, which is debited with the cost of laying out and of constructing roads and public places. The net proceeds are applied, in terms of section 4 of the Centenary Park Sale Act of 1904, to the Consolidated Revenue Fund.
3. LIQUOR (AMENDMENT) BILL :—The following Petitions, representing that Petitioners view with satisfaction the introduction of the Liquor (Amendment) Bill, and praying that the Bill, with certain amendments indicated in the Petitions, may speedily be passed into law, were presented by the Members named :—
- (1.) By Mr. Cann, *on behalf of* Mr. Scobie—From certain Electors of Hay.
 - (2.) By Mr. Lee—From Geo. T. Green, Chairman of Meeting held at Tatham.
- Petitions received.
4. CRIMES (GIRLS' PROTECTION) BILL :—Mr. Fegan presented a Petition from Annie Golding, President, and Kate Dwyer, General Secretary, of the Women's Progressive Association of New South Wales, representing that a girl cannot dispose of property, or marry without the consent of parent or guardian, before the age of twenty-one years, that the law as it at present exists accounts a girl's property of more value than her honor; and praying that the age of consent, seventeen years, as proposed in the Crimes (Girls' Protection) Bill, be not altered.
- Petition received.
5. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT :—Mr. Carruthers made a Ministerial Statement enumerating the measures which the Government intended to persevere with before the close of the Session.
6. PAPERS :—
- Mr. Ashton laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from Sale for the Preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.
 - (2.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.
 - (3.) Abstract of Alterations of Designs of Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.
 - (4.) *Gazette* Notices setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the Dedication of certain Lands, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
- Mr. Hogue laid upon the Table,—Report of the Registrar of Friendly Societies in relation to Trade Unions, Building Societies, and Co-operative Societies for the years 1903 and 1904, together with Appendices.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
7. PRINTING COMMITTEE :—Mr. McFarlane, as Chairman, brought up the Thirteenth Report from the Printing Committee.
8. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Belmore, Mr. O'Sullivan, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz. :—"The necessity for the Government at once contradicting in the most public manner, statements made to the press by certain emigrants on their way to Chili respecting the difficulty alleged to exist in obtaining land in New South Wales."
- And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—
- Mr. O'Sullivan moved, That this House do now adjourn.
- Debate ensued.
- Question put and negatived.

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9. SMALL DEBTS RECOVERY (AMENDING) BILL :—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. Carruthers, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 65.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Small Debts Recovery Act, 1899 ; to provide for the collection of fees in a court of petty sessions ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His 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.

*State Government House,
Sydney, 28th September, 1905.*

10. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (SHIRES) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

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

The House adjourned, at twenty minutes after Eleven o'clock, until Tuesday next, at *half-past Two o'clock.*

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 48.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTIETH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 3 OCTOBER, 1905.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Proposed Site for Police Barracks in Redfern :—*Mr. Estell*, for Mr. Sullivan, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) What was the cost of the proposed new site in Redfern for Police Barracks?
- (2.) Is it considered a suitable site; if so, what officer recommended it?
- (3.) Who was the agent that arranged the sale?
- (4.) What are the names of the vendors?
- (5.) Was any commission paid by the Government; if so, to whom?
- (6.) What was the total cost?
- (7.) Were other sites owned by the Government available for the purpose?

Mr. Hogue answered,—

- (1.) Total cost, interest, legal expenses, purchase, and resumption, £12,101 1s. 3d.
- (2.) Yes. The late Inspector-General of Police consented to this, as there was not a more eligible site, the Government Land Valuer having reported that it seemed to him to be the best available site.
- (3.) Portion was resumed. Messrs. Hardie and Gorman were the agents for a portion bought from the Baptist Estate.
- (4.) Trustees of the Baptist Estate.
- (5.) No commission was paid by the Government.
- (6.) Answered by No. 1.
- (7.) Other sites were owned by the Government, but were evidently not considered to be so suitable. The purchase was made some three or four years ago.

- (2.) Trade Disputes Conciliation and Arbitration Act—Industrial Arbitration Act :—*Mr. Estell*, for Mr. Arthur Griffith, asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) How long was the Trade Disputes Conciliation and Arbitration Act in force in this State?
- (2.) How many disputes were brought before the tribunal established by this (voluntary) Act?
- (3.) How long has the present Industrial Arbitration Act been in force?
- (4.) How many disputes have been brought before the tribunal constituted by the latter (compulsory) Act?

Mr. Wade answered,—

- (1.) Principal Act, from April, 1892, to March, 1896; Amending Act, from May, 1899, to establishment of present Industrial Arbitration Act.
- (2.) Under Principal Act: One case settled by arbitration; one case settled by conciliation; eight cases in which employees applied to have Act put in operation, and in which employers declined; six cases in which negotiations fell through. Under Amending Act: One inquiry, leading to return of miners to work on terms suggested; two references to arbitration—disputes so settled; three inquiries subsequently leading to settlement.
- (3.) Since 10th December, 1901.
- (4.) 139 disputes have been filed in the Court of Arbitration.

- (3.) Inflammable Liquids Bill :—*Mr. R. J. Anderson* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is he aware that benzine, an inflammable liquid, is absolutely necessary as a common article of trade use in the preparation of dressed and fancy leathers?
- (2.) Is he aware that several old established firms of leather dressers in the neighbourhood of Sydney are obliged to use large quantities of this liquid daily in the manufacture of their goods, and have done so for years without serious mishap of any kind?

(3.)

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(3.) Is he aware that such firms for their own protection keep their stocks of benzine in specially constructed places, and that the greatest care is invariably exercised to prevent these being approached by persons smoking or having naked lights?

(4.) If not aware of the foregoing will he cause inquiries to be made with a view of so modifying the provisions of the Inflammable Liquids Bill, that they shall not hamper legitimate trade operations by preventing a sufficient stock of a necessary article being kept on hand?

Mr. Ashton answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) No.

(3.) No.

(4.) Inquiries will be made, and the information gathered will be carefully considered in connection with the provisions of the Inflammable Liquids Bill, which it is desired shall not unnecessarily hamper any legitimate trade operations.

(4.) Dredge Service—Public Works Shops at Newcastle :—*Mr. Perry*, for *Mr. Fegan*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has he received any communication as to placing the Dredge Service in the hands of the Dock Committee?

(2.) Does the Committee recommend the closing of the Public Works Shop at Newcastle?

(3.) If so, does he intend acting on the recommendation, considering the amount of money expended on the Newcastle Workshops towards equipping it with machinery?

(4.) Will he continue to keep in Newcastle the work that can be done as cheaply there as in Sydney?

Mr. Lee answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) No.

(3.) Answered by 1 and 2.

(4.) Yes.

(5.) Wharf in the Inner Basin at Carrington :—*Mr. Perry*, for *Mr. Fegan*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Have tenders been called for the construction of a wharf in the Inner Basin at Carrington?

(2.) If so, is it a fact that provision is being made that turpentine piles shall be used without being sheathed with the usual sheathing material?

(3.) What is the difference in the estimated cost of the sheathed piles, and the unsheathed piles?

(4.) Is it considered that unsheathed piles will be satisfactory in the construction of the said wharf?

Mr. Lee answered,—

(1.) Tenders were received on 18th September for the extension of the wharf in the Inner Basin at Carrington.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) £3,900.

(4.) Experience shows that with the sheathing now obtainable, and which deteriorates very rapidly, the use of turpentine is more economical and satisfactory.

(6.) Royal Commission to inquire into Administration of Lands Department :—*Mr. Estell*, for *Mr. Cann*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he ask the Royal Commissioner inquiring into the administration of the Lands Department to furnish an interim report before the session closes?

Mr. Ashton answered,—*Mr. Justice Owen* has been consulted by the Government in this matter. His Honor, however, is not at present in a position to say when he will be able to furnish any report, but if at all possible one will be furnished before the close of the session.

(7.) Consumptives at Liverpool Asylum :—*Mr. Estell*, for *Mr. Kelly*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) When is it his intention to give effect to the report of *Dr. MacLaurin*, with a view to classification of consumptives at Liverpool Asylum?

(2.) Will he have a suitable structure erected for these patients?

Mr. Hogue answered,—The whole question of the treatment of consumptives in the Government Asylums is engaging attention in conjunction with the scheme formulated for relieving Liverpool Asylum of its consumptive inmates, and the contemplated drafting of old-age and infirm inmates from the other State institutions. It is difficult to state with any degree of exactness the time when effect will be given to the recommendations in the report referred to.

2. EARLY CLOSING ACT :—*Mr. Estell* presented a Petition from certain shopkeepers and shop assistants of Wallsend and Plattsburg, in the Newcastle Shopping District, praying for an amendment of the Early Closing Act in respect to the half-holiday and closing time appointed by such Act; the alteration to apply to shops situated in the said district, and to be compulsory for the county of Northumberland.
Petition received.

3. LIQUOR (AMENDMENT) BILL :—*Mr. Estell* presented a Petition from *William Humphreys*, Chairman of a Public Meeting of electors of Wallsend and Plattsburg, representing that Petitioner views with satisfaction the introduction of the Liquor (Amendment) Bill, and praying that the Bill, with certain amendments indicated in the Petition, may speedily be passed into law.
Petition received.

4. NEWCASTLE FRIENDLY SOCIETIES AND TRADES HALL SITE ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—*Mr. Estell* presented a Petition from certain representatives of the Trade Unions and Branches of Trade Unions in the Newcastle District, praying the House to pass the Newcastle Friendly Societies and Trades Hall Site Act Amendment Bill.
Petition received.

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5. GUN LICENSE BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Broughton moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to regulate and license the sale, hiring, carrying and use of guns and firearms in certain cases; and for other purposes connected therewith or incidental thereto.
Question put and passed.
6. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day were postponed:—
(1.) Case of Henry Harding, W. S. Stead, and others—Certificate of Title; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Hollis, "That the Report from the Select Committee on "Case of Henry Harding, W. S. Stead, and others—Certificate of Title," brought up on 14th "December, 1904, be now adopted";—until To-morrow.
(2.) Murrumbidgee Northern Water Supply and Irrigation Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading. [*Mr. Briner*];—until Thursday next.
(3.) Newspaper Articles Bill; second reading. [*Mr. Holman*];—until To-morrow.
7. CRIMES (GIRLS' PROTECTION) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again To-morrow.
8. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Drummoyne Municipal Lands Sale Bill postponed until To-morrow.
9. CLAIM OF MR. F. E. STOWE, ELECTRIC TRAM, DARLING-STREET, BALMAIN:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Henley,—
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the claim of Mr. F. E. Stowe for a scheme, the design of which was supplied by him to the Public Works Department, and adopted by the Government for carrying the electric trams safely to the wharf at Darling-street, Balmain.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Lee, Mr. Walter Anderson, Mr. Law, Mr. J. H. Young, Mr. Brinsley Hall, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Scobie, Mr. W. Millard, and the Mover.
And the Debate not being resumed,—
Question put and passed.
10. DIOCESE OF GOULBURN CHURCH LAND SALE BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr Ashton moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Ashton, 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. Ashton, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
11. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day,—Public Instruction Act Amendment (Abolition of Fees) Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to abolish payment of fees in State Schools,—postponed until To-morrow.
12. SALE OF ARTICLES MANUFACTURED IN NEW SOUTH WALES:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the proceedings, on the motion of Mr. R. J. Anderson,—
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed,—
(a) To inquire into and report upon the alleged practice or trade custom of offering for sale, articles manufactured or produced in New South Wales as being the manufacture or production of other countries or States of the Commonwealth.
(b) To inquire into and report upon the best means to adopt for checking or preventing such a custom.
(c) To suggest some practical means whereby the public mind may be enlightened and freed from prejudices regarding the products of local industry.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Broughton, Mr. Downes, Mr. Thrower, Mr. Gillies, Mr. Jessep, Mr. Macdonald, Mr. John Hurley, Mr. Law, and the Mover.
And Mr. Crick having required that the Committee be appointed by Ballot (*See Votes and Proceedings No. 39, Tuesday, 12 September, Entry 6*),—
Question,—
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed,—
(a) To inquire into and report upon the alleged practice or trade custom of offering for sale, articles manufactured or produced in New South Wales as being the manufacture or production of other countries or States of the Commonwealth.
(b) To inquire into and report upon the best means to adopt for checking or preventing such a custom.
(c) To suggest some practical means whereby the public mind may be enlightened and freed from prejudices regarding the products of local industry,—
put and passed.
Whereupon the House proceeded to the Ballot, and Mr. Speaker declared the following to be the Committee duly elected:—Mr. R. J. Anderson, Mr. Thrower, Mr. Downes, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Broughton, Mr. Jessep, Mr. Law, Mr. Gillies, Mr. John Hurley, and Mr. Jones.

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13. DISMISSAL OF EDWARD GENGE FROM THE MOUNTED POLICE FORCE :—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the Debate, on the motion of Mr. Gillies,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the alleged wrongful dismissal of Edward Genge from the Mounted Police Force of New South Wales.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Hogue, Mr. Estell, Mr. Charlton, Mr. McLaurin, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Fegan, Mr. Perry (*Liverpool Plains*), Mr. Collins, Mr. W. W. Young, and the Mover.

And the Debate not being resumed,—

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 6.

Mr. McLaurin,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Henley.

Tellers,

Mr. Estell,
Mr. Perry (*L'pool Plains*).

Noes, 38.

Mr. Moore,
Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Charlton,
Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Broughton,
Mr. Norton,
Mr. Walter Anderson,
Mr. O'Conor,
Mr. Ball,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Downes,
Mr. Hindmarsh,
Mr. Morton,

Mr. Hogue,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,
Mr. Eden George,
Mr. Wood,
Mr. W. W. Young,
Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Mahony,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Ashton,
Mr. Dick,
Mr. Fallick,
Mr. Law,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Perry (*The Richm'nd*),

Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Briner,
Mr. Collins,
Mr. R. J. Anderson,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Reynoldson,
Mr. Wade.

Tellers,

Mr. Booth,
Mr. Hollis.

And so it passed in the negative.

And it being Seven o'clock, Government Business took precedence, under Sessional Order adopted on 20th September, 1905.

14. LIQUOR (AMENDMENT) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Wade moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow.

15. PARRAMATTA SEWERAGE AND DRAINAGE BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Lee 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. Lee, 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. Lee, the report was adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

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

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 49.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTIETH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 4 OCTOBER, 1905.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Crown Lands Settlement :—*Mr. Broughton*, for Dr. Arthur, asked the Secretary for Lands,—In order to obtain valuable information, and facilitate land settlement, is he prepared, by advertisements in the country press, and otherwise, to invite applications from all persons in this State who are desirous of taking up land for settlement, the applicant to state,—(1) in what district he desires land; (2) if not obtainable in that district, to what other districts he would be prepared to go; (3) for what purpose he wishes the land—pastoral, dairying, or otherwise; (4) what area he requires; (5) what capital he possesses in the shape of money, agricultural implements, stock, &c.; (6) what experience he has had on land; (7) whether he is married or not, and what family?

Mr. Ashton answered,—I think there is a good deal of merit in the Honorable Member's suggestion, which is on the lines of a Bill which passed through this House in 1896, but did not become law. I hope to make provision in a Bill now being drafted in the direction of giving effect to what I conceive to be the Honorable Member's desires.

- (2.) New Offices for Inspector-General of Police and Comptroller-General of Prisons—Police Barracks, Redfern :—*Mr. O'Sullivan* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Does he propose to finish the new offices for the Inspector-General, and Comptroller-General of Prisons, at the corner of Hunter and Phillip Streets, or is the present contract merely for a portion of the building?

(2.) If the latter, when does he propose to let a contract for the finishing of the structure?

(3.) Does he propose to complete the Police Barracks for mounted men in Redfern, or has he given a contract for a portion of the accommodation only?

(4.) Is he aware that while the police are waiting to occupy both these new buildings rent is being paid for other accommodation elsewhere?

Mr. Lee answered,—

(1 and 2.) The sum recommended by the Public Works Committee is being spent.

(3.) A contract has been entered into for the erection of stabling, stores, gymnasium and instructor's residence, leaving erection of Police Barracks, Inspector's Residence, and Riding School, &c., for future operations.

(4.) Yes.

- (3.) Police Superannuation Bill :—*Mr. O'Sullivan* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is he aware that two previous Governments have had under their consideration the desirability of having a Police Superannuation Bill?

(2.) Is he also aware that, pending the passing of such a measure, a number of old police officers, who are entitled to retire, and would prefer to do so, are being kept in the Service?

(3.) Does he propose to introduce a Police Superannuation Bill?

Mr. Lee answered,—

(1.) I am aware that this subject has been under the consideration of previous Governments.

(2.) Yes; there are a number of members of the Force who have passed the age of retirement and would be retired if funds permitted.

(3.) I am not at present in a position to say, but the subject will not be overlooked.

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(4.) Removal of Cottages from Trial Bay to Camden Haven :—*Mr. Gillies*, for *Mr. Briner*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that three cottages, once occupied by Warders at Trial Bay, are being removed to Camden Haven for re-erection as boatmen's quarters?
- (2.) What is the estimated cost of such removal and re-erection?
- (3.) What did the buildings originally cost?
- (4.) Would the new buildings at Camden Haven have cost very little more than the removal and re-erection of the cottages from Trial Bay?

Mr. Lee answered,—

- (1.) A contract has been entered into for the removal of three of the ten disused cottages, and re-erection at Camden Haven.
- (2.) The amount of contract is £405 or £135 per cottage, to which freight must be added.
- (3.) The original cost was £4,012 including site or £401 per cottage.
- (4.) The cost of new buildings at Camden Haven would have been considerably more.

(5.) Good Conduct Holidays to Tramway Employees :—*Mr. Booth* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is he aware that, while tram-drivers, conductors, gangers, &c., are allowed six good conduct days in the year on full pay, fettlers on the tram-lines are denied this privilege?
- (2.) Will he kindly see that the fettlers are allowed this privilege?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—I am informed that the railway regulations provide for good conduct holidays to certain grades; but it is not allowed generally, and the Commissioners cannot see their way to extend the concession, which is one that is not enjoyed anywhere else.

(6.) Bricks supplied by the Merrylands Brick Company to the Railway Commissioners :—*Mr. John Hurley* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) What is the contract price for a quarter million bricks at per thousand on trucks at Merrylands being supplied by the Merrylands Brick Company to the Railway Commissioners?
- (2.) What would be the freight charges per 1,000 bricks or per ton from Merrylands to Sodwalls if conveyed for private firm or the public?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

- (1.) I am informed the contract price was 36s. per 1,000.
- (2.) Nine shillings per ton, although the cost would not be the same departmentally.

2. LIQUOR (AMENDMENT) BILL :—

(1.) *Mr. Broughton* presented a Petition from certain electors of New South Wales, representing that the Statute which regulates the liquor traffic gives solemn and legal assurance of the permanency of a license when once granted to premises; that if the operations of local option lead to the closing of hotels the owners and licensees should be monetarily compensated; that money for compensation will not come out of the taxpayers' pocket, but from license fees, and praying that in any legislation which may detrimentally affect the value of property established under statute license money compensation should be allowed.

Petition received.

(2.) The following Petitions, representing that Petitioners view with satisfaction the introduction of the Liquor (Amendment) Bill, and praying that the Bill, with certain amendments indicated in the Petitions, may speedily be passed into law, were presented by the Members named :—

- (1.) By *Mr. J. H. Young*—From *John Parkhurst*, Chief Templar of the *John Wright Lodge*, *Tinonee*.
- (2.) By *Mr. Carruthers*—From certain electors of *St. George*.
- (3.) By *Mr. J. H. Young*—From *John Anderson*, Chief Templar of the *Bond of Unity Lodge*, No. 47, *Wingham*.

Petitions received.

3. BREAD (AMENDMENT) BILL :—*Mr. Broughton* presented a Petition from *William George Bradley*, of *Woods' Chambers*, *Moore-street*, *Sydney*, secretary of the *Sydney and Suburban Master Bakers' Association*, an *Industrial Union of Employers* duly registered under the *Industrial Arbitration Act, 1901*, representing that members of the said union are greatly interested in and affected by the *Bread (Amendment) Bill* which has been referred to a *Select Committee*, and praying for leave to attend and examine and cross-examine witnesses before the said *Committee* upon the consideration of the *Bill*.

Petition received.

Ordered to be referred to the *Select Committee*.

4. PAPERS :—

Mr. Lee laid upon the Table,—*Report of the completion of the Paddington and City Stormwater Drainage*.

Referred by *Sessional Order* to the *Printing Committee*.

Mr. Wade laid upon the Table,—*Amended Regulation under the Prisons Act, 1899*.

Referred by *Sessional Order* to the *Printing Committee*.

Mr. Ashton laid upon the Table,—*Return of leases granted under the provisions of Section 18 of the Crown Lands Act Amendment Act, 1903*.

Referred by *Sessional Order* to the *Printing Committee*.

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5. CLAIM OF MR. F. E. STOWE, ELECTRIC TRAM, DARLING-STREET, BALMAIN :—Mr. Henley (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Papers having reference to the claim of Mr. F. E. Stowe in respect of a device submitted by him to the Department of Public Works in connection with the Darling-street Tramway Extension, Balmain, laid upon the Table of this House on 31st August, 1905, be referred to the Select Committee now sitting on "Claim of Mr. F. E. Stowe, Electric Tram, Darling-street, Balmain."
Question put and passed.
6. PARRAMATTA SEWERAGE AND DRAINAGE BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*) :—Mr. Lee moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a third time.
7. DIOCESE OF GOULBURN CHURCH LAND SALE BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*) :—Mr. Ashton moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a third time.
8. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day were postponed :—
(1.) Gun License Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to regulate and license the sale, hiring, carrying, and use of guns and firearms in certain cases ; and for other purposes connected therewith or incidental thereto. [*Mr. Broughton*] ;—until Tuesday, 17th October.
(2.) Newspaper Articles Bill ; second reading. [*Mr. Holman*] ;—until Tuesday, 7th November.
(3.) Crimes (Girls' Protection) Bill (*Council Bill*) ; to be further considered in Committee. [*Mr. Waddell*] ;—until Tuesday, 31st October.
(4.) Drummoyne Municipal Lands Sale Bill ; second reading. [*Mr. Henley*] ;—until To-morrow.
9. LIQUOR (AMENDMENT) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Wade, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—
And the Question being again proposed,—
The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.
Mr. McFarlane moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow.
10. OBSERVATORY HILL LANDS LEASING BILL :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council :—
MR. SPEAKER,—
The Legislative Council having had under consideration the Legislative Assembly's Message dated the 14th September, 1905, in reference to the Observatory Hill Lands Leasing Bill,—does not insist upon its amendments disagreed to by the Assembly in this Bill, including the amendment in the Title.
Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 4th October, 1905.
F. B. SUTTON,
President.
11. PARRAMATTA SEWERAGE AND DRAINAGE BILL (*Continuation of Formal Order of the Day*) :—On motion of Mr. Carruthers, this Bill was *passed*.
Mr. Carruthers then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to sanction the construction of certain sewerage works ; to provide for the taking over by the Council of the Borough of Parramatta of the said works, and of other works of drainage, and for the payment of interest and expenditure in respect of the same ; to apply certain provisions of the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act of 1880 and Acts amending the same to such works ; to provide for drainage and sewerage rates, and for drainage and sewerage districts ; to exempt such works from the operation of the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act of 1880 and Acts amending the same ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"
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 sanction the construction of certain sewerage works ; to provide for the taking over by the Council of the Borough of Parramatta of the said works, and of other works of drainage, and for the payment of interest and expenditure in respect of the same ; to apply certain provisions of the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act of 1880 and Acts amending the same to such works ; to provide for drainage and sewerage rates, and for drainage and sewerage districts ; to exempt such works from the operation of the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act of 1880 and Acts amending the same ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 4th October, 1905.
12. DIOCESE OF GOULBURN CHURCH LAND SALE BILL (*Continuation of Formal Order of the Day*) :—On motion of Mr. Dick, this Bill was *passed*.
Mr. Dick then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to enable the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Goulburn, as Trustee of certain parcels of land situate in the county of Argyle, held upon certain trusts connected with the Church of England in the Diocese of Goulburn, to sell the said lands, to provide for the application of the proceeds thereof, and for other purposes in connection therewith.*"
Question put and passed.

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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 the Lord Bishop of Goulburn, as trustee of certain parcels of land situate in the county of Argyle, held upon certain trusts connected with the Church of England in the Diocese of Goulburn, to sell the said lands, to provide for the application of the proceeds thereof, and for other purposes in connection therewith,*"—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.

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13. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Carruthers (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That this House, at its rising this day, do adjourn until Two o'clock To-morrow.
Question put and passed.

14. MINING BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Carruthers, 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 consolidate and amend the law relating to mining; to give further facilities for the development of mining; to amend the Crown Lands Act of 1884 and Acts amending the same; and for other purposes.

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

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, 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 consolidate and amend the law relating to mining; to give further facilities for the development of mining; to amend the Crown Lands Act of 1884 and Acts amending the same; and for other purposes.

On motion of Mr. Carruthers, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

The House adjourned, at two minutes before Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow, at *Two o'clock*.

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

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No. 50.

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OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTIETH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 5 OCTOBER, 1905.

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

QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Coff's Harbour and Woolgoolga Jetties :—*Mr. Fegan*, for Mr. Briner, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) With regard to the collection of harbour rates on produce and material from Coff's Harbour and Woolgoolga, is he aware that the Member for Raleigh was recently informed that dues at Coff's Harbour and Woolgoolga jetties would not be collected upon anything which is liable to harbour rates in Sydney?

(2.) Is he aware that such dues are still being collected at the jetties?

(3.) Will he issue instructions for their removal, so that dues shall not be payable at the jetties as well as in Sydney?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—The matter is being inquired into.

(2.) Contract for Erection of Victualling Stores at Darling Island :—*Mr. Fegan*, for Mr. Briner, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a contract was recently let for the erection of victualling stores at Darling Island for the Naval Department?

(2.) Did the terms of the contract specify that New South Wales hardwoods should be used in the flooring?

(3.) After tenders were accepted, has the Public Works Department agreed to New Zealand kauri pine being substituted for New South Wales hardwood; and, if so, upon whose recommendation was the alteration permitted, and for what reason?

(4.) Will he lay copies of all the Papers in connection with the matter upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Lee answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) The contract provided for the use of tallow-wood.

(3.) No authority has been given to substitute New Zealand kauri pine for tallow-wood.

(4.) There are necessarily no Papers in connection with a matter which has no existence.

(3.) Expired Pastoral Lease on Dobikin :—*Mr. Collins* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) What is the area of the expired pastoral lease on Dobikin?

(2.) Under what form of tenure is this now held?

(3.) Is it proposed to make any portion available for settlement; if so, when?

Mr. Ashton answered,—

(1.) The area available within Dobikin late Leasehold Area (now Resumed Area No. 58a) on the 30th June, 1905 (being the date up to which the last annual adjustments were made) was 8,557 acres. About 5,500 acres of this area has been applied for as settlement leases, the balance being comprised within permanent reserves and roads.

(2.) The land is now held under preferential occupation license.

(3.) Except reservations, the available land has been set apart for settlement leases.

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- (4.) Protection of the Wonga Pigeon :—Mr. Meehan asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is he aware that owing to the great slaughter of the Wonga Pigeon by dealers and others in the Yowrie District, near Cobargo, the bird is likely to become extinct?
 - (2.) Has he proclaimed a close season for the Wonga Pigeon; if not, will he do so?
 - (3.) Will he call for reports from the Police and other officials in the Yowrie, Cobargo, Bermagui, and Nerrigundah Districts as to the alarming decrease of the Wonga Pigeon, with a view to the bird being absolutely protected for some years to come?
 - (4.) Have any reports been received from the Police in the Districts named; if so, what action was taken thereon?

Mr. Hogue answered,—

- (1.) No.
- (2.) Yes. Before the expiration of the present close season, a proclamation will be issued protecting the Wonga Pigeon, amongst other birds, for a term of years.
- (3.) Inquiry will be made.
- (4.) No reports have reached me.

- (5.) Emigration of Scotch Farmers to Australia :—Mr. Broughton, for Dr. Arthur, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is he aware that Mr. Williamson Wallace, the former Director of Agriculture in Victoria, stated that, if authorised to do so by the Victorian Government, he could induce 100 Lowland Scotch farmers with capital to emigrate to Australia?
- (2.) Will he instruct Mr. Coghlan to communicate with Mr. Wallace, who is now in Scotland, and endeavour to obtain his services for this State?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

- (1.) No.
- (2.) I will instruct the acting Agent-General to communicate with Mr. Wallace in the matter.

2. LIQUOR (AMENDMENT) BILL :—The following Petitions, representing that Petitioners view with satisfaction the introduction of the Liquor (Amendment) Bill, and praying that the Bill, with certain amendments indicated in the Petitions, may speedily be passed into law, were presented by the Members named :—

- (1.) By Mr. Oakes—From Margaret Adkins, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer of the Bowral Branch of the Women's Liberal League.
 - (2.) By Mr. Estell, *on behalf of* Mr. Dacey—From certain electors of New South Wales.
- Petitions received.

3. PRINTING COMMITTEE :—Mr. Carruthers (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Printing Committee have leave to sit during the sitting of the House this day.
Question put and passed.

4. PAPERS :—

Mr. Lee laid upon the Table,—Report by Mr. Henry Deane, M.A., M.Inst.C.E., Engineer-in-Chief for Railway and Tramway Construction, upon Inter-urban Railways and the Electrification of Steam Railroads.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Hogue laid upon the Table,—Regulations under the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, 1902.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

5. BREAD (AMENDMENT) BILL :—Mr. Broughton (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, that the Select Committee now sitting on the "Bread (Amendment) Bill" have leave to make visits of inspection to, and hold inquiries in various Bread Factories in the City and Suburbs, from time to time, and that the Committee have power to sit during the sittings of the House, or any adjournment thereof, to enable them to make the said visits of inspection.
Question put and passed.

6. LIQUOR (AMENDMENT) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Wade, "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 after Midnight,—

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Question put,—That this Bill be now read a second time.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 53.			Noes, 14.
Mr. Ashton,	Mr. Moxham,	Mr. Burgess,	Mr. Holman,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Fell,	Mr. Edden,	Mr. Broughton,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Gillics,	Mr. Estell,	Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Perry (<i>The Richm'd</i>),	Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Levien,
Dr. Arthur,	Mr. Jones,	Mr. Charlton,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Wade,	Mr. Law,	Mr. Ball,	Mr. Sullivan,
Mr. Jessop,	Mr. Robson,	Mr. Creswell,	Mr. Daley,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Collins,	Mr. Henley,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Dick,	Mr. Fleming,	Mr. W. W. Young,
Mr. Mackenzie,	Mr. Latimer,	Mr. Eden George,	Mr. McLaurin,
Mr. Oakes,	Mr. Booth,	Mr. Wood,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Thomas,	Mr. Storey,	Mr. Bennett,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Davidson,	Mr. McCoy,	Mr. O'Conor.	
Mr. Levy,	Mr. Walter Anderson,		<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hindmarsh,	Mr. Gardiner,	<i>Tellers,</i>	Mr. Nielsen,
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Reynoldson,	Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Macdonell.
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. Perry (<i>L'pool Plains</i>),	Mr. Cohen.	
Mr. Downes,	Mr. Waddell,		
Mr. R. J. Anderson,	Mr. Miller,		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

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

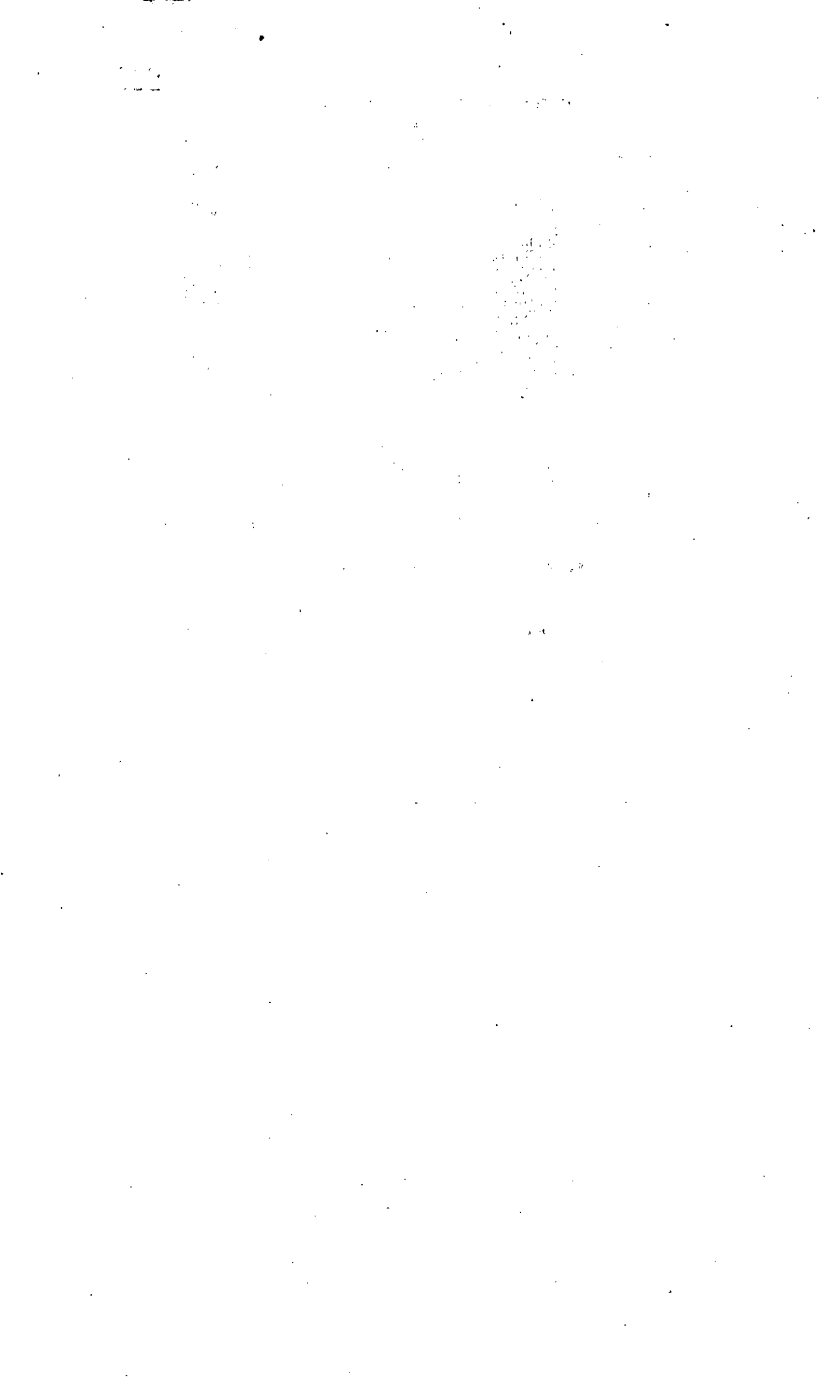
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday next.

7. PRINTING COMMITTEE:—Mr. McFarlane, as Chairman, brought up the Fourteenth Report from the Printing Committee.

The House adjourned, at eighteen minutes after One o'clock, a.m., until Tuesday next, at half-past Two o'clock.

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 51.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTIETH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 10 OCTOBER, 1905.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Coff's Harbour and Woolgoolga Jetties :—Mr. Briner asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
 (1.) The total amount, and the amount from each source separately, of revenue at Coff's Harbour Jetty for the nine months ending 30th September, 1905?
 (2.) The same information for Woolgoolga Jetty?
 (3.) The number of persons permanently employed by the Government at each jetty, and the total amount paid to them per annum?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

- (1.) Wharfage, £327 2s. 8d. ; tonnage, £42 0s. 4d. ; total, £369 3s.
 (2.) Wharfage, £123 8s. 6d. ; tonnage, £20 16s. ; total, £144 4s. 6d.
 (3.) Coff's Harbour, 1 caretaker at £125 per annum, and quarters valued at £20 per annum ; Woolgoolga, 1 caretaker at £125 per annum, and quarters valued at £20 per annum. Overtime is also paid by the master or owner of the vessel, when necessary, at 1s. per hour.

- (2.) Inspection of Pigs slaughtered outside Metropolitan Area :—Mr. Briner asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it a fact that large numbers of pigs are killed and made into bacon outside the Metropolitan area, where there is no inspection ; if so, will he, in view of the danger to public health, have competent inspectors appointed?

Mr. Hogue answered,—No. Municipal and police local authorities under the Cattle Slaughtering and Diseased Animals and Meat Act are charged with the duty of inspecting all slaughtering in their respective districts.

- (3.) Resumption of Land for Road Wamberal through Burkley to Ourimbah :—Mr. Charlton asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) How many owners of land received compensation for land resumed by the Government for road Wamberal through Burkley to Ourimbah?
 (2.) The names (if any) of persons who received no compensation?
 (3.) Did any person receive additional land in lieu of that resumed for the above road?

Mr. Ashton answered,—There are two roads involved—the first, that established on the 19th March, 1902. H. R. Wayman, owner of portions 50 and 51, was paid £11 18s. 9d. ; and the Executors of the late Mary Oppermann, in connection with portion 22, were paid £4 17s. 6d. Mrs. Elizabeth Hargraves received no compensation in connection with portion 24. No person received additional land as compensation. In regard to the second road, that established on the 31st August, 1904, Mrs. E. Hargraves, owner of portion 24, was paid £12. The persons who received no compensation are A. E. Lewis, owner of portion 47, and J. P. Lewis, owner of portion 75. Mrs. Hargraves will receive portion of the road opened on the 19th March, 1902, in addition to the sum of £12 referred to. Annie Sleeman's claim to compensation for land resumed from portion 23, in connection with the last established road, is still under consideration.

- (4.) Pilliga Scrub Settlers :—Mr. Collins asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that a number of settlers who have expended a large amount of capital in taking up and improving lands in the Pilliga Scrub are being compelled to abandon their holdings in consequence of the failure of the Government to destroy rabbits on the Crown Lands adjoining such holdings?
 (2.) Is he aware that it is in the interests of the country that these settlers remain in occupation?
 (3.) Will he take immediate steps to assist these settlers to overcome their difficulties to that end?

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Mr. Ashton answered,—

(1 and 2.) The District Surveyors of Tamworth and Dubbo Districts report that no cases of abandonment are known of. The rabbits are, however, numerous, and are causing landholders whose holdings are not wire-netted much trouble.

(3.) The question of dealing with Pilliga scrublands will, at an early date, be thoroughly gone into.

(5.) Report of Educational Commissioners on Technical Education:—Mr. Henley asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Does he approve the recommendations made in the report of the Royal Commission on Education in regard to providing facilities for the technical education of those engaged in the leather trades?

(2.) If so, what steps does he propose taking in order to give effect to them?

(3.) What is the estimated cost of giving full effect to the Royal Commission's recommendations in regard to the leather trades?

(4.) What has been the cost of providing facilities for technical training for each of the following trades (a) fitting and turning; (b) ironmoulding; (c) blacksmithing; (d) carpentry and joinery; (e) sanitary engineering?

(5.) Is it a fact that no provision has hitherto been made for the technical training of those engaged in the preparation and manufacture of leather?

Mr. O'Connor answered,—

(1 and 2.) This matter is receiving consideration.

(3.) The cost will depend entirely upon the scale on which it is undertaken. Careful attention will be given to the matter of making reasonable provision.

(4.)

Sydney Technical College.	Salaries.	Remuneration by fees.	Total.
	per annum.	1904.	per annum (approximate).
(a) (b) and (c) Under the Mechanical Engineering Department	£ 1,504	£ 426	£ 1,930
(d) Carpentry and Joinery	652	233	885
(e) Sanitary Engineering	776	167	943

The cost of providing machinery, apparatus, fittings, and the necessary materials for the various trades and classes under the Technical Education Branch extends over a considerable number of years, and is met from annual voted amounts under the following headings:—1904-5 Vote—1. Apparatus, fittings, and materials, £1,500. 2. Extension of Technical Education, £1,500; total, £3,000.

(5.) No special provision has been made.

(6.) Drill loaned by Mines Department:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a drill has been loaned by his Department to be used in testing certain ground at the head of Darling Harbour, which the persons applying for the drill are endeavouring to sell to the Sydney Municipal Council as a site for a market; if not to private persons, has he loaned the drill to any officer of the Sydney Municipal Council?

(2.) If so, are these persons paying for the use of the drill?

(3.) Is he aware that this proposed site for a market is subject to inundation when the tide is high, and a heavy rainfall takes place, the waters filling cellars to a depth of 5 feet?

(4.) Is he aware that the proposed site has been twice condemned by large public meetings, and that the Sydney Municipal Council has decided against it?

(5.) If he has loaned the drill referred to, will he in future refuse the loan of drills for the purpose indicated?

Mr. Moore answered,—The facts of the case are as follow:—Mr. Samuel Cornwell applied for a hand-boring plant of an estimated value of about £15 in the ordinary way to test some auriferous ground at Byron Bay, agreed to the Department's terms, and paid the usual deposit of £5. Mr. Cornwell subsequently withdrew his application, but later, while the Department still held his deposit, asked permission to use the plant for a few days for the purpose of testing some ground in Hay-street. At the time there were no applications for machines for mining purposes, and it was therefore decided to accommodate him to this extent. He returned it immediately it was required for prospecting. It has been the practice of the Department, when no applications for these machines are on file to lend them for the purpose of boring for water, to test beds of clay for brick-making purposes, &c., upon the understanding that they be returned should they be required for prospecting. In future it is not intended to lend these drills for other than prospecting purposes unless rent be paid.

(7.) Production of Crops in the United States:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) Is he aware that in the United States prizes have been awarded to ten farmers who grew from 87 to 115 bushels of Indian corn per acre?

(2.) Is he also aware that in the State of Minnesota prizes have been awarded for crops of potatoes of from 8½ to 31 tons to the acre, while our average crop is very much below that?

(3.) Will he at once institute inquiries as to the system by which these enormous crops per acre are raised, and take steps to introduce that system in New South Wales?

Mr. Moore answered,—

(1 and 2.) No.

(3.) I do not consider it necessary to institute inquiries as suggested. Yields of both maize and of potatoes in some instances have, in this State, equalled, if not exceeded, those referred to. The Agricultural Department is making every effort to effect improvements in the growing of commercial crops as regards yield and quality. (8.)

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- (8.) United States System of Patents :—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is he aware that in the United States a patentee gets a seventeen years' patent for £7?
 - (2.) Is he aware that in England a patentee has to pay £99 for a fourteen years' patent, and even then gets no guarantee of validity?
 - (3.) Is he aware also that in New South Wales the charges for patents are higher than in America?
 - (4.) In view of the fact that in seventeen years new American patents have found employment for 1,776,152 persons, besides raising wages in many cases by 173 per cent., will he take steps to introduce legislation which will establish the United States system of patents in New South Wales?

Mr. Hogue answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) Before the Commonwealth Patents Act, 1903, came into operation a patent was granted in New South Wales for the full term for the fee of £5.
- (4.) The administration of the Patent Laws of each Australian State, together with legislative power, is now vested in the Commonwealth Government and Parliament.

- (9.) Railway Contract with the Lithgow Coal Association :—Mr. Estell, for Mr. Nielsen, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Has a contract been entered into by the Railway Commissioners with the Lithgow Coal Association for the supply of 170,000 tons of coal per annum?
- (2.) For what period has the contract been made?
- (3.) What is the price per ton on trucks at the pit's mouth?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

- (1.) I am informed that a contract has been entered into by the Railway Commissioners with the Lithgow Coal Association for the supply of 175,000 tons of large coal per annum.
- (2.) For four years from 1st July, 1905.
- (3.) 6s. 5d. per ton for any quantity up to 175,000 per annum. If, at the end of four years, 700,000 tons should not have been taken, the Commissioners will continue to order until that tonnage is reached. In the event of 175,000 tons being exceeded in any one year, the Commissioners will pay for such excess at the rate of 7s. 3d. per ton.

- (10.) Steam-yacht "Victoria" :—Mr. Estell, for Mr. Meehan, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Has the sale of the steam-yacht "Victoria" been completed?
- (2.) Was the sale effected by a broker; if so, what is his name, the commission paid, &c.?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—The sale has not yet been completed, a survey by Lloyd's representative being necessary in the first instance. The survey has now been completed, and the Agent has been informed and asked to name his Principal, in order that the contract of sale may be prepared.

- (11.) Trade with Japan—Alien Immigration Act :—Mr. R. J. Anderson asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Has his attention been drawn to an article appearing in the *Australian Boot and Leather Trades Journal* of 30th September, 1905, referring to a statement made by Mr. J. B. Sutor in a recent despatch on trade with Japan, that Canada is making application for admittance to the terms and privileges of the conventional, or lower tariff, of Japan?
- (2.) Is it a fact that the only State of the Commonwealth now so admitted is Queensland?
- (3.) Will he consider the advisability of communicating with the Prime Minister of the Commonwealth as to the possibility of securing for the whole of Australia such terms and advantages, by offering, as suggested by the article mentioned, a modification of the Alien Immigration Act in exchange?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) In December last a communication on this subject was addressed to the Prime Minister of the Commonwealth of Australia, who subsequently replied that it was not at present thought to be expedient to approach the Japanese Government in regard thereto. I will, however, again communicate with the Commonwealth Government in the matter.

- (12.) Crown Lands along Proposed North Coast Railway :—Mr. Davidson asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) When will the map showing the Crown Lands available along the route of the proposed North Coast Railway be placed before the House?
- (2.) Will he take steps to expedite the preparation of the map so that it may be before members when the discussion on the North Coast Railway Bill takes place?

Mr. Ashton answered,—I shall have much pleasure in, presently, laying the map upon the Table of this House.

2. LIQUOR (AMENDMENT) BILL :—The following Petitions, representing that Petitioners view with satisfaction the introduction of the Liquor (Amendment) Bill, and praying that the Bill, with certain amendments indicated in the Petitions, may speedily be passed into law, were presented by the Members named :—

- (1.) By Mr. Cohen—From H. E. Harper, President of the Petersham and Stanmore Branch of the Women's Liberal League.
- (2.) By Mr. Booth—From Henrietta Binns, Honorary President of the South Sydney Branch of the Women's Liberal League.

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- (3.) By Mr. Henley—From Mary Hay Kilby, President of the Hunter's Hill Branch of the Women's Liberal League.
- (4.) By Mr. Briner—From certain electors of Raleigh.
- (5.) By Mr. Levy—From Edith Goldsmith, President of the Chatswood Women's Liberal League.
- (6.) By Mr. McLaurin—From certain electors of Albury.
- (7.) By Mr. R. J. Anderson—From Jane Massey, President of the Surry Hills Women's Liberal League.
- (8.) By Mr. McFarlane—From certain electors of Lawrence.
- (9.) By Mr. Davidson—From N. E. Savage, Chief Templar of the Harbour of Safety Lodge, Kempsey.
- (10.) By Mr. Levy—From Rachel Farmer, Acting Secretary of the Council of the Turramurra Women's Liberal League.
- (11.) By Mr. Levy—From Emily G. Jago Smith, President of the Bathurst Women's Liberal League.
- (12.) By Mr. Levy—From Christie Campbell, President of the Council of the Queanbeyan Women's Liberal League.
- (13.) By Mr. Wood—From Constance H. Carson, President of the Pymble Branch of the Women's Liberal League.
- (14.) By Mr. Jessep—From Helen McMillan, President of the Waverley Branch of the Women's Liberal League.
- (15.) By Mr. Estell—From certain electors of Minmi.
- (16.) By Mr. Walter Anderson, *on behalf of* Mr. Fell—From Theresa M. Evans, Honorary Secretary of the Crow's Nest Women's Liberal League.
- (17.) By Mr. Creswell—From Helen W. Fell, President of the St. Leonards Women's Liberal League.
- (18.) By Mr. Nobbs—From Constance Sly, President of the Strathfield and Burwood Women's Liberal League.
- Petitions received.
3. HABITUAL CRIMINALS BILL:—Mr. Brinsley Hall presented a Petition from Members of the Deniliquin Branch of the Women's Political Educational League and residents of the Deniliquin District, praying that the Habitual Criminals Bill may be passed into law.
Petition received.
4. CLAIM OF MR. F. E. STOWE, ELECTRIC TRAM, DARLING-STREET, BALMAIN:—Mr. Henley presented a Petition from F. E. Stowe, of Croydon, representing that the House had appointed a Select Committee to inquire into and report upon the claim of Mr. F. E. Stowe, for a scheme, the design of which was supplied by him to the Public Works Department, and adopted by the Government for carrying the electric trams safely to the wharf at Darling-street, Balmain, and praying to be represented by counsel or attorney or in person before such Committee, with the right to call, examine, and cross-examine witnesses.
Petition received.
Ordered to be referred to the Select Committee.
5. CRIMES (GIRLS' PROTECTION) BILL:—Mr. Brinsley Hall presented a Petition from Members of the Deniliquin Branch of the Women's Political Educational League and residents of the Deniliquin District, praying that the House will, at the earliest possible date, pass into law the Crimes (Girls' Protection) Bill, raising the age of consent from fourteen to seventeen years of age.
Petition received.
6. PAPERS:—
- Mr. Lee laid upon the Table,—Papers regarding the agreement entered into between the Government of New South Wales and Peter Nicol Russell, Esquire, in respect to a further endowment of £50,000 for the Russell School of Engineering at Sydney University.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
- Mr. Moore laid upon the Table,—Amended Regulation under the Stock Act of 1901.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
- Mr. Ashton laid upon the Table,—Return of Leases granted under the provisions of section 18 of the Crown Lands Act Amendment Act, 1903.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
- Mr. Carruthers laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) Regulations under the Sydney Harbour Trust Act, 1900.
- (2.) Regulations under the Sydney Harbour Rates Act, 1904.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
- Mr. Hogue laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) Return giving information with reference to proposed payments to Members and ex-Members of the Legislative Assembly, representing an equivalent in each case to the amount of allowance which would have been payable had Parliament been in Session at the date of their respective elections.
- (2.) Additional By-laws of the Municipal District of Wickham.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
7. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day,—Drummoyne Municipal Lands Sale Bill; second reading [*Mr. Henley*];—was postponed until To-morrow.

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8. TERALBA RAILWAY RESUMPTION :—Mr. Arthur Griffith moved, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon all matters in connection with the Teralba railway resumption.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Carruthers, Mr. Waddell, Mr. Norton, Mr. Charlton, Mr. Dick, Mr. Levy, Dr. Arthur, Mr. Hollis, and the Mover.
- Mr. Norton moved, That this Debate be now adjourned.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow.

9. POLICE OFFENCES (SUNDAY SHOOTING) BILL :—Mr. Arthur Griffith moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to remove certain prohibitions against the carrying of firearms and shooting on Sundays; to amend the Police Offences Act, 1901; and for other purposes.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 7.

Mr. Dacey,
Mr. Daley,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,
Mr. Hollis,
Mr. Meehan.

Tellers,

Mr. Miller,
Mr. Sullivan.

Noes, 48.

Mr. Davidson,
Mr. Moore,
Mr. Hogue,
Mr. Broughton,
Mr. Downes,
Mr. Mahony,
Mr. Walter Anderson,
Mr. Cann,
Mr. Ashton,
Mr. Estell,
Mr. Charlton,
Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Jessop,
Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. J. H. Young,
Mr. Nicholson,

Mr. Lee,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Perry (*The Richmond*),
Mr. R. J. Anderson,
Mr. Latimer,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Kearney,
Mr. Richards,
Mr. Ball,
Mr. Norton,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. John Hurley,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Henley,
Mr. Wade,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,

Mr. Hindmarsh,
Mr. McCoy,
Mr. Creswell,
Mr. Law,
Mr. W. W. Young,
Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Fallick,
Mr. Briner,
Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Moxham,
Mr. Dick.

Tellers,

Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Booth.

And so it passed in the negative.

10. RAILWAY DEVIATION BETWEEN COMO AND HURSTVILLE :—Mr. Broughton moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—

- (1.) The estimated cost, including purchase of land and alterations to stations, of the railway deviation recently constructed between Como and Hurstville.
- (2.) The actual cost, including payment for land resumption and altering stations.
- (3.) The amount of the liabilities in connection with this deviation which have been liquidated, and the amount still unpaid.
- (4.) The amount of interest payable annually on the total cost of the deviation.
- (5.) What would have been the cost of lowering the grade on the old line, where required, to the same angle of ascent as the grade on the deviation.
- (6.) How much in feet per mile the grade is less on the new line than the grade on that section of the old line which is no longer used in consequence of the deviation.
- (7.) The length of the deviation.
- (8.) The length of the old line from the southern point where the new line starts to the northern point where it rejoins the old line.
- (9.) The total curvature of that section of the old line contained between the points where the deviation leaves and rejoins the main line.
- (10.) The total curvature of the deviation.
- (11.) The batter (backward slope) of the cuttings on the deviation, and whether it is sufficient to prevent masses of stone and earth falling on the line during or after heavy rains.
- (12.) Whether fewer locomotive engines are now used on the South Coast line in consequence of the deviation between Como and Hurstville; and if so, how many less are used.
- (13.) How much per cent. more a locomotive engine of a given power can haul at a speed of 20 miles per hour from Como to Hurstville, in consequence of the grade on the deviation being easier for engines to negotiate than the grade on the old line.
- (14.) How many trains less are now run on the South Coast line owing to the deviation between Como and Hurstville; and how many less are run weekly.
- (15.) Whether any alterations in the time-tables for the South Coast line have been made in consequence of the deviation between Como and Hurstville; and if so, what alterations.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

11. HOSPITAL EXPENSES OF CONSTABLE GILFOYLE :—Mr. Fegan moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all Papers in connection with the request for payment for hospital expenses by Constable Gilfoyle.
Question put and passed.

