

# Votes

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 10 MARCH, 1908.

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-sixth day of February, 1908.

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 Grand Cross of the Most  
“(L.S.) } Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor of the State of New South  
“HARRY H. RAWSON, }  
“Governor. } Wales and its Dependencies, in the Commonwealth of Australia.

“WHEREAS the Parliament of New South Wales now stands prorogued to Tuesday, the third day of March next: 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 tenth day of March 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 tenth day of March 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-sixth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eight, and in the eighth year of His Majesty's Reign.

“By His Excellency's Command,  
“W. H. WOOD.

“GOD SAVE THE KING!”

2. THE CLERK SUMMONED:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that, during the recess, the Clerk had received a subpoena to appear before the Court of Quarter Sessions at Dubbo on the 28th January, 1908, in a personation case “The Crown v. Madden,” to produce the Writ of Election for the Electoral District of The Castlereagh,—and that, as Speaker, he had authorised the production of such Writ. The Clerk accordingly attended the Court.
3. ASSENT TO BILLS:—Mr. Speaker reported that, during the recess, he had received the following Messages from His Excellency the Governor:—

(1.) Closer Settlement (Amendment) Bill:—

HARRY H. RAWSON,  
Governor.

Message No. 1.

A Bill, intituled “An Act to amend the Closer Settlement Act, 1904, and the Closer Settlement (Amendment) Act, 1906; 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.

State Government House,  
Sydney, 19th December, 1907.

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## (2.) Loan Bill :—

HARRY H. RAWSON,  
Governor.

Message No. 2.

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.

State Government House,  
Sydney, 20th December, 1907.

## (3.) Appropriation Bill :—

HARRY H. RAWSON,  
Governor.

Message No. 3.

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, 1907, to the 30th day of June, 1908, inclusive of both dates ; to adjust the Vote 'Advance to Treasurer, Consolidated Revenue Fund, 1906-1907,' for supplementary charges during the period from 1st July, 1906, to 30th June, 1907, inclusive of both dates ; to provide for Public Works and other Services out of the Public Works Fund ; to adjust the Vote 'Advance to Treasurer, Public Works Fund, 1906-7,' for supplementary charges during the period from 1st July, 1906, to 30th June, 1907, inclusive of both dates ; and to provide for Services out of the Closer Settlement Fund ; 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.

State Government House,  
Sydney, 20th December, 1907.

## (4.) Poor Prisoners Defence Bill :—

HARRY H. RAWSON,  
Governor.

Message No. 4.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to make provision for the defence of poor prisoners ; and for other purposes connected 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 numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

State Government House,  
Sydney, 24th December, 1907.

## (5.) Invalidity and Accidents Pensions Bill :—

HARRY H. RAWSON,  
Governor.

Message No. 5.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to make provision for pensions in certain cases of invalidity and accident ; to amend the Old-age Pensions Act, 1900 ; 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.

State Government House,  
Sydney, 24th December, 1907.

## (6.) Liquor (Amendment) Bill :—

HARRY H. RAWSON,  
Governor.

Message No. 6.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Liquor (Amendment) Act, 1905 ; to validate certain Acts, proclamations, and notifications, and to declare the law in certain respects ; 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.

State Government House,  
Sydney, 24th December, 1907.

## (7.) Parramatta Friendly Societies' Hall Site (Amendment) Bill :—

HARRY H. RAWSON,  
Governor.

Message No. 7.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Parramatta Friendly Societies' Hall Site Vesting Act,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of 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, 23rd December, 1907.

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## (8.) Wallsend to West Wallsend Tramway Bill :—

HARRY H. RAWSON,  
Governor.

Message No. 8.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of a Tramway from Wallsend to West Wallsend ; 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.

State Government House,  
Sydney, 23rd December, 1907.

## (9.) Mining (Amendment) Bill :—

HARRY H. RAWSON,  
Governor.

Message No. 9.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to declare the meaning of certain provisions of section 2 of the Mining Act, 1906 ; to amend sections 14, 15, 16, 25, 50, 106, 109, and 110, and Schedule Three of the said Act ; to amend section 46 of the Crown Lands Act of 1884 ; 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.

State Government House,  
Sydney, 23rd December, 1907.

(10.) Lockhart to Clear Hills, *via* Boree Creek, Railway Bill :—HARRY H. RAWSON,  
Governor.

Message No. 10.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of a line of Railway from Lockhart to Clear Hills, via Boree Creek ; 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,*"—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.

State Government House,  
Sydney, 23rd December, 1907.