And

10th October, 1905.

And it being Seven o'clock, Government Business took precedence, under Sessional Order adopted 20th September, 1905.

12. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (SHIRES) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again To-morrow.
13. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS—(*Erection of the Mitchell Library as part of the National Library for the State*):—Mr. Lee moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of erecting the Mitchell Library as part of a complete design ultimately to be carried out as the National Library for the State.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

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

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 52.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTIETH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 11 OCTOBER, 1905.

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

OBSERVATORY HILL LANDS LEASING BILL :—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. Carruthers, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 66.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorise the leasing of certain resumed lands situate at Observatory Hill; to amend the Darling Harbour Wharves Resumption Act, 1900; and for other purposes,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His 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, 11th October, 1905.*

2. QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Visit to Europe and America by Messrs. Knibbs and Turner, Education Commissioners :—Mr. Briner asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
- (1.) The total amount paid to Messrs. Knibbs and Turner in connection with their tour of investigation and the compilation of their reports upon education?
 - (2.) The total cost to date of the Commission including the printing and issue of the Commissioners reports?
 - (3.) When were the Commissioners appointed?
 - (4.) (a) The date of their departure from New South Wales and (b) the date of their return?
 - (5.) The date upon which their final report was submitted?

Mr. O'Connor answered,—

- (1.) £3,990, which included travelling expenses to the amount of £1,575.
 - (2.) Salaries, £2,415; travelling expenses, £1,575; printing and issue of reports, £3,349 10s.; postage, £262 10s.; total, £7,602.
 - (3.) 11th April, 1902.
 - (4.) (a) 12th April, 1902; (b) 23rd February, 1903.
 - (5.) 19th September, 1905.
- (2.) Richmond Vale Railway :—Mr. Gillies asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Has the Richmond Vale Railway been completed and passed by the Railway Commissioners and opened for traffic?
 - (2.) Is it a fact the Messrs. Brown are now running their coal from Pelaw Main Colliery to Hexham for shipment at their private wharf at Hexham and at the Dyke?
 - (3.) Is it a fact that the railway mentioned crosses the Newcastle to Maitland railway line at or near Hexham?
 - (4.) By what authority are the Messrs. Brown's coal trains allowed to cross the Government railway line at Hexham station to connect with their private shoots on the Hunter River; do the Railway Commissioners receive payment from the Messrs. Brown for the privilege and the risk attendant upon crossing the railway lines; if so, how much; if not, what is the arrangement?
 - (5.) What haulage rate is charged by the Railway Commissioners on coal conveyed from Hexham for shipment at the Dyke?

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- (6.) Is any charge made by the Government for the use of the river frontage at Hexham by the Messrs. Brown in connection with their coal shipments; if not, why not?
- (7.) Is he aware that when the Richmond Vale line is in active operation that there will be a loss in revenue to the Government Railways of probably £50,000 per annum or more?
- (8.) Do the Messrs. Brown own the freehold of the water frontage at Hexham where their coal is shipped; if leasehold, how long has the lease to run, and does the Government purpose renewing or extending the term of the lease?
- (9.) Having in view the large amount of capital invested at Newcastle and in the railway from Newcastle to Maitland, does the Government purpose granting the Messrs. Brown facilities for competing against, and, as alleged, largely diverting trade from the State railways to a private line?
- (10.) What steps do the Government intend to take to minimise the loss to the Railway Department, by reason of coal being conveyed over the Richmond Vale Railway for shipment at Hexham instead of at the Dyke?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—I am informed:—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) The Richmond Vale Coal-mine Railway connects with the Minmi and Hexham Railway at a point $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles from Hexham.
- (4.) The Minmi and Hexham Railway crosses the Great Northern Railway at Hexham under authority of the Minmi and Hexham Railway Act of 1854. The Railway Commissioners receive no payment on account of the crossing of the private line.
- (5.) 10d. per ton.
- (6.) The land at Hexham where the Messrs. Brown's coal is shipped, which is owned by them, is part of a grant of 1,920 acres made to W. Sparké in which a reservation of all land within one hundred feet off high water-mark, &c., is contained. The Messrs. Brown purchased the rescission of part of the reservation, and reclaimed the land on the frontage thereof, and an application for the purchase of that reclamation is now being dealt with.
- (7.) It is estimated that, taking the traffic carried during the year ended 30th June, 1905, as a basis, the Commissioners will sustain a loss of about £10,000 in the gross revenue owing to the opening of the Richmond Vale Railway. As a set-off, the expense of hauling the traffic from East Greta Junction to Hexham will not be incurred.
- (8.) The Messrs. Brown hold a special lease, No. 1,172, of the land covered by their jetties, &c., for which they pay an annual rental of £110.
- (9 and 10.) The Government are in favour of giving reasonable facilities to private enterprise, and it is to be borne in mind that Parliament passed the Act authorising the construction of the Richmond Vale Railway.

(3.) Committal of M. Roban, Maitland Court:—Mr. Bennett asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Has his attention been called to the practice prevailing in the lower courts in this State of committing persons for trial who are charged with most trivial offences, thus entailing unnecessary cost to the State and the individuals?

(2.) Will he give a return of the cost incurred in the commitment of M. Roban, at the Maitland Police Court, for common assault, and his subsequent futile trial at the Newcastle Quarter Sessions?

Mr. Wade answered,—In this case I understand the magistrates considered that title to land was in question and that, therefore, their jurisdiction to deal with the charge summarily was ousted. On the disclosure of a *prima facie* case they had consequently no alternative under the law but to commit the accused for trial. The trial took place at last Newcastle Circuit Court, and the witnesses' expenses amounted to £7 13s. 6d.

(4.) Inspection of Pigs slaughtered in the Country:—Mr. Downes asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is he aware that large numbers of pigs are killed by farmers in the country districts and consigned to the city for sale, and for years such consignments were inspected by a Government Officer before being offered for sale?

(2.) Is he aware that this inspection in the interests of the producer has been discontinued?

(3.) Who was responsible for removing this safeguard?

(4.) Will he see that steps are taken to give the farmers of the country the inspection they ask for?

Mr. Hogue answered,—

(1.) The carcasses referred to were not examined until after they had been exposed for sale.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) The Board of Health.

(4.) The inspection was taken up and is still done by the officer of the Local Authority for the City of Sydney.

(5.) Construction of a Weir at Broughton's, on Georges River:—Mr. Downes asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) When is it proposed to give effect to his promise to formulate a Trust for construction of a weir at Broughton's, on Georges River?

(2.) Will he procure a report from the Medical Superintendent of the Liverpool Asylum on the following points, and lay the report upon the Table of this House:—(a) Has the present state of Georges River adjoining the Asylum had a prejudicial effect on the health of the inmates; (b) would the construction of proposed weir or dam at Broughton's enable any economies to be effected in the management of the Asylum; and, if so, to what amount annually; (c) what is the present cost of water supply in connection with the Asylum?

Mr. Lee answered,—

(1.) A difference of opinion exists among the residents as to the relative merits of the Broughton's and Rocky Reach sites, and action with regard to the formation of a Trust for the former has consequently been held over until the residents arrive at a conclusion.

(2.) Yes.

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- (6.) *Advances to Settlers Act*:—*Mr. Briner*, for *Mr. Richards*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Will he consider the advisability of amending the *Advances to Settlers Act*, in the direction of providing for local investigation of applications before the Land Board, to ensure more accurate information on the spot as to values, and to afford greater facility towards expediting decision?
 - (2.) Is he aware that the policy supported by regulation, authorising application fee to be appropriated when loan is refused, amounts to penalising the man seeking relief from outside pressure. Will he cause the regulation to be dispensed with, and in cases in future authorise return of fees when application fails?
- Mr. Ashton* answered,—
- (1.) It is thought that, if the suggestion were adopted, it would only tend to further delay matters and impose additional expense upon the applicants.
 - (2.) It may be pointed out that, whether a loan be refused or granted, the *Advances to Settlers Board* is put to the expense of obtaining a report as to the value of the security offered, and of investigating the applicant's title thereto.
- (7.) *Saturday Half-holiday Movement*:—*Mr. Briner*, for *Mr. Richards*, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
- (1.) In regard to the movement favouring a Saturday half-holiday, would not such operate most inconveniently in suburban and rural centres?
 - (2.) Before decisive action is taken will he give opportunity for suburban and country towns business people to have a voice in the matter?
- Mr. O'Connor* answered,—
- (1.) This phase of the question will receive full attention, together with the consideration of the representations made in favour of a Saturday half-holiday.
 - (2.) I am prepared to give every opportunity to those persons interested who wish to do so, to put forward their views in connection with the matter.
- (8.) *Dobikin Resumed Area, Narrabri District*:—*Mr. Collins* asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) What is the area of the Dobikin Resumed Area in the Narrabri district exclusive of necessary roads and reserves?
 - (2.) What action, if any, is being taken towards making same available for settlement?
- Mr. Ashton* answered,—
- (1.) About 6,160 acres.
 - (2.) 1,040 acres, parish Woolabrar, county Jamison, is available for special area conditional purchase and portion 31 of 1,280 acres, in the same parish, for homestead selection. On and after the 26th October, 1905, portion 27 of 1,280 acres, in the same parish, will be available for homestead selection, and portion 9 of 2,560 acres, parish of Manamoi, for settlement lease.
- (9.) *State Land Tax within Municipal Areas*:—*Mr. Henley* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—In the event of the Local Government (Shires) Bill becoming law this Session—exempting as it does those areas from a State land tax—will he, pending the passing of the Local Government Extension Bill, abolish the present State land tax within municipal areas, or grant to Municipal Councils a subsidy equivalent to the amount of land tax collected in the said areas (less cost of collection), so that all local governing bodies throughout the State may be treated alike?
- Mr. Carruthers* answered,—It would not be desirable to pursue the course suggested.
- (10.) *Government Workshops, Cockatoo Island*:—*Mr. Henley* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) What number of men were there employed at the Government Workshops, Cockatoo Island, for the last week in September in each of the following years—1902-3-4-5?
 - (2.) The number of officials or salaried men, including the Managing Committee, for each of the aforesaid years?
 - (3.) The amount of money paid in wages for the same periods?
 - (4.) The amount of money paid (or due) to officers for the same periods?
 - (5.) What are the names of and how many steam launches are there at the disposal of the officers now. The same information for 1902?
- Mr. Lee* answered,—This information will take some time to obtain. It will be laid upon the Table of this House at a later date.
- (11.) *Areas locked up as Reserves in Carcoar and Cowra Districts*:—*Mr. Waddell* asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Will he have a searching inquiry made into the reason for locking up large areas of land as reserves for various purposes in the Carcoar and Cowra districts?
 - (2.) Will he see that in all cases, unless there be strong reasons to the contrary, such lands are thrown open for small settlement?
- Mr. Ashton* answered,—Special instructions have already been issued with a view to the curtailment of all unnecessary reserves.
- (12.) *General Booth's Proposals for Immigration*:—*Mr. Holman* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Has any communication passed between him and the Prime Minister of the Commonwealth concerning the withdrawal of General Booth's proposals for immigration?
 - (2.) Is he able to put any information before the House?
- Mr. Carruthers* answered,—
- (1.) No.
 - (2.) I have no information in regard to this matter other than what may be gleaned from a perusal of the newspapers.

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3. NEWCASTLE FRIENDLY SOCIETIES AND TRADES HALL SITE ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Edden presented a Petition from certain representatives of the Trade Unions and Branches of Trade Unions in the Newcastle District, praying the House to pass the Newcastle Friendly Societies and Trades Hall Site Act Amendment Bill.
Petition received.
4. LIQUOR (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The following Petitions, representing that Petitioners view with satisfaction the introduction of the Liquor (Amendment) Bill, and praying that the Bill, with certain amendments indicated in the Petitions, may speedily be passed into law, were presented by the Members named:—
- (1.) By Mr. Creswell—From James N. Manning, Chairman of a Meeting of Representatives from the Churches and Temperance Bodies of the Electorate of Surry Hills, held in St. Michael's Parish Hall.
 - (2.) By Mr. Hindmarsh—From H. C. Jenke, Chief Templar, and J. T. Hutchinson, Secretary of the Lodge Glencoe, No. 814, Independent Order of Good Templars, Lismore.
 - (3.) By Mr. Jessep—From Fred. Colwell, President, and other Officers of the Christian Endeavour Societies in the Districts of Waverley and Randwick.
 - (4.) By Mr. McCoy—From Annie B. Bennett, President of the Dulwich Hill and Marrickville Branch of the Women's Liberal League.
 - (5.) By Mr. Mackenzie—From William Saumarez Smith, Archbishop of Sydney, Metropolitan of New South Wales, President of the Church of England Temperance Society.
 - (6.) By Mr. Hindmarsh—From certain electors of Rous.
 - (7.) By Mr. Edden—From certain electors of Kahibah.
 - (8.) By Mr. Lee—From certain electors of Tatham.
- Petitions received.
5. PAPERS:—
- Mr. Wade laid upon the Table,—Additional Regulations under the Justices' (Fees) Act, 1904.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
- Mr. Ashton laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) Report of the Department of Lands for the half-year ended 30th June, 1905.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
 - (2.) Map showing the Crown Lands available along the route of the proposed North Coast Railway from Maitland to South Grafton. (*As an Exhibit only.*)
- Mr. Lee laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) Return to an Order, made on 23rd August, 1905,—“Roads, Bellingen District.”
 - (2.) Report of the completion of the Coogee and Waverley Eastern Slopes Drainage.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
6. MINING BILL:—Mr. Moore, pursuant to leave granted on the 4th October, 1905, presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to consolidate and amend the law relating to mining; to give further facilities for the development of mining; to amend the Crown Lands Act of 1884 and Acts amending the same; and for other purposes.*”—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.
7. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (SHIRES) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.
On motion of Mr. Carruthers, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.

8. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Carruthers moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at five minutes after Ten o'clock, p.m., until Tuesday next, at half-past Two o'clock.

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 53.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTIETH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 17 OCTOBER, 1905.

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

QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Boat for Fisheries Officer, Lower Clarence River :—Mr. Briner asked the Colonial Secretary,—
 (1.) Has a suitable boat yet been provided for the use of the Fisheries officer on the Lower Clarence River?

(2.) Is he aware that the boat in use some time ago was quite unfit and unsafe, and, if a new boat has not yet been provided, will he see that one is supplied at once?

Mr. Hogue answered,—A small launch was supplied for the use of the Inspector of Fisheries on the 21st July last, and replaced the unsuitable boat referred to, which is not now in use.

(2.) Fourth Reader in use in State Schools :—Mr. Gardiner asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Has his attention been called to statements in the public Press, that numerous grammatical errors are to be found in the 4th Reader in use in all the State schools?

(2.) Will he compare the following alleged blunders with the original lessons, in the book referred to, so as to verify or confute the allegations :—

“He got up and went to Pomponianus, and the rest of his company, who were not unconcerned enough to think of going to bed, they consulted together.”—Page 89.

“In the position, in which he was now holding his head, I ought to have hit him between the nostrils and the eyes, which was impossible.”—Page 34.

“This hornet has the reputation of being a very ugly customer, but I found it no trouble to live on the most friendly terms with them.”—Page 178.

“Its base rose and sunk,” and “A strong breeze sprung up.”—Lesson XXVI.

“I called out to them, as best I could in their language and also made signs to them that I was willing to give myself up to them.”—Page 265.

(3.) In the event of the alleged and other blunders being found in the 4th Reader, will he withdraw that book from the public schools and substitute a Reader compiled from the best masters of English, or does he deem it wise to retain the book as a shocking example of the style to be avoided by Australian children.

Mr. O'Connor answered,—My attention has been directed to these mistakes. Steps are now being taken to alter them. With regard to Question 3, the subject of introducing new Readers is now being considered by the Department.

(3.) Proposed Roads through Myall Creek Area—State Public Roads :—Mr. Briner, for Mr. Richards, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Will he state, for general information, the mileage of proposed roads through Myall Creek area, and the estimate of forming and making such roads trafficable for the despatch of produce from the settlement?

(2.) In view of the demands of settlers in all other parts of the State soliciting attention to their roads, will he, during the consideration of the Estimates, favour a proposal by which these selectors will be considered equal with Myall Creek landholders in regard to their highways to market?

(3.) Will he consider a proposal that a sum total shall be passed for each Roads' Districts, with a view to the District Officers, after report to the Commissioner for Roads, expending money in places where most needed, instead of confining the expenditure to classified roads as per Schedule?

Mr. Lee answered,—

(1.) Forty-one and a-half miles. Estimated cost, £7,000.

(2.) Each application will be considered, and dealt with on its merits.

(3.) Cases where circumstances warrant special consideration will be looked into carefully, and decided on the merits of each.

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- (4.) Bad Coins collected on the Tramways:—Mr. Sullivan asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that tram conductors, in the hurry-scurry of business, often receive bad money from passengers?
 - (2.) Do they pass such coins on again to other passengers in change; if not, are they bound to make such amounts as the coins represent good?
 - (3.) What is the procedure taken by the tram officials in such cases?
- Mr. Carruthers answered,—
- (1 and 2.) I am informed that tramway conductors, like most men handling cash, occasionally receive spurious coins from dishonest passengers; but they are not supposed to pass them on to unoffending other passengers.
- (3.) Conductors report the fact where they have unwittingly taken bad money, and each case is judged on its merits; as a rule, the conductors are allowed credit.
- (5.) Federal Capital Site:—Mr. Latimer asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Was the following resolution passed at a conference of State Premiers held in the month of February, 1899 (The Right Honorable G. H. Reid representing New South Wales):—"It is considered that the fixing of the site of the capital is a question which might well be left to the Parliament to decide, but in view of the strong expression of opinion in relation to this matter in New South Wales, the Premiers have modified the clause so that while the capital cannot be fixed at Sydney or its neighbourhood, provision is made in the Constitution for its establishment in New South Wales at a reasonable distance from that city"?
 - (2.) Did The Right Honorable G. H. Reid, on the 4th day of February, 1899, state (*vide Daily Telegraph* of February, 1899):—"The result of the Conference should be hailed with the liveliest satisfaction by the people of New South Wales. The centre of the future nation is now fixed for all time in the very heart of the Mother Colony, while the only limitation forced upon me by Sir George Turner is that the ascendancy of Sydney shall not be accentuated by its being fixed as the capital"?
 - (3.) Has he observed by the reports in the daily Press (*vide Daily Telegraph* of the 26th September, 1905) that The Right Honorable G. H. Reid, leader of the Opposition in the Federal Parliament, now says:—"That he is prepared to staunchly back up the choice by the Federal Parliament of Dalgety as the site of the Federal Capital"?
 - (4.) Does he consider that the proposal to fix Dalgety as the site of the capital (such site being about 300 miles from Sydney, and in a remote corner of this State) is in distinct conflict with the above-mentioned resolution and statement, and with the representations made by Federal leaders at a time when a proportion of the people of this State was induced to agree to the 125th section of the Commonwealth Constitution Act dealing with a site for a capital?
 - (5.) Will he give the Members of the Parliament of this State (a) an opportunity of saying whether or not they approve of the Dalgety site, and (b) forward their decision (by address or otherwise) to the Federal Parliament?
- Mr. Carruthers answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) Mr. Reid was so reported.
 - (3.) Yes, in the *Daily Telegraph* of the 27th September, 1905. I understand that Mr. Reid views the selection of Dalgety as a compromise and as an alternative to a site less acceptable to New South Wales, namely, Tooma.
 - (4.) This is a matter of opinion.
 - (5.) I hope to be able to further consult Parliament this Session on this matter.
- (6.) Reclamation of Foreshores of Port Jackson:—Mr. Henley asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is he aware that owners of property fronting the foreshores of Port Jackson have been prevented from reclaiming dangerous and unhealthy areas, owing to the confiscation policy of the Sydney Harbour Trust?
 - (2.) If so, will he take steps to amend the regulations so that citizens may be encouraged to reclaim land to the limit line, and so prevent the extension of the plague area along the foreshores of the port?
- Mr. Carruthers answered,—
- (1.) I am aware of the stoppage of private reclamations as a result of the passage of the Harbour Trust Act.
 - (2.) An amendment of the law is necessary, and a Bill will shortly be introduced to permit of ninety-nine years' leases being granted under regulations providing for reclamations.
- (7.) Proposed Site for Police Barracks in Redfern:—Mr. Sullivan asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- With a view to saving the enormous amount of money that will be required to erect suitable buildings for Police Barracks on the resumed land at Redfern (and the high price of the land), will he consider the advisability of taking over the Randwick Asylum and establishing the Depot there?
- Mr. Hoque answered,—The question of utilising the Randwick Asylum Buildings as the Police Depot has already been fully considered. A contract has been let, and the work in connection with the erection of Barracks for Police Depot on the site resumed for the purpose is well advanced. Considerable expense would be caused in altering and adding to the Randwick Asylum Buildings to suit Police requirements.
- (8.) Railway Weigh-bridges:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that complaints have been made that the railway authorities weigh, not only for freight purposes, but for value, and so enter into competition with private owners of public weigh-bridges?
 - (2.) Is it true that the railway officials claim exemption for their weigh-bridges from the supervision of the Inspector of Weights and Measures?
 - (3.) What attitude does the Metropolitan Inspector of Weights and Measures assume in regard to the matter?
 - (4.) Will he be good enough to state what are his views upon the question?
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Mr. Carruthers answered,—

(1.) I am informed that a complaint has been made by the owner of a private weigh-bridge recently put down at Redfern, that the Railway Department enters into competition with him, but the Railway Department does not weigh for other than for freight purposes. If an application is made by owners to have traffic that has been, or is to be carried by rail, weighed, goods are weighed on the railway weigh-bridges at the convenience of the Department, at a charge of 3d. per weighing as provided for in the Merchandise and Live Stock Railway Rate Books.

(2.) Yes.

(3 and 4.) The Inspector of Weights and Measures has an open mind on the matter and wishes to assist the Commissioners in the proper adjustment of the railway weigh-bridges, although the Department has its own Weigh-bridge Inspectors, and is exempt by law from the Metropolitan Inspector. The matter is one of the details of railway management which the Railway Commissioners might conveniently be left to settle.

(9.) Crown Lands Settlement :—Dr. Arthur asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it necessary to defer the proposed census of those in this State seeking land until an amending Land Bill has been passed?

(2.) Will he state if any measure dealing with the land will be introduced this Session?

(3.) Does the Government propose to submit to Parliament this Session the resumption of any other private estates under the Closer Settlement Act?

Mr. Ashton answered,—

(1.) No. When I answered the Honorable Member's previous Question on the subject, I had in contemplation a scheme giving registered land-seekers a legal status as applicants. It is now proposed to give the Intelligence Department instructions to take steps to collate the information referred to by the Honorable Member.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) No.

(10.) Police Superannuation Bill :—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Referring to Mr. O'Sullivan's previous question concerning the Police Superannuation Fund, is it a fact that, prior to last election, members of the present Government promised to introduce a Bill to provide for such a Fund?

(2.) Will he introduce such a Bill this Session?

(3.) Is he prepared to adopt the following plan in any new Bill for police superannuation that he may introduce :—(a) That all moneys now paid into the Police Fund may be paid into the Consolidated Revenue, and that police pensions should be charged to that revenue the same as police pay is; (b) that the present retirement age be eliminated owing to its inequality?

(4.) Is he aware that the retiring period in the British police is twenty-five years?

(5.) Will he make provision in any Police Superannuation Bill that the New South Wales police may retire after twenty-five years' service, and that all be entitled to the same pension, irrespective of age of applicants?

(6.) Will he also have a clause inserted in that Bill which will allow constables to abstain from contributions to a pension fund if they wish, on condition that they are to receive no pensions on retirement?

Mr. Hogue answered,—As already promised, the matter will receive attention. Governments for the last twenty years have had the question under consideration. The particular suggestions of the Honorable Member will receive consideration. In view of the state of Public Business, I am not at present in a position to say that a Bill will be introduced this Session.

(11.) Cost of Carriage of Bricks, &c., from Merrylands for Railway Deviation at Sodwalls :—Mr. John Hurley asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Was any departmental charge made for the carriage of the sixteen trucks of bricks and a truck of cement from Merrylands, and two trucks of sand from Alexandria, which arrived at Sodwalls, on the 16th September last, for the deviation being made there; if so, what was the charge (specifying the mileage, tonnage, distance, and total amount) for each item?

(2.) If these bricks had been obtained at Lithgow, instead of Merrylands, what (if reckoned at all) would be the departmental charge for the carriage of the bricks over the 19 miles from Eskbank to Sodwalls, specifying the tonnage and total amount?

(3.) Were the Railway Commissioners made aware of all the circumstances connected with the supply of a quarter of million bricks from Merrylands, instead of Lithgow, before the contract was made?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

(1.) I am informed no charge was made.

(2.) No charge would have been made.

(3.) The Commissioners were advised that it was necessary to obtain additional bricks, owing to the inability of the Lithgow Works to supply bricks as quickly as required.

2. LIQUOR (AMENDMENT) BILL :—The following Petitions, representing that Petitioners view with satisfaction the introduction of the Liquor (Amendment) Bill, and praying that the Bill, with certain amendments indicated in the Petitions, may speedily be passed into law, were presented by the Members named :—

(1.) By Mr. Hollis—From certain electors of Newtown.

(2.) By Mr. Cohen—From certain electors of Leichhardt.

(3.) By Mr. Moore—From certain electors of Tingha.

(4.) By Mr. Mackenzie—From certain electors of Dulwich Hill.

(5.) By Mr. Jessep—From certain electors of Waverley.

(6.) By Mr. Henley—From certain electors of Burwood.

(7.) By Mr. Gardiner—From certain electors of Orange.

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- (8.) By Mr. Mackenzie—From G. Dunkley, Chairman of a Public Meeting held at Canterbury.
 (9.) By Mr. Burgess—From certain electors of Young.
 (10.) By Mr. Moore—From certain electors of Stannifer.
 (11.) By Mr. Robson—From certain electors of New South Wales.
 (12.) By Mr. Nobbs—From certain electors of New South Wales.
 (13.) By Mr. Nobbs—From certain electors of Gunning.
 Petitions received.

3. TESTATOR'S FAMILY MAINTENANCE BILL:—The following Petitions, representing that Petitioners view with satisfaction the introduction of the Testator's Family Maintenance Bill, and praying that the Bill may speedily be passed into law, were presented by the Members named:—
 (1.) By Mr. Hollis—From Members of the Erskineville Women's Franchise League.
 (2.) By Mr. Arthur Griffith—From Members of the Sydney Women's Political Franchise League.
 Petitions received.
4. PAPERS:—
 Mr. Lee laid upon the Table,—
 (1.) Return respecting the Government Workshops, Cockatoo Island.
 (2.) Additional By-laws of the Municipal District of Moree under the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act of 1880.
 Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
- Mr. Carruthers laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order, made on 10th October, 1905,—“Railway Deviation between Como and Hurstville.”
 Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
- Mr. Ashton laid upon the Table,—Cancellation of Regulations Nos. 73, 345, and 346, under the Crown Lands Acts; and amendment of Regulations Nos. 49, 74, 75, 76, 85, and 148, under the Crown Lands Acts.
 Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
- Mr. Hogue laid upon the Table,—By-laws of the Municipal District of Moree, under the Nuisances Prevention Act, 1897, and the Public Health (Night-soil Removal) Act, 1902.
 Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
5. THE NEW REDHEAD ESTATE AND COAL COMPANY (LIMITED) TRANSFER BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Perry (*The Richmond*) 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. Perry, 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. Perry, the report was adopted.
 Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
6. TESTATOR'S FAMILY MAINTENANCE BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read, and Mr. Arthur Griffith proceeding to move, That this Bill be now read a second time,—
Point of Order:—Mr. Eden George submitted that this Bill was out of order on the ground that it exceeded the order of leave, inasmuch as its provisions were in contravention of the Wills, Probate, and Administration Act, and this was not indicated in the Title.
 Debate ensued.
 Mr. Speaker said he had to consider whether the House was taken by surprise: The Title of this Bill was clear, and indicated that in some way or other the Wills, Probate, and Administration Act was to be amended or varied. He was not very clear whether it was proposed to radically alter that Act; clause 5 of the Bill inferentially gives power to vary the provisions of the Act, but that may not be a direct amendment. Taking all circumstances into consideration, he did not think the House was taken by surprise, and, therefore, he ruled the measure in order.
 Mr. Griffith then moved, “That” this Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate ensued.
 Mr. Jessep moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word “That” and inserting the words “the Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.”
 “(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Wade, Mr. Arthur Griffith, Mr. Holman, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Oakes, Mr. Waddell, Mr. Dick, Mr. Booth, and the Mover”—instead thereof.
 Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question.
 Debate continued.
 And Mr. R. J. Anderson requiring that the Committee be appointed by ballot,—
 Question,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question,—put and negatived.
 Question then,—That the words “the Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report,” proposed to be inserted, be so inserted,—put.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 35.

Mr. Wood,	Mr. Charlton,
Mr. Wade,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. R. J. Anderson,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Walter Anderson,
Mr. Thomas,	Mr. Meehan,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Macdonell,	Mr. Jessep,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. Levy,
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Davidson,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Donaldson,	Mr. Ashton,
Mr. Booth,	Mr. Dick,
Dr. Arthur,	Mr. Henley,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. W. Millard.
Mr. Nicholson,	
Mr. O'Sullivan,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Estell.
Mr. Morton,	

Noes, 15.

Mr. Eden George,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Robson,
Mr. Perry (<i>The Richm'd</i>),
Mr. J. H. Young,
Mr. McCoy,
Mr. Storey,
Mr. Hindmarsh,
Mr. Fallick,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Mackenzie,
Mr. Moxham,
Mr. Brinsley Hall.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Mahony,
Mr. Creswell.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

And it being Seven o'clock, Government Business took precedence, under Sessional Order adopted on 20th September, 1905.

7. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (SHIRES) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Carruthers moved, "That" this Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. McFarlane moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "That" and inserting the words "the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of Clause 8,"—instead thereof.

Debate continued.

Question put,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question.

The House divided.

Ayes, 38.

Mr. Morton,	Mr. Dacey,
Mr. Wood,	Mr. Fell,
Mr. Creswell,	Mr. Booth,
Mr. Wade,	Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Storey,
Mr. Jessep,	Mr. McCoy,
Mr. Ashton,	Mr. Law,
Mr. Levy,	Mr. Moxham,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Latimer,	Mr. R. J. Anderson,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Walter Anderson,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Mahony,
Mr. Broughton,	Mr. Henley,
Mr. Robson,	Mr. Mackenzie,
Mr. Hindmarsh,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Downes,	Mr. W. Millard.
Mr. Thomas,	
Mr. Davidson,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hogue,	Dr. Arthur,
Mr. Dick,	Mr. Fallick.

Noes, 28.

Mr. Macdonell,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. Gardiner,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Nielsen,	Mr. Perry (<i>The Richm'd</i>),
Mr. Holman,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Thrower,	Mr. Collins.
Mr. Daley,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. Sullivan,
Mr. Estell,	Mr. Hollis.
Mr. Charlton,	
Mr. Kelly,	
Mr. Cann,	
Mr. Meehan,	
Mr. Miller,	
Mr. Burgess,	
Mr. McGarry,	
Mr. McNeill,	
Mr. McLaurin,	
Mr. W. W. Young,	
Mr. O'Sullivan,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original Question,—That this Bill be now read a third time,—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 40.

Mr. Morton,	Mr. Hollis,
Mr. Wood,	Mr. Booth,
Mr. Creswell,	Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Wade,	Mr. Storey,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. McCoy,
Mr. Jessep,	Mr. Law,
Mr. Ashton,	Mr. Dacey,
Mr. Levy,	Mr. Moxham,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. R. J. Anderson,
Mr. Latimer,	Mr. Walter Anderson,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Mahony,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Henley,
Mr. Broughton,	Mr. Downes,
Mr. Robson,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Hindmarsh,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. Mackenzie,	Mr. W. Millard.
Mr. Thomas,	
Mr. Davidson,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Fell,
Mr. Dick,	Mr. Thrower.

Noes, 23.

Mr. Macdonell,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Gardiner,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Jones.
Mr. Nielsen,	
Mr. Holman,	
Mr. Daley,	
Mr. Sullivan,	
Mr. Nicholson,	
Mr. Estell,	
Mr. Charlton,	
Mr. Kelly,	
Mr. Meehan,	
Mr. Miller,	
Mr. Burgess,	
Mr. McGarry,	
Mr. McNeill,	
Mr. Bennett,	
Mr. Gillies,	
Mr. Perry (<i>The Richm'd</i>),	
Mr. McLaurin,	
Mr. W. W. Young,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Carruthers, passed.

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Mr. Carruthers then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act for the local government of rural districts, and for the amendment, extension, and partial repeal of certain Acts to effect the same ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message :—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act for the local government of rural districts, and for the amendment, extension, and partial repeal of certain Acts to effect the same ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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Sydney, 17th October, 1905.*

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

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTIETH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 18 OCTOBER, 1905.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Subsidised Schools :—*Mr. Briner*, for *Mr. Richards*, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
- (1.) What amount has been sanctioned to date towards subsidised schools?
 - (2.) What amount will be paid, according to existing arrangements, for the conveyance of children to schools in country districts?
 - (3.) Has the latter experiment been sufficiently long in existence to be reported upon as preferable to increased small schools, and will he call for such report during the Christmas vacation?

Mr. Hogue answered,—

- (1.) The rate is £5 per child per annum, up to a maximum sum of £25 yearly for each subsidised school. The total amount paid from the 17th February, 1903, when subsidies were first granted, to 30th September, 1905, is £4,272 7s. 4d.
- (2.) The general rate is 5d. per child for each day of actual conveyance. The expenditure from 11th April, 1904, to the 30th September, 1905, has been £851 5s. 6d.
- (3.) By the system of conveyance, children receive a better education by being brought to higher grade schools than could be established in the locality of their homes where only few pupils are available; both educational efficiency and economy are secured by this means. There are now twenty-four conveyances employed in different parts of the State, and the system is so far found to work satisfactorily. Full reports upon it will be obtained at the end of the year.

- (2.) Bill for the resumption of Wexford-street Areas :—*Mr. O'Sullivan* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Has the Bill for the resumption of Wexford-street areas by the Sydney Municipal Council, been drafted?
- (2.) If so, when does he propose to introduce the measure?
- (3.) As a great many men are out of employment, and this measure will give work to a large number, will he expedite its passage through Parliament?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) In a few days.
- (3.) Yes; but the lengthy debates in the House on other Bills does not assist in the progress of such legislation.

- (3.) Public School, Dunkeld :—*Mr. W. W. Young* asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Is he aware that the Public School at Dunkeld is in a very bad state, and that a new School has been promised?
- (2.) When will the proposed new School be taken in hand?

Mr. Hogue answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) The erection of a building suitable to existing requirements is now being proceeded with.

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- (4.) Suppression of "Bobs" by the Police:—Mr. W. W. Young asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that instructions have been issued to the Police to stop people from playing a game called "Bobs"?
 - (2.) By whose instructions have the Police so acted?
 - (3.) Is this an illegal game?

Mr. Hogue answered,—

- (1.) The Police have been instructed that, if the game is played for money or money's worth, it is illegal; and prosecution would necessarily follow.
- (2.) The Inspector-General of Police.
- (3.) The Police have opinion that it is not a legal game if played for stakes.

- (5.) Fisheries Board—Oyster Leases:—Mr. Charlton asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) The names of the persons who constitute the Fisheries Board?
- (2.) How many oyster leases on the Hunter River does Mr. F. Gibbins hold; and the numbers of such leases?
- (3.) How many oyster leases does he hold in other parts of the State?
- (4.) Has Mr. Gibbins been a member of the said Board; and up to what period?
- (5.) During the last nine months how many applications have been made, and by whom, for leases for oyster culture on the Hunter River?
- (6.) How many of such leases have been granted, and to whom?

Mr. Hogue answered,—

- (1.) Mr. Frank Farnell (Chairman), Dr. J. C. Cox, the Hon. J. H. Want, K.C., M.L.C., and Messrs. W. C. Shipway, Alfred Spain, J. O. Batchelor, R. J. H. Jenkins, F. J. Gibbins, H. Dawson, and E. Fanning.
- (2.) Forty. Nos. 57, 82, 83, 84, 344, 345, 458, 462, 808, 809, 1,214, 1,216, 1,249, 1,261, 1,343, 1,402, 1,612, 1,657, 1,658, 1,741, 1,743, 1,753, 2,045, 2,575, 2,576, 2,649, 2,650, 2,703, 2,790, 2,802, 2,811, 2,912, 2,990, 3,116, 3,192, 3,193, 3,197, 3,208, 3,595, 3,654.
- (3.) Seventy-one.
- (4.) Mr. F. J. Gibbins was first appointed a member when the Board was first constituted, and is still a member of the Board.
- (5.) Twelve. Six by Mr. F. J. Gibbins. Six by Mr. Thomas Latham.
- (6.) None.

- (6.) Foreshores of Sydney Harbour:—Mr. Oakes asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Will he lay a plan upon the Table of this House showing the amount of land held by the Government on the foreshores of Sydney Harbour between Lady Macquarie's Chair and South Head on the southern shore, and McMahon's Point and the Spit, and from the Spit to North Head on the northern shore?
- (2.) The amount of land alienated or leased from the Harbour Trust or the Crown during the last three years?

Mr. Ashton answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) The Harbour Trust will be asked to furnish the information.

- (7.) Pilliga Scrub Settlers:—Mr. Collins asked the Secretary for Lands,—In reference to the Question asked by Mr. Collins, on Tuesday, 10th October, and the District Surveyors' reports thereon, will he take steps to have inquiries made immediately into the condition of the settlers now occupying lands in the Pilliga Scrub, and have a report furnished without delay as to the best means of keeping them in occupation?

Mr. Ashton answered,—Yes.

- (8.) Default of J. Leahy for Costs of Appeal to the High Court:—Mr. Macdonell asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Is he aware that the J. Leahy, who is in default to the Government for costs of the appeal to the High Court in connection with the proceedings arising out of the Royal Commission which inquired into the standing of the Machine Shearers' Union, is the registered proprietor of a newspaper called *The Shearer*?
- (2.) In view of this, will he take steps to recover the amount, and attach Leahy if he fails to pay?

Mr. Wade answered,—

- (1.) The newspaper is, I believe, registered in the name of John Leahy, but I have no information as to whether he is the J. Leahy referred to by the Honorable Member.
- (2.) Steps have been taken to recover the amount if possible.

2. LIQUOR (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The following Petitions, representing that Petitioners view with satisfaction the introduction of the Liquor (Amendment) Bill, and praying that the Bill, with certain amendments indicated in the Petitions, may speedily be passed into law, were presented by the Members named:—

- (1.) By Mr. R. J. Anderson—From certain electors of New South Wales.
 - (2.) By Mr. Fegan—From Annie Golding, President, and Kate Dwyer, Secretary, of the Women's Progressive Association of New South Wales.
 - (3.) By Mr. Brinsley Hall—From residents of Lawson and District.
 - (4.) By Mr. Lee—From electors of Tenterfield Electorate, residing at Kyogle.
- Petitions received.

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3. **TESTATOR'S FAMILY MAINTENANCE BILL** :—The following Petitions, representing that Petitioners view with satisfaction the introduction of the Testator's Family Maintenance Bill, and praying that the Bill may speedily be passed into law, were presented by the Members named :—
- (1.) By Mr. Creswell—From Members of the North Sydney Branch of the Women's Political Educational League.
 - (2.) By Mr. Brinsley Hall—From Members of the Penrith Branch of the Women's Political Educational League.
- Petitions received.
4. **DRUMMOYNE MUNICIPAL LANDS SALE BILL** :—The following Petitions, giving reasons and entering an emphatic protest against the passing of the Drummoyne Municipal Lands Sale Bill, were presented by Mr. Dacey :—
- (1.) From certain ratepayers of the Five Dock portion of the Borough of Drummoyne.
 - (2.) From certain ratepayers of the Five Dock portion of the Borough of Drummoyne, in Public Meeting assembled.
- Petitions received.
5. **PAPERS** :—
- Mr. Carruthers laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) Minute of the Attorney-General of New South Wales respecting a Conference with the Attorney-General of the Commonwealth of Australia in regard to the Federal Capital Site.
Ordered to be printed.
 - (2.) Return to an Order made on 30th August, 1905,—“Compensation to Civil Servants deprived of leave of absence.”
 - (3.) Return to an Order made on 17th August, 1905,—“Turbine Engines for the Ultimo Power-house.”
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
- Mr. Ashton laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from sale for the preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.
 - (2.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.
 - (3.) Abstract of Alterations of Designs of Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.
 - (4.) Abstract of Crown Lands intended to be dedicated to Public Purposes, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.
 - (5.) *Gazette* Notices setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the Dedication of certain Lands, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.
 - (6.) Return of Leases granted under the provisions of Section 18, Crown Lands Act Amendment Act, 1903.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
- Mr. Hogue laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) Return to an Order made on 27th September, 1905,—“Liverpool Asylum.”
 - (2.) Return to an Order made on 10th October, 1905,—“Hospital Expenses of Constable Guilfoyle.”
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
6. **POSTPONEMENTS** :—The following Orders of the Day were postponed,—
- (1.) Workmen's Compensation Bill; second reading. [*Mr. Levy*];—until Tuesday, 14th November.
 - (2.) Drummoyne Municipal Lands Sale Bill; second reading. [*Mr. Henley*];—until To-morrow.
7. **ADJOURNMENT** :—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Belubula, Mr. Waddell, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz. :—“To draw the attention of the Government to the necessity of taking action to stop exhibitions of prize-fighting.” And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—
- Mr. Waddell moved, That this House do now adjourn.
- Debate ensued.
- Point of Order* :—Mr. Jessep submitted that this motion was out of order, as the subject of it could be properly discussed when the Estimates were brought on for consideration in Committee of Supply.
- Debate ensued.
- Mr. Speaker said, exception having been taken, he was bound to follow the practice of the House for the past ten or twelve years, and rule the motion out of order, on the ground that the subject could be fully discussed on the Colonial Secretary's Estimates, when the salary of the Minister was under consideration, or when the Police Estimates were under discussion.
8. **LIQUOR (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 the Bill.

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And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again To-morrow.

9. TAMWORTH SHOW-GROUND (AMENDMENT) BILL :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Tamworth Show-ground Act, 1899, and to authorise the expenditure of the proceeds of sale of the lands therein described otherwise than as therein provided ; and for other purposes,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 18th October, 1905.*

F. B. SUTTON,
President.

10. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Wade moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at one minute before Four o'clock, a.m., until Four o'clock, p.m. This Day.

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTIETH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 19 OCTOBER, 1905.

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

WESTERN LANDS (AMENDMENT) BILL :—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. Ashton, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 67.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, 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 Bill to amend and extend the provisions of the Western Lands Act of 1901 ; to amend the Crown Lands Acts ; the Appraisement Act, 1902 ; and the Public Service Act, 1902 ; and for other purposes.

*State Government House,
Sydney, 18th October, 1905.*

Ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

2. QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Drainage from Lavatories flowing into the Harbour :—*Mr. Nobbs*, for *Mr. Fell*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is he aware that the Sydney Harbour Trust Commissioners have threatened to take legal proceedings against many residents of the water-side suburbs, together with those who have lavatories at Darling Harbour, Mosmans, Neutral Bay, and Milson's Point, which are erected principally for the convenience of the travelling public, unless the drainage flowing into the Harbour is stopped at once ?

(2.) Is he aware that many of the residents of the water-side suburbs threatened, are anxious to connect with the sewerage system, but are debarred from doing so until such means have been provided ?

(3.) Is the Sydney Harbour Trust treating in a similar manner the lavatories at Fort Macquarie, Goat and Clark Islands (which are controlled by themselves), Garden and Cockatoo Islands (where a large number of men are employed regularly), Admiralty House at Kirribilli Point, Tramway Sheds, Fort Macquarie, and Railway Sheds, Milson's Point ?

(4.) If they are not being treated in a similar manner, will he call upon the Commissioners to explain the reason why ; more particularly as they have a sewerage system at some of the places named, which could be immediately utilised ?

(5.) Will he request the Sydney Harbour Trust Commissioners to defer taking action in those suburbs where a sewerage system is not at present provided ?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—The Sydney Harbour Trust Commissioners decided, as far as practicable, to put a stop to the pollution of the waters of the port, caused by the discharge of sewage from premises abutting on the foreshores, for the reason that in many parts of the harbour there is not sufficient scour to carry away the deposits, and the nuisance which results is not only very unpleasant, but a menace to health. After consultation with the authorities charged with the administration of the Public Health Act, the Commissioners accordingly decided to direct the attention of the owner and occupier of every property from which sewage is discharged into the Harbour to section 86 of the Sydney Harbour Trust Act, and to call upon them to make other arrangements for the disposal of the sewage. Where the sewerage system is available there is no difficulty in the matter, and in the case of places for which sewerage facilities will be provided within a reasonable period the

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Commissioners are not insisting upon any alteration of the present means of disposal of the sewage therefrom, on the understanding that the premises will be connected as soon as the sewer is available. The Commissioners are also connecting with the existing sewers such of the premises vested in them as are capable of connection.

(2.) Contract with the Clyde Engineering Company for manufacture of Locomotives:—*Mr. Hindmarsh*, for Mr. Robson, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Have the Railway Commissioners entered into the proposed contract with the Clyde Engineering Company for the manufacture of locomotives?

(2.) If not, when is it expected that the contract will be entered into?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—I am informed by the Railway Commissioners that the necessary preliminaries have been arranged, and that the formal contract document is now being executed.

(3.) Fumigating Depôts under Department of Agriculture:—*Mr. Jessep* asked the Secretary for Mines,—

(1.) The number of Fumigating Depôts under the control of his Department, where situate (a) if premises are the property of the Government (b) or if leased the rental of same?

(2.) How many cases of fruit and packages of plants have been fumigated in each of the Fumigating Depôts during the periods 1st October, 1903, to 1st October, 1905?

(3.) What are the receipts of each depôt from 1st October, 1903, to 1st October, 1905?

(4.) What has been the expenditure during the same period for (a) salaries and wages (b) chemicals used (c) chemicals and stock on hand at each depôt?

(5.) What is the present financial position in relation to revenue and expenditure?

(6.) Are the certificates issued at the depôts received by the Federated States and New Zealand authorities as satisfactory?

Mr. Moore answered,—

(1.) Three—Sydney, Albury, and Jennings; (a) buildings erected by Department of Agriculture at a cost of £650. The land for the Sydney Chamber is leased from the Harbour Trust at £156 per annum. At Albury and Jennings land leased from Railway Department at £1 per annum each.

(2.) Sydney, 402,791 cases of fruit, and 1,051 parcels of plants. Albury, 22,386 cases of fruit. Jennings, Nil.

(3.) Sydney, £2,204 0s. 6d.; Albury, £93 5s. 6d.; Jennings, Nil; Total, £2,297 6s.

(4.) I am not prepared to give this information in detail, but the total expenditure, approximately, was £2,084.

(5.) Answered by Nos. 3 and 4.

(6.) Yes.

(4.) Shark Island:—*Mr. Sullivan* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—When will Shark Island be thrown open to the public for recreation purposes?

Mr. Ashton answered,—The Honorary Secretary to the Trustees will be communicated with on the subject. I might inform the Honorable Member that a special grant was authorised on the 10th instant to be paid to the Trustees to render the island suitable for public use as a recreation ground, and to enable it to be thrown open.

(5.) Industrial Cases dealt with by Judge Gibson:—*Mr. Dacey* asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—

(1.) How many industrial penalty cases has Judge Gibson dealt with?

(2.) What is the aggregate amount of the penalties imposed on—(a) the employers and (b) the employees?

Mr. Wade answered,—The Registrar, Industrial Arbitration Act, has furnished me with the following replies:—

(1.) Seventy-four.

(2.) (a) £11 6s. 0½d.; (b) Nil.

(6.) Housemaids employed in Royal Prince Alfred Hospital:—*Mr. Arthur Griffith* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that housemaids employed in the Prince Alfred Hospital work on six days per week from 6 a.m. till 5 p.m. with only two half-hour breaks for meals, and on Sundays from 6 a.m. till 2 p.m. for a remuneration of 2s. per day?

(2.) Is it a fact that their work is of the most laborious character?

(3.) Is it also a fact that these women get only one week's holidays in the year?

Mr. Hogue answered,—As this institution is not controlled by the Government, I am not in a position to answer these Questions.

(7.) Railway and Tramway Superannuation Fund:—*Mr. Arthur Griffith* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Has he received any written communication from the Committee of the Railway and Tramway Superannuation Fund?

(2.) If so, what action has he taken in connection therewith?

(3.) Is he favourable to the introduction of a Bill to give effect to such a measure?

(4.) If so, on what basis?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2, 3, and 4.) It has been forwarded to the Actuary, who informs me that he will be prepared to submit a short interim report next week. In the meantime, I am unable to give a definite reply.

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- (8.) Fees paid to Jurors at Quarter Sessions and Criminal Courts :—Mr. Hollis asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) What are the fees paid to jurors at Quarter Sessions and Criminal Courts?
 - (2.) Has any reduction been made in such fees during the last eighteen months?
 - (3.) If so, what is the amount of such reduction and the reasons therefor?
- Mr. Wade answered,—
- (1.) An amended scale of allowances to jurors attending Quarter Sessions and Criminal Courts was published in the *Government Gazette* of 23rd September, 1904. I will presently lay a copy of the scale upon the Table of this House.
 - (2 and 3.) The only reduction made was to provide that Sydney jurors, and country jurors residing within 3 miles of town boundary, whose attendance does not last over the morning, shall be paid 4s. instead of the allowance for a full day. This has been the means of effecting a considerable saving in expenditure.
3. TESTATOR'S FAMILY MAINTENANCE BILL :—Mr. Ball presented a Petition from Members of the Albury Branch of the Women's Political Educational League, representing that Petitioners view with satisfaction the introduction of the Testator's Family Maintenance Bill, and praying that the Bill may speedily be passed into law.
Petition received.
4. LIQUOR (AMENDMENT) BILL :—The following Petitions, representing that Petitioners view with satisfaction the introduction of the Liquor (Amendment) Bill, and praying that the Bill, with certain amendments indicated in the Petitions, may speedily be passed into law, were presented by the Members named :—
- (1.) By Mr. McFarlane—From certain electors of the Clarence Electorate.
 - (2.) By Mr. Jessep—From Charles Lane, President, and other Officers of the Baptist Union of New South Wales, in Annual Meeting assembled.
- Petitions received.
5. PRINTING COMMITTEE :—Mr. McFarlane, as Chairman, brought up the Fifteenth Report from the Printing Committee.
6. PAPERS :—
- Mr. Lee laid upon the Table,—Papers relating to an increase of salary to Mr. J. Symonds, Second-class Assistant Engineer, Department of Public Works.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
- Mr. Wade laid upon the Table,—Scale of Allowances to Jurors attending the Supreme and District Courts, and Courts of Quarter Sessions in the State of New South Wales.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
- Mr. Ashton laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) Return to an Order made on 21st September, 1905,—“Reserves within the Central Division Area of the Murray Electorate.”
 - (2.) Amended Regulation No. 50, and amended Forms Nos. 31, 40, and 59, under the Pastures Protection Act, 1902.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
7. THE NEW REDHEAD ESTATE AND COAL COMPANY (LIMITED) TRANSFER BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Perry (*The Richmond*), read a third time, and passed.
Mr. Perry then moved, That the Title of the Bill be “*An Act to vest in The New Redhead Estate and Coal Company (Limited) the rights, powers, and privileges vested in The Redhead Coal-mining Company (Limited) under The Redhead Coal-mine Railway Act of 1883, and the Acts amending 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 vest in The New Redhead Estate and Coal Company (Limited) the rights, powers, and privileges vested in The Redhead Coal-mining Company (Limited) under The Redhead Coal-mine Railway Act of 1883, and the Acts amending 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.
- Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 19th October, 1905.*
8. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day,—Testator's Family Maintenance Bill (*referred to Select Committee*); Ballot to be taken for nine members to constitute the Select Committee,—was postponed until Tuesday, 28th November.
9. PRINTING COMMITTEE :—Mr. Carruthers (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Printing Committee have leave to sit during the sitting of the House on Tuesday, the 24th October.
Question put and passed.

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10. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Belmore, Mr. O'Sullivan, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz. :—"To call attention to the necessity for the Government placing a sum of money upon the Estimates to assist the Exhibition promoted by the Australian Natives Association."
- And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—

Mr. O'Sullivan moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Point of Order :—Mr. Jessep pointed out that this motion was out of order, as the discussion on it could well take place on the Estimates or during the Debate on the Financial Statement. Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker said that the practice of this House, based on decisions given for years past, had been to prevent double discussions ; in his opinion almost any question in regard to the management or mismanagement by the Government of public affairs could be discussed in the Financial Debate. The Financial Statement is set down for consideration, and there is not the slightest doubt that this subject can, then, be fully discussed ; following previous rulings on this point, which must guide him until reversed, he ruled the motion out of order.

11. LIQUOR (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 the Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 20 OCTOBER, 1905, A.M.

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

The House adjourned, at five minutes before Five o'clock, a.m., until Tuesday next, at half-past Two o'clock.

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 56.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTIETH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 24 OCTOBER, 1905.

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

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

By Mr. Carruthers,—

(1.) Tamworth Show-ground (Amendment) Bill :—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 68.

A Bill, intituled " *An Act to amend the Tamworth Show-ground Act, 1899, and to authorise the expenditure of the proceeds of sale of the lands therein described otherwise than as therein provided; and for other purposes,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His 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.

*State Government House,
Sydney, 20th October, 1905.*

By Mr. Lee,—

(2.) Country Towns Water and Sewerage (Amendment) Bill :—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 69.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, 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 Bill to amend the law relating to the water supply, sewerage, and drainage of country towns; to amend the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act of 1880, the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act Extension Act of 1887, and the Country Towns and Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Acts Amendment Act of 1894; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

*State Government House,
Sydney, 24th October, 1905.*

Ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

2. QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Conservation of Islands in Sydney Harbour for Recreation Purposes :—*Mr. Estell*, for Mr. Daley, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) When will the Government hand over Shark Island to the public for recreation purposes, and what is the cause of delay in doing so?

(2.) Will he take into consideration the advisability of conserving all the islands in Sydney Harbour for public recreation purposes?

Mr. Ashton answered,—

(1.) The Secretary of the Trustees informs me that the island will be available to boating parties in about a month from date. A considerable expenditure, however, is necessary in connection with the repair of the existing wharf before steamers can be permitted to call.

(2.) Where practicable, this has already been done.

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- (2.) Oyster Leases, Port Stephens and Karuah River :—*Mr. Waddell*, for *Mr. Bennett*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that a large number of oyster leases in the waters of Port Stephens and Karuah River are liable to forfeiture in consequence of—(a) The rent being unpaid; (b) The conditions of the leases not being otherwise complied with?
 - (2.) If so, will he be good enough to furnish a return showing—(a) The leases upon which the rent has not been paid; (b) The leases upon which the conditions of the leases have not been complied with?
 - (3.) Will he take steps to have all leases in the Port Stephens waters upon which the rent is overdue forfeited at once with a view to enable *bond fide* fishermen to take up such oyster leases?
- Mr. Hogue* answered,—
- (1.) Yes. (a) Eleven. (b) In seventeen cases it has been reported that the conditions have not been complied with.
 - (2.) I will presently lay upon the Table the return asked for.
 - (3.) These matters have been placed in the hands of the Crown Solicitor, with a view to the recovery of the rents due.
- (3.) South Head Road :—*Mr. Waddell*, for *Mr. Bennett*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that upon the refusal of the Borough Councils interested to maintain the South Head Road, the Public Works Department undertook the work?
 - (2.) Will he state the amount expended by the State upon the maintenance of this road from 1st August, 1904, to 30th September, 1905?
- Mr. Lee* answered,—
- (1.) Upon the extinction of the South Head Road Trust the Councils declined to accept responsibility in the then state of repair.
 - (2.) The amount expended for the period mentioned was £7,154 5s. 7d.
3. LIQUOR (AMENDMENT) BILL :—The following Petitions, representing that Petitioners view with satisfaction the introduction of the Liquor (Amendment) Bill, and praying that the Bill, with certain amendments indicated in the Petitions, may speedily be passed into law, were presented by the Members named :—
- (1.) By *Mr. McCoy*—From certain electors of Dulwich Hill.
 - (2.) By *Mr. Cohen*—From certain electors of Stanmore.
 - (3.) By *Mr. Jones*—From certain electors of The Gwydir.
 - (4.) By *Mr. Ball*—From *Edith M. Summers*, President of the Hornsby Women's Liberal League.
 - (5.) By *Mr. Hindmarsh*—From certain electors of Rous.
 - (6.) By *Mr. Henley*—From certain electors of Burwood and Strathfield.
 - (7.) By *Mr. Law*—From certain electors of New South Wales.
 - (8.) By *Mr. Hollis*—From certain electors of Erskineville.
 - (9.) By *Mr. Hogue*—From certain electors of Glebe.
 - (10.) By *Mr. Hindmarsh*—From certain electors of Rous.
 - (11.) By *Mr. W. W. Young*—From certain electors of Bathurst.
 - (12.) By *Mr. Hindmarsh*—From certain electors of Rous residing at Eltham.
 - (13.) By *Mr. Carruthers*—From certain electors of Rockdale and Arncliffe.
 - (14.) By *Mr. Mackenzie*—From certain electors of Campsie.
 - (15.) By *Mr. McFarlane*—From certain electors of Grafton.
 - (16.) By *Mr. Thrower*—From certain electors of Gulargumbone.
 - (17.) By *Mr. Wade*—From certain electors of Gordon.
 - (18.) By *Mr. Wood*—From *Ray Fairfax*, President of the West Maitland Women's Liberal League.
 - (19.) By *Mr. Walter Anderson*—From certain electors of Balmain.
 - (20.) By *Mr. Hindmarsh*—From certain electors of Rous.
 - (21.) By *Mr. Thrower*—From certain electors of Dubbo.
 - (22.) By *Mr. Walter Anderson*—From certain electors of Gilgandra.
 - (23.) By *Mr. Ashton*—From certain electors of Goulburn.
 - (24.) By *Mr. Creswell*—From certain electors of New South Wales.
 - (25.) By *Mr. W. W. Young*—From certain electors of Kelso.
 - (26.) By *Mr. Nobbs*—From certain electors of Granville.
 - (27.) By *Mr. Moore*—From certain electors of Tingha.
 - (28.) By *Mr. Morton*—From certain electors of Nowra.
- Petitions received.
4. HORSE-RACING AND BETTING :—*Mr. R. J. Anderson* presented a Petition from certain residents of New South Wales, praying that legislation of a restrictive character may be passed so that the authorities may be able more effectively to deal with the evils attending the wholesale practice of Horse-racing and Betting
- Petition received.
5. NEWCASTLE FRIENDLY SOCIETIES AND TRADES HALL SITE ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—*Mr. Dick* presented a Petition from certain representatives of the Trade Unions and Branches of Unions in the Newcastle District, praying the House to pass the Newcastle Friendly Societies and Trades Hall Site Act Amendment Bill.
- Petition received.
6. PAPERS :—
- Mr. Carruthers* laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) Report of the Railway Commissioners on Railways and Tramways for the quarter ended 30th September, 1905.
 - (2.) Report of the Government Savings Bank for the year ended 30th June, 1905.
 - (3.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for improving the Tramway Service at Willoughby.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
- Mr.

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Mr. Hogue laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return respecting Oyster Culture Leases at Port Stephens and Karuah River.
- (2.) Report of the Board of Fisheries for New South Wales for the year 1904.
- (3.) Report of the President of the State Children Relief Board for the year ending 5th April, 1905.
- (4.) Amended Regulation under the Fisheries Act, 1902.
- (5.) By-law of the Borough of Narandera.
- (6.) By-laws of the Borough of Grafton, under the Public Health Act, 1902, and the Public Health (Night-soil Removal) Act, 1902.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Moore laid upon the Table,—Proclamation declaring Slate to be a Mineral within the meaning of the Mining on Private Lands (Amendment) Act, 1902.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

7. RAILWAY COAL CONTRACT FOR WESTERN LINES (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Dacey, *on behalf of* Mr. Holman, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Papers connected with the contract for the supply of coal for the Western Lines made this year between the Railway Commissioners and certain coal-owners.
Question put and passed.
8. FISHERIES (AMENDMENT) BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Briner moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Fisheries Act, 1902.
Question put and passed.
9. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day,—Gun License Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to regulate and license the sale, hiring, carrying, and use of guns and firearms in certain cases; and for other purposes connected therewith or incidental thereto. [*Mr. Broughton*];—postponed until Tuesday, 28th November.
10. EMPIRE DAY:—Mr. Henley moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this "House,"—
 - (1.) The nearest Monday to the 24th day of May be hereafter fixed and proclaimed a Public Holiday in perpetuity—to be known as "Empire Day" to fitly commemorate the memory of our late beloved Queen Victoria, and in honor of the birthday of the heir apparent, the Prince of Wales, and to cultivate the spirit of loyalty and Empire unity.
 - (2.) The holiday now held on the 3rd day of June, and known as Prince of Wales' Birthday, should be hereafter discontinued as a Public Holiday.
 Debate ensued.
Mr. O'Sullivan moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "House," and inserting the words "The Government should take some practical steps to ensure a fitting annual celebration called Empire Day, in order to cultivate a spirit of loyalty and a desire for the closer unity of our race,"—instead thereof.
Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question.
Debate continued.

And it being Seven o'clock, Government Business took precedence, under Sessional Order adopted on 20th September, 1905.

11. WESTERN LANDS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—Mr. Ashton moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend and extend the provisions of the Western Lands Act of 1901; to amend the Crown Lands Acts; the Appraisalment Act, 1902; and the Public Service Act, 1902; and for other purposes.
Question put and passed.
12. LIQUOR (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 the Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 25 OCTOBER, 1905, A.M.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again To-morrow (*and with the unanimous concurrence of the House*), to take precedence of other business.

13. PRINTING COMMITTEE:—Mr. Wade (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Printing Committee have leave to sit during the sittings of the House for the remainder of the present Session.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned, at seventeen minutes after Three o'clock, a.m., until Four o'clock, p.m., This Day.

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.



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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTIETH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 25 OCTOBER, 1905.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Bricks for Railway Deviation at Sodwalls :—Mr. John Hurley asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) In regard to brick supply at Sodwalls, was any inquiry made by any railway official to the Lithgow Valley Company for an additional or increased supply?
 - (2.) On what information and by whom was it stated that there was an inability to supply all bricks required?
 - (3.) Is it a fact that all bricks required could have been supplied by the Lithgow Valley Company, in quantities as desired?
 - (4.) Who was the officer or officers who advised or arranged the second contract with the Merrylands Company?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—I am informed :—

- (1.) Inquiry was made.
 - (2.) The maximum output guaranteed by the Lithgow Valley Company was 60,000 per week, and considerably more than that number were required.
 - (3.) No.
 - (4.) The Engineer-in-Chief for Existing Lines.
- (2.) Cases under Industrial Arbitration Act heard by Judge Gibson :—Mr. Dacey asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) The number of cases tried before Judge Gibson for breaches of Industrial awards, agreements, or orders in which—(a) employees sued employers; and (b) employers sued employees?
 - (2.) The amount of costs given against (a) the employees; and (b) the employers?
- Mr. Wade answered,—The Registrar, Industrial Arbitration Act, has furnished me with the following replies :—
- (1.) (a) 74; (b) Nil.
 - (2.) (a) £48 17s.; (b) £11 15s.

- (3.) Grant to the Municipality of Drummoyne for Repair of Streets :—Mr. Dacey asked the Secretary for Public Works,—With reference to the £250 granted to the Municipality of Drummoyne for the repair of streets damaged by cattle being driven to the Abattoirs, how much of this money, if any, was spent in Day-street, between Formosa-street and Thomson-street?

Mr. Lee answered,—£83.

- (4.) Killarney Station, Narrabri :—Mr. Collins asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) Can he state definitely when the Killarney lands will be made available for settlement?
 - (2.) In what size holdings are they to be made available, and under what forms of tenure?

Mr. Ashton answered,—

- (1.) The lands will be notified in the *Gazette* of the 1st November, 1905, to become available on the 30th November, 1905.
- (2.) Twelve blocks, ranging from 290 acres to 880 acres, for original homestead selection only; total area, 6,860 acres. Four farms of 3,544 acres, 3,969 acres, 4,427 acres, and 5,880 acres, respectively, for original settlement lease only; total area, 17,820 acres. Two blocks of 1,563 acres and 2,100 acres, respectively, for additional conditional purchase or conditional lease; total area, 3,663 acres. Seven blocks ranging from 15 acres 17 perches to 21 acres 3 roods (total area, 127 acres 3 roods 2 perches), distant about 2 miles from Narrabri and within the population area, will be proclaimed as a special area for original conditional purchase only.

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2. LIQUOR (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The following Petitions, representing that Petitioners view with satisfaction the introduction of the Liquor (Amendment) Bill, and praying that the Bill, with certain amendments indicated in the Petitions, may speedily be passed into law, were presented by the Members named:—
- (1.) By Mr. Nobbs—From certain electors of New South Wales.
 - (2.) By Mr. Edden, *on behalf of* Mr. McGowen—From certain electors of Redfern and Alexandria.
 - (3.) By Mr. Cohen—From certain electors of New South Wales.
 - (4.) By Mr. Fegan—From W. J. Green, Chairman of a Meeting of Members of the Prohibition Party and other citizens, held in the School of Arts, Sydney.
 - (5.) By Mr. Robson—From certain electors of Ashfield.
 - (6.) By Mr. Perry (*The Richmond*)—From certain electors of Teven Creek.
 - (7.) By Mr. Walter Anderson—From certain electors of Balmain.
 - (8.) By Mr. Ball—From Members of the Albury branch of the Women's Christian Temperance Union.
 - (9.) By Mr. Jessep—From certain electors of Bondi and Waverley.
 - (10.) By Mr. Fegan—From certain electors of Newtown.
 - (11.) By Mr. Moore—From certain electors of Tingha.
 - (12.) By Mr. Perry (*The Richmond*)—From certain electors of Bangalow.
- Petitions received.
3. PRINTING COMMITTEE:—Mr. McFarlane, as Chairman, brought up the Sixteenth Report from the Printing Committee.
4. CLAIM OF ROBERT ROBERTS, LATE BOOKBINDER, REGISTRAR-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT:—Mr. Broughton, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this subject was referred on 12th September, 1905; together with Appendix.
Ordered to be printed.
5. ALLEGATION BY THE REV. W. WOOLLS RUTLEDGE RESPECTING AN APPOINTMENT TO THE PUBLIC SERVICE:—Mr. Arthur Griffith, 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 29th August, 1905.
Ordered to be printed.
6. PAPERS:—
- Mr. Carruthers laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) Return to an Order made on 10th November, 1904,—“Coal Traffic, Newcastle and Maitland Districts.”
 - (2.) Conditions of Contract in connection with the Construction of Locomotives by the Clyde Engineering Company.
 - (3.) Return to an Order made on 24th October, 1905,—“Railway Coal Contract for Western Lines.”
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
- Mr. Ashton laid upon the Table,—Return of Leases granted under section 18 of the Crown Lands Act Amendment Act, 1903.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
- Mr. Wade laid upon the Table,—Additional Rule under the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1901.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
7. COUNTRY TOWNS WATER AND SEWERAGE (AMENDMENT) BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Lee moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the law relating to the water supply, sewerage, and drainage of country towns; to amend the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act of 1880, the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act Extension Act of 1887, and the Country Towns and Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Acts Amendment Act of 1894; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
Question put and passed.
8. LIQUOR (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 the Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

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Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Latimer, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill with amendments and an amended Title.

On motion of Mr. Wade, the report was adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.

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25th October, 1905.

9. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL :—Mr. Deputy-Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council :—

(1.) District Courts (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 District Courts and appeals to Quarter Sessions; to extend the jurisdiction of such Courts, and to provide for the trial therein of issues under certain Acts; to provide for the removal of actions from the Supreme Court to a District Court; to amend the District Courts Act, 1901, the Common Law Procedure Act, 1899, and the Landlord and Tenant Act of 1899; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 25th October, 1905.

F. B. SUTTON,
President.

DISTRICT COURTS (AMENDMENT) BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 25th October, 1905.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 3, clause 8, line 27. *Omit* "the plaintiff lives" *insert* "the land in dispute, or some part thereof, is situate"

Page 4, clause 8, line 1. *After* "allowed" *insert* "and recovered in the District Court"

Page 4, clause 8, line 3. *After* "allowed" *insert* "and recovered in the Supreme Court"

Page 4. *After* clause 10, *insert* the following new clauses :—

Any person aggrieved by the ruling, order, direction, or decision of the Judge sitting to try any action in the jurisdiction conferred by sections seven, eight, and nine, may, irrespectively of the amount claimed or of the annual or capital value of the land sought to be recovered in such action, appeal therefrom in the manner hereinafter provided. Right of appeal.

Section thirty-five of the Principal Act is amended by omitting the word "two," and by inserting in its place the word "four." Amendment of section 35 of the Principal Act.

Section forty-eight of the Principal Act is amended by inserting the words "not exceeding four hundred pounds" after the word "remuneration." Amendment of section 48 of the Principal Act.

Page 5, clause 14, line 1. *Omit* "person" *insert* "party"

Page 5, clause 14, line 1. *Omit* "Full" *insert* "Supreme"

Page 5, clause 15, line 7. *Omit* "forty-eight" *insert* "not less than thirty"

Page 6, clause 20, line 21. *Omit* "or any suit or matter in the Equity jurisdiction"

Page 6, clause 20, line 23. *Omit* "suit or matter"

Page 6, clause 20, line 28. *Omit* "suit or matter"

Page 6, clause 20, line 32. *Omit* "suit or matter"

Page 7, clause 23, line 22. *After* "party" *insert* "after joinder of issue"

Page 7, clause 24, line 25. *After* "thereof" *insert* "after joinder of issue"

Page 7, clause 25, line 40. *After* "writ" *insert* "and pleadings"

Page 8, clause 25, line 4. *After* "writ" *insert* "and pleadings"

Page 10. *After* clause 32, *insert* the following new clause :—

Continuance of actions.

An action or matter shall not become abated by reason of the marriage, death, or bankruptcy of any of the parties if the cause of action survive or continue, and shall not become defective by the assignment, creation, or devolution of any estate or title pendente lite; but the action or matter may be continued in the prescribed manner, and whether the cause of action survive or not there shall be no abatement by reason of the death of any party between the verdict or finding of the issue of fact and the judgment. The judgment may in such cases be entered up in the prescribed manner notwithstanding the death. Continuance of actions.

Page 12, clause 40, line 27. *Omit* "signed" *insert* "entered up"

Page 13, clause 41, line 4. *After* "up" *insert* "irregularly, illegally, or against good faith, or"

Page 15, clause 51, line 43. *Omit* "accounted for by him" *insert* "paid to and accounted for by the registrar"

Page 16. *After* clause 52, *insert* the following new clause :—

Appeal.

(1) In any action tried or heard in the District Court in respect of which there is a right of appeal under this Act or the Principal Act, any person aggrieved by the ruling, order, direction, or decision of the Judge, may appeal against the same by notice of motion to the Supreme Court instead of by special case, and no rule nisi or order to show cause shall be necessary. Form of appeal to be by notice of motion.

(2) Such notice of motion shall state the grounds of appeal, and shall be served on every party directly affected, and shall be filed in the Supreme Court within the prescribed time from the date of the ruling, order, direction, or decision complained of. Notice to state grounds.

(3) The Judge of the District Court, on application made within the prescribed time, may order a stay of proceedings on such terms as he may think fit. In the absence of such order the notice of appeal shall not operate as a stay of proceedings. Notice not to operate as stay of proceedings.

(4.)

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Judge to note
questions of law
and his decisions
thereon, &c.

(4) At the hearing of any such action in any District Court the Judge, at the request of a party, shall make a note of any question of law raised on such trial or hearing, and of the facts in evidence in relation thereto, and of his decision thereon, and of his final decision in the action. And he shall, at the expense of the appellant, furnish him with a copy of such note, or allow a copy to be taken of the same. Such copy shall be filed in the Supreme Court within the prescribed time or within such extended time as may be allowed by the Supreme Court or a judge thereof, and shall be used and received at the hearing of such appeal, and the cost thereof shall be in the discretion of the Supreme Court.

Page 16, clause 55, line 26. Omit "three" insert "four."

Page 16, clause 55, lines 39 to 41. Omit "Provided that no rule affecting the courts or country
"district shall take effect unless the judge of the district affected shall be one of the
"judges making and signing the said rule"

Page 17, Schedule, line 18. After "96" insert "108"

Examined,—

W. J. TRICKETT,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Deputy-Speaker, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

(2.) Diocese of Goulburn Church Land Sale Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Goulburn, as trustee of certain parcels of land situate in the county of Argyle, held upon certain trusts connected with the Church of England in the Diocese of Goulburn, to sell the said lands, to provide for application of the proceeds thereof, and for other purposes in connection therewith,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 25th October, 1905.

F. B. SUTTON,
President.

(3.) Money-lenders and Infants' Loans Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to regulate the business of money-lenders, and to render penal the inciting infants to borrowing money, and for other purposes,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

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Sydney, 25th October, 1905.

F. B. SUTTON,
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Wade, read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

10. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Wade moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty-eight minutes after Four o'clock, a.m., until Four o'clock, p.m., This Day.

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 58.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTIETH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 26 OCTOBER, 1905.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Intelligence Department :—*Mr. Estell*, for Mr. Sullivan, asked the Colonial Treasurer;—Is it intended to appoint some person, possibly a journalist, to the Intelligence Department to assist Mr. H. C. L. Anderson, or has such an appointment been made?

Mr. Ashton answered,—The advisability of strengthening the staff of the Intelligence Department is receiving consideration.

- (2.) Smoke Nuisance Prevention Bill :—*Mr. Broughton* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will the Government reintroduce the Amended Smoke Nuisance Prevention Bill at an early date?

Mr. Ashton answered,—In view of the fact that such a Bill has been introduced on two occasions, and had to be allowed to drop owing to the attitude of the Legislative Council, which insisted on enlarging the scope of the Bill beyond what the Government was prepared to concede, I can make no promise to proceed with the matter any further at present.

- (3.) Advances to Settlers Act :—*Mr. Briner*, for Mr. Richards, asked the Secretary for Lands,—
(1.) Reverting to a Question recently asked by Mr. Richards and the Minister's reply thereto, is he aware that many poor men, ignorant of regulations governing Advances to Settlers Act, forward the stipulated fee, simply as evidence of the *bona-fides* of their application, expecting a return of same in the event of disallowance by Board?

(2.) Will he cause alteration in the rule, to the extent that, where refusal occurs, the application fee shall be returned?

Mr. Ashton answered,—

(1.) I am not aware that applicants pay the fee merely as evidence of *bona-fides*. The regulations distinctly provide that the fee is required to cover cost of obtaining valuation of the security and of dealing with the case. A paragraph to the same effect appears in the application form.

(2.) No; it would be unreasonable to expect the general taxpayer to bear the cost of dealing with applications for loans that only benefit the applicants concerned.

- (4.) Crown Lands available for Settlement :—*Mr. Briner*, for Mr. Richards, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Will he cause due consideration to be given to local representations, from any number of electors, or publicly recognised body in an electorate, when lands are to be made available in such electorate, and before gazetting of notification?

(2.) Will he give instructions so directing Chairmen of Land Boards and District Surveyors, to confer with local bodies as to most desirable conditions upon which lands close to settlement should be offered, to guard against the absorption of areas in large holdings, when a number of small men might be accommodated?

Mr. Ashton answered,—Consideration is at present given to all representations made in the interests of closer settlement.

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- (5.) Subsidies to Agricultural Societies :—Mr. Morton asked the Secretary for Mines,—
- (1.) What were the total amounts granted for subsidies to Agricultural Associations for the years 1900 to 1904, inclusive?
 - (2.) At what rates in the £, respectively, were these subsidies distributed for the same years?
 - (3.) What amount is proposed to be granted for the current year, and at what proportion in the £ will it be distributed?

Mr. Moore answered,—

- (1.) 1900-1, amount voted, £10,000; 1901-2, amount voted, £10,000; 1902-3, amount voted, £10,000; 1903-4, amount voted, £8,000; 1904-5, amount voted, £16,000; about £8,969 of this was paid for shows held prior to 30th June, 1904, the subsidies on which were in arrears.
 - (2.) For the years 1900-1 to 1903-4 inclusive, subsidy was paid at the rate of 10s. in the £ on approved prizes, the total amount paid not to exceed 15s. in the £ on members' subscriptions. For the year 1904-5 subsidy was paid at the rate of 7s. 6d. in the £1 on approved prizes, not to exceed 12s. 6d. in the £1 on members' subscriptions.
 - (3.) Amount proposed for 1905-6, £8,000. Subsidy to be paid at the rate of 7s. 6d. in the £1, not to exceed 12s. 6d. in the £1 on members' subscriptions.
- (6.) South Head Road :—Mr. Perry (*The Richmond*) asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the Councils through which the South Head Road passed, have refused to take over that road until it was put in a proper state of repair?
 - (2.) What is the length of road put in repair, and at what cost?
 - (3.) Will he take steps to put in a similar state of repair all roads in the State, before handing over the responsibility to the shires proposed to be created?

Mr. Lee answered,—

- (1.) The Councils refused to take over the roads formerly maintained by the South Head Road Trust under a special Act of Parliament, until an amending Municipalities Act, giving them greater powers, had become law.
- (2.) 11 miles 60 chains at a total cost of £7,154 3s. 7d.
- (3.) The Honorable Member must be well aware that his Government cancelled the South Head Roads Trusts, and also determined that the Councils through which the roads passed should accept control of them in their existing state. The Councils refused to repair the roads, and as portions thereof were left by the late Government in a dangerous state for traffic, the Department had to effect repairs as already stated.

- (7.) Public Library—Lending Branch :—Mr. Kelly, for Mr. Henley, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—What has been the annual cost to the State of the Lending Branch of the Public Library for the past five years ending 30th June, 1905?

Mr. O'Connor answered,—For 1901, £1,918 11s. 9d.; for 1902, £1,963 7s. 6d.; for 1903, £2,212 3s. 4d.; for 1904, £2,031 3s. 8d.; for 1905, £2,024 17s. 4d. This does not include the cost of the newspaper room, which is, approximately, £550 per annum.

2. BREAD (AMENDMENT) BILL :—Mr. Broughton presented a Petition from James Williams Evans, Chief Inspector of Weights and Measures, Sydney, representing that the House had appointed a Select Committee to consider and report upon the Bread (Amendment) Bill, and praying to be represented by Counsel, or Attorney, or in person, before such Committee, with the right to call, examine, and cross-examine witnesses.
Petition received.
Ordered to be referred to the Select Committee.
3. LIQUOR (AMENDMENT) BILL :—Mr. Morton presented a Petition from certain electors of New South Wales representing that Petitioners view with satisfaction the introduction of the Liquor (Amendment) Bill, and praying that the Bill, with certain amendments indicated in the Petition, may speedily be passed into law.
Petition received.
4. PAPER :—Mr. O'Connor laid upon the Table,—Regulations under the Neglected Children and Juvenile Offenders Act, 1905.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
5. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Murrumbidgee Northern Water Supply and Irrigation Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*), postponed until Tuesday, 21st November.
6. PARRAMATTA SEWERAGE AND DRAINAGE 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 sanction the construction of certain sewerage works; to provide for the taking over by the Council of the Borough of Parramatta of the said works, and of other works of drainage, and for the payment of interest and expenditure in respect of the same; to apply certain provisions of the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act of 1880 and Acts amending the same to such works; to provide for drainage and sewerage rates, and for drainage and sewerage districts; to exempt such works from the operation of the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act of 1880 and Acts amending the same; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 26th October, 1905.

F. B. SUTTON,
President.

PARRAMATTA

26th October, 1905.

PARRAMATTA SEWERAGE AND DRAINAGE BILL.

*Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 26th October, 1905.*JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.Page 6, clause 13, line 9. *After "shall" insert "subject to the provisions of section fourteen of this "Act"*Page 6. *After clause 13, insert the following new clause:—*

Notwithstanding anything contained in the Principal Act and any Acts amending the same, nothing in the said Acts contained shall be construed to affect the rights of existing Mortgagees or Debenture-holders or their assigns with respect to any revenues of the Borough of Parramatta other than the revenues to be derived from sewerage or drainage rates, or otherwise in respect of the works described in the Schedules to this Act. Saving clause.

Examined,—

W. J. TRICKETT,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration on Tuesday next.

7. WESTERN LANDS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Ashton, 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 extend the provisions of the Western Lands Act of 1901; to amend the Crown Lands Acts; the Appraisalment Act, 1902; and the Public Service Act, 1902; and for other purposes.

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

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, 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 extend the provisions of the Western Lands Act of 1901; to amend the Crown Lands Acts; the Appraisalment Act, 1902; and the Public Service Act, 1902; and for other purposes.

On motion of Mr. Ashton, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

8. COAL MINES REGULATION (AMENDING) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Moore moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Moore, 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. Moore, the report was adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.

9. PRINTING COMMITTEE:—Mr. McFarlane, as Chairman, brought up the seventeenth Report from the Printing Committee.

10. POISONS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Dick moved, That this Bill be "now" read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Bennett moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out the word "now" and adding at the end thereof the words "this day six months."

Question proposed,—That the word proposed to be left out stand part of the Question.

Debate continued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 39.

Mr. Dick,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Jessep,	Mr. Fallick,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Davidson,
Mr. Jones,	Mr. Morton,
Mr. Thrower,	Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Latimer,	Mr. Perry (<i>L'pool Plains</i>),
Mr. R. J. Anderson,	Mr. Mackenzie,
Mr. Booth,	Mr. Hindmarsh,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Walter Anderson,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Burgess,
Mr. John Hurley,	Mr. Briner,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Ashton,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. Kearney,	Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Miller,	Mr. McGowen.
Mr. Kelly,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Scobie,	
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Donaldson,	Mr. Levy.
Mr. Collins,	

Noes, 8.

Mr. Hollis,
Mr. Perry (<i>The Richmond</i>),
Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Levien,
Mr. McNeill,
Mr. McGarry.

Tellers,

Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Macdonell.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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Question,—

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Question then,—That this Bill be now read a second time,—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 40.

Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Thomas,	Mr. Mackenzie,
Mr. Levy,	Mr. Moore,	Mr. Hindmarsh,
Mr. Dick,	Mr. Miller,	Mr. Walter Anderson,
Mr. Jessep,	Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Briner,
Mr. Jones,	Mr. Waddell,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Latimer,	Mr. Donaldson,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. R. J. Anderson,	Mr. Collins,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. Ashton,	Mr. Ball,	Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Fallick,	Mr. McGowen.
Mr. John Hurley,	Mr. Davidson,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Morton,	
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Thrower,
Mr. Booth,	Mr. Perry (<i>L'pool Plains</i>),	Mr. Kearney.

Noes, 8.

Mr. Macdonell,
Mr. Hollis,
Mr. Perry (<i>The Richm'd</i>),
Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Levien,
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. McGarry,
Mr. McNeill.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Dick, 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. Latimer, Temporary Chairman, reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday next.

11. COUNTRY TOWNS WATER AND SEWERAGE (AMENDMENT) BILL :—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Lee, 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 law relating to the water supply, sewerage, and drainage of country towns; to amend the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act of 1880, the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act Extension Act of 1887, and the Country Towns and Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Acts Amendment Act of 1894; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Latimer, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.

Ordered, on motion of the Temporary Chairman, That the report be *now* received.

The Temporary 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 law relating to the water supply, sewerage, and drainage of country towns; to amend the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act of 1880, the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act Extension Act of 1887, and the Country Towns and Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Acts Amendment Act of 1894; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

On motion of Mr. Lee, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

(2.) Mr. Lee then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the law relating to the water supply, sewerage, and drainage of country towns; to amend the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act of 1880, the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act Extension Act of 1887, and the Country Towns and Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Acts Amendment Act of 1894; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

The House adjourned, at twenty-one minutes before Eleven o'clock, until Tuesday next, at half-past Two o'clock.

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 59.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTIETH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 31 OCTOBER, 1905.

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

DIocese of GOULBURN CHURCH LAND SALE BILL :—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. Carruthers, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 70.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Goulburn, as trustee of certain parcels of land situate in the county of Argyle, held upon certain trusts connected with the Church of England in the Diocese of Goulburn, to sell the said lands, to provide for the application of the proceeds thereof, and for other purposes in connection therewith,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His 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.

*State Government House,
Sydney, 30th October, 1905.*

2. QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Payment of Large Fees to Land Agents by Squatters :—Mr. Mechan asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Has his attention been called to the judgment of Martin, C.J., in the case of *Regina v. White*, New South Wales Supreme Court Reports, Vol. 13, page 328, setting forth, "That, wherever it is a crime to take, it is a crime to give; they are reciprocal?"

(2.) In view of this judgment, will he put the law in motion against those squatters who paid large fees to the various land agents and others as disclosed in the evidence given before the Lands Commission?

Mr. Wade answered,—

(1.) I am aware of the case referred to by the Honorable Member.

(2.) The law will be set in motion against all persons who are guilty of a criminal offence.

(2.) Government Payments to Shipping Companies for Freights :—Mr. Estell, for Mr. Cann, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What amount of money has been paid by the Government in the way of shipping freights to the various Shipping Companies for the carriage of goods, &c., imported during the years 1901-2-3-4?

(2.) The amounts paid to each Company for those years?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—To enable these particulars to be furnished it would be necessary for the various Departments to make a thorough search through their books and accounts, as separate accounts are not kept for such items of expenditure. Moreover, shipping freights are frequently paid through Custom House Agents, and, unless the latter amounts were shown, the return would probably be misleading. The compilation of an accurate statement would involve considerable labour, and, possibly, interference with the current work of the Departments, and I shall, therefore, be glad if the Honorable Member will not press for this information.

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3. LIQUOR (AMENDMENT) BILL :—The following Petitions, representing that Petitioners view with satisfaction the introduction of the Liquor (Amendment) Bill, and praying that the Bill, with certain amendments indicated in the Petitions, may speedily be passed into law, were presented by the Members named :—
- (1.) By Mr. Cohen—From certain electors of Petersham and adjoining District.
 - (2.) By Mr. Fallick—From B. J. Meek, Chairman of the Maitland District Synod, of the Methodist Church of Australasia.
 - (3.) By Mr. Fallick—From B. J. Meek, Chairman of a Public Meeting of certain electors of Singleton.
 - (4.) By Mr. Cohen—From certain electors of Petersham and adjoining District.
 - (5.) By Mr. Morton—From certain electors of Allowrie.
- Petitions received.
4. NEWCASTLE AGRICULTURAL, HORTICULTURAL, AND INDUSTRIAL ASSOCIATION BILL :—Mr. Fegan presented a Petition from the Trustees of the Newcastle Agricultural, Horticultural, and Industrial Association, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to empower the Trustees of certain lands at Newcastle, in the State of New South Wales, dedicated and granted for the use of the Newcastle Agricultural, Horticultural, and Industrial Association, to mortgage the said lands and to raise money on mortgage of the said lands and for other purposes in connection therewith. And Mr. Fegan having produced the *Government Gazette*, the *Newcastle Morning Herald*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald*, newspapers containing the notices required by the 396th Standing Order,—
Petition received.
5. PAPER :—Mr. Lee laid upon the Table,—Report of the Labour Commissioners for the year ended 30th June, 1905, together with Appendices.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
6. COAL MINES REGULATION (AMENDING) BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Moore, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Moore then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1902, and the Mines Inspection Act, 1901; and for other purposes.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message :—
MR. PRESIDENT,—
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1902, and the Mines Inspection Act, 1901; and for other purposes,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 31st October, 1905.*
7. NEWCASTLE FRIENDLY SOCIETIES AND TRADES HALL SITE ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Edden 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. Edden, 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. Edden, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
8. JUDGES PENSIONS ABOLITION AND DUTIES BILL (No. 2) :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Waddell 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. Waddell, 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 and an amended Title.
On motion of Mr. Waddell, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
9. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS :—Mr. John Hurley, in accordance with the provisions of the Public Works Act, laid upon the Table, Report, together with Minutes of Evidence, relating to the proposed erection of the Mitchell Library as part of the National Library for the State.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
10. CRIMES (GIRLS' PROTECTION) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

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And it being Seven o'clock, Government Business took precedence, under Sessional Order adopted on 20th September, 1905.

11. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS (*Barren Jack Storage Reservoir and Northern Murrumbidgee Irrigation Scheme*):—Mr. Lee moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report on the expediency of constructing a dam across the Murrumbidgee River at Barren Jack, in the parishes of West Goodradigbee and Childowla in the counties of Buccleuch and Harden respectively, a movable diversion weir across the Murrumbidgee River about 19 miles in a direct line above Narandera; the construction of a main canal from near the diversion weir to a point about 10 miles north-easterly from the village of Gunbar; a series of main and subsidiary distributing channels; together with other works connected therewith, and of selling, leasing, or otherwise dealing with the water supplied from Barren Jack Reservoir, and in conjunction therewith the consideration of the scheme proposed by Mr. Robert Gibson for the establishment of a system of irrigation and water supply in the same district.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
12. PAPER:—Mr. Lee laid upon the Table,—Minute by the Honorable C. A. Lee, Minister for Works, and Report of L. A. B. Wade, Principal Engineer for Rivers, Water Supply and Drainage, on the proposed Barren Jack Storage Reservoir and Northern Murrumbidgee Irrigation Scheme.
Ordered to be printed.
13. LIQUOR (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Moore moved, "That" this Bill be now read a third time.
Mr. Wade moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "That" and inserting the words "the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of clauses 21 and 23,"—instead thereof.
Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit after Midnight,—

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Question,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question,—put and negatived.

Question,—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words left out, be so inserted,—put and passed.

Question proposed—That the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of clauses 21 and 23.

Mr. Nielsen moved, That the Question be further amended by adding the words "and clauses, 22, "54, and 68."

Debate ensued.

Question,—That the words proposed to be added be so added,—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 17.

Mr. Hollis,
Mr. McNeill,
Mr. Nielsen,
Mr. Holman,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Collins,
Mr. W. W. Young,
Mr. Levien,
Mr. Thrower,
Mr. McLaurin,
Mr. Meehan,
Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Macdonell.

Tellers,

Mr. Estell,
Mr. Gardiner.

Noes, 45.

Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Moore,
Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Ashton,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Dick,
Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Wade,
Mr. Jessep,
Mr. Hogue,
Mr. Robson,
Mr. Creswell,
Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Cann,
Mr. Downes,
Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Moxham,

Mr. Mahony,
Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Fallick,
Mr. Ball,
Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Law,
Mr. J. H. Young,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Hindmarsh,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Gillics,
Mr. Reynoldson,
Mr. Mackenzie,
Mr. Levy,
Mr. Booth,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,
Mr. Charlton,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Briner,

Mr. Walter Anderson,
Mr. Perry (*L'pool Plains*),
Mr. R. J. Anderson,
Mr. Henley,
Mr. W. Millard.

Tellers,

Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. McCoy.

And so it passed in the negative.

Mr. Arthur Griffith moved, That the Question be further amended by adding the words "and clause 16."

Question,—That the words proposed to be added be so added,—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 10.

Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Cann,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Booth,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. McGarry.

Tellers,

Mr. Charlton,
Mr. Arthur Griffith.

Noes, 50.

Mr. Moore,
Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Ashton,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Dick,
Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Wade,
Mr. Estell,
Mr. Jessep,
Mr. Hogue,
Mr. Creswell,
Mr. Nielsen,
Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Downes,
Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Moxham,
Mr. Mahony,

Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Fallick,
Mr. Ball,
Mr. Meehan,
Mr. Macdonell,
Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. J. H. Young,
Mr. Hollis,
Mr. Hindmarsh,
Mr. McNeill,
Mr. Gillics,
Mr. Robson,
Mr. Reynoldson,
Mr. Mackenzie,
Mr. Levien,
Mr. Levy,
Mr. McLaurin,

Mr. W. W. Young,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Briner,
Mr. Henley,
Mr. McCoy,
Mr. Thrower,
Mr. R. J. Anderson,
Mr. Perry (*L'pool Plains*),
Mr. Collins,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. W. Millard.

Tellers,

Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Law.

And so it passed in the negative.

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Mr. Gardiner moved, That the Question be further amended by adding the words "and clause 74." Question,—That the words proposed to be added be so added—put, and voices given,—

Mr. Deputy-Speaker stated his opinion that the *Noes* had it.

Whereupon, Division called for, and Mr. Deputy-Speaker having in accordance with Standing Order No. 213, directed the Members to take their seats to the right and left of the Chair respectively, declared the determination of the House to be in the *Negative*, as there were only ten Members in the minority who had challenged his decision.

The following are the names of the Members in the minority, viz.:—Mr. Arthur Griffith, Mr. Gardiner, Mr. Fegan, Mr. Reynoldson, Mr. Charlton, Mr. Booth, Mr. McFarlane, Mr. McLaurin, Mr. Jones, and Mr. Thomas.

Mr. Fegan moved, That the Question be further amended by adding the words "and clauses 70 "and 71."

Question,—That the words proposed to be added be so added—put, and voices given,—

Mr. Deputy-Speaker stated his opinion that the *Noes* had it.

Whereupon, Division called for, and Mr. Deputy-Speaker having in accordance with Standing Order No. 213, directed the Members to take their seats to the right and left of the Chair respectively, declared the determination of the House to be in the *Negative*, as there were only seven Members in the minority who had challenged his decision.

The following are the names of the Members in the minority, viz.:—Mr. McFarlane, Mr. Charlton, Mr. Fegan, Mr. Arthur Griffith, Mr. Gardiner, Mr. Thomas, and Mr. Cann.

Mr. Meehan moved, That the Question be further amended by adding the words "and clause 47."

Question,—That the words proposed to be added be so added—put, and voices given,—

Mr. Deputy-Speaker stated his opinion that the *Noes* had it.

Whereupon, Division called for, and Mr. Deputy-Speaker having in accordance with Standing Order No. 213, directed the Members to take their seats to the right and left of the Chair respectively, declared the determination of the House to be in the *Negative*, as there were only thirteen Members in the minority who had challenged his decision.

The following are the names of the Members in the minority, viz.:—Mr. Jones, Mr. Nielsen, Mr. McNeill, Mr. Estell, Mr. Scobie, Mr. Hollis, Mr. Macdonell, Mr. Meehan, Mr. Burgess, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Edden, Mr. Briner, and Mr. McLaurin.

Mr. Collins moved, That the question be further amended by adding the words, "and clause 5."

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

Question then,—That the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of clauses 21 and 23,—put and passed.

On motion of Mr. Wade, Mr. Deputy-Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.

Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Latimer, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill 2^o with further amendments.

On motion of Mr. Wade, the report was adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

14. DISTRICT COURTS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Wade, 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. Latimer, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.

On motion of Mr. Carruthers, 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 District Courts and appeals to Quarter Sessions; to extend the jurisdiction of such Courts, and to provide for the trial therein of issues under certain Acts; to provide for the removal of actions from the Supreme Court to a District Court; to amend the District Courts Act, 1901, the Common Law Procedure Act, 1899, and the Landlord and Tenant Act of 1899; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 1st November, 1905, a.m.

The House adjourned, at twenty minutes before Three o'clock, a.m., until Four o'clock, p.m., This Day.

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

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No. 60.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTIETH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 1 NOVEMBER, 1905.

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

"HANSARD" REPORTS:—Mr. Speaker called attention to certain statements made by Honorable Members in the House in regard to the reports of speeches in *Hansard* [See *Parliamentary Debates*, 24 October, 1905, page 3135], and read a letter from Mr. Robinson, Principal Shorthand-writer, on the subject. The implication in the statements was, that Members had been allowed to alter the substance of their speeches to suit their own purposes, and Mr. Speaker positively asserted that in no instance had a Member been allowed to alter the substance of any of his speeches, and said that, so far as the speeches are given in *Hansard*, they are as correct as human heads and hands can make them.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Gloucester Estate:—Mr. Latimer asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Was an offer of sale of the Gloucester Estate made to a former Government, if so, on what date and at what price per acre?
- (2.) Who was the Premier at the time when such offer was made?
- (3.) Was any report obtained in connection with the matter by the then Government; if so, will he lay the same upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—In May, 1899, during the Premiership of Mr. G. H. Reid, the Australian Agricultural Company conditionally offered for sale to the Government, at an average rate of 10s. per acre, about 420,000 acres in the Land District of Stroud, county of Gloucester, the property comprising the Stroud and Port Stephens sections, as well as what is now known as the Gloucester Estate. An exhaustive report, dated 3rd October, 1899, was made by the late Chief Surveyor (Mr. J. Witter Allworth), who recommended the acquisition of the estate. The following valuations were made by Mr. Allworth:—The Stroud section, area 152,000 acres, at 9s. per acre; the Port Stephens section, 85,000 acres, at 6s. per acre; Gloucester Estate, area 183,000 acres, at 18s. 8d. per acre. The whole estate, area 420,000 acres, at 12s. 11d. per acre. No further action was, however, taken in the matter until after the passage of the Closer Settlement Act, when the then Secretary for Lands (Mr. Crick) directed that initial steps be taken under that Act. In June, 1902, during the Premiership of Sir John See, the offer was renewed, open for a period of six months from the 28th June, 1902. The Secretary for Lands at first stipulated that the offer should be left open for twelve months, but eventually assented to a period of six months from the 1st September, 1902. Mr. Gregson, the General Superintendent of the Company, then stated that he could not agree to extend the time without the consent of the directors in London, and the offer was withdrawn, in view of the refusal of the Lands Department to allow the Company a period of eighteen months within which to remove the cattle on the estate, in the event of a sale being effected. This offer was, in any case, not binding on the Company, as the approval of the Court of Directors and Shareholders in England had not been obtained, and apparently no offer which would have been binding on the Company was ever made, and shortly afterwards the Stroud and Port Stephens areas were privately subdivided and sold.

(2.) Steam-yacht "Victoria":—Mr. Henley asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) What was the cost of the steam-yacht "Victoria," delivered in Port Jackson?
- (2.) What were the net proceeds from the sale of the steam-yacht "Victoria"?
- (3.) What is the name of the officer that recommended the purchase of the said yacht?
- (4.) Is that officer still in the Government service?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

- (1.) £39,652 2s. 6d.
- (2.) I am unable to say at present, as the final settlement is awaiting the arrival of the purchasers from England.
- (3 and 4.) The late Honorable Henry Copeland, Agent-General for this State, in London.

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- (3.) Steam-launch "Eva":—Mr. Henley asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
 (1.) What was the price paid for the purchase of the steam-launch "Eva," together with the overhauls for the first two years?
 (2.) What was the highest offer obtained for the "Eva" when she was advertised for sale?
 (3.) What is the name of the officer that recommended the purchase of the said launch?
 (4.) Is that officer still in the Government service?

Mr. Lee answered,—

- (1.) The purchase money was £2,000. The cost of overhauls for the first two years was £680.
 (2.) £200.
 (3.) R. R. P. Hickson, when Under Secretary for Public Works.
 (4.) He is now President of the Sydney Harbour Trust.

3. LIQUOR (AMENDMENT) BILL:—Mr. Moxham presented a Petition from certain electors of Auburn and Parramatta, representing that Petitioners view with satisfaction the introduction of the Liquor (Amendment) Bill, and praying that the Bill, with certain amendments indicated in the Petition, may speedily be passed into law.
 Petition received.

4. WESTERN LANDS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—Mr. Ashton, pursuant to leave granted on the 26th October, 1905, presented a Bill, intituled "A Bill to amend and extend the provisions of the Western Lands Act of 1901; to amend the Crown Lands Acts; the Appraisement Act, 1902; and the Public Service Act, 1902, and for other purposes,"—which was read a first time.
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

5. PAPER:—Mr. Hogue laid upon the Table,—By-law of the Borough of Narrabri, under the Nuisances Prevention Act, 1897.
 Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

6. NEWCASTLE FRIENDLY SOCIETIES AND TRADES HALL SITE ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Edden, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Edden then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the Newcastle Friendly Societies and Trades Hall Site Act, 56 Victoria No. 35; to provide for the election of trustees under the Newcastle Eight-hours Committee By-laws; and for other purposes incidental thereto.*"

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 Newcastle Friendly Societies and Trades Hall Site Act, 56 Victoria No. 35; to provide for the election of trustees under the Newcastle Eight-hours Committee By-laws; and for other purposes incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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Sydney, 1st November, 1905.

7. JUDGES PENSIONS ABOLITION AND DUTIES BILL (No. 2) (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Waddell, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Waddell then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to provide that no pensions shall be paid to Judges to be appointed to the Supreme Court or District Court Bench; to amend the Constitution Act, 1902, the Supreme Court and Circuit Courts Act, 1900, and the District Courts Act, 1901; and for other purposes connected therewith.*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to provide that no pensions shall be paid to Judges to be appointed to the Supreme Court or District Court Bench; to amend the Constitution Act, 1902, the Supreme Court and Circuit Courts Act, 1900, and the District Courts Act, 1901; and for other purposes connected therewith,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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8. NEWCASTLE AGRICULTURAL, HORTICULTURAL, AND INDUSTRIAL ASSOCIATION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—

- (1.) Mr. Fegan moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to empower the Trustees of certain lands at Newcastle, in the State of New South Wales, dedicated and granted for the use of the Newcastle Agricultural, Horticultural, and Industrial Association, to mortgage the said lands and to raise money on mortgage of the said lands and for other purposes in connection therewith.
 Question put and passed.

- (2.) Mr. Fegan 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 State, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to empower the Trustees of certain lands at Newcastle, in the State of New South Wales, dedicated and granted for the use of the Newcastle Agricultural, Horticultural, and Industrial Association, to mortgage the said lands and to raise money on mortgage of the said lands, and for other purposes in connection therewith,*"—read a first time.

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9. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Drummoyne Municipal Lands Sale Bill, postponed until To-morrow.

10. LIQUOR (AMENDMENT) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Wade moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Wade, *passed*.

Mr. Wade then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the law relating to the supply of intoxicating liquor ; to regulate the supply of liquor by clubs ; to make better provision for the exercise of local option with regard to the supply of intoxicating liquor ; to amend the Liquor Act, 1898 ; and for other purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.*"

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 supply of intoxicating liquor ; to regulate the supply of liquor by clubs ; to make better provision for the exercise of local option with regard to the supply of intoxicating liquor ; to amend the Liquor Act, 1898 ; and for other purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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Sydney, 1st November, 1905.

11. PARRAMATTA SEWERAGE AND DRAINAGE BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Lee, 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. Lee, the report was (after debate) 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 sanction the construction of certain sewerage works ; to provide for the taking over by the Council of the Borough of Parramatta of the said works, and of other works of drainage, and for the payment of interest and expenditure in respect of the same ; to apply certain provisions of the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act of 1880 and Acts amending the same to such works ; to provide for drainage and sewerage rates, and for drainage and sewerage districts ; to exempt such works from the operation of the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act of 1880 and Acts amending the same ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"

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Sydney, 1st November, 1905.

12. OLD-AGE PENSIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Carruthers moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.

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

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,

Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 61.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTIETH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 2 NOVEMBER, 1905.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) "Rocks" Resumption :—*Mr. Nobbs*, for Mr. Storey, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What amount has been paid for land acquired, known as the "Rocks" resumption?
- (2.) What amount, approximately, remains to be paid?
- (3.) What is the gross annual return from the properties so acquired?
- (4.) Is any portion of the resumption unproductive?

Mr. Lee answered,—

- (1.) £1,019,629.
- (2.) £78,000.
- (3.) £49,701.
- (4.) Yes.

- (2.) Boiler Plant, Tramway Power Station, Ultimo :—*Mr. Gillies*, for Mr. W. W. Young, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that there has been a very serious leakage (loss of economy) in the working of the boiler plant at the Tramway Power Station, Ultimo?
- (2.) Were tests made recently by a leading engineer, and what was his report?
- (3.) What is the estimated loss between what the boilers were doing at the time of the tests, and what boilers working at an economical rate should do?
- (4.) What steps have been taken to remedy these defects, and what is the saving now between what the boilers were doing at the period of the tests, and now?
- (5.) How do the tests taken by the aforesaid leading engineer compare with tests of the old "Colonial" boilers which they replaced?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

- (1.) It cannot be said that there has been a leakage at the Power Station, but a system of chemical analysis of the flue-gases has been initiated this year, which has resulted in a considerable saving in the coal consumption.
- (2.) No; the last efficiency tests made by an independent engineer were taken over two and a half years ago.
- (3.) There are no figures to compare, and the question of what boilers working at an economical rate should do depends upon the quality of the coal used and the general conditions.
- (4.) The Departmental records show that the system of analysing the flue-gases has effected a saving of about 25 per cent. of the fuel previously used.
- (5.) See answer to No. 2.

- (3.) Western Division Crown Lands :—*Mr. Estell*, for Mr. Scobie, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) What is the total acreage of the area known as the Western Division of New South Wales?
- (2.) What is the acreage absorbed under the following headings :—Commons, permanent and temporary; town and village sites; suburban areas; population areas; public parks; travelling stock routes; reserves of all kinds and classes, whether dedicated or not; mineral leases; forest reserves; and under any other heading not specified?
- (3.) When under the provisions of the Crown Lands Act of 1884 pastoral holdings were divided into leasehold and resumed areas, what was the total acreage under each heading?
- (4.) What is the total acreage of abandoned Crown lands in the Western Division, distinguishing the acreage on leasehold and resumed area, respectively?

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- (5.) The acreage of land alienated or under process of alienation in the Western Division of New South Wales, and the proportion on leasehold and resumed area, respectively?
- (6.) What was the total number and acreage of homestead leases in the Western Division on 31st December, 1900?
- (7.) How many homestead leases have come under the Western Lands Act of 1901?
- (8.) The number of leases issued under section No. 32 as extension of area to homestead lessees, as provided by the Western Lands Act of 1901, and total acreage, granted under such extension?
- (9.) The remaining acreage of resumed areas not included under abandoned lands?
- (10.) What area is held under homestead selection in the Western Division?
- (11.) Does this leave any of the acreage of the Western Division unaccounted for; if so, will he give particulars?

Mr. Ashton answered,—

- (1.) 80,359,517 acres.
- (2.) About 1,183,744 acres. This area includes all reserves from lease, but does not include travelling stock reserves and other reserves from sale which now form part of existing leases.
- (3.) Leasehold areas, 39,649,034 acres; resumed areas, 38,369,758 acres.
- (4.) Leasehold areas, 596,928 acres; resumed areas, 3,424,650 acres.
- (5.) 2,250,025 acres. This includes 232,642 acres of conditional leases.
- (6.) 1,311 homestead leases, representing an area of 10,924,905 acres.
- (7.) Applications have been lodged to bring 1,148 homestead leases under the Western Lands Act, 1901.
- (8.) 138 leases issued, comprising an area of 1,428,659 acres.
- (9.) 14,194,703 acres.
- (10.) 28,719 acres.
- (11.) In the replies to the previous Questions, the whole of the Western Division has been accounted for.

- (4.) Crown Lands Adjacent to Grafton-Casino Railway:—*Mr. Estell*, for *Mr. Jones*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Have any Crown lands been made available for settlement adjacent to the railway line between Grafton and Casino since Parliament passed the resolution authorising the construction of that line?
- (2.) Has any land been made available for settlement since the railway line from Grafton to Casino was opened to traffic?
- (3.) What amount of land, if any, was available for settlement adjacent to the Grafton-Casino railway line on the date of the opening of the railway?
- (4.) What is the total area of land applied for adjacent to the Grafton-Casino railway between the date of the commencement and the time of completion of the construction of the line?
- (5.) What area has been applied for since the opening of the line?
- (6.) What was the highest and lowest prices at which the land was offered?
- (7.) Was there any marked increase in the value of Crown lands between Grafton and Casino by reason of the construction of the railway line between those two towns?
- (8.) Was an area of about 75,000 acres made available between Grafton and Casino for conditional purchase at 12s. 6d. per acre; if so, how many acres of that area were applied for?

Mr. Ashton answered,—The information is being prepared in the form of a return, and, on its completion, will be laid upon the Table of this House.

- (5.) Money-lenders and Infants Loans Bill:—*Mr. Gillies* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) When does he propose to proceed with the Money-lenders and Infants Loans Bill standing in his name upon the Business-paper for some time past?
- (2.) Is this Bill similar to that introduced last Session?
- (3.) Will he, without delay, proceed with the Bill in question, and provide that it prevents impositions upon a certain class of borrowers?
- (4.) In view of the fact that the Legislative Council has already passed this Bill upon two or three occasions, will he promise to proceed with the measure as soon as possible?
- (5.) Has it reached his notice that hundreds of unfortunates have for years past been fleeced by money-lenders?
- (6.) Will he introduce a clause in the Bill to prevent pawnbrokers and money-lenders from carrying on both businesses under the one roof?

Mr. Ashton answered,—

- (1.) At the earliest opportunity.
 - (2.) I have not had time to examine the records, but I do not think any Bill of this character was introduced last Session.
 - (3.) The object of the Bill is to prevent imposition upon certain classes of borrowers.
 - (4.) See answer to Question 1.
 - (5.) I only have a general knowledge on the subject.
 - (6.) This is not contemplated by the present Bill.
- (6.) Grading of Old-age Pensions Department:—*Mr. Fallick*, for *Mr. Booth*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that in the grading of the Old-age Pensions Department by the Public Service Board some of the officers were graded at salaries only on condition that they passed an examination to show that they were qualified to perform the duties of the positions they had held for about four years?
 - (2.) Did some of these officers appeal to the Public Service Board, but when they appeared before that body, is it a fact they were not allowed to address the Board with reference to the condition of examination?

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(3.) Do the Public Service Board claim that they have no power under Section 16 of the Public Service Act of 1902, to impose any condition on a grading of the Service?

(4.) Do the Public Service Board consider the fact of these officers having performed the duties of their positions for four years without complaint sufficient test to prove that they are qualified to perform the duties of their positions?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—There seems to be some misconception with regard to these examinations. The primary object is not so much to test whether the officers are capable of performing the work on which they are at present employed, as to show whether they are fit for promotion to higher duties. Examinations are in fact a test of the officers general abilities. Before an officer can pass from one grade to another the regulations impose upon him the necessity of passing an examination, and the Board, after fully considering the case of these particular officers, see no reason for waiving the regulation test. Whatever powers the Board may have under Section 16 of the Public Service Act, they do not consider, as before stated, that it would be advisable to disregard the test prescribed by the regulations in these cases. With reference to the suggestion contained in (2), that some of the officers on their appeal to the Board were not allowed to address them with reference to the condition of examination, the Board explain that what is probably referred to is this: that one officer submitted a point under the regulations, which he fully argued; other officers wished to argue the same point, but the Board thought it would be a waste of time for them to do so as it was fully done in what was really a test case.

(7.) Land Appeal Court—Dubbo Land Board :—*Mr. Perry (Liverpool Plains)* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Have the remarks of the Land Appeal Court about the Dubbo Land Board been brought under his notice?

(2.) Have the remarks of the Dubbo Land Board about the Land Appeal Court been brought under his notice?

(3.) What action does he intend to take in this matter?

(4.) What is the number of appeal cases from the Dubbo Land Board's decisions to the last two Land Appeal Court sittings in Dubbo?

(5.) How many were settled out of Court by the Crown?

(6.) Is the present Chairman of the Dubbo Land Board the same gentleman that was removed from one of the Western Land Districts?

(7.) Is it a fact that petitions have been presented to the Minister requesting his removal?

(8.) Is it a fact that *Mr. Hobden*, of Murrumbidgee, has 1,200 acres reappraised at the Dubbo Land Board, and he only held 600 acres?

(9.) Is it a fact that *J. Rutherford's* conditional lease was appraised at 2s. 3d. or 2s. 6d. per acre, while he could have converted it into a conditional purchase for 1s. 6d.?

(10.) How many cases at Dubbo are waiting for a hearing and not set down?

(11.) What would have been the result of the Dubbo Land Board's rentals if they had not been subject to appeal?

Mr. Ashton answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) The matter is now receiving consideration.

(4.) Sixty.

(5.) Eighteen.

(6.) He was transferred from the Hay Land Board to the Grafton Land Board in 1891.

(7.) Yes.

(8.) No. A mistake was made as to the area of certain ringbarking, but this will be rectified on rehearing, as ordered by the Land Appeal Court.

(9.) The Board appraised the annual rental at 2s. 6d. per acre; but an appeal to the Land Appeal Court reduced the rental to 1s. 6d. per acre. If converted into a conditional purchase the price would be £1 5s. per acre, payable by annual instalments of 1s. 3d. per acre.

(10.) Five appeals from Dubbo Board are undealt with.

(11.) As appraised by the Board, the annual rentals amounted to £1,131 1s. 0½d.; and, as determined by the Land Appeal Court, £797 16s. 11¼d.

(8.) Crown Lands sold by the Carruthers Administration :—*Mr. Gardiner* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) How many acres of Crown lands have been sold since the present Government came into office?

(2.) What amount has been received from such sales?

(3.) Does the Government intend to continue the sale of Crown lands, and use the proceeds as ordinary revenue?

Mr. Ashton answered,—

(1.) 42,865 acres.

(2.) £91,262, including balances still due. It would take considerable time to ascertain from the Treasury books the exact amount of such balances.

(3.) I would be glad if the Honorable Member would address this Question to my colleague, the Colonial Treasurer.

(9.) Coal purchased from the Western Collieries by the Railway Commissioners :—*Mr. Holman* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Will he give the names of the Western Collieries from which the Railway Commissioners have purchased coal during the past ten years?

(2.) The price paid per ton to, and the quantity supplied by, each colliery during each year?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—There is no objection to give the information, but it is suggested it should be moved for in the form of a return.

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(10.) Grants to Metropolitan Parks :—Mr. Holman asked the Secretary for Lands,—
 (1.) What sums of money have been granted for Public Parks in the metropolitan area during the last three years?

(2.) What amounts have been distributed to each Park or Recreation Ground during that period?

Mr. Ashton answered,—

(1.) For financial year 1902–1903, £3,389 3s. 4d. ; for financial year 1903–1904, £3,014 11s. 4d. ; for financial year 1904–1905, £2,982 10s. (Note :—The Botanic Gardens, the Domain, the Centennial Park, and the National Park are administered by the Chief Secretary's Department, and the cost of their maintenance is not included in the above amounts.)

(2.) I will lay a return showing the distribution of these amounts upon the Table of this House.

(11.) Bricks for Railway Deviation at Sodwalls :—Mr. John Hurley asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What is the name of the officer who became the *locum tenens* of the Engineer for Existing Lines during that gentleman's absence this year from the State?

(2.) On what date did the Engineer for Existing Lines take his departure, and on what date after his return did he resume his official duties?

(3.) What was the date when the owners of the Merrylands Brickworks were first approached for the supply of the quarter million of bricks required for the completion of the deviation work at Sodwalls?

(4.) Was a contract made for the supply of bricks from Merrylands, and, if so, on what date was the contract signed?

(5.) What is the name of the officer who informed the Engineer for Existing Lines, or the Railway Commissioners, that the Lithgow Valley Colliery Company could not supply more than 60,000 bricks per week?

(6.) Is it a fact that during the execution of their contract the Lithgow Valley Colliery Company were asked, for a period, to lessen the rate of their supply by about one-half?

(7.) If an increased supply of bricks were necessary, why were the Lithgow Valley Colliery Company specially asked to tender at the same rate of supply for the extra quarter million of bricks as in the previous contract?

(8.) Is it a fact that, about the time the Lithgow Valley Colliery Company's contract expired, there was a stack of 50,000 Lithgow bricks at the deviation, which were delivered in June last, and for which, on the 18th September, the excavation necessary to receive them had not been completed?

(9.) Since no charge is made for the carriage of bricks from Merrylands to Sodwalls (101 miles), to what account in the railway books is the cost of such services carried?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—I desire to point out to the Honorable Member that questions have already been answered on this subject, viz. :—Question No. 6 on 4th October; No. 11 on the 17th; and No. 1 on the 25th October, and it is simply a detail of railway management controlled by the Commissioners. I would suggest, in order to expedite it, and relieve Parliament of detail matters, that the Honorable Member should communicate direct with the Railway Commissioners.

(12.) Proposed Artesian Bore on Pagan Creek :—Mr. Collins asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) How long is it since an application was first sent to the Department for sinking an Artesian Bore on Pagan Creek?

(2.) Is he aware that the settlers interested have made no other provision for watering their stock in anticipation of the Bore being sunk within a reasonable time?

(3.) In view of the scarcity of water in this arid portion of the State, and the fact that the settlers are prepared to pay the amount of interest and sinking fund as provided under the Water and Drainage Act, will he give instructions to have tenders called for this Bore with the least possible delay?

Mr. Lee answered,—

(1.) Petition was received in 1902.

(2.) I am not aware.

(3.) On completion of survey now in hand, a Trust proposal under the Water and Drainage Act will be notified, and, if not objected to, tenders will then be invited.

2. PAPERS :—

Mr. Ashton laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return showing amounts granted for the maintenance and improvement of each Park and Recreation Ground in the Metropolitan Area during the financial years 1902–1903; 1903–1904; and 1904–1905.

(2.) Map showing the amount of land held by the Government on the foreshores of Sydney Harbour between Lady Macquarie's Chair and South Head on the southern shore, and McMahon's Point and the Spit, and from the Spit to North Head, on the northern shore, except in regard to areas leased by the Sydney Harbour Trust.

(3.) Return of Areas approved to be alienated, and list of Leases granted by the Sydney Harbour Trust Commissioners during the three years ended 30th June, 1905, on the foreshores of Sydney Harbour.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Carruthers laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Communication addressed by the Premier of New South Wales to the Prime Minister of the Commonwealth upon the question of the Federal Capital Site.

(2.) Regulation under the Centenary Celebration Act, 1887.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Lee laid upon the Table,—Regulation under the Public Works Act, 1900.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

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3. NEWCASTLE AGRICULTURAL, HORTICULTURAL, AND INDUSTRIAL ASSOCIATION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—
Mr. Fegan moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That the Newcastle Agricultural, Horticultural, and Industrial Association Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Perry (*The Richmond*), Mr. Gillies, Mr. Fallick, Mr. Edden, Mr. Charlton, Mr. Estell, Mr. Moxham, Mr. Reynoldson, Mr. Dick, and the Mover.
Question put and passed.
4. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of the Crimes (Girls' Protection) Bill (*Council Bill*),—postponed until Tuesday, 28th November.
5. TAXATION AMENDING BILL:—
(1.) Mr. Carruthers moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Acts relating to land and income tax so as to exempt certain incomes and to allow certain deductions from income-tax; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
Question put and passed.
(2.) Mr. Carruthers then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Acts relating to land and income tax so as to exempt certain incomes and to allow certain deductions from income-tax; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
6. WAYS AND MEANS (*Financial Statement*):—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Carruthers, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.
Mr. Deputy-Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Latimer, Temporary Chairman, reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.
7. DRUMMOYNE MUNICIPAL LANDS SALE BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Henley moved, "That" this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit after Midnight,—

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Mr. Holman moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "That" and inserting the words "the Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report."

"(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Henley, Mr. Hogue, Mr. Latimer, Mr. Fallick, Mr. Jessep, Mr. Dacey, Mr. Jones, Mr. Briner, Mr. Bennett, and the Mover,"—instead thereof.

Question,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question,—put and negatived.

Question,—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted,—put and passed.

Question then,—

(1.) That the Drummoyne Municipal Lands Sale Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Henley, Mr. Hogue, Mr. Latimer, Mr. Fallick, Mr. Jessep, Mr. Dacey, Mr. Jones, Mr. Briner, Mr. Bennett, and the Mover,—put and passed.

The House adjourned, at eleven minutes after Twelve o'clock, a.m., until Tuesday next, at half-past Two o'clock.

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.



North South Wales.

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OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTIETH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 7 NOVEMBER, 1905.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Prisoner removed from Wyalong in Leg-irons and Handcuffs:—*Mr. Jones*, for *Mr. Kelly*, asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that a prisoner tried at Wyalong last sessions, and convicted, was removed from Wyalong in leg-irons and handcuffs?
- (2.) Were the police acting under definite instructions from the Department in this respect?
- (3.) If so, will he see that prisoners convicted of minor offences are treated in a more civilised and humane manner?

Mr. Wade answered,—The Inspector-General of Police has furnished me with the following replies:—

- (1.) The prisoner was convicted of felony, viz., supplying drugs to procure a miscarriage, and was removed from Wyalong in leg-irons and handcuffs. His offence cannot be regarded as a minor one.
- (2.) No. There were no special instructions issued in this case.
- (3.) The police are responsible for the safe custody of prisoners, and must take necessary precautions to prevent their escape. They are liable to be put upon trial if an escape occurs. In this case a long journey had to be undertaken, trains had to be changed *en route*, and it was after midnight before prisoner's destination (Goulburn) was reached.

- (2.) Old-age Pensions:—*Mr. Booth*, for *Mr. Moxham*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Will he be good enough to state the number of persons belonging to each denomination that are in receipt of old-age pensions?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—Old-age pensioners are not called on to supply this information, and it is not, therefore, available.

- (3.) Old-age Pensions:—*Mr. Charlton* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) The number of persons receiving the old-age pension who have resided less than thirty-five years in the State?
- (2.) The number of old-age pensioners who each own accumulated property to the value of £195?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—This information cannot be supplied, because it is not kept

2. LIQUOR (AMENDMENT) BILL:—*Mr. Fallick* presented a Petition from certain electors of Singleton, representing that Petitioners view with satisfaction the introduction of the Liquor (Amendment) Bill, and praying that the Bill, with certain amendments indicated in the Petition, may speedily be passed into law.
Petition received.

3. PAPERS:—

Mr. Lee laid upon the Table,—Report by the Surgeon-Superintendent of Liverpool Asylum upon the effect of the present state of George's River, on the inmates of Liverpool Asylum, and the possibilities to be effected by the construction of a weir at Broughton's, George's River.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Carruthers laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Statement of Accounts of the Sydney Harbour Trust, for the year ended 30th June, 1905.
- (2.) Correspondence respecting the proposed printing of the Commonwealth Postage Stamps at the Adelaide General Post Office.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

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Mr. Hogue laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Manly.
 - (2.) Amended Regulations for General Traffic, and Amended Regulations for Public Vehicles under the Metropolitan Traffic Act, 1900.
 - (3.) Regulation under the State Children Relief Act, 1901.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Ashton laid upon the Table,—Return showing particulars of land adjacent to the Grafton to Casino Railway line made available for settlement prior to, and after the opening of that line to traffic, and the areas applied for.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

4. PRINTING COMMITTEE :—Mr. McFarlane, as Chairman, brought up the Eighteenth Report from the Printing Committee.
5. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Balmain, Mr. Walter Anderson, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz. :—“The unconstitutional action of the Federal Government in establishing a new Printing centre at Adelaide for the purpose of the Printing and Supply of Postage Stamps for the Commonwealth.” And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—Mr. Anderson moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negated.
6. ENCOURAGEMENT TO SETTLEMENT UPON THE SOIL :—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, in order to foster and encourage settlement upon the soil, especially by young persons and those without means, it is desirable that the land laws should be so altered as to postpone all payments for the first three years—such period being added to the end of the term over which payments are now made, so that the State will not be a loser by the change.
Debate ensued.

And it being Seven o'clock, Government Business took precedence, under Sessional Order adopted on 20th September, 1905.

7. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS (*Erection of the Mitchell Library as part of the National Library for the State*):—Mr. Lee moved, pursuant to Notice, “That” it is expedient that the erection of a National Library for the State of New South Wales, as recommended by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, be carried out.
Mr. Arthur Griffith moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word “That,” and inserting the words “the question of the erection of a National Library be referred back to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for the consideration of a proposal to utilise the Commonwealth Government House for that purpose,”—instead thereof.
Question proposed, That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the question.
Debate ensued.
Question,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question,—put, and voices given,—
Mr. Speaker stated his opinion that the *Ayes* had it.
Whereupon, Division called for, and Mr. Speaker having in accordance with Standing Order No. 213, directed the Members to take their seats to the right and left of the Chair respectively, declared the determination of the House to be in the *Affirmative*, as there were only three Members in the minority who had challenged his decision.
The following are the names of the Members in the minority, viz. :—Mr. Arthur Griffith, Mr. Miller, and Mr. Meehan.
Original question again proposed.
Debate continued.
Question put and passed.
8. WAYS AND MEANS (*Financial Statement*):—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Lee, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

And the Committee continuing to sit 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 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 :—

- (2.) *Resolved*,—That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the Service of the year 1905–1906, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales, the sum of £855, for Executive Council, for the year 1905–1906.

On motion of Mr. Carruthers, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

The House adjourned, at ten minutes before One o'clock, a.m., until Four o'clock, p.m., This Day.

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 63.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTIETH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 8 NOVEMBER, 1905.

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

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

By Mr. Carruthers,—

- (1.) District Courts (Amendment) Bill :—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 71.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the law relating to District Courts and appeals to Quarter Sessions; to extend the jurisdiction of such Courts, and to provide for the trial therein of issues under certain Acts; to provide for the removal of actions from the Supreme Court to a District Court; to amend the District Courts Act, 1901, the Common Law Procedure Act, 1899, and the Landlord and Tenant Act of 1899; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His 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.

*State Government House,
Sydney, 8th November, 1905.*

- (2.) Parramatta Sewerage and Drainage Bill :—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 72.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of certain sewerage works; to provide for the taking over by the Council of the Borough of Parramatta of the said works, and of other works of drainage, and for the payment of interest and expenditure in respect of the same; to apply certain provisions of the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act of 1880 and Acts amending the same to such works; to provide for drainage and sewerage rates, and for drainage and sewerage districts; to exempt such works from the operation of the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act of 1880 and Acts amending the same; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His 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.

*State Government House,
Sydney, 8th November, 1905.*

By Mr. Lee,—

- (3.) National Library Bill :—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 73.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, 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 Bill to sanction the erection of a National Library for the State of New South Wales.

*State Government House,
Sydney, 31st October, 1905.*

Ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

8th November, 1905.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Payment of Large Fees to Land Agents by Squatters:—Mr. Meehan asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Has his attention been drawn to the evidence given by a man named Close before the Lands Commission?

(2.) In view of the decision in Regina v. White, referred to by Mr. Meehan on the 31st October, will he take steps to initiate prosecutions against all squatters and others who have paid large fees to obtain improvement leases and exchanges?

Mr. Wade answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) I beg to refer the Honorable Member to my answer given to a similar question on 31st ultimo.

(2.) Advertising in or near Public Places:—Mr. Nobbs, for Mr. Fell, asked the Colonial Treasurer,— Is it the intention of the Government to proceed this Session with the Bill for regulating the method of advertising in or near public places?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—This will be provided for in the Local Government Extension Bill.

(3.) Land Titles Department:—Mr. Creswell asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the work of the Land Titles Department is such that the present staff is unable to keep the records up to date?

(2.) Has such staff, during the last three months, been working late at night in this connection?

(3.) In the event of affirmative answers being given to Questions 1 and 2, will he see that the staff is increased?

Mr. Hogue answered,—

(1.) The work is somewhat in arrear owing to the difficulty of carrying it on whilst the expansion and rearrangement of the accommodation was being proceeded with. This is now practically complete.

(2.) The staff have on many occasions worked back after hours in terms of the Public Service Regulations.

(3.) If necessary, the Registrar-General will apply for assistance, when the reorganisation rendered possible by increased accommodation has been effected.

(4.) Allowance to Plain-clothes Constables in lieu of Uniform:—Mr. Nobbs, for Mr. Levy, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the yearly allowance to plain-clothes constables in lieu of uniform is calculated upon the contract price paid by the Department for uniform, boots, &c.?

(2.) Is it a fact that the amount of such allowance has varied considerably during the past seven years, until, for the present year, it has fallen as low as £5 15s.?

(3.) Will he ascertain whether this amount is adequate to enable a constable to dress decently?

Mr. Hogue answered,—

(1.) Yes. This practice has been followed for many years.

(2.) The rates paid for the past seven years are as follow, viz.:—1899, £6 9s. 2d.; 1900, £6 17s. 4d.; 1901, £6 15s.; 1902, £6 8s. 9d.; 1903, £6 13s. 10d.; 1904, £6 6s. 7d.; 1905, £5 15s. 6d. Plain-clothes police also (for the special nature of their duties) receive 1s. per diem that uniform constables do not.

(3.) Inquiry will be made in regard to the current rate.

(5.) Proposed Drainage of Gumma Swamp, and Erection of Dyke and Floodgate, Lower Nambucca River:—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has any report been received concerning the proposed drainage of Gumma Swamp, and the erection of a dyke and floodgate on the Lower Nambucca River district below Macksville; and if so, what are the terms of such report?

(2.) Is he aware that by having this work carried out, a fairly large amount of Crown land would be so improved as to become a valuable asset, and one which, if made available, would be speedily settled upon?

Mr. Lee answered,—

(1.) No report has yet been received, but it is proposed that an officer who will be in the district within a week shall furnish a report.

(2.) Yes.

(6.) Proposed Drainage of Macleay Swamp Lands:—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Have any new suggestions been made with regard to the draining of the Macleay swamp lands; and, if so, what are they?

(2.) When is it likely that the work of draining these lands will be undertaken?

(3.) Is he aware that these lands cover some 62,000 acres, and that they are considered extremely rich and of great fertility?

Mr. Lee answered,—

(1.) No new suggestions have been made, but the preliminary scheme has been ready for some time.

(2.) Trust proposals under the provisions of the Water and Drainage Act will be made at an early date.

(3.) Yes.

(7.)

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(7.) Cost of Sheds built by the Harbour Trust for Shipping Companies:—Mr. Fallick asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What was the cost of (a) the shed built by the Harbour Trust for Birt & Co. at Darling Island; (b) the shed at the foot of King-street for Howard Smith & Co.; (c) the shed at the foot of Market-street?

(2.) Is it a fact that the Inspector that is over this work is not a mechanic, and that his salary is 15s. per day?

(3.) If so, will he notify the heads of the Departments that all Inspectors, also foremen over structures and superstructures, must be mechanics?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

(1.) (a) £13,303 12s. 11d., including pile foundation, offices, electric lighting, water supply, &c.; (b) this work is not yet completed; (c) £1,856 5s. 10d., including road approaches and lavatories.

(2.) The Inspector over these works is not a mechanic, but has been employed by the Trust as General Inspector for three and a half (3½) years; prior to that he was employed as Inspector by the Public Works Department for four (4) years; and, previous to entering the Public Service, he had many years' experience as Contractor's Foreman in Melbourne and Sydney, and as such carried out a number of large timber contracts, including the construction of the Pymont Jetties and Walker's Wharf. He is a most efficient officer, and receives the usual Inspector's salary of 15s. a day.

(3.) The Foremen in charge of these works are mechanics; it has never been considered necessary for Inspectors of Works to be mechanics; and, seeing that they have to supervise the work done by every class of tradesmen, it is obviously impossible for them to be masters of all trades.

3. LIQUOR (AMENDMENT) BILL:—Mr. Nobbs presented a Petition from G. H. Browne, Chairman of a Public Meeting of electors of Rookwood representing that Petitioner views with satisfaction the introduction of the Liquor (Amendment) Bill, and praying that the Bill, with certain amendments indicated in the Petition, may speedily be passed into law.
Petition received.

4. NEWCASTLE AGRICULTURAL, HORTICULTURAL, AND INDUSTRIAL ASSOCIATION BILL:—Mr. Fegan, 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 2nd November, 1905; together with a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Fegan then moved, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

Question put and passed.

5. PAPERS:—

Mr. Carruthers laid upon the Table,—Regulation under the Sydney Harbour Trust Act, 1900.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Ashton laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from Sale for the Preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.

(2.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.

(3.) Abstract of Alterations of Designs of Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.

(4.) Return of Leases granted under the provisions of section 18 of the Crown Lands Act Amendment Act, 1903.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Hogue laid upon the Table,—Additional By-laws of the Municipal District of Broken Hill, under the Nuisances Prevention Act, 1897, and the Public Health Act, 1902.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

6. DENTISTS AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Dentists Act, 1900, and the Jury Act, 1901; and for other purposes connected therewith or consequent thereon,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 8th November, 1905.

F. B. SUTTON,

President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Hogue, read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

7. SYDNEY CORPORATION AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Carruthers moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to make further and better provision for the Municipal Government of the City of Sydney; to amend the Sydney Corporation Act, 1902, and the Sydney Corporation (Amendment) Act, 1902; to amend the law in respect of the city members of the Board of Water Supply and Sewerage, and in respect of the member of the Fire Brigades Board elected by the Municipal Council of Sydney; to give the said Council power to purchase or resume lands in the said City, to remodel and deal with same, and to borrow the necessary moneys therefor; to confer further borrowing powers on the said Council; to vest certain lands in His Majesty as Crown lands; to amend the City boundaries; and for other purposes incidental thereto or consequent thereon.

Question put and passed.

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8. **POSTPONEMENT** :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Western Lands (Amendment) Bill, postponed until To-morrow.
9. **MONEY-LENDERS AND INFANTS LOANS BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Ashton moved "That" this Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate ensued.
 Mr. John Hurley moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "That" and inserting the words "the Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration" and report.
 "(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. McNeill, Mr. Dacey, Mr. Reynoldson, Mr. Henley, Mr. Fegan, Mr. Latimer, Mr. Law, Mr. Ashton, and the Mover,"—instead thereof.
 Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question.
 Debate continued.
 Question,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question,—put and passed.
 Original Question,—That this Bill be now read a second time,—put and passed.
 Bill read a second time.
 On motion of Mr. Ashton, 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. Scobie, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill with an amendment.
 On motion of Mr. Ashton, the report was adopted.
 Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
10. **TAXATION AMENDING BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Carruthers 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. Carruthers, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved 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. Carruthers, the report was adopted.
 Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

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

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTIETH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 9 NOVEMBER, 1905.

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

QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Conditional Leases held by Mr. W. J. Foster :—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Lands,—
 (1.) Has he received any communication from residents of Coff's Harbour District concerning certain conditional leases held by Mr. W. J. Foster ?

(2.) What decision, if any, has been arrived at in the matter ?

Mr. Ashton answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) A decision as to absolute reversal of forfeiture of the leases or otherwise has not been arrived at, but will be given as soon as possible after the receipt on Monday next of the Papers from the local office.

(2.) Work of Dredge "Tau," Nambucca River :—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) When was the dredge "Tau" placed in commission in Nambucca River ?

(2.) How many working days has the dredge actually completed since arrival at the Nambucca ?

(3.) On how many days has the dredge been idle, and for what reason ?

(4.) Is he aware that the present system of river dredging deposits the silt in the river on the banks of the channel, and that the silt is washed back into the channel by even moderate freshets ?

(5.) In providing for dredging Coastal rivers will he seriously consider the advisability of introducing improved dredges which will convey silt beyond river banks ?

Mr. Lee answered,—

(1.) The "Tau" arrived at Nambucca River on 10th February last.

(2.) 228.

(3.) The time has been occupied as follows :—Unloading and erecting gear and preparing for dredging after arrival from Sydney, 20 days ; dredging, 80 days ; shifting dredge to various shoals, lifting and laying anchors, fixing pipes and pontoons, 25 days ; fitting special gear for depositing spoil over banks at Bowra Arm, 10 days ; delays through freshets, 6 days ; repairs to machinery and gear, renewal of pump linings which are rapidly worn by the quartz pumped from channel, 77 days ; days unaccounted for as returns are not to hand, 10 days ; total 228 days.

(4.) I am informed that the dredgings are deposited as far out of the channel as circumstances permit.

(5.) Many of the dredges can so dispose of spoil raised, but the owners of adjacent foreshores may object to material being deposited on their land—however, I am causing further investigations to be made.

(3.) Trustees, Sydney Cricket Ground :—Mr. John Hurley asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Who are the Trustees of the Sydney Cricket Ground ?

(2.) What is the regulated number to constitute a quorum ?

(3.) What are the days for the regular meetings of the Trust ?

(4.) How many regular and duly summoned meetings of the Trustees were held in the two years preceding the 1st September, 1905 ?

(5.) On what dates were the meetings held, and which of the Trustees attended each of such meetings ?

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Mr. Ashton answered,—

(1.) The Right Honorable G. H. Reid, P.C. (whose resignation has been tendered, but not yet accepted); the Honorable Sir W. J. Lyne, M.P.; the Honorable Sir J. See, M.L.C.; the Honorable M. H. Stephen, Messrs. C. N. J. Oliver, J.P.; R. Teece, J.P.; W. Houston, J.P.; and E. Macfarlane, J.P.

(2, 3, 4, and 5.) The Secretary to the Trustees has been communicated with on these subjects. Upon the receipt of the information it will be laid upon the Table in the form of a return.

(4.) Judgment of Full Court in Case of Vidler v. Newport:—Mr. Estell, for Mr. Sullivan, asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Has he read the judgment of the Full Court in the case of Vidler v. Newport, the effect of which will be that before a defendant can be convicted under that section an actual assault must take place?

(2.) Will he bring in a short Bill this Session to remedy such a state of affairs?

Mr. Wade answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) A Bill has been drafted which will include a clause dealing with this matter. Whether the Bill can be introduced this Session depends on the state of Public Business.

(5.) Federal Capital Site:—Mr. Latimer asked the Colonial Treasurer,—In view of the statement made by the Federal Prime Minister (as reported in the *Sydney Morning Herald* of Monday, 6th instant) when speaking of the Federal Capital Site, viz., "That New South Wales could take "what action she pleased in the matter," will he take some early steps to afford the people of this State an opportunity of declaring whether or not they are desirous of remaining in the Commonwealth?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—I am waiting until the Federal Prime Minister takes the next step with regard to the Federal Capital Site. When that is done, the Government will consider the action to be taken in this Parliament.

(6.) Proposed Railway from Mudgee to Cobbora:—Mr. Thrower asked the Secretary for Public Works,—In connection with the proposed reference to the Public Works Committee of the proposal to construct a line of railway from Mudgee to Cobbora, will he make provision for the inquiry to include the consideration of the Dubbo to Cobbora and Wellington to Cobbora routes?

Mr. Lee answered,—The reference of the Mudgee-Cobbora Line will cover inquiry into the routes, Dubbo to Cobbora and Wellington to Cobbora.

(7.) Bellinger River Entrance:—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is he aware that the Bellinger River entrance is in a bad condition, and that trading to the district is seriously hampered?

(2.) Will he give instructions that the bar-dredge "Antleon" be sent to clear the entrance as early as possible?

Mr. Lee answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) The dredge "Antleon" will be sent to give relief as soon as she can be spared from other urgent work.

(8.) Fencing Portions of New Deviation, Charlestown Road:—Mr. Edden asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has he received any report from the Roads Officers, Newcastle, as to the danger existing to the travelling public for the want of a fence along portions of the new deviation on the Charlestown-road?

(2.) Is he aware that several serious accidents have already taken place on the Charlestown-road owing to the want of a fence?

(3.) Will he give instructions for this work to be carried out?

Mr. Lee answered,—

(1.) Report received that fencing cannot be regarded as urgently required, but the widening of one turn in the cutting was recommended as all that was necessary; this has been approved.

(2.) I am not aware.

(3.) The work recommended in the report has been authorised.

(9.) Glenmore, Point Piper, Old and New South Head Roads:—Mr. Perry (*The Richmond*) asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What were the amounts granted and promised for expenditure on the Glenmore-road during the past twelve months?

(2.) The amount of rates, if any, paid to the Council on properties fronting this road?

(3.) The same information regarding the Point Piper road, the Old South Head road, and the New South Head road?

Mr. Lee answered,—

(1.) The amount granted for expenditure on the Glenmore-road during the past Financial year was, approximately, £905.

(2.) This can only be obtained from the Municipal Council.

(3.) Point Piper road, £875; Old South Head road, £2,877; New South Head road, £2,187. Councils concerned can alone say what rates have been paid.

(10.) Grafton-Casino Railway:—Mr. McFarlane asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What was the total cost, including land resumption, of the Grafton-Casino Railway?

Mr. Lee answered,—Total debits to date, £287,084 17s. 3d.

(11.)

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(11.) Shoaling of the Channel between the Dyke and Yamba, Clarence River :—Mr. McFarlane asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is he aware that navigation is much impeded owing to the shoaling of the channel between the Dyke and Yamba ?

(2.) Has Mr. Kenny's report respecting the improvement of Yamba channel been dealt with by the Board of Engineers who recently visited the Clarence ; if not, can he say when definite action will be taken ?

Mr. Lee answered,—

(1.) The condition of the channel between the Dyke and Yamba is not regarded as satisfactory, and when the " Anticon " can be spared from more urgent work elsewhere, she will be sent back to the Clarence to further improve that channel.

(2.) No, but the matter will be considered by the Board at an early date.

(12.) Old-age Pensions :—Mr. Collins asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he consider the advisability of not passing into law, or making the same retrospective, the provision respecting thirty-five years' residence in the State, and of allowing all old-age pensioners who have made *bond fide* applications, and have been granted pensions under the provisions of the existing Act, to continue drawing their pensions as usual ?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—It was not intended to make this provision retrospective, nor, I am advised, is it retrospective. In order to place the matter beyond doubt the Government have no objection to the elimination of the whole of that clause.

2. INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION (AMENDMENT) BILL :—Mr. Cann presented a Petition from certain residents of Broken Hill, representing that the Industrial Arbitration (Amendment) Bill is calculated to undermine and destroy the Industrial Arbitration Act; that Petitioners note with dismay the Legislative interference with an Act yet on its trial; that the term for which the said Act was passed should be allowed to be completed; that the amending Measure now being considered will make the existing Act abortive, and also render unsatisfactory an experiment in the settling of Industrial Disputes of interest to the world; and praying that the amending Bill be not made the law of the land.
Petition received.

3. REMOVAL OF MR. MCFADDEN, RAILWAY DEPARTMENT, FROM CLYDE TO DARLING HARBOUR (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. Booth moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all Papers in connection with the removal of Mr. McFadden, of the Railway Department, from Clyde to Darling Harbour.
Question put and passed.

4. LIVERPOOL MUNICIPAL LOAN (AMENDMENT) BILL (*Formal Motion*) :—

(1.) Mr. Downes moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Liverpool Municipal Loan Act, 1900, and the Municipalities Act, 1897; and for other purposes.
Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Downes then presented a Bill, intituled " *A Bill to amend the Liverpool Municipal Loan Act, 1900, and the Municipalities Act, 1897; and for other purposes,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

5. NATIONAL LIBRARY BILL :—Mr. Lee moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the erection of a National Library for the State of New South Wales.
Question put and passed.

6. TAXATION AMENDING BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Carruthers moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 48.

Mr. Ashton,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Mahony,
Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Dick,
Mr. Wade,
Mr. Thrower,
Mr. Moore,
Mr. Hogue,
Mr. Jessep,
Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Morton,
Mr. Booth,
Mr. Downes,
Mr. J. H. Young,
Mr. Fallick,

Mr. Ball,
Mr. R. J. Anderson,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Briner,
Mr. Reynoldson,
Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Perry (*The Richm'd*),
Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Fleming,
Mr. Sullivan,
Mr. Collins,
Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Charlton,
Mr. Henley,
Mr. W. W. Young,

Mr. Jones,
Mr. Walter Anderson,
Mr. Law,
Mr. Creswell,
Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Scobie,
Mr. John Hurley,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. McLaurin,
Mr. Nielsen,
Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Gardiner,
Tellers,
Mr. Perry (*L'pool Plains*),
Mr. Davidson.

Noes, 9.

Mr. Edden,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,
Mr. Cann,
Mr. Dacey,
Mr. Estell,
Mr. Daley,
Mr. Burgess.

Tellers,

Mr. Meehan,
Mr. Macdonell.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Carruthers, *passed*.

Mr. Carruthers then moved, That the Title of the Bill be " *An Act to amend the Acts relating to land and income tax, so as to exempt certain incomes and to allow certain deductions from income tax; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"

Question put and passed.

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7. MONEY-LENDERS AND INFANTS LOANS BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Ashton moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Ashton, *passed*.

Mr. Ashton then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to regulate the business of money-lenders, and to render penal the inciting infants to borrowing money, 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 has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to regulate the business of money-lenders, and to render penal the inciting infants to borrowing money, and for other purposes,*"—with the amendment indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendment the Assembly requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 9th November, 1905.

MONEY-LENDERS AND INFANTS LOANS BILL.

Schedule of the Amendment referred to in Message of 9th November, 1905.

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

Page 3, clause 3, line 34. At end of subsection (1) *add* "and the fees to be paid on registration and renewal of registration not exceeding one pound for each registration or renewal, and respecting the inspection of the register and the fees payable therefor."

Examined,—

ROB. SCOBIE,

Temporary Chairman of Committees.

8. WESTERN LANDS (AMENDMENT) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Ashton 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. Ashton, 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. Ashton, the report was adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.

9. SYDNEY CORPORATION AMENDMENT BILL :—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Carruthers, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to make further and better provision for the Municipal Government of the City of Sydney; to amend the Sydney Corporation Act, 1902, and the Sydney Corporation (Amendment) Act, 1902; to amend the law in respect of the City members of the Board of Water Supply and Sewerage, and in respect of the member of the Fire Brigades Board elected by the Municipal Council of Sydney; to give the said Council power to purchase or resume lands in the said City; to remodel and deal with same, and to borrow the necessary moneys therefor; to confer further borrowing powers on the said Council; to vest certain lands in His Majesty as Crown lands; to amend the City boundaries; and for other purposes incidental thereto or consequent thereon.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman 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 :—

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to make further and better provision for the Municipal Government of the City of Sydney; to amend the Sydney Corporation Act, 1902, and the Sydney Corporation (Amendment) Act, 1902; to amend the law in respect of the City members of the Board of Water Supply and Sewerage, and in respect of the member of the Fire Brigades Board elected by the Municipal Council of Sydney; to give the said Council power to purchase or resume lands in the said City; to remodel and deal with same, and to borrow the necessary moneys therefor; to confer further borrowing powers on the said Council; to vest certain lands in His Majesty as Crown lands; to amend the City boundaries; and for other purposes incidental thereto or consequent thereon.

On motion of Mr. Carruthers, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

(2.) Mr. Carruthers then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to make further and better provision for the Municipal Government of the City of Sydney; to amend the Sydney Corporation Act, 1902, and the Sydney Corporation (Amendment) Act, 1902; to amend the law in respect of the City members of the Board of Water Supply and Sewerage, and in respect of the member of the Fire Brigades Board elected by the Municipal Council of Sydney; to give the said Council power to purchase or resume lands in the said City; to remodel and deal with same, and to borrow the necessary moneys therefor; to confer further borrowing powers on the said Council; to vest certain lands in His Majesty as Crown lands; to amend the City boundaries; and for other purposes incidental thereto or consequent thereon,*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.

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10. PRINTING COMMITTEE:—Mr. McFarlane, as Chairman, brought up the Nineteenth Report from the Printing Committee.
11. MONEY-LENDERS AND INFANTS LOANS BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—
 MR. SPEAKER,—
 The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the amendment made by the Legislative Assembly in the Bill, intituled “*An Act to regulate the business of money-lenders, and to render penal the inciting infants to borrowing money, and for other purposes.*”
Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 9th November, 1905. F. B. SUTTON,
 President.
12. INFLAMMABLE LIQUIDS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Carruthers, the Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill was discharged.
 Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.
13. COUNTRY TOWNS WATER AND SEWERAGE (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Lee 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. Lee, 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.
14. NEWCASTLE AGRICULTURAL, HORTICULTURAL, AND INDUSTRIAL ASSOCIATION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Fegan 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. Fegan, 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. Fegan, the report was adopted.
 Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.

The House adjourned, at twenty-nine minutes before Twelve o'clock, until Tuesday next, at half-past Two o'clock.

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 65.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTIETH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 14 NOVEMBER, 1905.

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

QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Wire-netting for Farmers under Pastures Protection Act :—*Mr. Briner*, for *Mr. McLaurin*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is he aware that a large number of farmers are anxious to obtain wire-netting from the Government under the provisions of the Pastures Protection Act; if so, will he place a sum of money upon the Estimates for the purpose of carrying out the intention of the Act? *Mr. Carruthers* answered,—The Government are considering this matter.

(2.) Milson and Rabbit Islands, Hawkesbury River—Inebriate Asylum :—*Mr. Nobbs*, for *Mr. Latimer*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Was an island called Milson Island, on the Hawkesbury River, resumed or purchased by the Government, and, if so, when?

(2.) What amount did the island cost, and what has been expended on it by the Government?

(3.) To what use have the island and buildings been applied?

(4.) Has any other money been expended by the Government on another island in the same locality, and, if so, how much?

Mr. Hogue answered,—

(1.) Yes, about August, 1904.

(2.) £2,082 18s. 5d. No money has been expended on the island.

(3.) No use at present—awaiting developments on Rabbit Island.

(4.) Yes; on the erection of an Inebriate Asylum on Rabbit Island at a cost of £6,500. The sum of £2,500 has also been expended on a water supply from the left bank of the river for the joint use of the two islands.

2. NATIONAL LIBRARY BILL :—*Mr. O'Sullivan* presented a Petition from certain citizens of Sydney, representing that a mass meeting of citizens called together by public notice was held to consider the proposal to alienate a portion of the Outer Domain, and also a portion of the Palace Gardens, that the said proposal of alienation by the building of a Library was emphatically and unanimously condemned, and praying that some site other than the Domain or Palace Gardens be selected. Petition received.

3. PAPERS :—

Mr. Carruthers laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Further correspondence between the Commonwealth Government and the Government of New South Wales respecting the Federal Capital Site.

(2.) Letter from the Premier of New South Wales to the Prime Minister of the Commonwealth dated 10th November, 1905, relative to the suggested printing of all Commonwealth postage stamps at the Adelaide General Post Office.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. O'Connor laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Report of the Department of Labour and Industry on the working of the Factories and Shops Act, Early Closing Acts, Shearers' Accommodation Act, &c., &c., during the year 1904.

(2.) Report of the Minister of Public Instruction for the year 1904.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Hogue laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Report of the Registrar of Friendly Societies for the years 1903 and 1904, with tables for the year 1903.

(2.) By-laws of the Borough of North Sydney.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

14th November, 1905.

4. DRUMMOYNE MUNICIPAL LANDS SALE BILL :—Mr. Henley (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Petitions in reference to the Drummoyne Municipal Lands Sale Bill, presented to the House, on Wednesday, 18th October, 1905, be referred to the Select Committee now sitting on "Drummoyne Municipal Lands Sale Bill."
Question put and passed.
5. NEWCASTLE AGRICULTURAL, HORTICULTURAL, AND INDUSTRIAL ASSOCIATION BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Fegan, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Fegan then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to empower the Trustees of certain lands at Newcastle, in the State of New South Wales, dedicated and granted for the use of the Newcastle Agricultural, Horticultural, and Industrial Association, to mortgage the said lands and to raise money on mortgage of the said lands, and for other purposes in connection therewith.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message :—
MR. PRESIDENT,—
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to empower the Trustees of certain lands at Newcastle, in the State of New South Wales, dedicated and granted for the use of the Newcastle Agricultural, Horticultural, and Industrial Association, to mortgage the said lands, and to raise money on mortgage of the said lands ; and for other purposes in connection therewith,*"—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, 14th November, 1905.*
6. WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Levy moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Point of Order :—Mr. Norton submitted that this Bill was out of order, inasmuch as clause 5 amended the District Courts Act, and by creating a new jurisdiction for that Court involved additional expenditure by the Crown, which should be recommended by a Message.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Speaker said, he was not clear whether the clause referred to created such a charge on the Crown as would require a Message ; he felt bound, however, to call attention to Clause 2 which included the Crown in the definition of an Employer, and, as the Crown was a large employer of labour, considerable sums would be chargeable to the public revenue ; the Bill should therefore have been preceded by a Message or have been introduced by the Government. It was his duty to rule the Bill out of order.
7. THE NEW REDHEAD ESTATE AND COAL COMPANY, LIMITED, TRANSFER 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 vest in The New Redhead Estate and Coal Company, Limited, the rights, powers, and privileges vested in The Redhead Coal-mining Company (Limited) under The Redhead Coal-mine Railway Act of 1883, and the Acts amending the same,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.
*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 14th November, 1905.*
F. B. SUTTON,
President.
8. LIVERPOOL MUNICIPAL LOAN (AMENDMENT) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Downes moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Downes, 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. Downes, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
9. DENTISTS AMENDMENT BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Dr. Arthur moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
- And it being Seven o'clock, Government Business took precedence, under Sessional Order adopted on 20th September, 1905.*
10. TREASURY INDEMNITY BILL :—Mr. Carruthers, *on behalf of* Mr. Dick, moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to indemnify the Colonial Treasurer, the Officers of the Treasury, and other persons, in respect of certain withdrawals and payments during the year 1904-5 from the Consolidated Revenue Accounts of the Colonial Treasurer in the Banks keeping such Accounts in anticipation of Parliamentary appropriation and warrant of the Governor.
Question put and passed.
11. WESTERN LANDS (AMENDMENT) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Ashton moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Ashton, *passed*.
Mr. Ashton then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend and extend the provisions of the Western Lands Act of 1901 ; to amend the Crown Lands Acts, the Appraisement Act, 1902, and the Public Service Act, 1902 ; and for other purposes.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered,

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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 and extend the provisions of the Western Lands Act of 1901; to amend the Crown Lands Acts, the Appraisalment Act, 1902, and the Public Service Act, 1902; and for other purposes*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 14th November, 1905.*

12. NATIONAL LIBRARY BILL :—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Lee, 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 sanction the erection of a National Library for the State of New South Wales. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Jessep, Temporary Chairman, reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.

Ordered, on motion of the Temporary Chairman, That the report be *now* received.

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to sanction the erection of a National Library for the State of New South Wales.

On motion of Mr. Lee, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

(2.) Mr. Lee then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to sanction the erection of a National Library for the State of New South Wales*,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

13. COUNTRY TOWNS WATER AND SEWERAGE (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 the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.

On motion of Mr. Lee, the report was adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

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

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 66.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTIETH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 15 NOVEMBER, 1905.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Old Show Ground, Lismore :—Mr. Burgess asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) What was the date of the revocation of the old Show Ground at Lismore?
 - (2.) When was the first sale advertised after revocation, and how much of the land was then sold?
 - (3.) Has the whole of the land been disposed of yet?
 - (4.) Is it a fact that a sum was placed on the Estimates to provide a refund to the Trustees, equal to the estimated proceeds of the sale, before any of the land was disposed of at all?

Mr. Ashton answered,—

- (1.) 14th January, 1905.
- (2.) The land was advertised on the 24th June, 1905, and first offered for sale on the 28th July, 1905. Ten lots (including one after auction purchase) realising £309.
- (3.) The unsold lots on the 28th July, 1905, were re-offered yesterday, but a report of the result has not yet reached me; upon its receipt I will forward the information to the Honorable Member.
- (4.) Yes, in pursuance of agreement made; but no payment will be made to the trustees until the land has been realised upon, or in excess of the amount realised. The object of placing the amount on the Estimates is to obtain authority to pay when payment falls due.

- (2.) Marriage Establishments in the City :—Mr. Sullivan asked the Colonial Secretary,—Has his attention been called to the actions of the people conducting Marriage Establishments in the city, and will he consider the advisability of taking their licenses from them?

Mr. Hogue answered,—The fact that certain persons are conducting places for the solemnisation of marriages is of course known, but as the law stands, there is a difficulty in dealing with the persons associated with these institutions.

- (3.) Musicians in Government Employ receiving Payment for Performances :—Mr. Fallick, for Mr. Booth, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is he aware that certain musicians in Government employ receive payment for public and private performances, thus interfering with those who earn their living in that capacity?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—I am not aware; but if the Honorable Member will furnish me with specific instances, I will inquire into the matter.

- (4.) Advances to Settlers :—Mr. Nielsen asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Referring to Question asked by Mr. Nielsen on 20th September, 1905, and the reply thereto, has he yet made the necessary arrangements with the Advances to Settlers Board to have the deposit in connection with applications for small loans reduced?
- (2.) If not, will he carry out this promise as early as possible, so that applicants for small loans may be able to get the accommodation they require without being asked to pay the fees now charged?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—I am informed :—Where a loan is granted the fee deposited is retained, as it is fully absorbed by the cost of inspection, investigation of title, preparation of securities and other expenses. When an application is refused after inspection, the deposit is usually retained to cover costs of inspection, investigation of title, &c. When an application is refused without an inspection having been called for, the deposit (less the cost of dealing with the application) is usually refunded as a matter of grace. It may be pointed out that in the case of an advance of £25, the cost of inspection of the holding, investigation of title, preparation of securities, searches, &c., are practically the same as if the application were for £100.

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- (5.) Police Quarters for Coff's Harbour :—Mr. Briner asked the Colonial Secretary,—
 (1.) Will he make further inquiry at once regarding police protection and the establishment of police quarters at Coff's Harbour?
 (2.) If full inquiry be made, will he then consider the matter immediately, in order that the residents may be informed of his decision?

Mr. Hogue answered,—Police will be sent to Coff's Harbour as soon as quarters are provided. Tenders for buildings will probably be invited during this month.

- (6.) Road from Botobolar to Lue :—Mr. John Hurley asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
 (1.) Was a vote to improve the road from Botobolar to Lue granted within the last three years; if so, why was the sum not expended?
 (2.) In order to improve the road referred to, will the Minister make provision for a sum to put the road in repair, and have it classified?

Mr. Lee answered,—

- (1.) No. Some slight repairs have, however, been effected.
 (2.) A report will be obtained as to the necessity of classifying this road.

- (7.) Allowance to Plain-clothes Constables in lieu of Uniform :—Mr. Levy asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the members of the detective police do not receive one shilling a day, as paid to plain-clothes constables not attached to the Criminal Investigation Department?
 (2.) Is not this shilling per day regarded by the plain-clothes constables as an allowance to enable them to pay necessary expenses for working up cases, and has not only this amount but also a portion of their ordinary pay to be disbursed, so that criminals may be brought to justice?
 (3.) Is it a fact that as far back as 1895 Superintendent Larkin recommended that a fixed scale of £12 a year be paid to the plain-clothes police in lieu of uniform?
 (4.) Will he take steps to have the recommendation put into force at once?

Mr. Hogue answered,—

- (1.) Yes, it is a fact; but they are paid higher salaries as detectives.
 (2.) The one shilling per diem is given to plain-clothes police owing to the special nature of their duties. Any expenses incurred in connection with investigations are always paid, if found satisfactory.
 (3.) No; but he submitted an application from detectives who asked for a fixed allowance of £12 a year, which, however, the Inspector-General of Police refused to sanction, stating that the Government would only allow the contract price for the uniform.
 (4.) The matter of these allowances is under consideration.

2. DRUMMOYNE MUNICIPAL LANDS SALE BILL :—Mr. Dacey presented a Petition from William John Myler, Charles James Hill, Stapleton Trevanion Rodd, William Eyles, and John William Deering, of Five Dock, representing that the House had referred the Drummoyne Municipal Lands Sale Bill to a Select Committee, for consideration and report, and praying to be represented by counsel, or attorney, or by one of their number, before such Committee, with the right to call, examine, and cross-examine witnesses.

Petition received.

Ordered to be referred to the Select Committee.

3. PAPERS :—

Mr. Lee laid upon the Table,—Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the construction of certain Sewerage Works for the town of Lismore.
 Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Wade laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Amended Rule of the Supreme Court under the Equity Act, 1901.
 (2.) Amended Regulations Nos. 110 and 150, and repeal of Regulation No. 140, under the Public Service Act, 1902.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Ashton laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) *Gazette* Notices setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the dedication of certain Lands, under the Crown Lands Acts of 1884 and 1889, and the Public Trusts Act, 1897.
 (2.) Abstract of Crown Lands intended to be dedicated to Public Purposes, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

4. LIVERPOOL MUNICIPAL LOAN (AMENDMENT) BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Downes, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Downes then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the Liverpool Municipal Loan Act, 1900, and the Municipalities Act, 1897; and for other purposes.*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message :—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Liverpool Municipal Loan Act, 1900, and the Municipalities Act, 1897; and for other purposes,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
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5. ROAD METALS USED IN COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Morton moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House,—
 (1.) It is desirable that the various road metals as now used on the roads and streets of the county of Cumberland should be subjected to a practical test in order to ascertain their degree of suitability for the purposes of road-making.
 (2.) The Government should cause such test to be made, and publish the result for the benefit of those interested.
 Question put and passed.
6. WESTERN COLLIERIES SUPPLYING COAL TO RAILWAY COMMISSIONERS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Estell, *on behalf of* Mr. Holman, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—
 (1.) The names of the Western Collieries from which the Railway Commissioners have purchased coal during the past ten years.
 (2.) The price paid per ton to, and the quantity supplied by, each colliery during each year.
 Question put and passed.
7. EX-SENIOR-CONSTABLE T. G. WRIGHT'S RETIREMENT FROM THE POLICE FORCE (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Papers in connection with the application of ex-Senior-constable T. G. Wright for a gratuity on his retirement from the Police Force of New South Wales.
 Question put and passed.
8. TAXATION AMENDING BILL:—Ordered, on motion of Mr. Carruthers, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council with the following Message:—
 MR. PRESIDENT,—
 The Legislative Assembly having, on the 9th instant, passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Acts relating to land and income tax so as to exempt certain incomes and allow certain deductions from income tax; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
 Sydney, 15th November, 1905.*
9. COUNTRY TOWNS WATER AND SEWERAGE (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Lee 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. Lee, *passed*.
 Mr. Lee then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend the law relating to the water supply, sewerage, and drainage of country towns; to amend the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act of 1880, the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act Extension Act of 1887, and the Country Towns and Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Acts Amendment Act of 1894; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*."
 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 water supply, sewerage, and drainage of country towns; to amend the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act of 1880, the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act Extension Act of 1887, and the Country Towns and Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Acts Amendment Act of 1894; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
 Sydney, 15th November, 1905.*
10. NATIONAL LIBRARY BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Lee 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. Lee, 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. Lee, the report was adopted.
 Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.
11. SYDNEY CORPORATION AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Carruthers moved, "That" this Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate ensued.
 Mr. Jessep moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "That" and inserting the words "the Bill be referred to a Select Committee for inquiry and report."
 "(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Carruthers, Mr. McGowen, Mr. Norton, Mr. Oakes, Mr. Levy, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Kelly, Mr. McNeill, Mr. Briner, and the Mover,"—instead thereof.
 Question,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question,—put and negatived.
 And Mr. Perry (*The Richmond*) requiring that the Committee be appointed by Ballot,—
 Question then—That the words "the Bill be referred to a Select Committee for inquiry and report" be inserted,—put and passed.

Whereupon

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Whereupon Question proposed,—That the Bill be referred to a Select Committee for inquiry and report.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Whereupon the House proceeded to the Ballot.

Mr. Speaker declared the following to be the Committee duly appointed:—Mr. Jessop, Mr. Carruthers, Mr. Oakes, Mr. McGowen, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Levy, Mr. McNeill, Mr. Norton, and Mr. Briner.

12. TREASURY INDEMNITY BILL :—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Dick, 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 indemnify the Colonial Treasurer, the Officers of the Treasury, and other persons, in respect of certain withdrawals and payments during the year 1904–5 from the Consolidated Revenue Accounts of the Colonial Treasurer in the Banks keeping such Accounts in anticipation of Parliamentary appropriation and warrant of 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, 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 indemnify the Colonial Treasurer, the Officers of the Treasury, and other persons, in respect of certain withdrawals and payments during the year 1904–5 from the Consolidated Revenue Accounts of the Colonial Treasurer in the Banks keeping such Accounts in anticipation of Parliamentary appropriation and warrant of the Governor.

On motion of Mr. Dick, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

- (2.) Mr. Dick then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to indemnify the Colonial Treasurer, the Officers of the Treasury, and other persons, in respect of certain withdrawals and payments during the year 1904–5 from the Consolidated Revenue Accounts of the Colonial Treasurer in the Banks keeping such Accounts in anticipation of Parliamentary appropriation and warrant of the Governor*,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

The House adjourned, at twenty-five minutes before Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 67.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTIETH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 16 NOVEMBER, 1905.

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

MONEY-LENDERS AND INFANTS LOANS BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. Carruthers, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 74.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to regulate the business of money-lenders, and to render penal the inciting infants to borrowing money, and for other purposes,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His 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.

*State Government House,
Sydney, 15th November, 1905.*

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Repair of Roads prior to being handed over to Shire Councils:—Mr. Briner asked the Secretary for Public Works,—In view of his reply to a Question asked on Thursday, 9th November instant, by the Honorable Member for The Richmond, in which he stated that during the past Financial year, a sum of £6,844 was expended upon four Metropolitan roads, viz., Glenmore-road, Point Piper road, Old South Head road, New South Head road,—will the Government undertake to expend a special sum of money upon the roads in country districts, including, particularly, the minor roads, in order to place them in a good state of repair before they are handed over to the Shires under the Local Government Act.

Mr. Lee answered,—I am unable to give any such undertaking.

(2.) Betting and Gambling:—Mr. Briner asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Has his attention been drawn to the prominence given by the leading daily papers to sporting and gambling, and particularly to horse-racing, betting prices, sweeps, &c.?

(2.) Has he noticed that according to several leading papers the first prize in one of "Tattersall's" Melbourne Cup sweeps, amounting to £11,400, was drawn by a resident of Annandale, Sydney; that in two other Cup sweeps (in each case the prize being £6,000) the winners reside in this State; and that other prizes, amounting to many thousands of pounds, also came to New South Wales?

(3.) Is he aware that tickets for "Tattersall's" sweeps are obtained by persons of both sexes and of all callings in New South Wales, and that these tickets in even greater numbers are obtained just as easily as when "Tattersall" carried on his business openly in Sydney?

(4.) Is he aware that by driving "Tattersall" out of the State the revenue suffered a heavy loss in postage, postal notes, and money orders?

(5.) Is he aware that such loss amounted, approximately, to £50,000 per annum?

(6.) Is he aware that "Tattersall" carries on his business in Tasmania by permission of the Government, and under certain supervision?

(7.) Is he aware that the Tasmanian Government reaps a benefit in the way of revenue amounting to more than £30,000 per annum by postage, money orders, postal notes, and a levy upon each ticket of 2d. for each 5s.?

(8.) Is he aware that taxes paid to Tasmanian revenue by people of this State alone in the way indicated amount to about £12,000 per annum?

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(9.) In view of all the circumstances, will he take steps to legalise the Totalisator, to legalise "Tattersall's" sweeps and raise revenue therefrom, and to permit, under supervision, what is now known to be done covertly; or will he take drastic steps to prohibit any of "Tattersall's" tickets from circulating in New South Wales; prevent any sweep prizes from being sent here; prevent the publication of sweep advertisements, betting quotations, and everything else connected therewith by the newspapers of this State?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—I am generally aware of the facts. The whole question of gambling, lotteries, &c., will be drastically dealt with in a Bill now under preparation.

(3.) Federal Capital Site :—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is he aware that the Yass-Lake George site for the Federal Capital will be between a lake 21 miles long on one side and the Barren Jack Reservoir, 30 miles long, on the other?
- (2.) Is he also aware that there is a temperate climate in the Yass-Lake George district?
- (3.) Is he further aware that there is good land around the proposed site, and a splendid range of snow-clad mountains to the south-west?
- (4.) Is he still further aware that the Yass-Lake George site stands upon a main line of railway, and is about midway between Melbourne and Sydney?
- (5.) Is he also aware that it is possible to keep Lake George 21 miles in length, at a depth of 20 feet, all the year round by conveying water from the Snowy or Murrumbidgee Rivers?
- (6.) In view of all these great natural advantages, will he take steps to lay them before the Members of the Federal Parliament, so that they may be properly educated on the subject?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—In view of the exhaustive report furnished by the late Mr. Alexander Oliver, in the year 1900, on this and other proposed sites, and of the tour of inspection subsequently made by Members of the Federal Parliament, it is only reasonable to suppose that they are fully acquainted with whatever natural advantages may be possessed by the locality in question.

(4.) Royal Commission to inquire into Administration of Lands Department :—Mr. Burgess asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) What method does the Lands Commissioner adopt in calling witnesses before the Commission?
- (2.) If any person writes to the Commissioner, stating that he has had considerable experience as to the working of our land laws, and also as to the qualities of artesian water for irrigation purposes, and is desirous of placing his views before the Commission, does the Commissioner summons him to attend and give evidence?
- (3.) How was it that Mr. F. Crommelin, of Grenfell, came to be called as a witness, and were his expenses paid for attending?
- (4.) Is Mr. Howard Speight paid for his attendance before the Commission, and what is the total amount received by him as a witness up to date?
- (5.) What is the total amount paid up to date to all witnesses attending before the Commission?

Mr. Ashton answered,—The following replies have been furnished to me by the Secretary of the Royal Commission :—

- (1.) A similar method to that adopted in calling a witness before the Supreme Court, namely, by summons.
- (2.) Communications from any such persons are considered by the Commissioner who, in his discretion, summons him or not as he considers advisable.
- (3.) Mr. P. Crommelin is one of six gentlemen who were summoned before the Commissioner as being competent to express their views upon the best method of regulating the work of Land Agents and their fees and charges. Mr. Crommelin has not yet been paid, but will be paid for his attendance according to the scale of allowances to witnesses.
- (4.) Mr. H. Speight is not paid for his attendance before the Commission, but is paid only on such days as he is called to give evidence. The total amount received by Mr. Speight to date is £35 2s. 6d.
- (5.) The total amount paid to witnesses to date, including railway and coach fares, is, approximately, £1,015 15s. 11d. Railway and coach fares amount to, approximately, £472 8s. 9d.

(5.) Steam-launch "Psyche" :—Mr. Burgess asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is the steam-launch "Psyche" the recognised tender for the use of the Gladesville Asylum?
- (2.) Is it a fact that Superintendent Lewis uses this launch for pleasure purposes?
- (3.) During the recent fortnightly visit of Mr. Lewis to Port Hacking, did he take the "Psyche" with him; if so, who paid for the coal and oil and the wages of the employees therein?
- (4.) How many times this year has Mr. Lewis and his friends used this launch to Port Hacking and Broken Bay, and what has been the cost of these outings, and who paid the account therefor?

Mr. Hogue answered,—

- (1.) The launch "Psyche" is used in connection with the Hospitals for the Insane, and is not confined to that at Gladesville.
- (2.) No.
- (3.) A number of patients were taken to Port Hacking with considerable benefit to their mental and physical health, but private individuals were not included in the party.
- (4.) Mr. Lewis has not used the launch at any time for his own purpose or for the benefit of his friends.

3. SYDNEY CORPORATION AMENDMENT BILL :—Mr. Jessop (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Select Committee now sitting on "Sydney Corporation Amendment Bill" have leave to sit during any adjournment of this House.

Question put and passed.

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4. PAPER:—Mr. Lee laid upon the Table,—Minute by the Honorable C. A. Lee, Minister for Public Works, and Report of L. A. B. Wade, Principal Engineer for Rivers, Water Supply and Drainage, on the Barron Jack Storage Reservoir and Northern Murrumbidgee Irrigation Scheme, with accompanying Plans. (*In substitution of Paper which was laid upon the Table of this House on 31st October, 1905.*)
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

5. TREASURY BILLS DEFICIENCY BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. Carruthers, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 75.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th 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 Bill to authorise the issue of Treasury Bills to cover the deficiency on the Consolidated Revenue Account up to the 30th June, 1905; to provide for the renewal and redemption of such Bills; and for purposes consequent thereon, or incidental thereto.

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Ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

6. COAL MINES REGULATION (AMENDING) 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 Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1902, and the Mines Inspection Act, 1901; and for other purposes,*"—with the amendment indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendment the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 16th November, 1905.*

F. B. SUTTON,
President.

COAL MINES REGULATION (AMENDING) BILL.

Schedule of the Amendment referred to in Message of 16th November, 1905.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 3, clause 7, line 20. *After "winding" insert "or hauling"*

Examined,—

W. J. TRICKETT,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the amendment made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration on Tuesday next.

7. NATIONAL LIBRARY BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Lee 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. Lee, *passed.*

Mr. Lee then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to sanction the erection of a National Library for the State of New South Wales.*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the erection of a National Library for the State of New South Wales,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 16th November, 1905.*

8. TREASURY INDEMNITY BILL:—The Order of the Day having being read,—Mr. Dick 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. Dick, 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. Dick, the report was adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.

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9. PRINTING COMMITTEE:—Mr. McFarlane, as Chairman, brought up the Twentieth Report from the Printing Committee.
10. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Carruthers, 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 after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 17 NOVEMBER, 1905, A.M.

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

The House adjourned, at eleven minutes after Two o'clock, a.m., until Tuesday next, at half-past Two o'clock.

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 68.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTIETH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 21 NOVEMBER, 1905.

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

THE NEW REDHEAD ESTATE AND COAL COMPANY LIMITED TRANSFER BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. Carruthers, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 76.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to vest in The New Redhead Estate and Coal Company (Limited) the rights, powers, and privileges vested in the Redhead Coal-mining Company (Limited) under the Redhead Coal-mine Railway Act of 1883, and the Acts amending the same,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His 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.

*State Government House,
Sydney, 17th November, 1905.*

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Proposed Narromine-Macquarie River Water Conservation Scheme:—*Mr. Nobbs*, for *Mr. Eden George*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he inform the House what progress has been made with the proposed Narromine-Macquarie River Water Conservation Scheme?

Mr. Lee answered,—Owing to the concentration of the Staff on the Murrumbidgee Scheme, it has not been possible to investigate in detail the proposed Narromine-Macquarie River Water Conservation Scheme. Attention will now be given to the facilities for storage on the Macquarie River, and an officer will be detailed for this work at the beginning of the new year.

(2.) Chromo-lithograph Views of the State for Railway and Tramway Cars:—*Mr. Jones* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Railway Commissioners recently gave an order to a Swiss printing firm for 10,000 chromo-lithographs of views of the State to place in the railway and tramway cars?

(2.) If so, were any Australian firms asked to submit tenders for printing those views?

(3.) Can the New South Wales Government Printing Office do work of that character?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

(1.) I am informed that the Railway Commissioners recently ordered 10,000 Photochrome views from the Photochrome Company of London, England.

(2.) The Commissioners are not aware of any Australian firm doing similar work. They would be glad to consider an Australian offer if the quality and price were satisfactory.

(3.) The Government Printing Office does not do work of the character.

(3.) Furniture for New Parliamentary Library:—*Mr. Thrower* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is he aware that the furniture for the new Parliamentary Library was made by the prisoners in Darlinghurst Gaol?

(2.) Are a large number of cabinet-makers at present unemployed?

(3.) Will he see that the balance of the furniture required is made by free citizens?

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Mr. Lee answered,—

(1.) I am informed that eight tables for the new Parliamentary Library were partly made in Darlinghurst Gaol. The other furniture supplied was eighteen chairs, which were purchased from Messrs. Farmer and Company by the Stores Supply and Tender Board.

(2.) I am not aware.

(3.) I understand that the Parliamentary Librarian has requisitioned the Stores Supply and Tender Board for a Chesterfield Settee. This, if approved, I am informed cannot be made by Prison labour; but it rests with the Stores Supply and Tender Board to advise where any additional furniture required shall be procured.

- (4.) Moth Plague:—*Mr. Creswell*, for Mr. Jessep, asked the Secretary for Mines,—In view of the plague of moths which has recently visited this State, will he, in the interests of the orchardists, farmers, dairymen, and graziers of this State, ascertain from the Government Entomologist—(1) A description of the moth; (2) (a) its habitat, (b) its habits; (3) its product; (4) whether it is likely to injuriously affect the growing crops of fruit, grass, and cereals; (5) if so, what steps can be taken to avert what must otherwise result in serious loss to this State?

Mr. Moore answered,—The Entomologist reports that:—(1) The "Bugong Moth," *Agrotis infusa* a dark-brown night flying moth. (2) (a) Found all over Australia, also recorded from the New Hebrides. (b) Feeds upon the honey in flowers, sucking it up with its long tubular mouth. Does not damage clothes, nor injure flowers. (3) Lays small shot-like eggs, chiefly upon the ground or grass, from which will hatch out early in the next winter naked green caterpillars, which grow to more than an inch in length and are known as "Cut-worms." (4) If the eggs meet with a favourable season, we may have the cut-worms swarming over the crops and grass; but it is generally before and not after the plague of moths that the cut-worms do the damage. We have record of similar visitations in 1867, 1887, and 1899. (5) In the 1898 visitation, paddocks of wheat were protected by ploughing and cutting furrows round them, sinking holes in the furrows, into which the cut-worms crawled in millions and were smothered. Also, by poisoning with Paris green along the head-lands.

3. SYDNEY CORPORATION AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Jessep presented a Petition from Allen Arthur Taylor, Lord Mayor of the City of Sydney, representing that the House had referred the Sydney Corporation Amendment Bill to a Select Committee for inquiry and report, and praying to be represented by Counsel, or Attorney, or in person, before such Committee, with the right to call, examine, and cross-examine witnesses.

Petition received.

Ordered to be referred to the Select Committee.

4. PAPERS:—

Mr. Lee laid upon the Table,—Report of the Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board for the year ended 30th June, 1905.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Ashton laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return showing particulars of Meetings of the Trustees of the Sydney Cricket Ground during the two years ended 31st August, 1905.

(2.) Amended regulations, Nos. 158, 214, 218, and 227, under the Crown Lands Acts.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Carruthers laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Statement of Bank Liabilities and Assets for quarter ended 30th June, 1905.

(2.) Statement of Public Companies Liabilities and Assets for quarter ended 30th June, 1905.

(3.) Statement of Bank Liabilities and Assets for quarter ended 30th September, 1905.

(4.) Statement of Public Companies Liabilities and Assets for quarter ended 30th September, 1905.

(5.) Further correspondence between the Commonwealth Government and the Government of New South Wales respecting the Federal Capital site.

(6.) Return to an Order, made on 15th November, 1905, "Western Collieries supplying Coal to "Railway Commissioners."

(7.) Regulations under the Sydney Harbour Trust Act, 1900.

(8.) Regulations under the Sydney Harbour Rates Act, 1904.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Moore laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Proclamation declaring Marble to be a "Mineral" within the meaning of the Mining on Private Lands (Amendment) Act, 1902.

(2.) Amendment of General Rule 30 of Section 55 of the Mines Inspection Act, 1901.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Hogue laid upon the Table,—By-law of the Borough of Auburn.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

5. SYDNEY CORPORATION AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Jessep (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Select Committee now sitting on "Sydney Corporation Amendment Bill" have leave to make visits of inspection in connection with the inquiry.

Question put and passed.

6. TREASURY INDEMNITY BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Dick, read a third time and passed.

Mr. Dick then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "An Act to indemnify the Colonial Treasurer, the Officers of the Treasury, and other persons, in respect of certain withdrawals and payments during the year 1904-5 from the Consolidated Revenue Accounts of the Colonial Treasurer in the Banks keeping such Accounts in anticipation of Parliamentary appropriation and warrant of the Governor."

Question put and passed.

Ordered,

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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 indemnify the Colonial Treasurer, the Officers of the Treasury, and other persons, in respect of certain withdrawals and payments during the year 1904-5 from the Consolidated Revenue Accounts of the Colonial Treasurer in the Banks keeping such Accounts in anticipation of Parliamentary appropriation and warrant of the Governor,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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Sydney, 21st November, 1905.

7. **POSTPONEMENT** :—The Order of the Day,—Encouragement to Settlement upon the Soil ; resumption of the Debate, on the motion of Mr. O'Sullivan, "That, in the opinion of this House,—In order " to foster and encourage settlement upon the soil, especially by young persons and those without " means, it is desirable that the land laws should be so altered as to postpone all payments for the " first three years—such period being added to the end of the term over which payments are now " made, so that the State will not be a loser by the change";—postponed until Tuesday, 5th December.
8. **CLAIM OF ROBERT ROBERTS, LATE BOOKBINDER, REGISTRAR-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT** :—Mr. Broughton moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Report from the Select Committee on "Claim of Robert Roberts, " late Bookbinder, Registrar-General's Department," brought up on 25th October, 1905, be "now adopted."
Debate ensued.
Mr. O'Sullivan moved,—That the Question be amended by leaving out the words "now adopted," and inserting the words "referred back to the same Committee for modification of recommendations" instead thereof.
Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the question.
Debate continued.

And it being Seven o'clock, Government Business took precedence, under Sessional Order adopted on 20th September, 1905.

9. **MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council :—

- (1.) Newcastle Friendly Societies and Trades Hall Site Act Amendment Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to amend the Newcastle Friendly Societies and Trades Hall Site Act, 56 Victoria No. 35 ; to provide for the election of trustees under the Newcastle Eight-hours Committee By-laws ; and for other purposes incidental thereto,*"—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.

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Sydney, 21st November, 1905.

F. B. SUTTON,
President.

NEWCASTLE FRIENDLY SOCIETIES AND TRADES HALL SITE ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 21st November, 1905.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 1, Title, line 4. Omit "By-laws" insert "Rules"
Page 1, clause 2, line 10. Before "the" insert "Schedule B of"
Page 2, clause 2, line 1. Omit "by-laws" insert "rules"
Page 2, clause 2, line 5. Omit "by-laws" insert "rules"
Page 2, clause 4, line 16. Omit "by-laws" insert "rules"

Examined,—

W. J. TRICKETT,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration To-morrow.

- (2.) Newcastle Agricultural, Horticultural, and Industrial Association Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to empower the Trustees of certain lands at Newcastle, in the State of New South Wales, dedicated and granted for the use of the Newcastle Agricultural, Horticultural, and Industrial Association, to mortgage the said lands, and to raise money on mortgage of the said lands ; and for other purposes in connection therewith,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

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Sydney, 21st November, 1905.

F. B. SUTTON,
President.

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10. **HOOR OF MEETING (*Sessional Order*)**:—Mr. Carruthers moved, pursuant to *amended* Notice, That, during the remainder of the present Session, unless otherwise ordered, the House shall meet for the despatch of Business at 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday in each week.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
11. **TREASURY BILLS DEFICIENCY BILL**:—Mr. Carruthers moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to authorise the issue of Treasury Bills to cover the deficiency on the Consolidated Revenue Account up to the 30th June, 1905; to provide for the renewal and redemption of such Bills; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
Question put and passed.
12. **COAL MINES REGULATION (AMENDING) BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Moore, 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 disagreed to the Council's amendment.
On motion of Mr. Moore, the report was adopted.
13. **EXPLOSIVES BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Dick 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. Dick, 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. Jessep, Temporary Chairman, reported the Bill with amendments.
On motion of Mr. Dick, the report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

The House adjourned, at eight minutes before Ten o'clock, until To-morrow, at half-past Two o'clock.

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 69.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTIETH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 22 NOVEMBER, 1905.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Government Expenditure on Rivers Darling, Murray, and Murrumbidgee :—*Mr. Estell*, for *Mr. Scobie*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—What has been the total amount expended by the Government of New South Wales in snagging and otherwise improving the channels and banks, inclusive of lopping growing timber, of the rivers Darling, Murray, and Murrumbidgee giving the amount for each river respectively?

Mr. Lee answered,—Darling River, £132,629 11s. 9d. ; Murray River, £36,566 13s. 7d. ; Murrumbidgee River, £89,143 19s. 6d. Total, £258,340 4s. 10d.

- (2.) Government Expenditure on Rivers Darling, Murray, and Murrumbidgee :—*Mr. Estell*, for *Mr. Scobie*, asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—With reference to the amounts expended by New South Wales Government in improving the navigation of the rivers Murray, Murrumbidgee, and Darling, has this State any claim against the Federal Government or the Governments of Victoria and South Australia for such expenditure, either principal or interest?

Mr. Wade answered,—This question involves an opinion upon a matter of law, and therefore does not come within the scope of questions to which a Minister replies.

- (3.) Holdings brought under the Western Lands Act, 1901 :—*Mr. Estell*, for *Mr. Scobie*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) With regard to the homestead lessees who have brought their holdings under the Western Lands Act, how many of such leases have been issued in the name of the mortgagee?

(2.) How many homestead leases were there in 1901, in the old Wentworth Electorate, how many of them have brought their leases under the Western Lands Act?

(3.) What is the total acreage granted as extension under section 32 in the old Wentworth Electorate?

(4.) How many applicants are still waiting for the extensions they have applied for?

Mr. Ashton answered,—The information will be given in the form of a return as soon as prepared.

- (4.) Proposed Extension of Mildura Railway, Victoria, into Wentworth, New South Wales :—*Mr. Estell*, for *Mr. Scobie*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Has any action been taken by the present Government to complete the arrangements entered into by *Mr. E. W. O'Sullivan*, M.L.A., as Minister for Public Works, in the See Administration, with the Honorable the Premier of Victoria, respecting the extension of the Mildura Railway, Victoria, into Wentworth, New South Wales, and if not, is he prepared to undertake early negotiation for that purpose?

Mr. Ashton answered,—An agreement was signed by the Honorables *T. Bent* and *J. Hayes*, on behalf of their respective Governments, on the 7th January, 1903 ; but it has not been ratified, nor is it proposed to take any steps to do so at present.

- (5.) Ulinda Exchange :—*Mr. Perry* (*Liverpool Plains*) asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Has the Ulinda exchange been completed?

(2.) What is the area exchanged?

(3.) When will it be available for settlement?

(4.) Under what tenure?

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Mr. Ashton answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) 3,598 acres 2 roods 20 perches.

(3 and 4.) The lands surrendered consist mostly of scattered remnants, and the bulk of it has been reserved for classification in conjunction with adjoining Crown lands, but the tenure has not yet been decided. The portions which have been made available for selection are Nos. 10, 14, and 43, in the parish of Bungabah.

(6.) Carriage of Newspapers on the Railways:—Mr. Perry (*The Richmond*) asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What is the amount now paid, say, per month, by the Sydney morning dailies to the Railway Commissioners for the conveyance of newspapers under the new arrangement?

(2.) What was the amount paid per month for the same service prior to the new regulation coming into force?

(3.) Will he lay all Papers bearing on the subject upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Ashton answered,—

(1.) I am informed that the amount now paid by the *Sydney Morning Herald* and *Daily Telegraph* (including the *Sydney Mail* and *World's News*) is £4,237 per annum.

(2.) The amount allowed previously by the Government for the carriage of all papers was £2,500 per annum; the cost was not proportioned.

(3.) The whole matter, it will be remembered, formed the subject of a Parliamentary Select Committee, which went into the case exhaustively. The report and evidence in connection therewith were laid upon the Table of this House on 19th December, 1902.

(7.) Crown Lands selected prior to 1875:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Referring to the old 9d. per acre selections (or leases) taken up before 1875—some of them as far back as 1862-3-4—will he take steps to have these converted into freeholds, in view of the fact that more than their value has been paid to the State?

(2.) Is he aware that it is alleged that a provision to that effect, passed some time ago, failed to achieve its object?

(3.) Is he aware that though the value of some of these blocks is only 12s. per acre, more than 30s. per acre has already been paid upon them?

(4.) As the price of Crown land was long since fixed at £1 per acre, with interest added, does he not see that the occupiers of these old holdings are paying more than other people for Crown lands?

Mr. Ashton answered,—

(1 and 2.) The provisions of section 13 of the Act No. 15, 1903, apply only to so much of an area held under conditional purchase under the Act 25 Vic. No. 1 by any one holder as the Board may find to be sufficient to maintain the home of such holder. Such holder obtains the benefit of a reduction in the outstanding balance of purchase money of an amount equal to one-fifth of the total amount of interest paid on such balance. I do not propose to extend the scope of the concession contained in the Act referred to.

(3.) Some of the conditional purchases under the repealed Acts have been appraised at 11s. 8d. per acre—which is the nearest multiple of 1s. 8d. to 12s. It is possible that in some of these cases 30s. per acre has been paid.

(4.) In cases this may be so; but the opportunity existed since 1875 by which the conditions regulating the holding of such lands might have been ameliorated.

(8.) Royal Commission to inquire into Administration of Lands Department:—Mr. Booth, for Mr. Eden George, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) What amounts were paid Mr. Lax Willcox as passage money and expenses respectively in connection with the Lands Commission?

(2.) What were the days that the expenses represented?

(3.) On what day or days did the said witness give evidence?

Mr. Ashton answered,—The Secretary to the Royal Commission of Inquiry into Lands Department Administration has furnished me with the following replies:—

(1.) Passage money, £5 11s. 9d., being first-class return railway fare from Forbes to Sydney, and a sleeping berth each way. Expenses, £7 7s.

(2.) 24th June to 1st July, 1905.

(3.) 30th June, 1905.

2. CLAIM OF MR. F. E. STOWE, ELECTRIC TRAM, DARLING-STREET, BALMAIN:—Mr. Henley, 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 3rd October, 1905; together with Appendix.
Ordered to be printed.

3. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS:—Mr. John Hurley, in accordance with the provisions of the Public Works Act, laid upon the Table, Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and Appendix, relative to the proposed Lower Canal and Boothtown Aqueduct—Sydney Water Supply.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

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4. PAPERS :—

Mr. Lee laid upon the Table,—Report of the Department of Public Works for the year ended 30th June, 1905.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Hogue, *on behalf of* Mr. Carruthers, laid upon the Table,—Report of the inquiry held by the Public Service Board into the Claims of Public Servants, retired in 1896, to compensation in lieu of extended leave of absence; together with Minutes of Evidence.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Hogue laid upon the Table,—

(1.) By-laws of the Borough of West Maitland.

(2.) Regulations under the Registration of Firms Act, 1902.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Wade laid upon the Table,—Rules of the District Court, under the District Courts (Amendment) Act, 1905.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Ashton laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Notification of resumption of land under the Public Works Act, 1900, for a Public Cemetery at Murwillumbah.

(2.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from Sale for the Preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

5. COAL MINES REGULATION (AMENDING) BILL :—Ordered, on motion of Mr. Moore, 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 16th November, 1905, requesting its concurrence in a certain amendment made by the Council in the Coal Mines Regulation (Amending) Bill,—

Disagrees to the amendment,—because the words proposed to be inserted are inconsistent with the provisions of clauses 3, 4, and 5 of the Bill, and are superfluous, inasmuch as clause 7 merely provides for the keeping of a register of holders of certificates "granted under this Act;" and such certificates are termed certificates of competency or of service as "winding-engine driver."

Any such certificate entitles the holder to drive a winding, hauling, or any other kind of engine at a coal or shale mine.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 22nd November, 1905.

6. EXPLOSIVES BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Dick, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Dick then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to consolidate and amend the law relating to explosives; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"

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 law relating to explosives; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 22nd November, 1905.

7. TREASURY BILLS DEFICIENCY BILL :—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Carruthers, 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 authorise the issue of Treasury Bills to cover the deficiency on the Consolidated Revenue Account up to the 30th June, 1905; to provide for the renewal and redemption of such Bills; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman 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 :—

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to authorise the issue of Treasury Bills to cover the deficiency on the Consolidated Revenue Account up to the 30th June, 1905; to provide for the renewal and redemption of such Bills; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

On motion of Mr. Carruthers, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

(2.) Mr. Carruthers then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to authorise the issue of Treasury Bills to cover the deficiency on the Consolidated Revenue Account up to the 30th June, 1905; to provide for the renewal and redemption of such Bills; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

8. SUPPLY :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Carruthers, 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 after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 23 NOVEMBER, 1905, A.M.

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

9. COAL MINES REGULATION (AMENDING) BILL :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having had under consideration the Legislative Assembly's Message dated the 22nd November, 1905, in reference to the Coal Mines Regulation (Amending) Bill,—does not insist upon its amendment disagreed to by the Assembly in this Bill.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 22nd November, 1905.*

F. B. SUTTOR,
President.

The House adjourned, at seventeen minutes before Six o'clock, a.m., until half-past Two o'clock, p.m., This Day.

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 70.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTIETH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 23 NOVEMBER, 1905.

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

DEATH OF THE HONORABLE JOHN HENRY WANT, K.C., M.L.C. :—Mr. Carruthers said,—Honorable Members had all been made aware of the very regrettable fact of the death of a Member of the Legislative Council, Mr. John Henry Want. Mr. Want was, for many years, a Member of the Legislative Assembly, worthily representing the constituency of Gundagai, and, on another occasion, the constituency of Paddington. Not only was Mr. Want a Member of the Legislative Assembly, but he occupied high office in several Administrations. He was one of our foremost natives, conspicuous alike for his great natural ability, his vigorous patriotism, and his many manly virtues. As a public man he was best known to those who were his colleagues and associates in this arena. He thought that it would receive unanimous accord when he said that the late Mr. Want was appreciated alike by political friends, as well as by those who were his political opponents. He was recognised to have been a remarkably able administrator in office, a fearless debater, a veritable Rupert in debate; but notwithstanding the vigour of his power as a debater, he was courteous and considerate to his opponents, and an ornament to our Legislature. The death of Mr. Want has left a void, and, unfortunately, it is hard to see how it can be filled, in the various pursuits of life, in the public arena, or amidst a very large circle of friends. In view of the great loss to the public life of this State, the great loss to a wide circle of friends, and the great loss to the family who depended upon him, although Mr. Want at the time of his death was not a Member of the popular Chamber, yet the House should not let this unfortunate occasion pass without putting upon record the high appreciation in which that remarkable man was held by the Legislative Assembly, as well as by the branch of the Legislature of which he was a Member at the time of his death. Whilst, unfortunately, the hour, and the exigencies of Public Business have prevented many Members from following his remains to the graveside, and there adding their last respects to an honored life and a great career, this reference will go on the records of Parliament as befitting to one who served his country for so long a time and so well.

Mr. Edden, *on behalf of* Mr. McGowen, and Mr. O'Sullivan also addressed the House.

And it appearing to be the general wish of Honorable Members that the House should rise until 5 o'clock,—

On the suggestion of Mr. Carruthers, Mr. Speaker left the Chair until that hour.

2. QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Survey of Curlewis-Gilgandra Railway Line :—Mr. Perry (*Liverpool Plains*) asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he place a sum of money on the Estimates for completing the survey of the Curlewis-Gilgandra railway line?

Mr. Lee answered,—The completion of this survey would necessitate an expenditure of about £700, but, as there is no Vote available or proposed to which the cost thereof could be charged; it must stand over until funds are available for trial surveys.

- (2.) Australian Agricultural Company's Estate :—Mr. Perry (*Liverpool Plains*) asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) How many acres does the Australian Agricultural Company's Estate contain?
- (2.) Is it a fact that the company have more land fenced in than they are entitled to?
- (3.) Will he ascertain if this is a fact?

Mr. Ashton answered,—

- (1.) The Australian Agricultural Company's Estate, known as Warrab, contains 249,600 acres.
- (2 and 3.) As far as is known, the Company has no more land fenced in than it is entitled to, but further inquiry will be made.

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- (3.) Reappraisal of Settlement Leases:—Mr. Perry (*Liverpool Plains*) asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he amend section 5 of the Crown Lands Act Amendment Act of 1903 to allow settlement lessees who have not applied for reappraisal within the prescribed time to get reappraisal?

Mr. Ashton answered,—The question is now being considered.

- (4.) Mr. Deane's Report on Railway Electric System of America:—Mr. Jones, for Mr. Sullivan, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Has he considered Mr. Deane's report on the Railway Electric System of America, and is it possible to have the system introduced on any of the suburban lines?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—I have seen the report, and consulted the Commissioners on the question. They are quite in touch with the latest improvements in electrical working, but do not think it wise at the present time to introduce the system on the suburban lines.

- (5.) Western Lines Coal Contract:—Mr. Thrower, for Mr. Holman, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Can he assure the House that the Papers laid upon the Table in connection with the Western lines coal contract constitute all the documents in existence relating thereto?
 - (2.) If he is not in a position to do so, will he make inquiries in the Railway Department?
 - (3.) If all the documents are not included in the Papers tabled, will he have the remainder produced immediately, so that information may be in the hands of Members before the close of the Session?
 - (4.) Will he ascertain if any Papers have been suppressed, by whose directions, and on what grounds?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

(1 and 2.) I am informed that there are some Papers, consisting of correspondence which passed among the Commissioners, which were not laid upon the Table.

(3 and 4.) The documents in question are not of a character that would, in the ordinary sense, be considered official, nor are they records in the Department. They are the discussions of the Commissioners over a matter in which there was a difference of opinion. The Commissioners have forwarded them to me to deal with as I think fit, and without objection to them being produced if I concurred. Under the circumstances, and in view of the insinuations that might be made, if not disclosed, I have no objection to lay copies of them upon the Table of this House.

- (6.) Public School Holidays, Western and North-western Districts:—Mr. Collins asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Has his attention been drawn to the intense heat in the Western and North-western Districts, and the consequent injurious effect it has upon the children attending school?

(2.) Will he consider the advisableness of giving increased holidays in these districts at Christmas, instead of those now given at midwinter?

(3.) If he looks upon the proposal with favour, will he give effect to it during the forthcoming Christmas vacation?

Mr. O'Connor answered,—

(1.) Yes; and this matter has been very fully considered by the Department.

(2.) It is proposed to divide the State into eastern and western school-holiday areas, and to give increased holidays at Christmas in lieu of midwinter. The term of the vacation in the western area, on account of the heat conditions, will exceed that of the eastern area.

(3.) Yes.

- (7.) Police Department:—Mr. Levy asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is the following a correct scale of pay received by plain-clothes officers and detectives:—Plain-clothes police—Senior-constable, 8s. a day, plus 1s. lodging allowance, and 1s. special allowance, total, 10s. a day. Second-class sergeant, 9s. 3d. a day, plus 1s. lodging allowance, and 1s. special allowance; total, 11s. 3d. a day. First-class sergeant, 10s. 6d. a day, plus 1s. lodging allowance, and 1s. special allowance; total, 12s. 6d. a day. Detectives—Third-class, 9s. a day, plus 1s. lodging allowance; total, 10s. a day. Second-class, 10s. a day, and 1s. lodging allowance; total, 11s. a day. First-class (first grade), 12s. a day, plus 1s. lodging allowance; total, 13s. a day. First-class (second grade), 11s. a day, plus 1s. lodging allowance; total, 12s. a day. Senior detectives, 13s. a day, plus 2s. lodging allowance; total 15s. a day?

(2.) If so, will he take into consideration the advisableness of granting the detectives who are specially selected for criminal investigation work the 1s. a day allowance paid to plain-clothes police?

(3.) Is it a fact that plain-clothes police doing clerical work in the Criminal Investigation Department and also the police photographers, are not on its strength and pay sheets, but are attached to the various divisions in the Metropolitan area?

(4.) Is he aware that the last-mentioned officers have been so long in the Criminal Investigation Department as to be practically unknown to the officers of the divisions to which they belong?

(5.) Will he take steps to abolish this system and to have the clerks attached to the strength of the Criminal Investigation Department?

(6.) Is he aware that in every State except New South Wales, police of non-commissioned rank have some individuality in making out reports?

(7.) Is he aware that in New South Wales alone police are compelled by regulation to send in reports in the third person, e.g., "Constable X 15,678 begs to report, &c."?

(8.) Will he take steps to have the regulation last referred to altered, so that constables may report in the first person and so have some individuality?

Mr. Hogue answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) No. The majority of the plain-clothes police are not as well paid as detectives. They perform similar duties, and many of them do as good work. They are paid according to the rank they hold, and so are the detectives.

(3.)

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- (3.) Yes. There are seven members of the Metropolitan Police (who are not plain-clothes police) employed in the Criminal Investigation Department for years past, two as photographers and five who do clerical work, and this is a convenient and proper arrangement.
- (4.) No, I am not.
- (5.) No. *Vide* reply to Question No. 3.
- (6.) Yes; in some States it is done.
- (7.) Police report in the manner the regulations require them to do.
- (8.) This is not considered necessary.
- (8.) Construction of Artesian Bores in Arid Portions of the State:—Mr. Collins asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Now that the pressure has been relieved in connection with the Barren Jack Irrigation Scheme, will he put full force on in dealing with applications for the construction of Artesian Bores in the arid portions of the State, for which the settlers are prepared to guarantee 6 per cent. on the total outlay in accordance with the provisions of the Water and Drainage Act? Mr. Lee answered,—Additional field and office assistance have already been placed upon this work, which it is now expected will proceed as expeditiously as possible.
- (9.) Motor Omnibuses, Potts Point Route:—Mr. Levy asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Was it published in the daily papers recently that the Railway Commissioners intended to ply motor omnibuses on the Potts Point route?
- (2.) Is he aware that the owner of the horse omnibus that has for years plied to Potts Point discontinued to ply there in consequence of the published intention of the Commissioners to run motor-buses?
- (3.) Is he aware that the residents of that locality are now without either motor or horse omnibus accommodation?
- (4.) Will he ascertain when the motor omnibuses are to run on this route, and expedite the matter?
- Mr. Carruthers answered,—
- (1.) I understand it was published that Potts Point was one of the routes recommended.
- (2 and 3.) I have heard so.
- (4.) The necessary Executive authority is now being obtained, and the 'buses will be running shortly.
- (10.) Classification of Officers, Government Printing Office:—Mr. Cohen asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) With reference to the answer to Mr. Cohen's Question of 15th October, 1903, in relation to anomalies in the classification of officers of the Government Printing Office—that the matter would be referred to the Public Service Board—have the Public Service Board finally dealt with the question?
- (2.) Is it not still the case that Readers and Compositors of the Government Printing Office, by their classification in the General Division, are debarred from promotion to the higher positions in that Department, except on their passing an examination from which officers in the Clerical Division are exempt?
- Mr. Carruthers answered,—No; before the case can be satisfactorily met it will probably be necessary to amend in certain particulars the Public Service Act. The matter has not escaped attention.
- (11.) Application of Federal Members for a Separate Railway Car for Two Persons:—Mr. Morton, for Mr. John Hurley, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Regarding statements in the Press that certain Members of the Federal Parliament demanded a separate car to convey two persons, &c., will he inform the House who were the Members that applied for a separate car for two, and the name of the station-master who refused?
- Mr. Carruthers answered,—I am informed that Mr. Webster, M.H.R., applied for a sleeping berth or compartment just prior to the express being due to leave. Mr. Bissett, station-master, Sydney, could pursue no other course than decline as every sleeping berth was engaged and every compartment occupied, except the coupé which was used by Mr. Webster and another. To have attached another carriage would have delayed the express and necessitated a second engine being run between Goulburn and Junee, 156 miles.
- (12.) Federal Capital Site:—Mr. Fegan, for Mr. Waddell, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Referring to the recent conference between the Federal Government and the State Government about the site for the Federal Capital, is it the intention of the Government (in the event of the Federal Government attempting to take possession of the Dalgety site) to at once appeal to the Federal High Court to determine whether the Federal Government can, without the consent of the State Government, take possession of any of the State's territory?
- Mr. Carruthers answered,—The Federal Government will not be permitted to take possession of any of this State's territory without the consent of the State Government. I cannot conceive it to be possible that such an attempt will be made. Such a contingency, should it unfortunately ever arise, can be met by an exercise of the undoubted constitutional powers of the State.
3. THE UNEMPLOYED:—Mr. O'Sullivan presented a Petition from certain residents of New South Wales, representing that a number of workers, many of them having families dependent upon them, are at present totally unemployed; and at this time of the year they are especially anxious to see their homes in decent comfort, which is impossible when means of honest work is not to be had; that workers cannot discharge their duties, either to the State or their families, unless some means be forthcoming; that they have made search for work elsewhere, and praying the House to take this matter into its serious consideration with a view to some immediate action, Petition received.

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4. **TREASURY BILLS DEFICIENCY BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Carruthers 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. Carruthers, 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. Carruthers, the report was adopted.
Ordered that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
5. **PRINTING COMMITTEE**:—Mr. McFarlane, as Chairman, brought up the twenty-first Report from the Printing Committee.
6. **SUPPLY**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Carruthers, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 24 NOVEMBER, 1905, A.M.

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

7. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT (SHIRES) 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 for the local government of rural districts, and for the amendment, extension, and partial repeal of certain Acts to effect the same; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*,"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 23rd November, 1905.

F. B. SUTTON,
President.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (SHIRES) BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 23rd November, 1905.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 3, clause 3. *After* line 10 *insert* " 'Improvements' includes houses and buildings, fencing, planting, excavations for holding water, wells, ringbarking, clearing from timber, or scrub, or sweetbriar, or noxious weeds, or laying down in grass or pasture, and any other improvements whatsoever, the benefit of which is unexhausted at the time of valuation "
- Page 4, clause 5, line 34. *Omit* "except as hereinafter in this Act provided"
- Page 4, clause 5, line 35. *After* "division" *insert* "and exclusive of Lord Howe Island, and the islands in Port Jackson and such other islands as the Governor may, in his discretion, consider should be excluded, and exclusive of the Quarantine Station on the North Head of Port Jackson"
- Page 5, clause 5, line 7. *After* "if" *insert* "the area form a continuous area with a proposed shire and"
- Page 5, clause 5, line 9. *After* "made" *insert* "provided further that, if objection be so made, the area shall be added to the adjoining shire"
- Page 7, clause 8, line 1. *Omit* "And" *insert* "(2)"
- Page 9, clause 10, line 4. *After* "all" *insert* "public"
- Page 9, clause 10, line 31. *After* "divert" *insert* "interfere with"
- Page 9, clause 10, line 37. *After* "new" *insert* "public"
- Page 9, clause 10, line 38. *After* "any" *insert* "public"
- Page 9, clause 10, line 39. *After* "any" *insert* "public"
- Page 9, clause 10, line 39. *After* "lowered" *insert* "any land required for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this paragraph shall be acquired under the Public Roads Act, 1902. Any sum paid as compensation or as part compensation for such land, with interest thereon, and all necessary expenses incidental to the appropriation, exchange, or resumption thereof, shall be provided by the council. The Governor shall, before authorising the appropriation, exchange, or resumption, satisfy himself that the council has made such provision."
- Page 9, clause 10, line 42. *After* "any" *insert* "public"
- Page 11, clause 10, line 1. *After* "any" *insert* "public"
- Page 11, clause 10, line 3. *After* "of" *insert* "public"
- Page 11, clause 11, line 30. *Omit* "existing municipality" *insert* "shire area at the commencement of this Act"
- Page 11, clause 11, line 33. *Omit* "between sunrise and sunset"
- Page 11, clause 11, line 34. *Omit* "at any time"

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- Pages 14 and 15, clause 16, lines 42 to 3. *Omit* "calculated on the basis of the assessment for the purpose of land tax or for the purpose of rating under this Act, plus ten per centum for forced sale and damage caused by severance, as provided in the Public Works Act, 1900" *insert* "in accordance with the provisions of the Public Works Act, 1900"
- Page 15, clause 17, line 12. *Omit* "shall be constructed" *insert* "if a new work shall be constructed subject to the provisions of the Public Works Act, 1900, and such work, whether it be a new work or already in existence, shall be"
- Page 15, clause 17, line 13. *Omit* "State" *insert* "Minister for Public Works"
- Page 17, clause 20, line 19. *Omit* "November" *insert* "January"
- Page 17, clause 20, line 19. *Omit* "seven" *insert* "eight"
- Page 17, clause 20, line 24. *Omit* "December" *insert* "February"
- Page 17, clause 21, line 36. *Omit* "thirty-first" *insert* "last"
- Page 17, clause 21, line 36. *Omit* "December" *insert* "February"
- Page 17, clause 21, line 39. *Omit* "December" *insert* "February"
- Page 17, clause 21, line 40. *Omit* "January of the year" *insert* "March"
- Page 18, clause 22, line 20. *After* "lease" *insert* "in writing"
- Page 18, clause 22, line 20. *Before* "tenancy" *insert* "oral"
- Page 18, clause 22, line 20. *Omit* "oral or written"
- Page 18, clause 22, line 39. *Omit* "ten" *insert* "five"
- Page 19, clause 22. *After* line 4 *insert* "(iii) on such day is the resident manager of any ratable land in the shire which, with or without any houses or other buildings thereon, is of a yearly value of five pounds or upwards; or"
- Page 19, clause 22, lines 16 to 21. *Omit* "(i) has been chosen by the majority of such joint owners as aforesaid by writing under their hands delivered to the clerk within the time prescribed; or
 "(ii) where no such choice has been made, is the first of such joint owners, according to the alphabetical order of their surnames;"
- Page 19, clause 22. *After* line 33 *insert* "or on such day is the resident manager of any lease, promise, or contract of lease or license from the Crown of ratable Crown land"
- Page 23, clause 28, line 24. *After* "ratable" *omit* remainder of clause.
- Page 24, clause 29. *Omit* subsection (2) *insert* the following new subsection :—
 (a) The unimproved capital value of land held for coal or shale mining purposes is a sum equal to fifty per centum of the gross value at the pit's mouth of the average annual output of coal or shale won from the land during the three years next preceding that during which the valuation is made;
 or, at the option of the council, such unimproved capital value shall be assessed under subsection one of this section.
 (b) The unimproved capital value of land held under gold-mining, gold-dredging, or other mineral or mining lease or license, or other mineral holding, from the Crown (except for coal or shale mining purposes) is a sum equal to forty per centum of the fair average annual gross value of the total output (without deducting the cost of winning the same, or of carriage or of treatment of the ore or other charges) of gold or other mineral (except coal or shale) won from the land during the three years next preceding that during which the valuation is made;
 or where the land is not being principally worked as a mine, the capital value of the property, with the improvements thereon (if any), less the value at the time of the valuation of all buildings, fencing, machinery, and dredging or other plant erected thereon, and less also the sum expended during the three years next preceding the said time by any lessces or licensees solely in opening up such land.
 (c) Where a mine is situated partly in one shire and partly in another or others, the valuers of such shires shall confer and jointly assess the unimproved capital value of such mine, and shall in like manner agree upon the apportionment of such assessment between the shires in which such mine is situated. If such valuers cannot agree upon such apportionment, they shall refer the question to the Government Land Valuer, whose decision shall be final.
- Page 24, clause 30, line 33. *Omit* "year" *insert* "triennial period the whole or any part of"
- Page 24, clause 30, line 38. *Omit* "the"
- Page 24, clause 30, lines 38 and 39. *Omit* "or when buildings or structures are erected or altered on the land"
- Page 25, clause 32, line 23. *After* "If" *omit* remainder of clause *insert* "any person is aggrieved" "Appeal."
 "by any such valuation he may appeal therefrom within the time and in the manner prescribed by the ordinances, as follows :—
 "(a) Where such valuation does not exceed ten thousand pounds, to the nearest court of petty sessions.
 "(b) Where such valuation does exceed the sum of ten thousand pounds, to the nearest district court.
 "Such court may amend the valuation appealed from.
 "(2) The Governor may make regulations for the hearing of such appeals.
 "(3) Subject to the next following subsection, the decision of any such appeal court shall be final and conclusive as to the amount of such assessment.
 "(4) Any person dissatisfied with the decision of such appeal court as being erroneous in point of law with relation to the principle on which the valuation was or ought to have been made, may, within sixteen days after such decision, apply in writing to such court to state and sign a case setting forth the facts and the grounds of its decision so far as they relate to matters of principle affecting the valuation of the land.
 "The Supreme Court shall hear and determine the said matters of principle, or may cause the case to be sent back for amendment, and thereupon it shall be amended accordingly, and the determination of the Supreme Court shall be given after such amendment.

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"The Supreme Court may make such order as to the costs of the parties in or in relation to the said appeal as it may deem just.

"Any such determination or order of the Supreme Court shall be carried out by the appeal court aforesaid, and shall be final and conclusive.

"The Supreme Court may make rules and orders regulating its practice in proceedings under this subsection."

Page 25, clause 33, line 40. *After* "pound" *insert* "and not more than twopence in the pound"

Page 26, clause 33, line 4. *Before* "rate" *omit* "the" *insert* "such"

Page 26, clause 34, lines 41 and 42. *Omit* "in respect of which they were made"

Page 26, clause 34, line 43. *After* "time" *insert* "within ten years"

Page 27, clause 34, lines 5 to 7. *Omit* "Provided that where such period of six months has expired before the commencement of this Act, such interest shall be calculated from such commencement only"

Page 28, clause 37, line 13. *After* "months" *omit* remainder of clause.

Page 30, clause 39, lines 12 and 13. *Omit* "(xii) such sums as may be voted by the council for the payment of capital and interest on loans"

Page 32, clause 44. *After* line 30 *insert* "(xii) the fixing, recovery, and collection of fees and charges for services rendered by a council in pursuance of its powers under this Act"

Page 35, clause 46. *After* line 21 *insert* "(vi) in the case of a proposed addition to a municipality under subsection two of section five, the manner of ascertaining the number of electors who would be entitled to vote in respect of the area proposed to be added, and who make objection to such addition"

Page 36, clause 48, line 33. *Omit* "assistant district" *insert* "district assistant"

Page 37, clause 48, line 3. *Omit* "ordinances" *insert* "regulations"

Page 41, Schedule One. *After* line 13 *omit* remainder of Schedule.

Examined,—

W. J. TRICKETT,

Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration on Tuesday next.

8. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Ashton moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at three minutes before Ten o'clock a.m., until Tuesday next at half-past Two o'clock.

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 71.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTIETH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 28 NOVEMBER, 1905.

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

MESSAGES FROM THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor were delivered by Mr. Carruthers, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

- (1.) Newcastle Agricultural, Horticultural, and Industrial Association Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 77.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to empower the Trustees of certain lands at Newcastle, in the State of New South Wales, dedicated and granted for the use of the Newcastle Agricultural, Horticultural, and Industrial Association, to mortgage the said lands, and to raise money on mortgage of the said lands; and for other purposes in connection therewith,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His 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.

*State Government House,
Sydney, 25th November, 1905.*

- (2.) Coal Mines Regulation (Amending) Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 78.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1902, and the Mines Inspection Act, 1901; and for other purposes,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His 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.

*State Government House,
Sydney, 25th November, 1905.*

- (3.) Sydney Harbour Trust (Reclamation and Leasing) Bill:—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 79.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th 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 Bill to deal with certain authorities to reclaim lands in the Port of Sydney by the issue of Crown grants in respect of some and the revocation of other of such authorities; to extend the term for which certain lands may be leased by the Sydney Harbour Trust Commissioners; to amend the Sydney Harbour Trust Act, 1900, the Sydney Harbour Trust (Leasing) Act, 1903, the Crown Lands Acts of 1884 and 1895, and the Act 25 Vic. No. 1; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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Ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

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(4.) Public Service Appeal Bill :—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 80.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th 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 Bill to provide for appeals in certain matters from the decision of the Public Service Board ; to constitute a court to hear and decide such appeals ; to make better provision for the grading and promotion of officers ; to amend the Public Service Act, 1902 ; to place certain offices and officers under that Act ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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Ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

2. QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Entrance to Newcastle Harbour :—*Mr. Hollis*, for *Mr. Sullivan*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Has the experiment of his officers in laying down hulks at the entrance to Newcastle Harbour been a failure ?
- (2.) Is it a fact that there is less depth of water at the entrance now than for years past ?
- (3.) Owing to this fact, have vessels to leave partly loaded ?
- (4.) Will he consider the advisability of not spending any more money on the entrance, and let the larger vessels come to Sydney ?

Mr. Lee answered,—

- (1.) No.
- (2.) No.
- (3.) No.
- (4.) It would be destructive to the important Port of Newcastle if expenditure were to terminate before the best possible results are obtained.

(2.) Proposed drilling and arming of Women :—*Mr. Thrower*, for *Mr. Sullivan*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Has he received a copy of the resolution passed by a Women's League, in Sydney, that all women be drilled and armed ; and, if so, what course does he intend to pursue ?
- (2.) Will he consider whether a condition precedent thereto should be the obtaining of the husband's consent ?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—I have not received a copy of the resolution in question.

(3.) Reserves in the District of Bullahdelah :—*Mr. J. H. Young* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Has it frequently been represented to him that many of the reserves in the district of Bullahdelah are eminently suitable for agricultural settlement ?
- (2.) Do the reports of his officers bear out this representation ?
- (3.) Is it his intention to throw open these lands for conditional purchase at an early date, and so give this district its legitimate chance to become prosperous and important ?

Mr. Ashton answered,—

- (1.) Three communications dated the 25th July, 20th September, and the 23rd October, 1905, have been received from the Honorable Member in regard to the reserves in the vicinity of Bullahdelah.
- (2.) The reports so far received do not.
- (3.) Areas of 260 and 590 acres in the parishes of Bullahdelah and Booloombayt, county of Gloucester, respectively, were made available on the 26th October, 1905, for conditional purchase or conditional lease at £1 per acre ; an area of 1,000 acres, parish of Tolararee, was notified in the *Gazette* of the 25th November, 1905, to become available on the 25th January, 1906, for conditional purchase or conditional lease. I intend to make all suitable land available for settlement.

(4.) Police Department :—*Mr. O'Sullivan* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that one constable has to do Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 beats in some divisions on a stretch ?
- (2.) Will he consider whether it is for the safety of the public in general, that a constable has too much work to do ?
- (3.) Is it a fact that the men who ought to be doing strict patrol are taken away collecting the rolls and finding out about unregistered dogs and catching stray dogs ?
- (4.) Do the proprietors of the theatres pay for the men who do duty in front of the different theatres ?
- (5.) Is it a fact that any small entertainer who wishes a constable to do duty is compelled to pay 4s. per night for same ?
- (6.) Will he kindly give a return of the number of men who go out from each station on every shift to do their four hours' beat ?

Mr. Hogue answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Whether the constable works one or more beats, he only performs his regular tour of duty.
- (3.) Men are employed to collect the electoral lists, and other men are employed once a year to look after unregistered dogs ; the men on beats seize diseased dogs.

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(4.) No ; but circus proprietors have from time to time paid a certain allowance to constables who were off duty for attending during the performance.

(5.) No.

(6.) There would be some difficulty in giving the number of men going on duty on each shift from the various police stations. Approximately, 400 men in the Metropolitan District perform duty between 6 a.m. and 10 p.m., and about the same number between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m.

(5.) Cab-drivers, Bathurst :—Mr. W. W. Young asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is it a fact that cab-drivers in Bathurst (who hold a city license) are compelled to take out another license to carry passengers outside the city boundary ?

(2.) Is it a fact that where a license was issued to run outside of the Municipality it only applied to one road ?

(3.) Are cabmen compelled to take out a separate license for each road leading from the city ?

Mr. Wade answered,—I am informed that action of the nature referred to in these Questions has been taken at Bathurst in pursuance of what were considered to be the requirements of the Stage Carriages Acts. I am, however, making further inquiry into the matter.

(6.) Destitution of a German Subject named Casimir Gangloff :—Mr. Nobbs, for Mr. Broughton, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is he aware that there is a man at present loafing about the streets and living on charity, who has been treated in our hospitals and benevolent institutions ; that this man, named Casimir Gangloff, is a German subject, and has only one arm, one eye, is entirely destitute, and unable to earn a livelihood ; that he was, while in this condition, sent to Sydney by the authorities of New Britain, after having served a sentence for a misdemeanour ?

(2.) Will he cause inquiries to be made, and, if the foregoing is in accordance with the facts, ask the German Consul to have the man returned to New Britain or defray the expense entailed in keeping him at one of the charitable or other institutions ?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—The police report that this man is at present earning a legitimate livelihood ; and that, although he does not bear a good reputation, there is nothing in his present conduct on which to base a request for his deportation.

(7.) Woolloomooloo Boundaries :—Mr. Broughton asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) What are the exact boundaries of that part of the city of Sydney known as Woolloomooloo ?

(2.) The date upon which such boundaries were officially proclaimed and gazetted ?

(3.) What is the area of park lands within such boundaries ?

(4.) What was the population of Woolloomooloo at the taking of the last census ?

(5.) What is the approximate length of street frontages of the park lands in the said area ?

Mr. Ashton answered,—

(1 and 2.) There are no proclaimed boundaries of Woolloomooloo, but for the purpose of Question No. 3 the approximate boundaries of Woolloomooloo are taken to be as follows :—Lincoln-crescent, Sir John Young's crescent, St. Mary's-street, College-street, Liverpool-street to Bourke-street, Bourke-street to William-street, William-street to Brougham street, Brougham-street to Woolloomooloo Bay, and by the water of that Bay.

(3.) Eight and a quarter acres.

(4.) The population within the limits mentioned in answer to Questions Nos. 1 and 2, at last Census taken on the 31st March, 1901, was 11,590.

(5.) 8,000 feet, including frontages of Cook Park and Phillip Park, and Hyde Park frontage to College-street, and the Outer Domain frontage to St. Mary's street, Sir John Young's crescent, and Lincoln-crescent.

(8.) Motor-Car Contest from Melbourne to Sydney :—Mr. Throver, for Mr. Dacey, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Has he noticed that Press reports of the recent motor-car contest from Melbourne to Sydney stated that several of the cars were driven on various portions of the journey at a rate of between 40 and 50 miles an hour ?

(2.) Will he consider whether the driving of motor-cars at such a speed upon public highways is safe and in the public interest ?

(3.) Will he ascertain whether it is a breach of any law for a person to so drive ?

(4.) Does he intend to introduce a measure for the special regulation of motor-cars within the State ?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

(1.) It was so stated in the Press.

(2.) Driving at such a pace is not in the interest of the public safety, but fortunately no person was injured.

(3.) There is no law in force which limits the pace at which a motor vehicle may be driven upon public streets outside the Metropolitan area.

(4.) A Bill for this purpose will be introduced into the Legislative Council this week.

3. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (SHIRES) BILL :—Mr. Cohen presented a Petition from C. J. Byrnes, Chairman of the New South Wales Colliery Proprietors Protective Association, representing that the Local Government (Shires) Bill, which has passed this House and has been returned with amendments from the Legislative Council for concurrence, seriously affects Colliery Proprietors, and will, unless amended, have a very far-reaching and injurious effect upon the industry carried on by them ; that the tax leviable under the provisions of section 29 subsection (2) (a) as amended by the Legislative Council, which subsection provides that the unimproved capital value for taxation purposes of land held for coal or shale mining purposes shall be a sum equal to fifty per centum of the gross value at the pit's mouth of the average annual output of coal, is excessive and out of all proportion to the tax on land other than coal land, and respectfully submitting that it should be reduced at least to the

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forty per centum basis made applicable to gold-mining and other mineral leases; drawing attention to the large sums contributed annually to the Revenue by coal-mining companies by way of railway rates and royalties, and to the many disadvantages under which coal-mining is now carried on, and urging that in view of these facts, of the many thousands of persons dependent upon the coal-mining industry, of the large revenue derived by the State, and of the immense capital invested, any legislation unduly hampering or restricting development or production should be avoided; and praying the House not to pass the Bill in its present form, but to legislate in the direction indicated; and that Petitioner may be heard by Counsel at the Bar of the House in support of the Petition.
Petition received.

4. **BREAD AMENDMENT BILL**:—Mr. Broughton, as Chairman, brought up the Progress Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 19th September, 1905; together with Appendix.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
5. **PAPERS**:—
Mr. Carruthers laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Further Return to an Order, made on 24th October, 1905,—“Railway Coal Contract for “Western Lines.”
(2.) Return to an Order, made on 9th November, 1905,—“Removal of Mr. McFadden, Railway Department, from Clyde to Darling Harbour.”
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
Mr. Wade laid upon the Table,—Public Service List for the year 1905.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
Mr. Hogue laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order, made on 7th September, 1905,—“Married women occupying Government positions.”
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
Mr. Ashton laid upon the Table,—Report of the Western Land Board of New South Wales for the period 1st January, 1905, to 30th June, 1905.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
6. **PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS** (*Sydney Water Supply—Raising and Re-lining Lower Canal and Construction of Aqueduct at Booth Town*) (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Lee moved, pursuant to Notice, That it is expedient that the proposed completion of the raising and re-lining of the Lower Canal, and the construction of an Aqueduct at Booth Town, Sydney Water Supply, as recommended by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, be carried out.
Question put and passed.
7. **TREASURY BILLS DEFICIENCY BILL** (*Formal Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Carruthers, read a third time, and passed.
Mr. Carruthers then moved, That the Title of the Bill be “*An Act to authorise the issue of Treasury Bills to cover the Deficiency on the Consolidated Revenue Account up to the 30th June, 1905; to provide for the renewal and redemption of such Bills; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*”
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 authorise the issue of Treasury Bills to cover the Deficiency on the Consolidated Revenue Account up to the 30th June, 1905; to provide for the renewal and redemption of such Bills; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 28th November, 1905.
8. **SYDNEY WATER SUPPLY CONDUIT ADDITIONAL WORKS BILL**:—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. Lee, and read by Mr. Speaker:—
FREDK. M. DARLEY, *Message No. 81.*
Lieutenant-Governor.
In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, 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 Bill to sanction the completion of the raising and re-lining of the Lower Canal, and the construction of an Aqueduct at Boothtown, Sydney Water Supply, and for other purposes.
State Government House,
Sydney, 22nd November, 1905.
Ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.
9. **NEWCASTLE FRIENDLY SOCIETIES AND TRADES HALL SITE ACT AMENDMENT BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Edden, 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.
On motion of Mr. Edden, the report was adopted. Ordered,

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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 Newcastle Friendly Societies and Trades Hall Site Act, 56 Victoria No. 35; to provide for the election of trustees under the Newcastle Eight-hours Committee By-laws; and for other purposes incidental thereto,*"—including the amendment in the Title.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 28th November, 1905.*

10. TESTATOR'S FAMILY MAINTENANCE BILL:—The Order of the Day for a Ballot to be taken for nine Members to constitute the Select Committee to which this Bill had been referred having been read,—

Mr. R. J. Anderson withdrew his demand for a Ballot.

Whereupon Question,—That the additional words "(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Wade, Mr. Arthur Griffith, Mr. Holman, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Oakes, Mr. Waddell, Mr. Dick, Mr. Booth, and the Mover (Mr. Jessep)," proposed to be inserted, be so inserted,—put and passed.

Question then,—

(1.) That the Testator's Family Maintenance Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Wade, Mr. Arthur Griffith, Mr. Holman, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Oakes, Mr. Waddell, Mr. Dick, Mr. Booth, and the Mover,—put and passed.

11. GUN LICENSE BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Broughton, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to regulate and license the sale, hiring, carrying, and use of guns and firearms in certain cases; and for other purposes connected therewith or incidental thereto.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman 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:—

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to regulate and license the sale, hiring, carrying, and use of guns and firearms in certain cases; and for other purposes connected therewith or incidental thereto.

On motion of Mr. Broughton, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

(2.) Mr. Broughton then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to regulate and license the sale, hiring, carrying, and use of guns and firearms in certain cases; and for other purposes connected therewith or incidental thereto,*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

12. LIVERPOOL MUNICIPAL LOAN (AMENDMENT) BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

Mr. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Liverpool Municipal Loan Act, 1900, and the Municipalities Act, 1897; and for other purposes,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 28th November, 1905.*

F. B. SUTTON,
President.

13. CRIMES (GIRLS' PROTECTION) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

And it being Seven o'clock, Government Business took precedence, under Sessional Order adopted on 20th September, 1905.

14. SYDNEY CORPORATION AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Jessep, 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 November, 1905; together with Appendices and a copy of the Bill as amended and agreed to by the Committee.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Carruthers then moved, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday next.

Question put and passed.

15. PUBLIC SERVICE APPEAL BILL:—Mr. Carruthers moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for appeals in certain matters from the decision of the Public Service Board; to constitute a court to hear and decide such appeals; to make better provision for the grading and promotion of officers; to amend the Public Service Act, 1902; to place certain offices and officers under that Act; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

Question put and passed.

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16. SYDNEY HARBOUR TRUST (RECLAMATION AND LEASING) BILL:—Mr. Carruthers moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to deal with certain authorities to reclaim lands in the Port of Sydney by the issue of Crown grants in respect of some and the revocation of other of such authorities; to extend the term for which certain lands may be leased by the Sydney Harbour Trust Commissioners; to amend the Sydney Harbour Trust Act, 1900, the Sydney Harbour Trust (Leasing) Act, 1903, the Crown Lands Acts of 1884 and 1895, and the Act 25 Vic. No. 1; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.
Question put and passed.
17. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Carruthers, 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 after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 29 NOVEMBER, 1905, A.M.

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

The House adjourned, at three minutes before Eight o'clock, a.m., until half-past Two o'clock, p.m., This Day.

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 72.

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OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTIETH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 29 NOVEMBER, 1905.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Gunnedah Water Supply :—*Mr. Nobbs*, for *Mr. Perry (Liverpool Plains)*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Are the plans and specifications for the Gunnedah Water Supply completed?
- (2.) If not completed when will they be finished?
- (3.) What is the estimated cost of the Water Works?
- (4.) Are the sites for the well and reservoir resumed?
- (5.) When does he intend to proceed with the work?
- (6.) Will he place a sum of money on the Estimates for the purpose of completing this work?

Mr. Lee answered,—

- (1.) Plans and specifications have not yet been commenced.
- (2.) So soon as funds are available plans will be put in hand.
- (3.) £12,500, preliminary estimate.
- (4.) No, but land has been surveyed and plans prepared, resumption is awaiting necessary funds.
- (5.) When funds are provided by Parliament.
- (6.) Yes.

- (2.) Old-age Pensions :—*Mr. McLaurin*, for *Mr. Collins*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is he aware that certain old-age pensioners, who have been drawing their pensions up to a certain point, have had same discontinued in consequence of an alleged discrepancy in the age given by them at the time of application, as compared with the age given at the time of emigration, but that subsequently upon production of certificate of birth it is proved that the age given in the old-age pension application was correct?
- (2.) Is he also aware that, in view of these circumstances, such pensioners have had the pension renewed from the date of the production of the certificate of birth, but that the arrears which have accumulated during the period of inquiry have been refused, notwithstanding that the age given in the application was proved to be correct?
- (3.) Will he consider whether under such circumstances, as a matter of equity, the pensioners are entitled to their arrears, and will he give directions for the same to be paid to them immediately?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2 and 3.) The following rule has been observed :—(a) Where the age has been accepted without proof and (though no inconsistent record is alleged) proof is called for and supports the original statement, all withheld instalments are settled in full. (b) Where the age has been accepted without proof and on investigation it is found to be inconsistent with available records and proof is called for, payment of withheld instalments is only allowed as from the production of proof.

- (3.) Police Magistrate's Duties at Glen Innes :—*Mr. Thomas* asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—

- (1.) When is it intended to make a permanent arrangement for the performance of Police Magistrate's duties at Glen Innes?
- (2.) If present arrangements are to be continued, will he consider whether it would not be a saving in expenditure if the Police Magistrate resided in Glen Innes, instead of Tenterfield, visiting the latter town when required?

Mr. Wade answered,—

- (1.) The present arrangements under which the Police Magistrate, Tenterfield, visits Glen Innes once in each week appear to be sufficient to meet public requirements, in view of the amount of business to be transacted at the latter place. Additional visits will be made when necessary.
- (2.) A small saving would be effected if the headquarters were altered, but I do not think it necessary to make any alteration at present.

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- (4.) Public Servants' Salaries :—Mr. Broughton asked the Colonial Treasurer,—In view of the fact that the Victorian Government have adopted the system of fortnightly payments to the Civil Servants of that State, will he make inquiries with a view of instituting a similar system in this State?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—I desire to invite the attention of the Honorable Member to a reply given on the 21st September last to a question upon this subject. The objections to the proposal are based chiefly on the ground of increase of work and cost, as well as the very doubtful nature of the anticipated benefit to the officers.

- (5.) Federal Government House, Sydney :—Mr. Broughton asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it the intention of the State Government to renew the agreement under which the Federal Government House, Sydney, is occupied by the Governor-General?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—This matter will be considered with others relating to the Commonwealth Government at an early date.

- (6.) Sworn Valuers appointed under the Real Property Act :—Mr. Waddell asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Have any Sworn Valuers been appointed under the Real Property Act since the 1st January, 1905?

(2.) If so, how many?

Mr. Hogue answered,—No appointments of Sworn Valuers under the Real Property Act have been made since 1st January, 1905.

- (7.) Report upon Irrigation in Australia by Colonel Ottlay :—Mr. Broughton asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Did Colonel Ottlay, who was (or possibly now is) Inspector-General of Irrigation Works in India, make a report upon Irrigation in Australia, which he visited prior to 1895?

(2.) If so, will he be good enough to lay the report upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Hogue answered,—Nothing is known of any report by Colonel Ottlay upon Irrigation in Australia.

2. PAPERS :—

Mr. Lee laid upon the Table,—Schedules A to H, Estimates 1905-1906, Department of Public Works (Roads, &c.).

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Ashton laid upon the Table,—*Gazette* Notices setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the Dedication of certain Lands, under the Crown Lands Acts of 1884 and 1889, and the Public Trusts Act, 1897.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Hogue laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Regulations in respect of the Sanitary Area at the Camp, Cataract Dam, under the Public Health Act, 1902.

(2.) Report of the Inquiry held by the Public Service Board into the Cases of George Bulfin and William Webber, Callan Park and Rydalmere Asylums.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. O'Connor laid upon the Table,—Notifications of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for Public School purposes at Nowranie, Upper Nambucca, Richmond Hill, Bowning, Nimbin, Oberne, Orara, and Dickerton.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. SALE OF ARTICLES MANUFACTURED IN NEW SOUTH WALES :—Mr. R. J. Anderson, as Chairman, brought up a Progress Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this subject was referred on 3rd October, 1905.

Ordered to be printed.

4. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day,—Claim of Robert Roberts, late Bookbinder, Registrar-General's Department; resumption of the Debate, on the motion of Mr. Broughton, "That the Report of the Select Committee on 'Claim of Robert Roberts, late Bookbinder, Registrar-General's Department,' brought up on the 25th October, 1905, be now adopted."

Upon which Mr. O'Sullivan had moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out the words "now adopted," and inserting the words "referred back to the same Committee for modification of recommendations,"—instead thereof;—postponed until Tuesday, 5th December.

5. ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES AND STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS FROM VOTE "ADVANCE TO TREASURER," 1903-4, AND FROM VOTES "ADVANCE TO TREASURER" IN PREVIOUS YEARS :—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. Carruthers, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 82.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly, the accompanying Additional Estimates of Expenditure for the year 1905-1906, together with a Statement of Payments made to the 30th June, 1904, from the Vote "Advance to Treasurer," 1903-4, and from Votes "Advance to Treasurer" in previous years, on account of Services of the year 1903-4 and previous years, submitted for Parliamentary Appropriation in adjustment of previous years' Advance Votes.

State Government House,

Sydney, 24th November, 1905.

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

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6. **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS** :—Mr. Carruthers moved, pursuant to Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing of the Appropriation Bill 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.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
7. **SYDNEY WATER SUPPLY CONDUIT ADDITIONAL WORKS BILL** :—Mr. Lee moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to sanction the completion of the raising and re-lining of the Lower Canal, and the construction of an Aqueduct at Booth Town, Sydney Water Supply, and for other purposes.
Question put and passed.
8. **SUPPLY** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Carruthers, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

And the Committee continuing to sit 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, on motion of the Chairman, That the report be now received.

The Chairman then reported the resolutions, which were read a first time, as follows :—

ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE—1905-6.

No. I.—SCHEDULES TO THE CONSTITUTION ACT, No. 32 OF 1902.

(4.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,626, as supplement to Schedules to the Constitution Act, for the year 1905-6.

No. II.—EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE.

(5.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £275, for Vice-President of the Executive Council and Representative of the Government in the Legislative Council, for the year 1905-6.

(6.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,851, for Legislative Council, for the year 1905-6.

(7.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £9,627, for Legislative Assembly, for the year 1905-6.

(8.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,806, for Legislative Council and Assembly, for the year 1905-6.

(9.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,038, for Parliamentary Library, for the year 1905-6.

(10.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,167, for Parliamentary Reporting Staff, for the year 1905-6.

(11.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,026, for Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works, for the year 1905-6.

No. III.—COLONIAL SECRETARY.

(12.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £8,245, for Colonial Secretary, for the year 1905-6.

(13.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £15,886 for Auditor-General, for the year 1905-6.

(14.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £13,178, for Aborigines Protection Board, for the year 1905-6.

(15.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £444,082, for Police, for the year 1905-6.

(16.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £129,627, for Lunacy, for the year 1905-6.

(17.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,675, for Master in Lunacy, for the year 1905-6.

(18.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £185, for Medical Board, for the year 1905-6.

(19.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £75,689 for Department of Public Health, for the year 1905-6.

(20.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,613, for Government Statistician, for the year 1905-6.

(21.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,192, for Registry of Friendly Societies and Trade Unions, for the year 1905-6.

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- (22.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £64,738 for Government Asylums for the Infirm, for the year 1905-6.
- (23.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £64,338, for State Children Relief Department, for the year 1905-6.
- (24.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £8,638, to recoup amount paid out of Consolidated Revenue Fund during previous financial year, under State Children's Relief Act, No. 61, 1901, for the year 1905-6.
- (25.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,961, for Department of Fisheries, for the year 1905-6.
- (26.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,086, for Fire Brigades, for the year 1905-6.
- (27.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £8,917, for Botanic Gardens, for the year 1905-6.
- (28.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £891, for Nursery Garden, Campbelltown, for the year 1905-6.
- (29.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,207, for Government Domain (Outer), for the year 1905-6.
- (30.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,273, for Garden Palace Grounds, for the year 1905-6.
- (31.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,343, for Centennial Park, for the year 1905-6.
- (32.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £192, for Swimming Baths, Woolloomooloo Bay, for the year 1905-6.
- (33.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,203, for Electoral Office, for the year 1905-6.
- (34.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £36,203 for Registrar-General and Examiner of Patents, for the year 1905-6.
- (35.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £80, for Registrar of Copyright, for the year 1905-6.
- (36.) Resolved that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £119,556, for Stores Supply and Tender Board, for the year 1905-6.
- (37.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £79,675, for Charitable Allowances, for the year 1905-6.
- (38.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £33,300, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1905-6.

NO. IV.—TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE.

- (39.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £26,477, for Treasury, for the year 1905-6.
- (40.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,355, for Stamp Duties, for the year 1905-6.
- (41.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £40,535 for Land and Income Tax, for the year 1905-6.
- (42.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £90, for Gold Receivers, for the year 1905-6.
- (43.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £550, for Gold and Escort, for the year 1905-6.
- (44.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £72,524, for Government Printer, for the year 1905-6.
- (45.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,936, for Explosives, for the year 1905-6.
- (46.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,580, for Shipping Masters, for the year 1905-6.
- (47.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £75,410, for Navigation, for the year 1905-6.
- (48.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,785, for Lifeboats, &c., for the year 1905-6.
- (49.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £22,216, for Administration of Old-age Pensions Act, for the year 1905-6.
- (50.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £21,693, for Government Savings Bank, for the year 1905-6.
- (51.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,119, for Weights and Measures, for the year 1905-6.
- (52.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,354, for Advances to Settlers Board, for the year 1905-6.
- (53.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,789, for Resumed Properties, for the year 1905-6.
- (54.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £78,360, for Sydney Harbour Trust, for the year 1905-6.
- (55.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,726, for Agent-General for New South Wales, for the year 1905-6.
- (56.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,691, for Public Library of New South Wales, for the year 1905-6.
- (57.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,000 for Intelligence Department, for the year 1905-6.

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- (58.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £200,491, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1905-6.
 (59.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £150,000 for Advance to Treasurer, for the year 1905-6.

No. V.—RAILWAYS.

- (60.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,968,887, for Railways and Tramways—Existing Lines, Working Expenses, for the year 1905-6.

No. VI.—DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL AND OF JUSTICE.

- (61.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £37,157, for Department of the Attorney-General and of Justice, for the year 1905-6.
 (62.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,976, for The Judges, for the year 1905-6.
 (63.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,075, for Prothonotary and Registrar-in-Divorce, for the year 1905-6.
 (64.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,725, for Master-in-Equity, for the year 1905-6.
 (65.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,940, for Registrar-in-Bankruptcy, for the year 1905-6.
 (66.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,378, for Probate and Intestate Estates Office, for the year 1905-6.
 (67.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £26,877, for Sheriff, for the year 1905-6.
 (68.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,662, for District Courts, for the year, 1905-6.
 (69.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,628, for Coroners, for the year 1905-6.
 (70.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £86,156, for Petty Sessions, for the year 1905-6.
 (71.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £89,937, for Prisons, for the year 1905-6.
 (72.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,008, for Public Service Board, for the year 1905-6.
 (73.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,600 for Industrial Arbitration, for the year 1905-6.
 (74.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £12,796 for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1905-6.

No. VII.—SECRETARY FOR LANDS.

- (75.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £205,370 for Department of Lands, for the year 1905-6.
 (76.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £700, for Land Appeal Court, for the year 1905-6.
 (77.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,928, for Western Land Board, for the year 1905-6.
 (78.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,716 for Pastures Protection Act, for the year 1905-6.
 (79.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £14,621 for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1905-6.
 (80.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £63,965 for Survey of Lands, for the year 1905-6.
 (81.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,970 for Trigonometrical Survey of the State, for the year 1905-6.
 (82.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £25, for Special Services—Labour Settlements, for the year 1905-6.

No. VIII.—SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

- (83.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £97,135 for Establishment, for the year 1905-6.
 (84.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £677,092 for Public Works and Services, for the year 1905-6.
 (85.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,278, for Labour Commissioners, for the year 1905-6.
 (86.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £112,801 for Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage, for the year 1905-6.
 (87.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £11,192 for Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board, for the year 1905-6.

No. IX.—PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, LABOUR, AND INDUSTRY.

- (88.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £865,480, for Public Instruction, for the year 1905-6.
 (89.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £17,151, for Industrial Schools, for the year 1905-6.
 (90.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,991, for Observatory, for the year 1905-6.

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- (91.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,406, for Australian Museum, for the year 1905-6.
- (92.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,873, for National Art Gallery, for the year 1905-6.
- (93.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,771, for Labour and Industry Branch, for the year 1905-6.
- (94.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £13,950, for Grants in aid of Public Institutions, for the year 1905-6.
- (95.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,644, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1905-6.

NO. X.—SECRETARY FOR MINES AND AGRICULTURE.

- (96.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £49,869, for Department of Mines, for the year 1905-6.
- (97.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £13,943, for Stock and Brands Branch, for the year 1905-6.
- (98.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £44,809, for Agriculture Branch, for the year 1905-6.
- (99.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £400, for School of Mines and Assay Works, for the year 1905-6.
- (100.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,400, for Exports and Cold Storage Branch, for the year 1905-6.
- (101.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £789, for Miners' Accident Relief Board, for the year 1905-6.
- (102.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,875, for Commercial Agents, for the year 1905-6.
- (103.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £27,815, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1905-6.

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES, 1905-6.

NO. III.—COLONIAL SECRETARY.

- (104.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2, to defray additional charge for the year 1905-6 under the head "Auditor-General."
- (105.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £105, to defray additional charge for the year 1905-6 under the head "Master in Lunacy."
- (106.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £680, to defray additional charge for the year 1905-6 under the head "Department of Public Health."
- (107.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £20 to defray additional charge for the year 1905-6 under the head "Fire Brigades."
- (108.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £383, to defray additional charge for the year 1905-6 under the head "Charitable Allowances."
- (109.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,250, to defray additional charge for the year 1905-6 under the head "Miscellaneous Services."

NO. IV.—TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE.

- (110.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £10, to defray additional charge for the year 1905-6 under the head "Treasury."
- (111.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £251, to defray additional charge for the year 1905-6 under the head "Navigation."
- (112.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £26, to defray additional charge for the year 1905-6 under the head "Weights and Measures."
- (113.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £50, to defray additional charge for the year 1905-6 under the head "Public Library of New South Wales."
- (114.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £8,825, to defray additional charge for the year 1905-6 under the head "Miscellaneous Services."

NO. VI.—ATTORNEY-GENERAL AND JUSTICE.

- (115.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £234, to defray additional charge for the year 1905-6 under the head "Department of Attorney-General and Justice."
- (116.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £217, to defray additional charge for the year 1905-6 under the head "Petty Sessions."
- (117.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £163, to defray additional charge for the year 1905-6 under the head "Industrial Arbitration."

NO. VII.—SECRETARY FOR LANDS.

- (118.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,776, to defray additional charge for the year 1905-6 under the head "Miscellaneous Services."

NO. VIII.—SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

- (119.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £689, to defray additional charge for the year 1905-6 under the head "Establishment."
- (120.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £12,027, to defray additional charge for the year 1905-6 under the head "Public Works and Services."

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No. IX.—PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, LABOUR, AND INDUSTRY.

- (121.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £100, to defray additional charge for the year 1905-6 under the head "Observatory."
 (122.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,000, to defray additional charge for the year 1905-6 under the head "Grants in aid of Public Institutions."
 (123.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £758, to defray additional charge for the year 1905-6 under the head "Miscellaneous Services."

No. X.—SECRETARY FOR MINES AND AGRICULTURE.

- (124.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £300, to defray additional charge for the year 1905-6 under the head "Agricultural Branch."
 (125.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £81, to defray additional charge for the year 1905-6 under the head "Miners Accident Relief Board."
 (126.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £500, to defray additional charge for the year 1905-6 under the head "Commercial Agents."
 (127.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,900, to defray additional charge for the year 1905-6 under the head "Miscellaneous Services."

No. XI.—STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS MADE DURING THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE, 1905, FROM THE VOTE "ADVANCE TO TREASURER," 1904-5, ON ACCOUNT OF SERVICES OF THE YEAR 1904-5, SUBMITTED FOR PARLIAMENTARY APPROPRIATION IN ADJUSTMENT OF THE ADVANCE VOTE.

- (128.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £43,794 7s. 2d., in adjustment of the Vote "Advance to Treasurer," 1904-5.

No. XII.—STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS MADE DURING 1903-1904 AND PREVIOUS YEARS, FROM THE VOTE "ADVANCE TO TREASURER," 1903-4 AND PREVIOUS YEARS, ON ACCOUNT OF SERVICES OF THE YEARS 1893, 1900-1, 1901-2, 1902-3, AND 1903-4.

- (129.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, a sum not exceeding £50,865 5s. 4d., in adjustment of the Vote "Advance to Treasurer," 1903-4 and previous years.

On motion of Mr. Carruthers, the resolutions were read a second time, and agreed to.

9. WAYS AND MEANS:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Carruthers, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; 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, that the report be now received.

The Chairman then reported the resolutions, which were read a first time as follows:—

- (4.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty for the Service of the financial year 1905-6, the sum of £7,464,033 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.
 (5.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty in adjustment of the vote "Advance to Treasurer, 1904-5," for Services of the financial year 1904-5, the sum of £43,794 7s. 2d. be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.
 (6.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty in adjustment of the Vote "Advance to Treasurer," 1903-4 and previous years, on account of Services of the years 1893, 1900-1, 1901-2, 1902-3, and 1903-4, the sum of £50,865 5s. 4d. be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.

On motion of Mr. Carruthers, the resolutions were read a second time, and agreed to.

10. APPROPRIATION BILL:—

- (1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Carruthers, That a Bill be brought in, founded on resolutions of Ways and Means (Nos. 4, 5, and 6), 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 from the 1st day of July, 1905, to the 30th day of June, 1906, inclusive of both dates; to adjust the vote, "Advance to Treasurer, 1904-1905," for supplementary charges during the period from 1st July, 1904, to 30th June, 1905, inclusive of both dates; to adjust the votes "Advance to Treasurer," 1903-4 and previous years, for supplementary charges during the period 1st January, 1893, to 30th June, 1904, inclusive of both dates; and for purposes connected with and incidental to the above objects.
 (2.) Mr. Carruthers 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 from the 1st day of July, 1905, to the 30th day of June, 1906, inclusive of both dates; to adjust the vote 'Advance to Treasurer, 1904-1905,' for supplementary charges during the period from 1st July, 1904, to 30th June, 1905, inclusive of both dates; to adjust the votes 'Advance to Treasurer,' 1903-4 and previous years, for supplementary charges during the period 1st January, 1893, to 30th June, 1904, inclusive of both dates; and for purposes connected with and incidental to the above objects,*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

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11. NATIONAL LIBRARY 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 sanction the erection of a National Library for the State of New South Wales*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 29th November, 1905.*

F. B. SUTTOR,
President.

12. PRINTING COMMITTEE—PAPERS AGAIN REFERRED:—Mr. Carruthers (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Report of the Inquiry held by the Public Service Board into the claims of Public Servants, retired in 1896, to compensation in lieu of extended leave of absence, together with Minutes of Evidence, laid upon the Table of this House on 22nd November, 1905, and reported upon by the Printing Committee on 23rd November, 1905, be again referred to the Printing Committee for reconsideration.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned, at twenty-eight minutes before One o'clock, p.m., until half-past Two o'clock, p.m., This Day.

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 73.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTIETH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 30 NOVEMBER, 1905.

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

THE CLERK SUMMONED:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that the Clerk had received a summons to appear before the Supreme Court of New South Wales on Monday, the 4th day of December next, in a case Charles Launcelot Garland *v.* James Leslie Williams, to produce certain Records.

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 summons, personally, or by any of the Officers of his Department, as may be most convenient to the Business of this House,—which was resolved in the affirmative.

2. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Sunny Corner Mine:—Mr. W. W. Young asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Is he aware that the labour conditions are not being complied with on the Sunny Corner Mine?
(2.) If so, will he ascertain the cause; and, if no adequate reason can be shown, will he cancel Lease No. 8,634, as stated in his letter of 15th September last?
(3.) Is he aware that, when the Progress Committee at Sunny Corner took over this mine, about two years ago, they unsuccessfully applied for a Machine Site, and, therefore, could not work this mine?

Mr. Moore answered,—

- (1.) No; the Warden reported on the 14th ultimo that six men were employed on the mine in connection with a new furnace.
(2.) The six men were employed on Lease 8,634.
(3.) There is no record in the Department of an application having been made for a Machine Site.

- (2.) Seed Wheat supplied by the Government:—Mr. Broughton asked the Secretary for Mines,—What is the amount owing for seed wheat, distinguishing that which was formerly lent from that of a later period?

Mr. Moore answered,—Year of distribution and balances owing at 31st October, 1905:—1899, £4,086 19s. 8d.; 1895, £1,425 9s. 6d.; 1896, £6,489 2s. 11d.; 1897, £209 18s. 6d.; 1899, £2,793 6s. 2d.; 1900, £125 13s. 11d.; 1903, £32,743 11s. 1d.; Total, £47,874 1s. 9d.

- (3.) Government Agricultural Colleges:—Mr. Broughton asked the Secretary for Mines,—What percentage of students from the Government Agricultural Colleges are settled on the land?

Mr. Moore answered,—As far as can be ascertained, about 70 per cent.

- (4.) Police Department:—Mr. Levy asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) With reference to the promise to consider the question of increasing the clothing allowance to plain-clothes constables, will he state whether or not the matter has been finally dealt with?
(2.) Is he aware that Mr. Attorney-General Gannon issued an order that constables attending at the Central Criminal Court and Court of Quarter Sessions, should, if duty demanded their attendance all day, receive an allowance for dinner and tea?
(3.) Is he aware that the Clerk of the Peace, or some other Departmental officer, has cancelled the said order, and that the allowance is not now paid?
(4.) Will he consider whether constables who have homes to maintain, should be put to this additional expense, it being impossible for them to travel to and from the court-house for meals during the time allowed for that purpose?
(5.) With reference to his reply (23rd November, 1905) regarding police clerks and photographers, will he explain why these officials are not designated plain-clothes police, as they draw the plain-clothes allowance and do duty in mufti?

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(6.) Is he aware that there is a growing feeling among the police that they should have the option of retiring after 25 years' service?

(7.) Is he aware that, in the computation of pensions, there is a feeling that the amount should not be computed as at present, but that the amount which was paid when the constable joined the force and the amount he is receiving at the time of retirement should be added, and that the pension should represent half the total?

Mr. Hogue answered,—Steps are being taken to obtain the necessary information to enable these Questions to be answered.

(5.) Sworn Valuators appointed since 1st January, 1900 :—*Mr. McFarlane*, for Mr. Waddell, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Have any Sworn Valuators been appointed since 1st January, 1900?

(2.) And, if so, how many?

Mr. Hogue answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) The number appointed since 1st January, 1900, is as follows :—1900, Nil; 1901, 40; 1902, 4; 1903, 77; 1904, 7; 1905, Nil; Total, 128.

3. REFUSAL OF THE PHARMACY BOARD TO REGISTER MR. WALTER TRAFFORD :—*Mr. Gillies*, 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 18th July, 1905, together with Appendices.
Ordered to be printed.

4. DAIRYING INDUSTRY :—*Mr. Davidson*, as Chairman, brought up a Progress Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this subject was referred on 4th July, 1905, together with Appendix.
Ordered to be printed.

5. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS (*Scheme for Treatment of Sewage at the Western Suburbs Outfall on Rockdale Sewage Farm*) :—*Mr. John Hurley*, in accordance with the provisions of the Public Works Act, laid upon the Table, Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and Appendix, relating to the proposed Scheme for the Treatment of Sewage at the Western Suburbs Outfall on the Rockdale Sewage Farm.
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

6. LEASE FOR EXTENSION OF BATHS AT THE SPIT (*Formal Motion*) :—*Dr. Arthur* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all Papers in connection with the granting, by the Harbour Trust Commissioners, of a lease to Charles Lyons for an extension of the baths at the Spit.
Question put and passed.

7. ADDITIONAL SITTING DAY (*Sessional Order*) :—*Mr. Carruthers* moved, pursuant to Notice, That, during the remainder of the present Session, unless otherwise ordered, the House shall meet for the despatch of Business at 2.30 p.m. on Monday in each week, and that Government Business shall take precedence of General Business on that day.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

8. SYDNEY WATER SUPPLY CONDUIT ADDITIONAL WORKS BILL :—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of *Mr. Lee*, *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 sanction the completion of the raising and re-lining of the Lower Canal, and the construction of an Aqueduct at Booth Town, Sydney Water Supply, and for other purposes.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a resolution.

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, 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 sanction the completion of the raising and re-lining of the Lower Canal, and the construction of an Aqueduct at Booth Town, Sydney Water Supply, and for other purposes.

On motion of *Mr. Lee*, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

(2.) *Mr. Lee* then presented a Bill, intituled "A Bill to sanction the completion of the raising and re-lining of the Lower Canal, and the construction of an Aqueduct at Booth Town, Sydney Water Supply, and for other purposes,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Monday next.

9. PUBLIC SERVICE APPEAL BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of *Mr. Carruthers*, *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 appeals in certain matters from the decision of the Public Service Board; to constitute a Court to hear and decide such appeals; to make better provision for the grading and promotion of officers; to amend the Public Service Act, 1902; to place certain offices and officers under that Act; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again at a later hour of the day.

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10. APPROPRIATION BILL :—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Carruthers 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. Carruthers, 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. Carruthers, the report was adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Carruthers, *passed*.

Mr. Carruthers 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 from the 1st day of July, 1905, to the 30th day of June, 1906, inclusive of both dates ; to adjust the Vote 'Advance to Treasurer, 1904-1905,' for supplementary charges during the period from 1st July, 1904, to 30th June, 1905, inclusive of both dates ; to adjust the Votes 'Advance to Treasurer,' 1903-4, and previous years for supplementary charges during the period 1st January, 1893, to 30th June, 1904, inclusive of both dates ; and for purposes connected with and incidental to the above objects.*"

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 from the 1st day of July, 1905, to the 30th day of June, 1906, inclusive of both dates ; to adjust the Vote 'Advance to Treasurer, 1904-1905,' for supplementary charges during the period from 1st July, 1904, to 30th June, 1905, inclusive of both dates ; to adjust the Votes 'Advance to Treasurer,' 1903-4, and previous years for supplementary charges during the period 1st January, 1893, to 30th June, 1904, inclusive of both dates ; and for purposes connected with and incidental to the above objects,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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Sydney, 30th November, 1905.

11. SYDNEY HARBOUR TRUST (RECLAMATIONS AND LEASING) BILL :—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Carruthers, 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 deal with certain authorities to reclaim lands in the Port of Sydney by the issue of Crown grants in respect of some and the revocation of other of such authorities ; to extend the term for which certain lands may be leased by the Sydney Harbour Trust Commissioners ; to amend the Sydney Harbour Trust Act, 1900, the Sydney Harbour Trust (Leasing) Act, 1903, the Crown Lands Acts of 1884 and 1895, and the Act 25 Vic. No. 1 ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and the Chairman 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 :—

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to deal with certain authorities to reclaim lands in the Port of Sydney by the issue of Crown grants in respect of some and the revocation of other of such authorities ; to extend the term for which certain lands may be leased by the Sydney Harbour Trust Commissioners ; to amend the Sydney Harbour Trust Act, 1900, the Sydney Harbour Trust (Leasing) Act, 1903, the Crown Lands Acts of 1884 and 1895, and the Act 25 Vic. No. 1 ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

On motion of Mr. Carruthers, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

(2.) Mr. Carruthers then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to deal with certain authorities to reclaim lands in the Port of Sydney by the issue of Crown grants in respect of some and the revocation of other of such authorities ; to extend the term for which certain lands may be leased by the Sydney Harbour Trust Commissioners ; to amend the Sydney Harbour Trust Act, 1900, the Sydney Harbour Trust (Leasing) Act, 1903, the Crown Lands Acts of 1884 and 1895, and the Act 25 Vic. No. 1 ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Monday next.

12. PUBLIC SERVICE APPEAL BILL :—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair for the further consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for appeals in certain matters from the decision of the Public Service Board ; to constitute a Court to hear and decide such appeals ; to make better provision for the grading and promotion of officers ; to amend the Public Service Act, 1902 ; to place certain offices and officers under that Act ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, That the report be *now* received.

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

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to provide for appeals in certain matters from the decision of the Public Service Board ; to constitute a Court to hear and decide such appeals ; to make better provision for the grading and promotion of officers ; to amend the Public Service Act, 1902 ; to place certain offices and officers under that Act ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

On motion of Mr. Carruthers, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

(2.) Mr. Carruthers then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to provide for appeals in certain matters from the decision of the Public Service Board ; to constitute a Court to hear and decide such appeals ; to make better provision for the grading and promotion of officers ; to amend the Public Service Act, 1902 ; to place certain offices and officers under that Act ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto*,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Monday next.

13. PRINTING COMMITTEE:—Mr. McFarlane, as Chairman, brought up the Twenty-second Report from the Printing Committee.

14. POSTPONEMENT :—The remaining Government Business postponed until Monday next.

The House adjourned, at Eight minutes after Seven o'clock, until Monday next, at half-past Two o'clock.

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 74.

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OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTIETH PARLIAMENT.

MONDAY, 4 DECEMBER, 1905.

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

MESSAGES FROM THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR :—The following Messages from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor were delivered by Mr. Carruthers, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

- (1.) Newcastle Friendly Societies and Trades Hall Site Act Amendment Bill :—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 83.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Newcastle Friendly Societies and Trades Hall Site Act, 56 Victoria No. 35; to provide for the election of trustees under the Newcastle Eight-hours Committee Rules; and for other purposes incidental thereto,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His 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, 2nd December, 1905.*

- (2.) Liverpool Municipal Loan (Amendment) Bill :—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 84.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Liverpool Municipal Loan Act, 1900, and the Municipalities Act, 1897, and for other purposes,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His 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, 2nd December, 1905.*

2. PAPERS :—

Mr. Carruthers laid upon the Table,—Report of the Sydney Harbour Trust Commissioners for the year ended 30th June, 1905.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Lee laid upon the Table,—Plan to accompany the Report of the Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board for the year ended 30th June, 1905, which was laid upon the Table on the 21st November, 1905.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Hogue laid upon the Table,—By-laws of the Borough of Albury.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. DRUMMOYNE MUNICIPAL LANDS SALE BILL :—Mr. Henley, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes and Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 3rd November, 1905, a.m.; together with a copy of the Bill as agreed to by the Committee.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Henley then moved, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

Question put and passed.

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4. CROWN LANDS AMENDMENT BILL :—Mr. Ashton moved, pursuant to *amended* Notice, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the setting apart and disposal of Crown lands as conditional purchase leases ; to better regulate the setting apart and disposal of Crown lands as original and additional holdings ; to provide for the allotment of lands the subject of conflicting applications ; to amend, in certain respects, the law relating to the control of forestry ; and generally to further regulate the sale, leasing, disposal, and management of Crown lands, by amending the Crown Lands Acts in certain respects ; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.
Question put and passed.

5. SYDNEY WATER SUPPLY CONDUIT ADDITIONAL WORKS BILL :—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Lee 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. Lee, 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. Jessep, Temporary Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Lee, the report was adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a third time.

(2.) Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Lee, *passed*.

Mr. Lee then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to sanction the completion of the raising and re-lining of the Lower Canal, and the construction of an Aqueduct at Booth Town, Sydney Water Supply ; and for other purposes.*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message :—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the completion of the raising and re-lining of the Lower Canal, and the construction of an Aqueduct at Booth Town, Sydney Water Supply ; and for other purposes,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 4th December, 1905.*

6. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (SHIRES) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Carruthers, 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. Carruthers, the report was adopted.

Ordered, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council :—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act for the local government of rural districts, and for the amendment, extension, and partial repeal of certain Acts to effect the same ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 4th December, 1905.*

7. NORTH COAST RAILWAY BILL :—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Lee, 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 sanction the construction of a line of railway from Maitland to South Grafton ; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads ; to amend the Public Works Act, 1900, so far as it relates to the making and maintaining of fences along the said line ; to provide for the use of the said line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him ; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

TUESDAY, 5 DECEMBER, 1905, 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, 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 sanction the construction of a line of railway from Maitland to South Grafton ; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads ; to amend the Public Works Act, 1900, so far as it relates to the making and maintaining of fences along the said line ; to provide for the use of the said line by the Constructing Authority, or by persons authorised by him ; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

On motion of Mr. Lee, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

(2.)

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(2.) Mr. Lee then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to sanction the construction of a line of railway from Mailland to South Grafton; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; to amend the Public Works Act, 1900, so far as it relates to the making and maintaining of fences along the said line; to provide for the use of the said line by the Constructing Authority or by persons authorised by him; and for other purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—and moved, That the Bill be now read a first time.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 27.

Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Perry (<i>The Richm'd</i>),
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. McLaurin,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Dick,
Mr. Levy,	Mr. Richards,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Henley,
Mr. Hindmarsh,	Mr. Davidson,
Mr. Wade,	Mr. Downes,
Mr. Ashton,	Mr. Fallick,
Mr. J. H. Young,	Mr. W. Millard.
Mr. Bennett,	
Mr. McFarlane,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. R. J. Anderson,	Mr. Brinsley Hall,
Mr. Briner,	Mr. Robson.
Mr. Law,	

Noes, 25.

Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Miller,
Mr. Cann,	Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Charlton,	Mr. W. W. Young,
Mr. Nielsen,	Mr. Booth,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Daley,	Mr. Eden George,
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Latimer.
Mr. Thomas,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Jessep,	
Mr. Ball,	Mr. Fell,
Mr. Oakes,	Mr. Jones.
Mr. Mechan,	
Mr. Estell,	
Mr. Nicholson,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

The House adjourned, at fifteen minutes after Five o'clock, a.m., until half-past Two o'clock, p.m.
This Day.

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 75.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTIETH PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 5 DECEMBER, 1905.

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

LOAN ESTIMATE FOR 1905-1906 :—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. Carruthers, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

Message No. 85.

Lieutenant-Governor.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, the Lieutenant-Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the accompanying Estimate of the Expenditure of the Government of New South Wales on account of Public Works and other Services for the year 1905-1906, proposed to be provided for by Loan.

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Sydney, 24th November, 1905.

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

2. QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Railway Extension from Moree to Boggabilla :—Mr. Jones asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is he aware that the Queensland Parliament recently approved of the proposal to construct a railway line along the southern border of that State from Thane to Goondiwindi?

(2.) Does he know that such a line when constructed will divert New South Wales produce from Sydney to Brisbane, to the detriment of the existing railway lines in New South Wales and to the serious loss of business houses in Sydney?

(3.) Is he aware that Sydney is the natural and most advantageous shipping and business centre for the produce of the north-western portion of this State, including the country adjacent to Goondiwindi?

(4.) Will he have immediate inquiries made whether the extension of the railway from Moree to Boggabilla would save that traffic to New South Wales, and will he, if such inquiries warrant it, refer the question of extending the railway from Moree to Boggabilla, to the Public Works Committee this Session?

Mr. Lee answered,—

(1 and 2.) I am not aware.

(3.) Yes.

(4.) Inquiries will be instituted when the question of reference to the Public Works Committee will be considered.

(2.) Canal from Namoi River into Pian Creek :—Mr. Gillies, for Mr. Collins, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) How much money has been expended in cutting a canal from the Namoi River into Pian Creek?

(2.) Is he aware that little or no benefit has been derived from this work, in consequence of a weir not having been constructed across the river?

(3.) If so, will he give directions for this weir to be constructed, in order that the best results might be achieved from such a large expenditure?

Mr. Lee answered,—

(1.) £6,040 13s. 9d.

(2.) No.

(3.) The matter of the construction of a weir will be considered when the pressure of artesian bore expenditure is relieved and funds are available.

(3.)

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- (3.) Claims of Messrs. Henry Harding, W. S. Stead, and others:—*Mr. Estell*, for Mr. Holman, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he fix a day on which the adjourned Debate on the adoption of the report of the Select Committee which sat on the claims of Messrs. Henry Harding, W. S. Stead, and others, arising out of alleged neglect in the Registrar-General's Office, may be resumed?
- Mr. Carruthers* answered,—The matter cannot have preference over placed Business or Government Business.
- (4.) Claims favourably reported upon by Select Committees:—*Mr. Estell*, for Mr. Holman, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Will he arrange for a sum to appear upon the Supplementary Estimates to satisfy claims which have so far been favourably reported upon by Select Committees?
- (2.) Will he consider the necessity for a reform in the method of investigating claims which will minimise the labour of Honorable Members upon Select Committees?
- Mr. Carruthers* answered,—
- (1.) The Reports of Select Committees cannot be treated as recommendations of the Whole House until adopted.
- (2.) I think that if the wise practice of earlier years of our Parliamentary history were followed, the reforms aimed at can be achieved. That practice was for the Papers and Reports on each case to be moved for and laid upon the Table of this House before the Motion was entertained to remit the case to a Select Committee. Then the House refused to send a case to a Select Committee without a *prima facie* case had been established for inquiry.
- (5.) Lands Offices, Raymond Terrace and Paterson:—*Mr. Bennett* asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is it his intention to abolish the Lands offices at Raymond Terrace and Paterson at the end of the year?
- Mr. Ashton* answered,—No.
- (6.) Power-house, George-street North:—*Mr. Creswell*, for Mr. Latimer, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Referring to Questions asked by Mr. Latimer on 30th November, 1904, *re* Power-house, George-street North,—
- (1.) Has the value of the land on which that building was erected been finally determined; and, if so, how much did it cost, and from what fund was the money obtained to pay for same?
- (2.) From whom was the land purchased; and if not finally determined, who is the owner of the land?
- (3.) For what purpose is the building being used at present?
- (4.) Is the cost of the said building, viz., £8,033, still a charge on the loan funds of the State?
- Mr. Lee* answered,—
- (1.) Yes. It is portion of a large property, which will cost the Government, in all, £35,250, but payment for resumption has not yet been made.
- (2.) The land was not purchased, but resumed from the late Robert Reid.
- (3.) Not occupied at present.
- (4.) Yes.
- (7.) Milson and Rabbit Islands, Hawkesbury River—Inebriate Asylum:—*Mr. Creswell*, for Mr. Latimer, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Referring to Questions asked by Mr. Latimer on the 14th November, *re* Milson and Rabbit Islands,—
- (1.) What is the area of Milson Island?
- (2.) To whom did the island belong prior to its purchase by the Government?
- (3.) From what fund was the £2,082 18s. 6d. obtained for the purchase of Milson Island?
- (4.) From what fund was the £6,500 obtained for the erection of the buildings on Rabbit Island?
- (5.) From what fund was the £2,500 obtained for the construction of a water supply for the joint use of the two islands?
- (6.) What is the area of Rabbit Island?
- (7.) Does Rabbit Island belong to the Government; and, if so, how was it acquired?
- (8.) If by purchase, how much did it cost; from what fund was the money obtained, and from whom was it purchased?
- (9.) What is the total amount expended to date in connection with the proposed Inebriate Asylum on the Hawkesbury River?
- (10.) How much more money will it be necessary to spend before the Asylum can be used for the purpose for which it was intended?
- Mr. Hogue* answered,—
- (1.) Seventy-six acres.
- (2.) The Trustees of the Estate of the late R. Milson.
- (3.) From "Inebriate Institutions, Hawkesbury River, £4,000—Loans Act 14, year 1903."
- (4 and 5.) From Votes, £7,000, Act 62, year 1901, Loans; and £4,000, Act 14, year 1903, Loans; and balance, £242 16s. 9d., from Revenue Vote, Public Buildings, 1904-5.
- (6.) About 3 acres 3 roods 35 perches.
- (7 and 8.) Rabbit Island, being Crown land, belongs to the Government.
- (9.) £11,242 16s. 9d.
- (10.) The group of buildings is in all respects complete for occupation as an Inebriate Asylum, and they are so planned as to make possible additions as future requirements may dictate. The present expenditure for occupying is confined to the cost of furniture and stores suitable for sixty-four patients and a matron.
- (8.) Government Coal Contracts and Messrs. Jones Brothers:—*Mr. Arthur Griffith* asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the firm of Jones Brothers, now being criminally prosecuted for fraud in connection with the supply of coal to the Public Works Department was some three or four years ago proved guilty of shortage in the supply of coal to the Asylums Department, and compelled to refund a considerable sum of money in connection therewith? (2.)

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(2.) Is it also a fact that, notwithstanding this, the Tender Board permitted the same firm to get the contract for the supply of coal to other Government Departments?

(3.) Is he aware that this firm has tendered for the supply of coal for next year, in the name of one of its employees?

Mr. Hogue answered,—With all due respect to the Honorable Member, there is a criminal prosecution pending against the persons named in the Question, and I scarcely think it is proper to give the information asked for at the present stage.

(9.) Claims of Messrs. Henry Harding, W. S. Stead, and others :—*Mr. Hollis*, for Mr. Holman, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is he aware that in the course of the Debate on the adoption of the Report of the Select Committee on the claims of Messrs. Stead, Harding, and others, a memorandum was circulated reflecting upon the impartiality of Members of that Select Committee?

(2.) Will he secure an opportunity, before the close of the Session, of completing this adjourned Debate?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

(1.) I am not so aware.

(2.) The attention of the Honorable Member is invited to my reply to Question No. 3 of to-day.

(10.) Salary of a Second Sanitary Inspector :—*Mr. Creswell* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that an arrangement was made with several Municipal Councils by which the Government agreed to pay half the salary of a second Sanitary Inspector; and, if so, which are the Councils affected?

(2.) Is it a fact that these Councils have now been notified that the fines received by them for proceedings under the Public Health Act are to be treated as part payment of the moiety of the salary to be paid by the Government?

(3.) Has a similar notification been made to the City Council; and, if not, is it proposed to deal with that Council in the same way as other Councils?

(4.) Has he considered that the probable effect of the decision to vary this arrangement will be to weaken the administration of those provisions of the Public Health Act which require to be enforced by local authorities?

(5.) Will he, in view of the necessity for maintaining a strict enforcement of the provisions of the Public Health Act, reconsider his decision, and continue the arrangement to pay half the salary of a second Inspector when the employment of such an officer is necessary?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—This matter is receiving consideration.

3. LIQUOR (AMENDMENT) BILL :—*Mr. Bennett* presented a Petition from certain residents of Hinton, representing that Petitioners view with satisfaction the introduction of the Liquor (Amendment) Bill, and praying that the Bill, with certain amendments indicated in the Petition, may speedily be passed into law.
Petition received.

4. CROWN LANDS AMENDMENT BILL :—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. Carruthers, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

Message No. 86.

Lieutenant-Governor.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 46th section of the Constitution Act, 1902, 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 Bill to provide for the setting apart and disposal of Crown lands as conditional purchase leases; to better regulate the setting apart and disposal of Crown lands as original and additional holdings; to provide for the allotment of lands, the subject of conflicting applications; to amend, in certain respects, the law relating to the control of forestry; and generally to further regulate the sale, leasing, disposal, and management of Crown lands, by amending the Crown Lands Acts in certain respects; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.

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Sydney, 5th December, 1905.

Ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

5. ADJOURNMENT :—*Mr. Speaker* stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Balmain, Mr. Walter Anderson, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz. :—“To consider the necessity of proceeding with those clauses of the Lotteries Bill which would stop the operations of Chinese gambling dens, otherwise known as Pak-a-pu lotteries.”

And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—

Mr. Anderson moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Point of Order :—*Mr. Perry (The Richmond)* pointed out that this Motion would anticipate the Debate on the Lotteries Bill which was among the Orders of the Day set down for consideration to-day, and was therefore out of order.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker upheld the objection taken, and ruled the Motion out of order.

6. ALLEGATION BY THE REV. W. WOOLLS RUTLEDGE RESPECTING AN APPOINTMENT TO THE PUBLIC SERVICE :—*Mr. Arthur Griffith* moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Report from the Select Committee on “Allegation by the Rev. W. Woolls Rutledge, respecting an Appointment to the Public Service,” brought up on 25th October, 1905, be now adopted.

Mr. John Hurley moved the Previous Question.

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Previous Question proposed,—That that Question be now put.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Norton moved, "That the Question be now put."

Question put,—That the Question be now put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 44.

Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Booth,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Wade,	Mr. Creswell,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. Donaldson,	Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. J. H. Young,	Mr. Perry (<i>The Richm'd</i>),
Mr. Moxham,	Mr. Ball,	Mr. Sullivan,
Mr. Jessep,	Mr. Latimer,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Dick,	Mr. R. J. Anderson,	Mr. Davidson,
Mr. Reynoldson,	Mr. McCoy,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Wood,	Mr. Hindmarsh,	Mr. W. W. Young.
Mr. Norton,	Mr. Fallick,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Walter Anderson,	Mr. Thomas,	Mr. Law,
Mr. Kearney,	Mr. Henley,	Mr. Cohen.
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. John Hurley,	
Mr. Daley,	Mr. Burgess,	
Mr. Fell,	Mr. Downes,	

Noes, 9.

Mr. Estell,
Mr. Nielsen,
Mr. Cann,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Briner.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Charlton,
Mr. Jones.

And it appearing by the Tellers' Lists that the number in favour of the Motion, being a majority, consisted of "at least thirty Members,"—

Previous Question put,—That that Question be now put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 23.

Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Nielsen,	Mr. W. W. Young,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. Briner.
Mr. Cann,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Charlton,	Mr. Daley,
Mr. Jones,	Mr. Estell.
Mr. Gillies,	
Mr. Hollis,	
Mr. McLaurin,	
Mr. O'Sullivan,	
Mr. Burgess,	
Mr. Donaldson,	
Mr. Kelly,	
Mr. Levien,	
Mr. Smith,	
Mr. Perry (<i>The Richm'd</i>),	
Mr. Sullivan,	
Mr. Edden,	

Noes, 33.

Mr. Fell,	Mr. Reynoldson,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. R. J. Anderson,
Mr. Creswell,	Mr. Law,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. J. H. Young,
Mr. Jessep,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. McCoy,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Downes,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Kearney,
Mr. Wade,	Mr. John Hurley,
Mr. Moxham,	Mr. Davidson,
Mr. Booth,	Mr. Morton,
Mr. Walter Anderson,	Mr. Henley.
Mr. Ball,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Wood,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Dick,	Mr. Norton.
Mr. Hindmarsh,	
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	

And so it passed in the negative.

7. REFUSAL OF THE PHARMACY BOARD TO REGISTER MR. WALTER TRAFFORD :—Mr. Gillies moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Report from the Select Committee on "Refusal of the Pharmacy Board to register Mr. Walter Trafford," brought up on 30th November, 1905, be "now adopted."

Mr. Jessep moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out the words "now adopted" and inserting the words "again referred to the Select Committee,"—instead thereof.

Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question.

Debate ensued.

Question,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question,—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 26.

Mr. Cann,	Mr. W. W. Young,
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. R. J. Anderson,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. Kearney,
Mr. Nielsen,	Dr. Arthur,
Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. McGarry.
Mr. Nicholson,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. McLaurin.
Mr. John Hurley,	
Mr. Edden,	
Mr. Bennett,	
Mr. Briner,	
Mr. Norton,	
Mr. McGowen,	
Mr. Fallick,	
Mr. Perry (<i>The Richm'd</i>),	
Mr. Charlton,	

Noes, 16.

Mr. Hogue,
Mr. Creswell,
Mr. Wade,
Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Jessep,
Mr. Hindmarsh,
Mr. J. H. Young,
Mr. Walter Anderson,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,
Mr. Booth,
Mr. Moxham,
Mr. Davidson,
Mr. Thomas,
Mr. W. Millard.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Mahony.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original Question put and passed.

And

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And it being Seven o'clock, Government Business took precedence, under Sessional Order adopted on 20th September, 1905.

8. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council :—

(1.) Taxation Amending Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Acts relating to land and income tax, so as to exempt certain incomes and to allow certain deductions from income tax ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 5th December, 1905.*

F. B. SUTTOR,
President.

(2.) Treasury Indemnity Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to indemnify the Colonial Treasurer, the Officers of the Treasury, and other persons, in respect of certain withdrawals and payments during the year 1904-5 from the Consolidated Revenue Accounts of the Colonial Treasurer in the Banks keeping such Accounts in anticipation of Parliamentary appropriation and warrant of the Governor,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 5th December, 1905.*

F. B. SUTTOR,
President.

(3.) Treasury Bills Deficiency Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorise the issue of Treasury Bills to cover the Deficiency on the Consolidated Revenue Account up to the 30th June, 1905 ; to provide for the renewal and redemption of such Bills ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

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Sydney, 5th December, 1905.*

F. B. SUTTOR,
President.

(4.) 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 from the 1st day of July, 1905, to the 30th day of June, 1906, inclusive of both dates ; to adjust the Vote 'Advance to Treasurer, 1904-1905,' for supplementary charges during the period from 1st July, 1904, to 30th June, 1905, inclusive of both dates ; to adjust the Votes 'Advance to Treasurer,' 1903-4 and previous years for supplementary charges during the period 1st January, 1893, to 30th June, 1904, inclusive of both dates ; and for purposes connected with and incidental to the above objects,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

The Council, in agreeing to this Bill, deems it necessary to enter its protest against the reduction of the Salaries of the President, the Chairman of Committees, and other Officers of this House, and to express the hope that a Supplementary Vote will be passed for restoring the said Salaries to their former amounts, and that Legislative measures will be taken in future for securing the Salaries and Contingencies of this Branch of the Legislature.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 5th December, 1905.*

F. B. SUTTOR,
President.

9. SYDNEY CORPORATION AMENDMENT BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read, and Mr. Carruthers proceeding to move, That this Bill be now read a second time,—

Point of Order :—Mr. Arthur Griffith stated that the Select Committee had altered the scope of this Bill, which was now much wider than the original order of leave. The proposal now contained in the Bill to provide workmen's dwellings on the land to be resumed or elsewhere, was an extension of the scope of the Bill not provided for in the original order of leave. He, therefore, submitted the Bill was out of order.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker said the object of sending a Bill to a Select Committee was that amendments might be suggested which the Committee deemed desirable, which amendments should be within the scope of the Bill ; he had to decide whether the amendments made fulfilled those conditions, and he thought they did. The paragraph in the Preamble originally read, "to remodel and deal with same, and to borrow the necessary moneys therefor" ; as amended, it reads "to remodel and deal with same, and to provide for workmen's dwellings on the sites resumed or elsewhere, &c." ; the word "remodel" inferred that buildings would be rebuilt or altered ; moreover the original clause 22 provided for the construction of new buildings by the Council. He, therefore, ruled the Bill in order.

Mr. Carruthers 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. Carruthers, 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. Carruthers, the report was adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time To-morrow.

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10. COMPANIES (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 facilitate compromises and arrangements between certain companies, societies, and associations and their creditors; to provide for the registration of foreign companies; and to amend the Companies Act, 1899,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

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Sydney, 5th December, 1905.*

F. B. SUTTOR,
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Carruthers, read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

11. CROWN LANDS AMENDMENT BILL:—

- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Ashton, 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 setting apart and disposal of Crown lands as conditional purchase leases; to better regulate the setting apart and disposal of Crown lands as original and additional holdings; to provide for the allotment of lands the subject of conflicting applications; to amend, in certain respects, the law relating to the control of forestry; and generally to further regulate the sale, leasing, disposal, and management of Crown lands, by amending the Crown Lands Acts in certain respects; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.

And the Committee continuing to sit after Midnight,—

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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman 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:—

Resolved,—That it is expedient to bring in a Bill to provide for the setting apart and disposal of Crown lands as conditional purchase leases; to better regulate the setting apart and disposal of Crown lands as original and additional holdings; to provide for the allotment of lands the subject of conflicting applications; to amend, in certain respects, the law relating to the control of forestry; and generally to further regulate the sale, leasing, disposal, and management of Crown lands, by amending the Crown Lands Acts in certain respects; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.

On motion of Mr. Ashton, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

- (2.) Mr. Ashton then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to provide for the setting apart and disposal of Crown lands as conditional purchase leases; to better regulate the setting apart and disposal of Crown lands as original and additional holdings; to provide for the allotment of lands the subject of conflicting applications; to amend, in certain respects, the law relating to the control of forestry; and generally to further regulate the sale, leasing, disposal, and management of Crown lands, by amending the Crown Lands Acts in certain respects; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto,*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

The House adjourned, at twenty-four minutes before One o'clock, a.m., until half-past Two o'clock, p.m., This Day.

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCURT,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

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OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTIETH PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 6 DECEMBER, 1905.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Insane Patients under Government Control :—*Mr. Kelly*, for Mr. Daley, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) How many insane patients are under Government control at the present time?
- (2.) How many attendants are over these patients?
- (3.) Who are the Visiting Inspectors, how many complaints have they investigated for the past twelve months, and in how many instances have these gentlemen sent them in to the Colonial Secretary?

Mr. Hogue answered,—

- (1.) 3,098 male and 2,074 female patients, of whom 3,034 male and 1,963 female are in institutions, and 64 male and 111 female absent on leave.
- (2.) 275 attendants and 220 nurses in the State Hospitals for Insane, besides those in private institutions.
- (3.) The Inspector-General of the Insane and the Official Visitors :—*Alfred N. Robertson, Esq., James C. Cox, Esq., M.D., Sinclair Gillies, Esq., M.D., Walter S. Brown, Esq., M.R.C.S., Eng., Alexander J. Hood, Esq., M.B. et. M.S., Glas., Miss Annie Parkes, and Mrs. Virginia M. Fitz-Simons.* The Official Visitors send a report of each visit to the Colonial Secretary, in which a statement of the complaints investigated is embodied.

- (2.) Overtime in Navigation Department :—*Mr. Kelly*, for Mr. Daley, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is overtime still paid to employees in the Navigation Department?
- (2.) Is he aware that there are large accumulations of overtime unpaid and overdue to these employees, and will he give instructions to have same paid forthwith?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

- (1.) Crews of launches engaged after official hours in shipping and landing mails to and from vessels in Sydney Harbour are paid overtime. For other extra duties performed after official hours they get "time-off." Other employees receive "overtime" in accordance with the Public Service Regulations.
- (2.) No.

- (3.) License Fees or Royalty on Timbers :—*Mr. Collins* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is he aware that the Timber Regulations provide that "Where small quantities of timber are required by settlers for *bonâ fide* use and not for sale, the Forest Officer may authorise its removal from Crown lands without payment of either license fees or royalty"?
- (2.) Is he also aware that the Department refuse applications from settlers for exemption from payment of royalty on cypress pine and narrow-leaf ironbark?
- (3.) Is he still further aware that timbers of the description named are in general use by settlers for establishing their homes in country districts?
- (4.) Will he give directions for these settlers to be exempted in future from payment of license fees or royalty upon all timbers required for *bonâ fide* use and not for sale?

Mr. Ashton answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Yes; I am informed that this has been so in cases where the settlers failed to show that they were in necessitous circumstances.
- (3.) Yes.
- (4.) I will look into the matter, but I think some discrimination will have to be shown in dealing with applications.

(4.)

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(4.) Robert Roberts, formerly Bookbinder, Registrar-General's Department :—Mr. Creswell asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What sums were paid to Robert Roberts, formerly a bookbinder at the Registrar-General's Office, for bookbinding for five years prior to his dismissal from the Government Service in October, 1889?

(2.) Was he paid monthly on same dates as Government officials?

(3.) If not, why not?

(4.) What amounts were placed on the Estimates for bookbinding in the Registrar-General's Office, including the Deeds Branch, the Land Titles Branch, and the Registration of Births, Marriages, and Deaths Branch, for the five years prior to the dismissal of Roberts?

(5.) Were such sums paid to Robert Roberts?

Mr. Hogue answered,—

(1.) £509 10s. 10d. in 1884, £599 18s. 10d. in 1885, £607 4s. 9d. in 1886, £599 17s. 3d. in 1887, £599 19s. 9d. in 1888, £315 1s. 6d. in 1889 (to June).

(2.) No.

(3.) Accounts for work executed by Roberts during one month were not submitted by him for payment until some time during the ensuing month.

(4.) £500 in 1884, £600 in 1885, £600 in 1886, £600 in 1887, £600 in 1888, £600 in 1889.

(5.) The whole of the sums voted, except for the year 1889, were paid to Roberts.

(5.) Inquiry into the Loss of the "Wollumbin" :—*Mr. Kelly*, for Mr. Sullivan, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Has he been advised of the rider added to the finding of the Court of Marine Inquiry, on the loss of the "Wollumbin," viz. :—"That the officers and men had been working inordinately long "hours"?"

(2.) Will he consider the finding with a view to remedy such a state of affairs, in the interests of the travelling public and the crews?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

(1.) The finding of the Court of Marine Inquiry has not yet been received. The Crown Solicitor reports that the evidence at the inquiry showed that the officers had been on duty for a long period, and his Honor, in stating that one of the assessors had drawn attention to this fact, expressed the view that in the public interests some way should be found of avoiding the necessity for men in responsible positions being on duty for long periods without sleep.

(2.) The matter will be considered when the decision of the Court is received.

(6.) Public Debt of the State :—*Mr. Jones*, for Mr. Gardiner, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) When was the first loan floated by a New South Wales Government?

(2.) What was the total Public Debt of the State at the end of the last financial year?

(3.) What is the total amount which has been paid since the first loan was floated (a) in interest; (b) in flotation and conversion expenses?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

(1.) In the year 1842.

(2.) The Public Debt proper on 30th June, 1905, was £82,321,997; add overdraft Consolidated Revenue Account, £336,890; add overdraft General Loan Account, £1,003,543—total debt on 30th June, 1905, £83,662,430.

(3.) The Honorable Member should move for the production of this information in the form of a return. It will take some time to prepare, and will entail a considerable amount of labour.

(7.) Land held by the Australian Mortgage, Loan, and Finance Company and other Companies :—*Mr. Jones*, for Mr. Gardiner, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) What is the area of freehold and leasehold land held by the Australian Mortgage, Loan, and Finance Company?

(2.) What amount is held by Dalgety & Co.?

(3.) What amount is held by Goldsbrough, Mort & Co.?

(4.) What amount is held by the New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Company?

Mr. Ashton answered,—The information regarding freehold lands is not available in the Lands Department, but it might be obtained on application from the Registrar-General's Department through the Chief Secretary. The information in regard to leasehold lands will be prepared and laid upon the Table in the form of a return.

(8.) Inspection and marking by the Board of Health of Carcasses slaughtered at Glebe Island :—*Mr. Broughton*, for Mr. Fell, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is he aware that it is alleged that Government "Tabs" (or brands) issued by the Board of Health, certifying to the quality of carcasses for export, slaughtered at Glebe Island and elsewhere in the Metropolitan District, are in most instances attached at the freezing establishments by other than the Government officials?

(2.) Is he aware that this lack of system would enable unscrupulous persons to attach the "tabs" to inferior carcasses, which have not previously been inspected by the Government representatives, thereby frustrating the object of the regulation, to the detriment of the export trade of the State?

(3.) If such is the case, will he give instructions to the Health Department to have the "tabs" attached to all carcasses at Glebe Island, and other slaughtering places, before delivery?

Mr. Hogue answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) No.

(3.) This would have the effect the Honorable Member wishes to avoid.

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- (9.) Applications to bring Conditional Purchases under the Instalment System of the Act of 1884 :—
Mr. McFarlane, for *Mr. Richards*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—
- (1.) What has become of the applications since the Act of 1903 to bring conditional purchases under the instalment system of the Act of 1884 so that a reduction can be made of the principal under section 13 of the Act of 1903 ?
 - (2.) Are the said applications pigeon-holed at the Treasury, and why have not all the applications to convert been sent over to the respective Land Boards for investigation ?
 - (3.) Will he, in his new Land Bill, embody a clause giving selectors under the Act of 1861 extra time to lodge their applications, in view of the time for lodging expiring on 31st December next ?
 - (4.) Is it a fact that applications lodged with the Crown Lands Agent, *Mudgee*, in 1904, have not been investigated, and will he cause inquiry to be made at the Treasury as to the cause of delay ?

Mr. Ashton answered,—

(1, 2, and 4.) An application to bring under the provisions of section 35 of the Act of 1884 a conditional purchase taken up under the Act of 1861 is not in itself an application for a reduction of the amount of outstanding purchase money, which depends upon the satisfaction of certain conditions. The lodgment of such an application, however, entitles the conditional purchase holder to make further application for a reduction of the purchase money. In all cases where such applications for reduction have been received they have been referred to the Local Land Board for inquiry and report.

(3.) No such clause is contained in the Bill.

- (10.) *Mr. J. A. Brodie*, of the Fisheries Department :—*Mr. Jones* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) When was *Mr. J. A. Brodie*, appointed to the position of Secretary and Chief Inspector of the Fisheries Department ?
- (2.) When was he appointed Visiting Magistrate to Lord Howe Island ?
- (3.) What salary did he receive when first appointed Secretary and Chief Inspector of the Fisheries Department ?
- (4.) What salary was paid him as Visiting Magistrate to Lord Howe Island ?
- (5.) When did he discontinue acting as Visiting Magistrate to Lord Howe Island ?
- (6.) Was *Mr. Brodie* in the Public Service at any time prior to his appointment to his recent position ; if so, what was the position and salary ?

Mr. Hogue answered—

(1.) 9th August, 1897.

(2.) 9th August, 1897.

(3.) £300.

(4.) £150.

(5.) 19th July, 1900.

(6.) Yes. Clerk in charge of Correspondence, Miscellaneous and Immigration Branches of Chief Secretary's Department, at a salary of £425 per annum.

2. OLD-AGE PENSIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL :—*Mr. McGowen* presented a Petition from certain blind residents of New South Wales praying that special provision may be made in the Old-Age Pensions (Amendment) Bill, whereby those who are in need, and are deaf and dumb, or bedridden and paralysed, or have lost limbs, or are blind, may receive pensions when reaching the age of fifty years.
 Petition received.

3. PARLIAMENTARY RECORDS :—*Mr. Carruthers* (*by consent*) moved, without Notice,—

(1.) That the Clerk of the Assembly be authorised, at his discretion, to destroy the following accumulated manuscripts, records, and documents laid upon the Table of the Assembly prior to 1901,—(a) Returns to Addresses and Orders, and Papers, not being originals, which have been printed ; (b) Petitions ; (c) Manuscript Votes and Proceedings, including Division Lists ; also Manuscript Notice Papers ; (d) Minutes, Proceedings, and Papers connected with inquiries before Select Committees ; (e) Reports of Select Committees which have been printed ; (f) Miscellaneous Maps and Plans which, in the opinion of the Clerk, are no longer of value ; (g) Manuscript Correspondence and Records not laid upon the Table. Any of the above which the Clerk may consider of historic or other interest to be retained.

(2.) That power be given to the Clerk of the Assembly to deal, on the above lines, with the manuscripts, records, and documents of an additional Parliament at the expiration of each Parliament.

Question put and passed.

4. PAPERS :—

Mr. Hogue laid upon the Table,—Report of the Committee appointed to consider what steps should be taken to minimise the risk of fire and the danger of panic in Theatres, Public Halls, and other places of public concourse.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Lee laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Notification of Resumption of Land under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the erection of a Wharf at Mouth of Wyong Creek, Tuggerah Lake.

(2.) Schedules to Additional Estimates, 1905-6, Public Works Department.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Ashton laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from sale for the preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.

(2.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.

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(3.) Abstract of Crown Lands intended to be dedicated to Public Purposes, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.

(4.) *Gazette* Notices setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the Dedication of certain Lands, under the Crown Lands Acts of 1884 and 1889, and the Public Trusts Act, 1897.

(5.) Return of Leases granted under the provisions of Section 18 of the Crown Lands Act Amendment Act, 1903.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

5. SYDNEY CORPORATION AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*),—On motion of Mr. Carruthers, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Carruthers then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to make further and better provision for the Municipal Government of the City of Sydney; to amend the Sydney Corporation Act, 1902, and the Sydney Corporation (Amendment) Act, 1902; to amend the law in respect of the City members of the Board of Water Supply and Sewerage, and in respect of the member of the Fire Brigades Board elected by the Municipal Council of Sydney; to give the said Council power to purchase or resume lands in the said City; to remodel and deal with same, and to provide for workmen's dwellings on the sites resumed or elsewhere, and to borrow the necessary moneys therefor; to confer further borrowing powers on the said Council; to vest certain lands in His Majesty as Crown lands; to amend the City boundaries; and for other purposes incidental thereto or consequent thereon.*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to make further and better provision for the Municipal Government of the City of Sydney; to amend the Sydney Corporation Act, 1902, and the Sydney Corporation (Amendment) Act, 1902; to amend the law in respect of the city members of the Board of Water Supply and Sewerage, and in respect of the member of the Fire Brigades Board elected by the Municipal Council of Sydney; to give the said Council power to purchase or resume lands in the said City; to remodel and deal with same, and to provide for workmen's dwellings on the sites resumed or elsewhere, and to borrow the necessary moneys therefor; to confer further borrowing powers on the said Council; to vest certain lands in His Majesty as Crown lands; to amend the City boundaries; and for other purposes incidental thereto or consequent thereon,*"—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 to whom it was referred.

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Sydney, 6th December, 1905.*

6. LOTTERIES BILL:—On motion of Mr. Wade, the Order of the Day for the second reading of the Lotteries Bill, was discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

7. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Speaker stated that he had received from the Honorable Member for Sturt, Mr. Arthur Griffith, a Notice, under the 49th Standing Order, that he desired to move the adjournment of the House, to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz.:—"The decision of the Government to prevent the publication from day to day of the proceedings of the Royal Commission which is to be appointed to investigate certain matters in connection with the conduct of the Railway Department."

And the motion for the adjournment of the House being supported by five other Honorable Members,—

Mr. Griffith moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Point of Order:—Mr. Cohen submitted that as the Government had stated that no such decision had been come to, the motion should be ruled out of order on the ground that it was not definite.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker said, in view of a statement made by the Premier, perhaps, the Honorable Member will withdraw the motion.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

8. CROWN LANDS AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Ashton moved, That this Bill be "now" read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Norton moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out the word "now" and adding the words "this day eight months."

Question proposed,—That the word proposed to be left out stand part of the Question.

Debate continued.

And the House continuing to sit after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 7 DECEMBER, 1905, A.M.

Question put,—That the word proposed to be left out stand part of the Question.

The

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The House divided.

Ayes, 51.		Noes, 12.	
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Lee,	Mr. Latimer,	Mr. Meehan,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Henley,	Mr. Hollis,
Mr. Dick,	Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Law,	Mr. Holman,
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Miller,	Mr. Kelly,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Creswell,	Mr. Ball,	Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Morton,	Mr. Richards,	Mr. McNeill,
Dr. Arthur,	Mr. Storey,	Mr. Walter Anderson,	Mr. Norton,
Mr. Hindmarsh,	Mr. J. H. Young,	Mr. Cann,	Mr. Charlton,
Mr. Ashton,	Mr. Reynoldson,	Mr. McGarry,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. Davidson,	Mr. Thomas,	Mr. Bennett.
Mr. Levy,	Mr. Fegan,	Mr. Fell,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Robson,	Mr. Thrower,	Mr. Gardiner,	Mr. Macdonell;
Mr. Collins,	Mr. Kearney,	Mr. Moore.	Mr. Jones.
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Downes,	<i>Tellers,</i>	
Mr. Wade,	Mr. McCoy,	Mr. Donaldson,	
Mr. Broughton,	Mr. Booth,	Mr. Nielsen.	
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. Moxham,		
Mr. McLaurin,	Mr. Oakes,		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question then,—That this Bill be now read a second time,—put and passed.
Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments and an amended Title.

On motion of Mr. Ashton, the report was adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time at a later hour of the day.

9. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council :—

(1.) Liquor (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 the supply of intoxicating liquor; to regulate the supply of liquor by clubs; to make better provision for the exercise of local option with regard to the supply of intoxicating liquor; to amend the Liquor Act, 1898; and for other purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto*,"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

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F. B. SUTTON,
President.

LIQUOR (AMENDMENT) BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 6th December, 1905.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 2, clause 3, line 4. *After "repealed" insert "subject to the provisions hereinafter contained"*
 Page 3, clause 8, line 11. *Omit "native" insert "person belonging to any"*
 Page 3, clause 8, line 17. *Omit "native" insert "person belonging to any"*
 Page 4, clause 12, line 8. *Before "violent" insert "indecent"*
 Page 4, clause 16, line 38. *After "his" insert "licensed"*
 Page 4, clause 16, line 40. *Omit "his" insert "the said"*
 Page 6, clause 19, line 1. *After "behalf" insert "or any member of the police force of or above the rank of senior constable"*
 Page 7, clause 21, line 7. *After "bar" insert "or the right to sell liquor"*
 Page 9, clause 30, line 39. *Before "on" insert "or indecent conduct"*
 Page 10, clause 32, lines 33 to 35. *Omit "the tenant by whom the offence was committed held under a contract made prior to the commencement of this Act, and that" insert "either because of the provisions of a lease made prior to the first day of December, one thousand nine hundred and five, or because of the provisions of any Act of Parliament"*
 Pages 11 and 12, clause 35. *Omit clause 35.*
 Page 12, clause 40. *Omit clause 40.*
 Page 14, clause 47, lines 39 and 40. *Omit "and no bar shall be allowed on club premises for the sale of liquor"*
 Page 15, clause 47, lines 2 and 3. *Omit "and no liquor shall be sold or supplied to any person under that age"*
 Page 15, clause 47, line 5. *After "club" insert "No liquor shall be sold or supplied to any person under twenty-one years of age"*
 Page 15, clause 47, line 10. *After "section" insert "and of paragraph (c) of the last preceding section"*
 Page 15, clause 48, line 24. *Omit "daily"*
 Page 17, clause 53, line 24. *Omit "half a" insert "one"*
 Page 17, clause 53, line 27. *After "objection" insert "when made by any person described in paragraph (c)"*

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- Page 17, clause 56, line 43. *Omit* " thirtieth day of June " *insert* " thirty-first day of December "
- Page 18, clause 58, line 27. *Omit* " ten " *insert* " five "
- Page 19, clause 60, lines 4 and 5. *Omit* " the next meeting of the " *insert* " a "
- Page 19, clause 61, line 34. *Omit* " same " *insert* " club "
- Page 19, clause 61. At end of clause *add* "(3) Provided that with respect to any club which was
" formed before the first day of November, one thousand nine hundred and five, and was
" *bonâ fide* used on that day as a club, the operation of this section, and the repeal by
" this Act of subsection five of section thirteen of the Principal Act, shall not take effect
" until the first day of March, one thousand nine hundred and six "
- Page 20, clause 63, line 26. *After* " full " *insert* " occupations "
- Page 20, clause 63, line 30. *Omit* " the inspector " *insert* " any member of the Licensing Court "
- Page 21, clause 66, line 20. *Before* " licenses " *insert* " publicans' or colonial wine "
- Page 21, clause 66, line 23. *Omit* " including conditional licenses "
- Page 21, clause 66. At end of clause *add* " including therein conditional licenses ; and applications
" pending for licenses of premises in respect of which publicans' or colonial wine licenses
" were held within four months before the commencement of this Act
" The number of clubs in an electorate shall not at any time exceed the number of
" clubs formed before the first day of November, one thousand nine hundred and five, and
" *bonâ fide* used on that day as clubs and registered under this Act on or before the first
" day of March, one thousand nine hundred and six "
- Page 21, clause 67, lines 40 and 41. *Omit* " persons in support of and in opposition to the petition "
insert " evidence "
- Page 22, clause 67, lines 5 and 6. *Omit* " at the commencement of this Act " *insert* " as specified
" in the last preceding section "
- Page 23, clause 71, line 20. *After* " and " *insert* " in each case "
- Page 24, clause 74, line 26. *After* " licenses " *insert* " of the respective descriptions "
- Page 24, clause 74, line 28. *Omit* " or registered club "
- Page 25, clause 74, line 8. *Omit* " allowed " *insert* " allowing "
- Page 25, clause 74, line 16. *After* " bar " *insert* " or the right to sell liquor "
- Page 25, clause 74. *After* line 15 *insert* " (vii) selling liquor in prohibited hours "
- Page 26, clause 74, line 4. *After* " that " *secondly* occurring, *insert* " any of "
- Page 26, clause 74, line 10. *After* " lease " *insert* " or of the period for which such agreement is
" to have effect "
- Page 26, clause 74, line 13. *Omit* " first day of September " *insert* " twenty-fourth day of August "
- Page 26, clause 74, line 15. *After* " licensee " *insert* " or that the licensee was on such dates the
" manager for the owner "
- Page 26, clause 74, lines 21 to 24. *Omit* " shall have been duly stamped without fine within the
" period provided by law and shall have been registered in the Registrar-General's Office
" prior to the first day of December, one thousand nine hundred and five " *insert* " or the
" indenture executed in pursuance of such agreement whenever executed, has before the
" thirty-first day of December, one thousand nine hundred and five, or within such
" extended time not exceeding fourteen days as the Governor may allow, been registered
" in the Department of the Registrar-General, and in the case of a lease or agreement
" executed before the thirteenth day of December, one thousand nine hundred and
" four, has been stamped before the fourteenth day of December, one thousand nine
" hundred and five, and in the case of a lease executed after the thirteenth day of
" December, one thousand nine hundred and four, has been stamped within the period
" within which it may lawfully be stamped without fine "
- Page 26, clause 75, line 33. *After* " take " *insert* " full "
- Page 26, clause 75, line 42. *After* " premises " *insert* " to which paragraphs (a), (b), or (c) do not
" apply as aforesaid "
- Page 27, clause 75, line 4. *After* " lease " *insert* " or of the period for which such agreement is to
" have effect "
- Page 27, clause 75, line 9. *After* " licensee " *insert* " or that the licensee was on such dates the
" manager for the owner "
- Page 27, clause 75, lines 15 to 18. *Omit* " shall have been duly stamped without fine within the
" period provided by law and shall have been registered in the Registrar-General's Office
" prior to the first day of December, one thousand nine hundred and five " *insert* " or the
" indenture executed in pursuance of such agreement whenever executed, has before the
" thirty-first day of December, one thousand nine hundred and five, or within such
" extended time not exceeding fourteen days as the Governor may allow, been
" registered in the Department of the Registrar-General, and in the case of a lease or
" agreement executed before the thirteenth day of December, one thousand nine hundred
" and four, has been stamped before the fourteenth day of December, one thousand
" nine hundred and five, and in the case of a lease executed after the thirteenth day of
" December, one thousand nine hundred and four, has been stamped within the period
" within which it may lawfully be stamped without fine "
- Page 27, clause 75, line 32. *After* " sale " *insert* " of liquor for medicinal use "
- Page 27, clause 75, line 42. *After* " liquor " *insert* " or makers of wine "
- Page 27, clause 75. At end of clause *add* "(4) For the purposes of this and the last preceding
" section any lease or agreement (including a lease under the Real Property Act) if
" registered in the office of the Registrar-General, pursuant to the provisions of the Act
" No. 22 of 1897, shall be deemed to be sufficiently registered "
- Page 29, clause 79, line 11. *Omit* " it is proved to the Governor that "
- Page 29, clause 79, line 11. *After* " club " *insert* " having been established before the first day
" of November, one thousand nine hundred and five,--(a) "

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- Page 29, clause 79, line 12. *After "or" insert "(b) is used"*
 Page 29, clause 79, line 13. *Omit "is"*
 Page 29, clause 79, line 14. *Omit "he" insert "or (c) is an association established at any time
 " as a limited company under section fifty-two of the Companies Act, 1899 ; the Governor"*
 Page 29, clause 79, line 17. *After "to" insert "registration and to"*
 Page 29, clause 79. *At end of clause add "The Governor may by proclamation revoke any such
 "exemption."*

Examined,—

W. J. TRICKETT,
 Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration at a later hour of the day.

(2.) Sydney Water Supply Conduit Additional Works Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the completion of the raising and re-lining of the Lower Canal, and the construction of an Aqueduct at Booth Town, Sydney Water Supply ; and for other purposes,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
 Sydney, 6th December, 1905.

F. B. SUTTON,
 President.

(3.) Vagrancy (Amendment) Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to declare Fan-tan and Pak-a-pu to be unlawful games ; to amend the Vagrancy Act, 1902 ; and for other purposes,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,
 Sydney, 6th December, 1905.

F. B. SUTTON,
 President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Carruthers, read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

10. SUPPLY :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Carruthers, 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 certain resolutions.
 Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, That the report be now received.
 The Chairman then reported the resolutions, which were read a first time, as follows :—

LOAN ESTIMATES, 1905-6.

ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE ON ACCOUNT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND OTHER SERVICES, TO BE PROVIDED FOR BY LOAN.

For the completion of works already begun under sanction of Parliament from Loan Votes.

No. III.—COLONIAL SECRETARY.

(130.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1905-6, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £10,000, for Fire Brigades, towards purchase of Sites and erection of Branch and Suburban Stations—further sum.

No. IV.—TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE.

(131.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1905-6, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £30,000, for Sydney Harbour Trust, towards construction of new Berthing Accommodation and new Jetties, Sheds, &c. ; new Punts for Dredges ; general reconstruction of Wharfs and Jetties ; new Shops and Workmen's Dwellings ; and generally for the improvement of the Port—further sum.

No. VIII.—SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

(132.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1905-6, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £224,000, for Railway Construction ; being £50,000 for Central Railway Station—further sum ; £30,000 for Central Railway Station and Approaches, Surplus Land Resumptions and Costs—further sum ; £50,000 for Narrabri to Walgett, with Branch towards Collarenebri—further sum ; £18,000 for Manilla to Barraba—further sum ; £55,000 for Temora to Barellan—further sum ; £21,000 for Bogan Gate to Bulbodney—further sum.

(133.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1905-6, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £4,800, for Tramway Construction—Tramways generally.

(134.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1905-6, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £19,000, for Government Architect :—Miscellaneous being—£13,000 for Penitentiary and Prison for Females—further sum ; £5,000 for University, Fisher Library—further sum ; £1,000 for Prince Alfred Hospital New Pavilions—further sum.

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- (135.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1905-6, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £4,825, for Roads and Bridges: being, Bridges—£1,400 for Pymont (Land Resumptions and Costs)—further sum; £1,500 for Hunter River at Dunolly Ford, Singleton—further sum; £1,700 for South Arm, Clarence River, at Maclean—further sum; £225 for Hawkesbury River at Richmond—Completion of.
- (136.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1905-6, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £58,085, for Harbours and Rivers: being £5,000 for Richmond River Improvements—further sum; £2,000 for Clarence River Improvements—further sum; £3,085 for Bellinger River Improvements—further sum; £25,000 for Newcastle Harbour Breakwater—further sum; £15,000 for Port Kembla Harbour Improvement, including Land Resumptions—further sum; £8,000 for Wharf Extension, Woolloomooloo—Land Resumption and Costs.
- (137.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1905-6, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £4,700, for Sewerage Construction: being £1,800 for Stormwater Sewer—Sir John Young's Crescent, Woolloomooloo; £2,900 for Lismore Sewerage—further sum.
- (138.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1905-6, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £7,500, for Country Towns Water Supply—further sum.
- (139.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1905-6, to be raised by Loan a sum not exceeding £70,000, for Sydney Water Supply: being £60,000 for Improvements to Sydney Water Supply and Storage Dam, Cataract River, including Land Resumptions—further sum; £10,000 for Catchment Area—Land Resumptions and Costs—further sum.
- (140.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1905-6, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £250, for Reservoir at Waratah—further sum.
- (141.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1905-6, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £133,800, for Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage: being for Water Supply—£58,000 for Extension and Improvement of General Reticulation, including conversion of ball hydrants into spring valve hydrants, purchase of water meters, and minor works—further sum; £36,000 for Relining and Strengthening Upper and Lower Canals—further sum; £11,000 for Improvements to Northern Suburbs Water Supply; £4,800 for By-Pass, Potts' Hill Reservoir, &c.; and for Sewerage—£24,000 for Construction and Ventilation of Reticulation Sewers generally in connection with approved scheme—further sum.
- (142.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1905-6, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £6,000, for Hunter River District Water Supply and Sewerage Board: being £1,000 for Reticulation, Newcastle and Suburbs—further sum; £5,000 for Walka Pumping Station—further sum.

No. IX.—PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

- (143.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1905-6, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £20,000, for School Buildings, Residences, Additions, and Sites—further sum.

No. X.—MINES AND AGRICULTURE.

- (144.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1905-6, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £15,000, being £10,000 for promotion of Agriculture, Agricultural Colleges, and Experimental Farms, &c.; £5,000 for Additions to Cave-house, Jenolan, and necessary rebuilding of existing premises.

New Works.

No. IV.—TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE.

- (145.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1905-6, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £25,000, for Sydney Harbour Trust—Erection Grain Jetty, Darling Harbour.

No. V.—RAILWAYS AND TRAMWAYS.

- (146.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1905-6, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £85,000, for Railways: being £20,000 for Grain Sheds and Railway Connections Darling Harbour; £30,000 for Rolling Stock to meet additional traffic requirements; £35,000 for additions to Railway Lines, Buildings, and for other purposes.
- (147.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1905-6, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £35,000 for Tramways: being £20,000 for Additions to Lines, Workshops, and Buildings, and for other purposes, to meet the requirements of Traffic; £15,000 for Rolling Stock to meet traffic congestion in certain directions.

No. VII.—SECRETARY FOR LANDS.

- (148.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1905-6, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £50,000 for Loan to Pastures Protection Boards, under Act No. 111, of 1902, for the purchase of wire-netting or other material and plant for destruction of rabbits.

No. VIII.—SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

- (149.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1905-6, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £5,000 for Railway Construction—North Coast Railway (Maitland to South Grafton)—Final survey for route and estimate of cost.
- (150.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1905-6, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £42,500 for Government Architect: being £15,000 towards Mitchell Library; £2,500 for Sydney Hospital—Rebuilding South Wing; £10,000 towards Admiralty Victualling Stores; £15,000 for Buildings, Martin Place.
- (151.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1905-6, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £6,000, for Roads and Bridges—Bridge, Hastings River, at Cameron Falls.

(152.)

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(152.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1905-6, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £10,000 for Sewerage Construction—towards Parramatta Sewerage.

(153.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1905-6, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £37,500 for Country Towns Water Supply.

(154.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1905-6, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £60,000 for Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage: being £52,000 for Water Supply—Improvements to Northern Suburbs Water Supply; and £8,000 for Sewerage, being £5,000 for Western Suburbs Relief Sewers; and £3,000 for Relieving Stormwater Channel, Baptist-street, Redfern.

(155.) Resolved, that there be granted to His Majesty, for the year 1905-6, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £4,470 for Hunter River District Water Supply and Sewerage Board: being £2,250 for Extension of Water Supply to Ash Island, and £2,220 for Extension of Water Mains to Abermain.

On motion of Mr. Carruthers, the resolutions were read a second time, and agreed to.

11. WAYS AND MEANS:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Carruthers, 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:—

(7.) *Resolved*,—That, towards making good the Supply granted to His Majesty during the present Session, a sum not exceeding £968,430, be raised by the issue of Debentures or Inscribed Stock secured upon the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the State, and bearing interest at a rate not exceeding £4 per centum per annum, or pending the issue of Debentures or Inscribed Stock, by the issue of Treasury Bills, bearing interest at a rate not exceeding £4 per centum per annum, to defray the expenses of certain Public Works and Services of the State, and for other purposes.

On motion of Mr. Carruthers, the resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

12. LOAN BILL:—

(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. Carruthers, That a Bill be brought in, founded on resolution of Ways and Means (No. 7), to authorise the raising of a Loan for Public Works and Services; and for other purposes.

(2.) Mr. Carruthers then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to authorise the raising of a Loan for Public Works and Services; 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-four minutes after Three o'clock, a.m., until half-past Two o'clock, p.m. This Day.

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 77.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTIETH PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 7 DECEMBER, 1905.

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

NATIONAL LIBRARY BILL :—The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was delivered by Mr. Carruthers, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

FREDK. M. DARLEY,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Message No. 87.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the erection of a National Library for the State of New South Wales,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Lieutenant-Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of His 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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2. QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Transactions of Cold Stores Branch :—*Mr. Broughton*, for Mr. Fell, asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the Board of Exports lost on the rabbit and hare export trade a sum of about £2,000, but is this loss expected to be covered by a gain on the cold storage of eggs?
(2.) Will he supply information showing how these alleged losses (if any) were made?

Mr. Moore answered,—There is no separate account kept of the cold storage of eggs as distinct from rabbits, hares, &c., but as far as can be judged the egg business is the more profitable. The last balance-sheet of the Cold Stores Branch shows there was a small profit on the transactions for the year. The question of rearranging the rates is now engaging attention.

- (2.) Veterinary Surgeons :—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Mines,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that preference is given to English veterinary surgeons for appointment under the Government before Australian graduates?
(2.) If so, why is this preference given?

Mr. Moore answered,—Nothing is known of the matter in the Department of Mines.

- (3.) Resumption of Land fronting Park-road :—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Did the Secretary for Lands, on the 23rd of August, 1897, in a communication to the Mayor of Sydney, desire the resumption of a block containing 10 acres 2 roods 2 perches fronting Park-road, on the ground that it was required "To be set apart for sites for public purposes which will be a benefit to the citizens" ?
(2.) After an interview with the Mayor and the then Secretary for Lands (J. H. Carruthers, M.P.), did the Under Secretary write a letter dated 20th May, 1898, "Mr. Carruthers explained that the Government desired the land, as the City was without any good sites for public requirements" ?
(3.) Were these proposals discussed at a Council meeting held on the 9th September, 1898, and the resumption of the land agreed to, "Provided that the public shall at all times have access to this part of the Common without any payment or restriction whatever" ?
(4.) Is it a fact that the Government, having acquired possession of the block of land containing 10½ acres, "for future public purposes," now intend selling same in allotments to the highest bidder, consequently the public will be excluded from the use of the land?

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Mr. Ashton answered,—

(1.) Such a desire was expressed, the land in question being part of the Sydney Common, which it was proposed to revoke.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) It is understood so.

(4.) Yes, as the land is not required for sites for any public purposes. The matter referred to formed part of a series of negotiations, involving many subjects of contention. The negotiations terminated without any agreement being arrived at; the proposals referred to in the Honorable Member's Questions were treated as having fallen through.

(4.) Offices of Pharmaceutical Society and Pharmacy Board :—Mr. McLaurin asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is he aware that the Pharmaceutical Society occupies, free of charge, the same offices as those provided by the Government for the use of the Pharmacy Board of New South Wales?

(2.) Is it a fact that the Secretary of the Pharmaceutical Society also fills the position of Registrar of the said Pharmacy Board?

(3.) Seeing that the Pharmaceutical Society, through their Secretary, not only occupies the offices referred to, but has also access to all books, papers, &c., in possession of the Pharmacy Board, will he consider whether it is right or judicious that such a condition should be allowed to continue in the interests of the public?

(4.) Will he take into consideration the advisability of taking steps to separate these two institutions, with a view of preventing the Pharmaceutical Society from interfering with or controlling the actions of the Pharmacy Board?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—

(1.) Yes, and has done so for about twenty-five years.

(2.) Yes; in accordance with the practice in Great Britain, and in all of the Australian States.

(3 and 4.) I am informed that the papers, &c., belonging to the two Institutions are invariably kept separate; that the Pharmaceutical Society possesses a large scientific Library, pharmaceutical appliances, &c., which are continuously being used by the Pharmacy Board and the Board's students; and that the Pharmaceutical Society never interferes with, or controls the action of the Pharmacy Board. It would therefore appear undesirable to separate these two Institutions.

(5.) Hyde Park :—Mr. Booth asked the Colonial Secretary,—How many convictions and prosecutions have there been for lying on the grass plots in Hyde Park, since the 1st January, 1905?

Mr. Hogue answered,—There have been eight prosecutions, the informations being laid by the officers of the City Council. In five cases convictions were obtained, two cases are pending, whilst in the other case the summons was not served.

(6.) Road through Vickery's Property, at Megalong :—Mr. John Hurley asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Regarding a road through property, known as Vickery's, at Megalong, did not his Department cause a survey to be made in order to secure to settlers, farmers, and others, ingress and egress from their holdings?

(2.) Did his Department write to the Member for the District to say that Smith and others should have the right-of-way secured?

(3.) Are men subjected to annoyance and prevented from using the right-of-way that has always existed; if so, will he see that they are protected, even though threatened with proceedings by Vickery or his agents?

Mr. Ashton answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) The Department did write to the Member for the District, but did not write to the effect that Smith and others should have the right-of-way secured.

(3.) I am not aware. At the present time an action for trespass is pending and Departmental action is necessarily suspended, as the plans and papers in the case have to be produced at the trial.

(7.) Amendment of Pharmacy Act :—Mr. McLaurin asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) In view of the disclosures made before the Select Committee, in the matter of Walter Trafford and the Pharmacy Board, will he take steps to so amend the Pharmacy Act as to dissolve the present Pharmacy Board?

(2.) Will he place the Pharmacy Act under the control of a Board responsible to the Government?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—I will give this matter my consideration.

3. PAPERS :—

Mr. Wade laid upon the Table,—Amended Scale of Fees under the District Courts (Amendment) Act, 1905.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Hogue laid upon the Table,—

(1.) By-law of the Municipal District of Coonamble, under the Nuisances Prevention Act, 1897, and the Public Health (Night-soil Removal) Act, 1902.

(2.) By-law of the Borough of The Glebe.

(3.) By-law of the Municipal District of West Narrabri.

(4.) Return to an Order, made on 15th November, 1905,—“Ex-Senior-constable T. G. Wright's retirement from the Police Force.”

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Moore laid upon the Table,—Report of the Department of Agriculture for the year ended 30th June, 1905.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

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4. CROWN LANDS AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Order of the Day*).—on motion of Mr. Lee, read a third time.
Mr. Ashton moved, That this Bill do now pass.

Question put and passed.

Mr. Ashton then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to provide for the setting apart and disposal of Crown lands as conditional purchase leases; to better regulate the setting apart and disposal of Crown lands as original and additional holdings; to provide for the allotment of lands the subject of conflicting applications; and generally to further regulate the sale, leasing, disposal, and management of Crown lands, by amending the Crown Lands Acts in certain respects; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.*"

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 setting apart and disposal of Crown lands as conditional purchase leases; to better regulate the setting apart and disposal of Crown lands as original and additional holdings; to provide for the allotment of lands the subject of conflicting applications; and generally to further regulate the sale, leasing, disposal, and management of Crown lands, by amending the Crown Lands Acts in certain respects; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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Sydney, 7th December, 1905.

5. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council :—

- (1.) Country Towns Water and Sewerage (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 the water supply, sewerage, and drainage of country towns; to amend the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act of 1880, the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act Extension Act of 1887, and the Country Towns and Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Acts Amendment Act of 1894; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—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 December, 1905.

F. B. SUTTON,

President.

COUNTRY TOWNS WATER AND SEWERAGE (AMENDMENT) BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 7th December, 1905.

JOHN J. CALVERT,

Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 6, clause 12, line 33. *After "covered" insert "or uncovered"*

Page 6, clause 12, line 41. *Omit "covered cesspool or"*

Examined,—

W. J. TRICKETT,

Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration at a later hour of the day.

- (2.) Western Lands (Amendment) Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to amend and extend the provisions of the Western Lands Act of 1901; to amend the Crown Lands Acts, the Appraisalment Act, 1902, and the Public Service Act, 1902; and for other purposes,*"—with the amendment indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendment the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

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F. B. SUTTON,

President.

WESTERN LANDS (AMENDMENT) BILL.

Schedule of the Amendment referred to in Message of 7th December, 1905.

JOHN J. CALVERT,

Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 4, clause 10. At end of clause *add* "Provided that not more than one such notification shall be made in connection with any lease."

Examined,—

W. J. TRICKETT,

Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the amendment made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration at a later hour of the day.

(3.)

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(3.) Railways (Victorian and Queensland By-laws) Enabling Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable Victorian and Queensland By-laws to be applied to Victorian and Queensland Railways situate in New South Wales, and to the traffic thereon; and for other purposes*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

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Sydney, 7th December, 1905.

F. B. SUTTON,
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Carruthers, read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time To-morrow.

6. SPECIAL SITTING DAY—(Sessional Order):—Mr. Carruthers moved, pursuant to Notice, That on Friday next this House shall meet for the despatch of Business at half-past Ten o'clock, a.m., and that Government Business take precedence of all other Business.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed:

7. LOAN BILL :—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Carruthers moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 45.

Mr. Mahony,
Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Carruthers,
Mr. Moore,
Mr. Ashton,
Mr. Wade,
Mr. Morton,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Davidson,
Mr. Fell,
Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Creswell,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Dick,
Mr. Hogue,

Mr. Fallick,
Mr. Downes,
Mr. J. H. Young,
Mr. Hindmarsh,
Mr. Henley,
Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Booth,
Mr. Walter Anderson,
Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Richards,
Mr. McFarlane,
Dr. Arthur,
Mr. Perry (*L'pool Plains*),
Mr. Collins,
Mr. Norton,

Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Perry (*The Richm'd*),
Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Ball,
Mr. Reynoldson,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Eden George,
Mr. Law,
Mr. W. W. Young,
Mr. Bennett,
Tellers,
Mr. Oakee,
Mr. Cohen.

Noes, 13.

Mr. Hollis,
Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Holman,
Mr. Nielsen,
Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Cann,
Mr. Burgess,
Tellers,
Mr. Meehan,
Mr. Estell.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Carruthers, 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. Carruthers, the report was adopted.

Mr. Carruthers moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Carruthers, *passed*.Mr. Carruthers then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to authorise the raising of a Loan for Public Works and Services, and for other purposes*."

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message :—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorise the raising of a Loan for Public Works and Services, and for other purposes*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 7th December, 1905.

8. SYDNEY HARBOUR TRUST (RECLAMATIONS AND LEASING) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Carruthers 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. Carruthers, 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. Carruthers, the report was adopted.

Mr. Carruthers moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a third time.

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9. VAGRANCY (AMENDMENT) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Wade 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. Wade, 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. Wade, the report was adopted.
Mr. Wade moved, That the Bill be now read a third time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a third time.

10. PRINTING COMMITTEE—PAPER AGAIN REFERRED :—Mr. Carruthers (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Return to Order "Turbine Engines for the Ultimo Power-house," laid upon the Table of this House on 18th October, 1905, and reported upon by the Printing Committee on 24th October, 1905, be again referred to the Printing Committee for reconsideration.
Question put and passed.

11. SYDNEY CORPORATION AMENDMENT BILL :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to make further and better provision for the Municipal Government of the City of Sydney ; to amend the Sydney Corporation Act, 1902, and the Sydney Corporation (Amendment) Act, 1903 ; to amend the law in respect of the City members of the Board of Water Supply and Sewerage, and in respect of the member of the Fire Brigades Board elected by the Municipal Council of Sydney ; to give the said Council power to purchase or resume lands in the said City ; to remodel and deal with same, and to provide for workmen's dwellings on the sites resumed or elsewhere, and to borrow the necessary moneys therefor ; to confer further borrowing powers on the said Council ; to vest certain lands in His Majesty as Crown lands ; to amend the City boundaries ; and for other purposes incidental thereto or consequent thereon,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

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Sydney, 7th December, 1905.

F. B. SUTTON,
President.

12. LIQUOR (AMENDMENT) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Wade, 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 progress, and obtained leave to sit again at a later hour of the day.

13. SYDNEY HARBOUR TRUST (RECLAMATIONS AND LEASING) BILL :—On motion of Mr. Carruthers, this Bill was passed.

Mr. Carruthers then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to deal with certain authorities to reclaim lands in the Port of Sydney by the issue of Crown grants in respect of some and the revocation of other of such authorities : to extend the term for which certain lands may be leased by the Sydney Harbour Trust Commissioners ; to amend the Sydney Harbour Trust Act, 1900, the Sydney Harbour Trust (Leasing) Act, 1903, the Crown Lands Acts of 1884 and 1895, and the Act 25 Vic. No. 1 ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"

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 deal with certain authorities to reclaim lands in the Port of Sydney by the issue of Crown grants in respect of some and the revocation of other of such authorities ; to extend the term for which certain lands may be leased by the Sydney Harbour Trust Commissioners ; to amend the Sydney Harbour Trust Act, 1900, the Sydney Harbour Trust (Leasing) Act, 1903, the Crown Lands Acts of 1884 and 1895, and the Act 25 Vic. No. 1 ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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Sydney, 7th December, 1905.

14. VAGRANCY (AMENDMENT) BILL :—On motion of Mr. Wade, this Bill was passed.
Mr. Wade then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to declare Fan-tan and Pak-a-pu to be unlawful games ; to amend the Vagrancy Act, 1902 ; 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 has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to declare Fan-tan and Pak-a-pu to be unlawful games ; to amend the Vagrancy Act, 1902 ; and for other purposes,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Assembly requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

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Sydney, 7th December, 1905.

7th December, 1905.

VAGRANCY (AMENDMENT) BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 7th December, 1905.

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

Page 1, clause 2, line 7. *After "pak-a-pu" insert "or any similar game of chance"*
Page 1, clause 3, line 9. *After "who" insert "gives or"*

Examined,—
W. H. WOOD,
Chairman of Committees.

15. LIQUOR (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Wade, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further 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. Wade, 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 the supply of intoxicating liquor; to regulate the supply of liquor by clubs; to make better provision for the exercise of local option with regard to the supply of intoxicating liquor; to amend the Liquor Act, 1898; and for other purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.*"

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 7th December, 1905.*

16. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

(1.) Vagrancy (Amendment) Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Assembly in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to declare Fan-tan and Pak-a-pu to be unlawful games; to amend the Vagrancy Act, 1902; and for other purposes.*"

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 7th December, 1905.*

F. B. SUTTON,
President.

(2.) Explosives Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to consolidate and amend the law relating to explosives; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—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 December, 1905.*

F. B. SUTTON,
President.

EXPLOSIVES BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 7th December, 1905.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, clause 2, line 9. *Omit "January" insert "October"*
Page 4, clause 8, line 17. *After "to" insert "(a)"*
Page 4, clause 8. *After line 19 insert "(b) the filling of safety cartridges with explosive in connection with a licensed magazine or licensed premises, so that the occupier of such magazine or premises observe regulations prescribed in that behalf.*
"(c) the manufacture of any prescribed explosive on a mine or other work in small quantities for immediate use in connection with such mine or work, so that such manufacture be carried on in accordance with regulations made in that behalf."

Page 7, clause 13, line 2. *After "explosive" insert "except nitro-glycerine"*

Page 7, clause 13, line 4. *Omit "twenty-five" insert "fifteen"*

Examined,—
W. J. TRICKETT,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration forthwith.

On motion of Mr. Carruthers, 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 other of the Council's amendments.

On motion of Mr. Carruthers, the report was adopted.

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(3.) Sydney Harbour Trust (Reclamations and Leasing) Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to deal with certain authorities to reclaim lands in the Port of Sydney by the issue of Crown grants in respect of some and the revocation of other of such authorities ; to extend the term for which certain lands may be leased by the Sydney Harbour Trust Commissioners ; to amend the Sydney Harbour Trust Act, 1900, the Sydney Harbour Trust (Leasing) Act, 1903, the Crown Lands Acts of 1884 and 1895, and the Act 25 Vic. No. 1 ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 7th December, 1905.

F. B. SUTTON,
President.

(4.) Loan Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorise the raising of a Loan for Public Works and Services, and for other purposes,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 7th December, 1905.

F. B. SUTTON,
President.

(5.) Crown Lands Amendment Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to provide for the setting apart and disposal of Crown Lands as conditional purchase leases ; to better regulate the setting apart and disposal of Crown Lands as original and additional holdings ; to provide for the allotment of lands the subject of conflicting applications ; and generally to further regulate the sale, leasing, disposal, and management of Crown Lands, by amending the Crown Lands Acts in certain respects ; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

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Sydney, 7th December, 1905.

F. B. SUTTON,
President.

CROWN LANDS AMENDMENT BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 7th December, 1905.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 2, clause 4, lines 38 to 40. Omit "taken up in virtue of and at the same time as the original conditional purchases within the said area" insert "mentioned in subsection one (b) of this section"

Page 3, clause 5, line 28. Omit "allowed" insert "made"

Page 3, clause 5, line 32. Omit "such" insert "the"

Page 4, clause 7, line 31. After "may" insert "within twenty-eight days after the decision has been given"

Page 4, clause 9. At end of clause add "Notwithstanding anything in the Principal Acts where any original homestead selection is legally transferable any additional homestead selection held in virtue thereof shall also be transferable with such original homestead selection as aforesaid"

Page 5, clause 10, line 17. After "pounds" insert "shall be entitled"

Examined,—

W. J. TRICKETT,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered by Mr. Speaker, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration at a later hour of the day.

17. PRINTING COMMITTEE :—Mr. McFarlane, as Chairman, brought up the Twenty-third Report from the Printing Committee.

18. COUNTRY TOWNS WATER AND SEWERAGE (AMENDMENT) BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Lee, 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. Lee, 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 the water supply, sewerage, and drainage of country towns ; to amend the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act of 1880, the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Act Extension Act of 1887, and the Country Towns and Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Acts Amendment Act of 1894 ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.*"

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Sydney, 7th December, 1905.

7th December, 1905.

19. WESTERN LANDS (AMENDMENT) BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Ashton, 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. Ashton, 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 and extend the provisions of the Western Lands Act of 1901 ; to amend the Crown Lands Acts, the Appraisalment Act, 1902, and the Public Service Act, 1902 ; and for other purposes.*"

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 7th December, 1905.

20. CROWN LANDS AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Ashton, 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. Ashton, the report was adopted.

21. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day of Government Business, postponed until To-morrow :—

(1.) Companies (Amendment) Bill (*Council Bill*) ; second reading. [*Mr. Carruthers.*]

(2.) Supply ; resumption of the Committee. [*Mr. Carruthers.*]

(3.) Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee. [*Mr. Carruthers.*]

(4.) Old-age Pensions (Amendment) Bill ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Carruthers, "That this Bill be now read a second time."

(5.) North Coast Railway Bill ; second reading. [*Mr. Lee.*]

(6.) Public Service Appeal Bill ; second reading. [*Mr. Carruthers.*]

(7.) Poisons Bill ; to be further considered in Committee. [*Mr. Dick.*]

(8.) Conveyancing (Amendment) Bill (*Council Bill*) ; second reading. [*Mr. Wade.*]

(9.) Mining Bill ; second reading. [*Mr. Moore.*]

(10.) Parliamentary Elections Bill ; second reading. [*Mr. Hogue.*]

(11.) Industrial Arbitration (Amendment) Bill ; second reading. [*Mr. Wade.*]

(12.) Public Service (Temporary Officers) Bill ; second reading. [*Mr. Dick.*]

22. LOCAL GOVERNMENT EXTENSION BILL :—

(1.) *Suspension of Standing Orders* :—Mr. Carruthers moved, pursuant to Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude a Motion for the consideration in Committee of the Whole *pro forma*, as provided in Standing Order 256A, of the Local Government Extension Bill, being moved on the reading of the Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of such Bill.

Question put and passed.

(2.) The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration in Committee,—Mr. Carruthers moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Bill *pro forma*.

Question put and passed.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.

On motion of Mr. Carruthers, the report was adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be recommitted To-morrow.

23. PAPERS :—Mr. Carruthers laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Memorandum reviewing the effect of Federation on the Finances of New South Wales.

(2.) Resolutions agreed to by the Premiers of New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, Tasmania, and Western Australia with regard to the amendments suggested by the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in the Bill drafted by the Australasian National Convention, 1897-8.

Ordered to be printed.

24. EXPLOSIVES BILL :—Ordered, on motion of Mr. Dick, 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 7th December, 1905, requesting its concurrence in certain amendments made by the Council in the Explosives Bill,—

Disagrees to the amendment in clause 13, page 7, line 2,—because nitro-glycerine is a constituent of most of the explosives used by prospectors and miners in metalliferous mines, and such an embargo would operate to the disadvantage of the mining industry.

Disagrees to the amendment in clause 13, page 7, line 4,—because such a limitation of the quantity would impose a serious and prejudicial handicap on prospecting for metalliferous deposits.

Agrees to the other amendments made by the Council in the Bill.

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Sydney, 7th December, 1905.

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7th December, 1905.

25. CROWN LANDS AMENDMENT BILL:—

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Carruthers, 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 setting apart and disposal of Crown lands as conditional purchase leases; to better regulate the setting apart and disposal of Crown lands as original and additional holdings; to provide for the allotment of lands the subject of conflicting applications; and generally to further regulate the sale, leasing, disposal, and management of Crown lands, by amending the Crown Lands Acts in certain respects; and for purposes consequent thereon and incidental thereto.*"

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Sydney, 7th December, 1905.*

26. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS (*Railway from Mudgee to Cobborah*):—

Mr. Lec moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of constructing a line of Railway from Mudgee to Cobborah.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned, at nineteen minutes after Eleven o'clock, until *To-morrow, at half-past Ten o'clock, a.m.*

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTIETH PARLIAMENT.

FRIDAY, 8 DECEMBER, 1905.

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

EXPLOSIVES BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council, having had under consideration the Legislative Assembly's Message, dated the 7th December, 1905, in reference to the Explosives Bill—does not insist upon its amendments disagreed to by the Assembly in this Bill.

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Sydney, 7th December, 1905.*

F. B. SUTTON,
President.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Edmund Ironside, Randwick Tramway Sheds:—Mr. Norton asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a workman named Edmund Ironside, in the course of his employment at the Randwick Tramway Sheds, on 17th November, 1904, met with an accident which necessitated his removal to an hospital, consequent, as stated by medical certificate, upon a fractured thigh?

(2.) Is it a fact that in answer to his application for sick-pay, and in a letter from the Railway Commissioners, dated 9th January, 1905, a reply was sent "That the reports indicate that the accident occurred before he had resumed work after the luncheon hour," and further "That he did not exercise ordinary care and was not in the ordinary performance of his duties when he met with the injury"?

(3.) Would he state the names of the officers who are responsible for sending these reports on to the Railway Commissioners?

(4.) In view of subsequent correspondence sent on to the Railway Commissioners in contradiction of this officer's reports, and promised to be substantiated by the evidence of several fellow-workmen that Mr. Ironside "was on duty," will he call upon the officers referred to for an explanation, and in view of the fact that subsequently half sick-pay was granted the applicant?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—I will be glad to refer the matter to the Railway Commissioners, and ask them to communicate with the Honorable Member in regard to the circumstances of the case.

(2.) Press Articles concerning the Sydney Custom House:—Mr. Norton asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Have the Press articles concerning the Sydney Custom House attracted the attention of the Government, and, in view of the possible serious loss to the revenue consequent to both insufficient, and in some cases, inexperienced services at the Custom House, will the Government communicate with the Minister of Customs advising an inquiry into this matter?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—I will make the communication as requested.

(3.) Sale of Collection of Aboriginal Weapons, &c., by Dr. Roth to Sydney Museum:—Mr. Norton asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House a full list of the 2,000 or more specimens described as a general collection of aboriginal weapons, implements, ornaments, skulls, bones, fossilised remains, manuscripts, notes, &c., sold by Dr. Roth to Sydney National Museum, together with the price paid for the same?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—The Trustees of the Museum will be communicated with in the matter.

(4.)

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- (4.) Divorce Court :—Mr. Norton asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—Is he aware that there is a block of business in the Divorce Court, and that suitors with cases long pending and listed for hearing are being seriously prejudiced by the protracted delay in calling their cases on, not only in regard to actual pecuniary cost but also in keeping some witnesses within the jurisdiction of the said Court?

Mr. Wade answered,—I am informed that there has been a block of business in the Divorce Court, due mainly to the fact that the case *Dalley v. Dalley* took fully one month to hear. It is not known that, in any of the cases remaining undecided with, witnesses are being kept within the jurisdiction; but, if this is so, an application to the Judge would probably result in an arrangement being made for the disposal of such case or cases.

- (5.) Constable Brown :—Mr. W. W. Young asked the Colonial Secretary,—
 (1.) Has his attention been called to the remarks of Chief Justice Darley on Thursday, the 30th November last, at the Supreme Court, in reference to evidence given in a case before him by a constable named Brown?
 (2.) Has his attention been called to the verdict of the Jury, in answer to an invitation from the learned Judge to assess the value of the said constable's testimony, wherein they promptly returned a verdict for the side against which the constable swore serious statements?
 (3.) In view of the foregoing, will he consider whether the responsible position of constable with its attendant duties is safeguarded, or the public protected, by the presence of a type of man like Constable Brown?

Mr. Hogue answered,—

(1 and 2.) I have read the report of the case in the newspaper.

(3.) A report has been obtained, and the matter is now under consideration.

- (6.) Sunday Trading at Circular Quay :—Mr. Broughton asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it a fact that great hardship is incurred by shopkeepers through being fined for selling fruit, milk, &c., on Sundays, and in further view of the fact that certain shops at Circular Quay are allowed to keep open for this purpose, will the Government take into consideration the advisableness of legislation in the direction of permitting such shops to remain open for certain hours on Sunday for the purpose named, or, failing this, will the Government insist that all places of business on the Sabbath Day remain closed?

Mr. Hogue answered,—The Police are simply carrying out the instructions of the Government, and there is no present intention to depart from the lines already laid down.

- (7.) Police Superannuation Fund :—Mr. Broughton asked the Colonial Treasurer,—In view of the fact that a number of the members of the Police Force have reached an age which renders them eligible to be placed upon the pension list, will the Government take into consideration the advisableness early next session of legislating in the direction of placing the Police Superannuation Fund upon such a basis that this object may be attained, and an opportunity afforded younger members of the Service of obtaining that promotion which is now prevented through the circumstances named?

Mr. Carruthers answered,—I must refer the Honorable Member to the answers given to Questions of similar import on 4th and 17th October.

- (8.) Newtown Park Trust, Narrabri :—Mr. Burgess, for Mr. Holman, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
 (1.) Is it a fact that Mr. E. MacFarlane held a public inquiry at Narrabri during the year 1901 as to certain allegations affecting the Newtown Park Trust, Narrabri?
 (2.) Is it a fact that up to the present time the Report of the result of the inquiry made by Mr. MacFarlane has not been made public?
 (3.) Will he lay all Papers and Report bearing upon the subject upon the Table of this House, or make them available to Members in some other way?

Mr. Ashton answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) I understand not, beyond a copy of the Report being furnished to Mr. A. E. Collins, M.L.A., on the 23rd June, 1904.

(3.) I have not had an opportunity of looking into the matter, but will do so at an early date with a view to compliance with the Honorable Member's request.

3. PAPER :—Mr. Lee laid upon the Table,—Additional Regulations under the Water and Drainage Act, 1902.
 Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
4. PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS (*Scheme of Sewerage for the Municipality of Drummoyne*) :—Mr. Lee moved, pursuant to Notice, That it be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works to consider and report upon the expediency of carrying out a scheme of Sewerage for the Municipality of Drummoyne.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed.
5. TREATMENT OF THIS STATE BY THE FEDERAL PARLIAMENT :—Mr. Carruthers moved, pursuant to Notice,
 (1.) That this House desires to express its profound dissatisfaction with the treatment accorded to this State by the Federal Parliament in many matters of serious concern and more especially in regard to the selection of the Federal territory for the Seat of Government.
 “(2.) That the Government should, by as simple and effective a means as it can devise, afford the Electors of this State an opportunity to express their opinion on the aforesaid subject.”
 (3.) That the above resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.
 Debate ensued.
 Mr. Wood moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out paragraph (2).

Question

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

8th December, 1905.

Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question.

Debate continued.

Mr. Oakes moved, "That the Question be now put."

Question put,—That the Question be now put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 38.

Mr. Mahony,	Mr. R. J. Anderson,
Mr. Wade,	Mr. Booth,
Mr. Broughton,	Mr. Creswell,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Morton,
Mr. Carruthers,	Dr. Arthur,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. W. W. Young,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Perry (<i>L'pool Plains</i>),
Mr. Oakes,	Mr. Richards,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Dick,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Briner,
Mr. Hindmarsh,	Mr. Walter Anderson,
Mr. Downes,	Mr. W. Millard.
Mr. McCoy,	
Mr. Mackenzie,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Davidson,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Ball.
Mr. Ashton,	
Mr. J. H. Young,	
Mr. Law,	
Mr. Nobbs,	
Mr. John Hurley,	
Mr. Gillies,	
Mr. McFarlane,	
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	

Noes, 22.

Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Bennett,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Sullivan,
Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Macdonell,
Mr. Thrower,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. Cann,
Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. McLaurin,
Mr. Waddell,
Mr. Wood,
Mr. Henley,
Mr. Gardiner.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Holman,
Mr. Reynoldson.

And it appearing by the Tellers' Lists that the number in favour of the Motion, being a majority, consisted of "at least thirty Members,"—

Question put,—That the words proposed to be left out stand part of the Question.

The House divided.

Ayes, 44.

Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Levy,	Mr. Smith,
Mr. Wade,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Broughton,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Brinsley Hall,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. R. J. Anderson,
Mr. McGarry,	Mr. Booth,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Creswell,
Mr. Oakes,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. Hindmarsh,	Mr. W. W. Young,
Mr. Downes,	Mr. Perry (<i>L'pool Plains</i>),
Mr. McCoy,	Mr. Richards,
Mr. Mackenzie,	Mr. Dick,
Mr. Davidson,	Mr. Briner,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Henley,
Mr. Ashton,	Mr. McLaurin,
Mr. Latimer,	Mr. John Hurley,
Mr. Holman,	Mr. Walter Anderson.
Mr. Fegan,	
Mr. J. H. Young,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Law,	Mr. Fallick,
Mr. Norton,	Mr. Cohen.

Noes, 17.

Mr. Thrower,
Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Cann,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Macdonell,
Mr. Morton,
Mr. Reynoldson,
Mr. Wood,
Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Waddell.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Dr. Arthur,
Mr. Sullivan.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Debate on the original Question continued.

Mr. McCoy moved, "That the Question be now put."

Question put,—That the Question be now put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 35.

Mr. Mahony,	Mr. R. J. Anderson,
Mr. Wade,	Mr. Booth,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Creswell,
Mr. Carruthers,	Dr. Arthur,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Perry (<i>L'pool Plains</i>),
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Dick,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Briner,
Mr. Broughton,	Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Walter Anderson,
Mr. Hindmarsh,	Mr. W. Millard.
Mr. Downes,	
Mr. McCoy,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Mackenzie,	Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Davidson,	Mr. McFarlane.
Mr. Ashton,	
Mr. Latimer,	
Mr. Law,	
Mr. Levy,	
Mr. John Hurley,	
Mr. Gillies,	
Mr. J. H. Young,	
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	
Mr. Fallick,	

Noes, 21.

Mr. Arthur Griffith,
Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Cann,
Mr. Miller,
Mr. Gardiner,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Norton,
Mr. Henley,
Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Thrower,
Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Sullivan,
Mr. Holman,
Mr. W. W. Young,
Mr. McLaurin,
Mr. Fegan,
Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Bennett.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Macdonell.

And it appearing by the Tellers' Lists that the number in favour of the Motion, being a majority, consisted of "at least thirty Members,"—

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(3.) That the above resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 42.		Noes, 2.
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Fegan,	
Mr. Wade,	Mr. Law,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Miller,
Mr. Carruthers,	Mr. Levy,	Mr. Bennett.
Mr. Moore,	Mr. John Hurley,	
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Norton,	
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Gillics,	
Mr. Oakes,	Mr. J. H. Young,	
Mr. Broughton,	Mr. Brinsley Hall,	
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Fallick,	
Mr. Hindmarsh,	Mr. R. J. Anderson,	
Mr. McCoy,	Mr. Booth,	
Mr. Davidson,	Mr. Creswell,	
Mr. Ashton,	Mr. McGarry,	
Mr. Latimer,	Mr. Waddell,	
		Mr. Donaldson,
		Mr. Perry (<i>L'pool Plains</i>),
		Mr. Dick,
		Mr. Briner,
		Mr. O'Connor,
		Mr. Henley,
		Mr. Walter Anderson,
		Mr. Richards,
		Mr. O'Sullivan,
		Mr. W. W. Young.
		<i>Tellers.</i>
		Mr. Mackenzie,
		Mr. Downes.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

6. "HANSARD" REPORTS :—Mr. Speaker, in furtherance of certain remarks on the above subject entered in the *Votes and Proceedings* of Wednesday, 1st November, stated that he had since then been informed by the Honorable Member for Blayney that what he referred to, when stating that he had had to correct *Hansard*, was, that during a Debate on the Lands Commission he made an interjection which, for certain reasons, the Parliamentary Reporting Staff did not print, indicating it by a dash; observing this, Mr. Crick requested that the words used by him should be printed, and this was done in the weekly edition of *Hansard*, from the shorthand notes of the words uttered taken by the Staff.
7. PRINTING COMMITTEE :—Mr. McFarlane, as Chairman, brought up the Twenty-fourth Report from the Printing Committee.
8. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Carruthers moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at a quarter before Six o'clock, until Monday next, at half-past Two o'clock.

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

WILLIAM McCOURT,
Speaker.



PROCLAMATION

NEW SOUTH WALES,
to wit.

(L.S.)

FREDE. M. DARLEY,
Lieutenant-Governor.

By His Excellency The Right Honourable Sir FREDERICK MATTHEW DARLEY,
a Member of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, Knight Grand Cross
of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Lieutenant-
Governor of the State of New South Wales and its Dependencies, in the
Commonwealth of Australia.

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the second year of the Reign of His Majesty King Edward the Seventh, being "An Act to Consolidate the Acts relating to the Constitution," it is amongst other things enacted that the Governor of New South Wales may prorogue the Legislative Council and Assembly thereof from time to time: And whereas it is expedient to prorogue the said Council and Assembly: Now, therefore, I, Sir FREDERICK MATTHEW DARLEY, the Lieutenant-Governor aforesaid—the Governor having departed from the State—in pursuance of the power and authority so vested in me, do hereby prorogue the said Legislative Council and Assembly until Tuesday, the twenty-third day of January next, and the same stand so prorogued accordingly.

Given under my Hand and the Public Seal of the State, at Sydney, this ninth day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and five, and in the fifth year of His Majesty's Reign.

By His Excellency's Command,

J. A. HOGUE.

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1905.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

BUSINESS UNDISPOSED OF AT THE CLOSE OF THE SESSION.

(PROROGUED, 9 DECEMBER, 1905.)

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Companies (Amendment) Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading. [*Mr. Carruthers.*]
2. Supply; resumption of the Committee. [*Mr. Carruthers.*]
3. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee. [*Mr. Carruthers.*]
4. Old-age Pensions (Amendment) Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Carruthers, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
5. North Coast Railway Bill; second reading. [*Mr. Lee.*]
6. Public Service Appeal Bill; second reading. [*Mr. Carruthers.*]
7. Poisons Bill; to be further considered in Committee. [*Mr. Dick.*]
8. Local Government Extension Bill, reported; to be reconsidered in Committee. [*Mr. Carruthers.*]
9. Railways (Victorian and Queensland By-laws) Enabling Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading. [*Mr. Carruthers.*]
10. Conveyancing (Amendment) Bill (*Council Bill*); second reading. [*Mr. Wade.*]
11. Mining Bill; second reading. [*Mr. Moore.*]
12. Parliamentary Elections Bill; second reading. [*Mr. Hogue.*]
13. Industrial Arbitration (Amendment) Bill; second reading. [*Mr. Wade.*]
14. Public Service (Temporary Officers) Bill; second reading. [*Mr. Dick.*]

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. GARDINER to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a return showing the total amount that has been paid by New South Wales Governments since the first Loan was floated for (a) interest; (b) in flotation and conversion expenses.
2. MR. RICHARDS to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the matter of interference with the rights and privileges of James Reid, John Edwards, and others, in their several annual leases, in the locality known as Triamble, Land District of Orange.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Ashton, Mr. Perry (*Liverpool Plains*), Mr. McFarlane, Mr. Fegan, Mr. Jessep, Mr. Collins, and the Mover.
3. MR. RICHARDS to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the mode of procedure adopted by the Land Appeal Court in the matter of refusal of Michael Gleeson's application for a homestead selection in the Land District of Dubbo.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Ashton, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Macdonell, Mr. Thrower, Mr. Richards, Mr. Briner, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Gillies, Mr. Bennett, and the Mover.
4. MR. HENLEY to move, That the Report from the Select Committee on "Claim of Mr. F. E. Stowe, "Electric Tram, Darling-street, Balmain," brought up on 22nd November, 1905, be now adopted.
5. MR. O'SULLIVAN to move, That the Report from the Select Committee on "Landlord and Tenant "(Amendment) Bill," brought up on 26th September, 1905, be now adopted.
6. MR. BRINER to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon all matters connected with the application for the reappraisal of George Hardacre's conditional purchase 89-29, Grafton.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Ashton, Mr. McLaurin, Mr. Perry (*Liverpool Plains*), Mr. Smith, Mr. Jones, Mr. Morton, Mr. W. W. Young, Mr. Davidson, and the Mover.
7. MR. BRINER to move, That, in the opinion of this House,—
 - (1.) Tolls should be imposed upon all bridges which have cost in construction more than £3,000.
 - (2.) Existing ferries should be abolished as soon as possible and bridges substituted therefor; toll to be paid upon such bridges in any and every case where the cost exceeds £3,000.
8. MR. HOLMAN to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—
 - (1.) The number of applicants for original holdings during the last five years.
 - (2.) The number of such persons who were successful.
 - (3.) The number who, being successful, omitted or failed to take up their land.
 - (4.) The number who were unsuccessful at the ballot.

9. MR. HOLMAN to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing the names and occupations and offences of all persons undergoing sentences who have been released from gaol before the expiration of their sentence in the ordinary course during the last three years.
10. MR. BROUGHTON to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—
 (1.) The number of civil servants in New South Wales when the Public Service Board was inaugurated, on 16th January, 1896.
 (2.) The number of civil servants employed on the 31st July, 1905.
11. MR. BROUGHTON to move,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon a certain claim or demand alleged by Mr. E. Ambrose against the Railway Commissioners.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Carruthers, Mr. John Hurley, Mr. Law, Mr. Hollis, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Jones, Mr. Waddell, Mr. Levy, Mr. Booth, and the Mover.
12. MR. PERRY (*Liverpool Plains*) to move,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the necessity of Grain Elevators being established in conjunction with our railway system so as to afford producers the most economical method of handling and exporting wheat in bulk, and of competing with other wheat-growing countries.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Moore, Mr. Reynoldson, Mr. Ball, Mr. Collins, Mr. Thrower, Mr. Jones, Mr. Fegan, Mr. Fallick, and the Mover.
13. MR. LEVY to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers, documents, and correspondence relating to the claim of the late Francis A. Hearle for compensation in respect of certain property resumed by the Government in the "Rocks" Area.
14. MR. BRINER to move, That, in the opinion of this House,—
 (1.) A Commission should be appointed to inquire into and report upon (a) the constitution of the existing Forestry Branch, (b) the forests of the State, and the necessity or otherwise for their growth and preservation, (c) the reservation and classification of forest lands, (d) the timber trade generally, and particularly with regard to imports and exports.
 (2.) Such Commission should consist of five members, three of whom shall be selected from outside the Public Service.
15. MR. JOHN HURLEY to move,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon certain claims alleged to be equitably due to James Charles Thornton in respect to his employment in the service of the State in various positions.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Carruthers, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Levien, Mr. Dacey, Mr. Broughton, Mr. Smith, and the Mover.
16. MR. HENLEY to move,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon (a) the working of the Metropolitan Traffic Act and the regulations thereunder as affecting the licensing of vehicles (other than passenger-carrying vehicles) plying for hire; (b) the expediency of imposing a wheel tax.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Hogue, Mr. Walter Anderson, Mr. Booth, Mr. McLaurin, Mr. McGarry, Mr. Downes, Mr. Hollis, and the Mover.
17. MR. BROUGHTON to move, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to alter the law relating to the observance of Sunday; to amend the Police Offences Act of 1901; and for other purposes incidental thereto.
18. MR. EDEN GEORGE to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the practice of prohibiting agriculture upon all mining reserves is detrimental to the best interests of this State.
19. MR. BROUGHTON to move. That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—
 (1.) The number of Civil Servants in New South Wales when the Public Service Board was inaugurated on 16th January, 1896.
 (2.) The number of Civil Servants employed at the 31st July, 1905.
 (3.) The number belonging to the various Departments taken over by the Federal Government.
 (4.) The total annual cost of the New South Wales Civil Service in the year prior to the appointment of the Public Service Board.
 (5.) The total cost for 1904
 (6.) The cost per head of population of the Civil Service for 1895.
 (7.) The cost per head of population of the Civil Service for 1904.
 (8.) How much has the New South Wales annual expenditure been reduced by the taking over of the Departments which the Federal Government now administer, but which the New South Wales Government formerly administered.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Encouragement to Settlement upon the Soil; resumption of the Debate, on the motion of Mr. O'Sullivan, "That, in the opinion of this House,—In order to foster and encourage settlement upon the soil, especially by young persons and those without means, it is desirable that the land laws should be so altered as to postpone all payments for the first three years—such period being added to the end of the term over which payments are now made, so that the State will not be a loser by the change."
2. Gun License Bill; second reading. [*Mr. Broughton.*]

3. Claim of Robert Roberts, late Bookbinder, Registrar-General's Department; resumption of the Debate, on the motion of Mr. Broughton, "That the Report from the Select Committee on 'Claim of Robert Roberts, late Bookbinder, Registrar-General's Department,' brought up on 25th October, 1905, be now adopted."
Upon which Mr. O'Sullivan had moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out the words "now adopted," and inserting the words "referred back to the same Committee for modification of recommendations,"—instead thereof.
4. Drummoyne Municipal Lands Sale, Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading. [*Mr. Henley.*]
5. Murrumbidgee Northern Water Supply and Irrigation Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading. [*Mr. Briner.*]
6. Newspaper Articles Bill; second reading. [*Mr. Holman.*]
7. Fisheries (Amendment) Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Fisheries Act, 1902. [*Mr. Briner.*]
8. Teralba Railway Resumption; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Arthur Griffith,—
" (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon all matters in connection with the Teralba railway resumption.
" (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Carruthers, Mr. Waddell, Mr. Norton, Mr. Charlton, Mr. Dick, Mr. Levy, Dr. Arthur, Mr. Hollis, and the Mover."
9. Case of Henry Harding, W. S. Stead, and others—Certificate of Title; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Hollis, "That the Report from the Select Committee on 'Case of Henry Harding, W. S. Stead, and others—Certificate of Title,' brought up on 14th December, 1904, be now adopted."
10. Public Instruction Act Amendment (Abolition of Fees) Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to abolish payment of fees in State Schools [*Mr. John Hurley.*]
11. Empire Day; resumption of the Debate, on the motion of Mr. Henley "That, in the opinion of this House,—
" (1.) The nearest Monday to the 24th day of May be hereafter fixed and proclaimed a Public Holiday in perpetuity—to be known as 'Empire Day,' to fitly commemorate the memory of our late beloved Queen Victoria, and in honor of the birthday of the heir apparent, the Prince of Wales, and to cultivate the spirit of loyalty and Empire unity.
" (2.) The holiday now held on the 3rd day of June, and known as Prince of Wales' Birthday, should be hereafter discontinued as a Public Holiday."
Upon which Mr. O'Sullivan had moved, That the Question be amended by leaving out all the words after the word "House," and inserting the words, "The Government should take some practical steps to ensure fitting annual celebration called Empire Day, in order to cultivate a spirit of loyalty and a desire for the closer unity of our race,"—instead thereof.
12. Dentists Amendment Bill (*Council Bill*); resumption of the Debate, on the motion of Dr. Arthur, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
13. Crimes (Girls' Protection) Bill (*Council Bill*); to be further considered in Committee. [*Mr. Waddell.*]

1905.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

ATTENDANCES OF MEMBERS IN DIVISIONS AND COUNTS-OUT
DURING THE SESSION OF 1905.

	Divisions in the House.	Divisions in Committee.	Counts-out.	Total.
Anderson, Rowland Joseph, Esq.	42	164	1	207
Anderson, Walter, Esq.	41	150	1	192
Arthur Richard, Esq., M.D.	26	136	1	163
Ashton, The Hon. James	43	154	.....	197
Bull, Richard Thomas, Esq.	32	146	.....	178
Bennett, Walter, Esq.	26	69	.....	95
Booth, Robert, Esq.	47	164	2	213
Briner, George Stuart, Esq.	40	104	1	145
Broughton, Ernest Clement Vernon, Esq.	38	63	1	97
Burgess, George Arthur, Esq.	38	150	.....	188
Cann, John Henry, Esq.	49	126	.....	166
Carruthers, The Hon. Joseph Hector	39	151	.....	190
Charlton, Matthew, junior, Esq.	45	174	2	221
Cohen, John Jacob, Esq.	43	158	.....	201
Collins, Albert Ernest, Esq.	27	138	.....	165
Creswell, Thomas Edgar, Esq.	39	136	.....	175
Crick, William Patrick, Esq.	10	16	.....	26
Dacey, John Rowland, Esq.	18	98	.....	116
Daley, William Michael, Esq.	26	98	.....	124
Davidson, Robert, Esq.	42	166	.....	208
Dick, The Hon. William Thomas	43	149	.....	192
Donaldson, Robert Thomas, Esq.	28	134	.....	162
Downes, Frederick William Arthur, Esq.	40	142	1	183
Edden, Alfred, Esq.	40	121	1	162
Estell, John, Esq.	43	156	.....	199
Fallick, James, Esq.	48	162	.....	211
Fegan, John Lionel, Esq.	37	117	.....	154
Fell, David, Esq.	22	56	.....	78
Fleming, William Montgomerie, Esq.	9	62	.....	71
Gardiner, Albert, Esq.	38	132	1	171
George, Eden, Esq.	23	85	.....	108
Gillies, John, Esq.	35	144	.....	179
Griffith, Arthur, Esq.	28	97	.....	125
Hall, Brinsley, Esq.	31	117	.....	148
Honley, Thomas, Esq.	46	154	1	201
Hindmarsh, George Thomas, Esq.	46	148	.....	194
Hogue, The Hon. James Alexander	43	169	1	213
Hollis, Robert, Esq.	41	169	1	211
Holman, William Arthur, Esq.	23	92	.....	115
Hurley, John, Esq.	35	87	.....	92
Jessep, Thomas, Esq. (<i>Temporary-Chairman of Committees</i>)	37	151	2	190
Jones, George Alfred, Esq.	41	160	1	202
Kearney, Sydney John, Esq.	21	111	.....	132
Kelly, Andrew Joseph, Esq.	35	121	2	158
Lafimer, William Fleming, Esq. (<i>Temporary-Chairman of Committees</i>) ...	44	153	1	198
Law, Sydney James, Esq.	45	164	1	210
Lee, The Hon. Charles Alfred	51	173	1	225
Levien, Robert Henry, Esq.	16	32	.....	48
Levy, Daniel, Esq.	38	138	2	178
Macdonald, Hugh, Esq.	3	10	.....	13
Macdonell, Donald, Esq.	37	130	.....	167
Mackenzie, Thomas Fitzherbert Hawkins, Esq.	31	111	.....	142
Mahony, William Henry, Esq.	36	106	.....	142
McCourt, The Hon. William (<i>Speaker</i>) ....	.....	4	.....	4
McCoy, Richard Watson Walker, Esq.	37	126	.....	163
McFarlane, John, Esq. (<i>Temporary-Chairman of Committees</i>)	37	133	.....	170
McGarry, Patrick, Esq.	43	142	1	186
McGowen, James Sinclair Taylor, Esq.	28	78	1	107
McLaurin, Gordon Ranald, Esq.	24	128	.....	152
McNeill, John, Esq.	23	108	.....	131
Meehan, John Charles, Esq.	34	147	.....	181
Millard, Alan Major, Esq.	7	4	.....	11
Millard, William, Esq.	40	160	1	201

	Divisions in the House.	Divisions in Committee.	Counts-out.	Total.
Miller, Gustave Thomas Carlisle, Esq.	34	137	.....	171
Moore, The Hon. Samuel Wilkinson	43	164	1	208
Morton, Mark Fairles, Esq.	36	116	.....	152
Moxham, Thomas Robert, Esq.	23	97	.....	125
Nicholson, John Barnes, Esq.	33	108	.....	141
Nielsen, Niols Rasmus Wilson, Esq. (<i>Temporary-Chairman of Committees</i>).	26	149	.....	175
Nobbs, John, Esq.	52	178	2	232
Norton, John, Esq.	17	51	1	69
Oakes, Charles William, Esq.	35	125	.....	160
O'Connor, The Hon. Broughton Barnabas	42	150	.....	192
O'Sullivan, Edward William, Esq.	31	85	2	118
Perry, John, Esq. (<i>Liverpool Plains</i>)	28	112	.....	140
Perry, John, Esq. (<i>The Richmond</i>)	26	65	.....	91
Reynoldson, George, Esq.	32	102	.....	134
Richards, Edwin, Esq.	11	32	.....	43
Robson, William Elliott Vcitch, Esq. (<i>From 17th August, 1905</i>)	20	121	.....	141
Scobie, Robert, Esq. (<i>Temporary-Chairman of Committees</i>)	33	93	.....	126
Smith, James Francis, Esq.	4	.....	.....	4
Storey, David, Esq.	9	28	1	38
Sullivan, Philip Hurley, Esq.	31	67	1	99
Thomas, Follet Johns, Esq.	30	134	.....	164
Thrower, Thomas Henry, Esq.	38	123	.....	161
Waddell, Thomas, Esq.	19	55	.....	74
Wade, The Hon. Charles Gregory	47	163	.....	210
Winchcombe, Frederick Earle, Esq. (<i>Resigned 3rd August, 1905</i>) ... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wood, William Herbert, Esq. (<i>Chairman of Committees</i>)	24	1	25
Young, The Hon. James Henry	37	79	116
Young, William White, Esq.	40	111	1	152

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15. Sittings of the House:—

Return of the number of days on which the House sat in the Session of 1905, stating, for each day, the date of the month and the day of the week, the hour of the meeting and the hour of adjournment, and the total number of hours occupied in the sittings of the House, and the average time; and showing the total number of hours on which the House sat each day, and the number of hours after midnight, and the number of entries in each day's Votes and Proceedings.

No.	Month.	Day.	House Met.	House Adjourned.	Hours of Sitting.	Hours after Mid-night.	Entries in Votes.
1	13 June	Tuesday	12 noon	12:23 o'clock p.m.	0 23	h. m.	10
2	14 "	Wednesday	4 o'clock p.m.	11:5 "	6 46	...	4
3	15 "	Thursday	4 "	11:3 "	7 3	...	3
4	20 "	Tuesday	4 "	11:16 "	7 16	...	5
5	21 "	Wednesday	4 "	10:1 "	30 1	22 1	8
6	27 "	Tuesday	4 "	10:45 "	6 45	...	8
7	28 "	Wednesday	4 "	8:41 "	4 41	...	17
8	29 "	Thursday	4 "	9:46 "	5 46	...	16
9	4 July	Tuesday	4 "	11:25 "	7 25	...	12
10	5 "	Wednesday	4 "	10:59 "	6 59	...	19
11	6 "	Thursday	4 "	1:13 "	9 13	1 13	18
12	11 "	Tuesday	4 "	11:2 "	7 2	...	9
13	12 "	Wednesday	4 "	4:25 "	12 25	4 25	7
14	13 "	Thursday	4 "	9:44 "	5 44	...	14
15	18 "	Tuesday	4 "	7:5 "	3 5	...	10
16	19 "	Wednesday	4 "	10:53 "	6 53	...	12
17	20 "	Thursday	4 "	11:50 "	7 50	...	9
18	25 "	Tuesday	4 "	11:1 "	7 1	...	13
19	26 "	Wednesday	4 "	10:35 "	6 35	...	15
20	27 "	Thursday	4 "	10:58 "	6 58	...	11
21	1 August	Tuesday	4 "	4:34 "	0 34	...	3
22	2 "	Wednesday	4 "	11:1 "	7 1	...	4
23	3 "	Thursday	4 "	2:25 "	10 25	2 25	4
24	8 "	Tuesday	4 "	10:30 "	6 30	...	8
25	9 "	Wednesday	4 "	11:32 "	7 32	...	15
26	10 "	Thursday	4 "	1:38 "	9 38	1 38	14
27	15 "	Tuesday	4 "	9:30 "	5 30	...	9
28	16 "	Wednesday	4 "	10:50 "	6 50	...	9
29	17 "	Thursday	4 "	9:37 "	5 37	...	15
30	22 "	Tuesday	4 "	11:10 "	7 10	...	9
31	23 "	Wednesday	4 "	11:28 "	7 28	...	16
32	24 "	Thursday	4 "	9:55 "	5 55	...	14
33	29 "	Tuesday	4 "	10:19 "	6 19	...	12
34	30 "	Wednesday	4 "	7:0 "	15 0	7 0	5
35	31 "	Thursday	4 "	11:0 "	7 0	...	9
36	5 September	Tuesday	4 "	8:50 "	4 50	...	10
37	6 "	Wednesday	4 "	11:56 "	7 56	...	13
38	7 "	Thursday	4 "	2:39 "	10 39	2 39	8
39	12 "	Tuesday	4 "	9:50 "	5 50	...	8
40	13 "	Wednesday	4 "	2:10 "	10 10	2 10	9
41	14 "	Thursday	4 "	10:2 "	6 2	...	10
42	19 "	Tuesday	4 "	11:35 "	7 35	...	11
43	20 "	Wednesday	4 "	11:8 "	7 8	...	11
44	21 "	Thursday	4 "	1:33 "	9 33	1 33	11
45	26 "	Tuesday	2:30	1:27 "	10 57	1 27	14
46	27 "	Wednesday	4 "	11:33 "	7 33	...	16
47	28 "	Thursday	4 "	11:20 "	7 20	...	10
48	3 October	Tuesday	2:30	10:28 "	7 58	...	15
49	4 "	Wednesday	4 "	10:58 "	6 58	...	14
50	5 "	Thursday	2 "	1:18 "	11 18	1 18	7
51	10 "	Tuesday	2:30	11:18 "	8 48	...	13
52	11 "	Wednesday	4 "	10:5 "	30 5	22 5	8
53	17 "	Tuesday	2:30	11:56 "	9 26	...	7
54	18 "	Wednesday	4 "	3:59 "	11 59	3 59	10
55	19 "	Thursday	4 "	4:55 "	12 55	4 55	11
56	24 "	Tuesday	2:30	3:17 "	12 47	3 17	13
57	25 "	Wednesday	4 "	4:28 "	12 28	4 28	10
58	26 "	Thursday	4 "	10:39 "	6 39	...	11
59	31 "	Tuesday	2:30	2:40 "	12 10	2 40	14
60	1 November	Wednesday	4 "	10:12 "	6 12	...	12
61	2 "	Thursday	4 "	12:11 "	8 11	0 11	7
62	7 "	Tuesday	2:30	12:50 "	10 20	0 50	8
63	8 "	Wednesday	4 "	8:43 "	4 43	...	10
64	9 "	Thursday	4 "	11:31 "	7 31	...	14
65	14 "	Tuesday	2:30	11:28 "	8 58	...	13
66	15 "	Wednesday	4 "	10:35 "	6 35	...	12
67	16 "	Thursday	4 "	2:11 "	10 11	2 11	10
68	21 "	Tuesday	2:30	9:52 "	7 22	...	13
69	22 "	Wednesday	2:30	5:43 "	15 13	5 43	9
70	23 "	Thursday	2:30	9:57 "	19 27	9 57	8
71	28 "	Tuesday	2:30	7:57 "	17 27	7 57	17
72	29 "	Wednesday	2:30	12:32 "	22 2	12 32	12
73	30 "	Thursday	2:30	7:8 "	4 38	...	14
74	4 December	Monday	2:30	5:15 "	14 45	5 15	7
75	5 "	Tuesday	2:30	12:36 "	10 6	0 36	11
76	6 "	Wednesday	2:30	3:24 "	12 54	3 24	12
77	7 "	Thursday	2:30	11:19 "	8 49	...	26
78	8 "	Friday	10:30	5:45 "	7 15	...	8
Total					718 29	137 49	853
Average length of sitting daily, 9 hours 8 minutes.							

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