## (11.) Narromine to Peak Hill Railway Bill :—

HARRY H. RAWSON,  
Governor.

Message No. 11.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of a line of Railway from Narromine to Peak Hill ; 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,*"—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.

State Government House,  
Sydney, 23rd December, 1907.

## (12.) Drummoyne to Ryde Electric Tramway Bill :—

HARRY H. RAWSON,  
Governor.

Message No. 12.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to sanction the construction of an Electric Tramway from Drummoyne to Hatton's Flat, Ryde ; 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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Sydney, 23rd December, 1907.

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## (13.) Public Works (Interest) Bill:—

HARRY H. RAWSON,  
Governor.

Message No. 13.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Public Works Act, 1900*,"—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.

State Government House,  
Sydney, 6th January, 1908.

## (14.) Ministers' Salaries Bill:—

HARRY H. RAWSON,  
Governor.

Message No. 14.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to appropriate out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund an annual amount for the salaries of the Ministers of the Crown; to amend the Constitution Act, 1902; 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.

State Government House,  
Sutton Forest, 13th January, 1908.

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

"MR. SPEAKER,—

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

The House went,—and being returned, adjourned, on motion of Mr. Wade, at fifteen minutes after Twelve o'clock, until Four o'clock This Day.

The House resumed pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

## 5. TEMPORARY CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES:—Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order No. 28, appointed,—

Niels Rasmus Wilson Nielsen, Esquire,  
John Charles Lucas Fitzpatrick, Esquire,  
Richard Denis Meagher, Esquire,  
Owen Gilbert, Esquire, and  
Robert Scobie, Esquire,

to act as Temporary Chairmen of Committees during the present Session.

6. PRO FORMA BILL—LAW OF EVIDENCE BILL:—Mr. Wade presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Law of Evidence*,"—and moved, That this Bill be read a first time *pro forma*.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a first time.

## 7. THE GOVERNOR'S OPENING SPEECH:—Mr. Speaker reported that the House had this day attended the Governor in the Legislative Council Chamber, when His Excellency was pleased to deliver an Opening Speech to both Houses of Parliament, of which, for greater accuracy, he had obtained a copy,—which he read to the House as follows:—

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

1. The life of the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1901, will come to an end on 30th June next, and my Advisers are of opinion that further legislation is necessary to render the methods of settling industrial disputes more expeditious, less costly, and more effective.

2. It is desirable that ample time should be allowed for the proper discussion of this new measure in Parliament, and arranging for the necessary machinery, so that there shall be no interval between the termination of the existing Statute and the coming into operation of the new law.

3. Certain suits have been instituted in the Supreme Court challenging the action of the Improvement Leases Board in cancelling certain leases under the authority of the Improvement Leases Cancellation Act, 1906. As a result, the development of the policy of Closer Settlement may be materially impeded. You will, therefore, be asked to pass a measure whereby the intentions of the Legislature on this subject will be placed beyond all doubt.

4. My Advisers recognise the importance of these subjects being dealt with as soon as possible, and I have therefore called you together at the earliest opportunity for the purpose of enabling you to give Parliamentary sanction to their proposals.

5. As you have been summoned at much personal inconvenience and brief notice, the business to be submitted to you will be limited to that which has been indicated.

6. I now leave you to your important deliberations, with an earnest prayer that, under Divine guidance, your labours may promote the best interests of all classes of the people.

Mr.

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10th March, 1908.

Mr. Robert Jones then moved, and Colonel Onslow seconded the motion,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to prepare an Address in Reply to the Speech which His Excellency the 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. Hindmarsh, Mr. Nobbs, Mr. Fleming, Mr. McCoy, Colonel Onslow, Mr. Broughton, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

The Committee retired to prepare the Address.

And Mr. Jones 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 Sir HARRY HOLDSWORTH RAWSON, Admiral in the Royal Navy, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, 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 measures to be submitted to us.

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

Mr. Jones then moved, and Colonel Onslow seconded the motion, That the Address in Reply to the Governor's Opening Speech, as read by the Clerk, be now adopted by this House.

Mr. McGowen moved, That the Address be amended by the insertion of the following words, to stand as paragraph 2:—

“But we regret to have to inform Your Excellency that the conduct of Your Advisers in connection with certain recent public appointments, involving as it does a breach of the law and a sacrifice of public interests, has forfeited the confidence of the House.”

Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Treflé 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.

8. 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 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. 2.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 11 MARCH, 1908.

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

**TOTALIZATOR BILL:**—Mr. Cohen presented a Petition from the Petersham Branch of the Women's Christian Temperance Union representing that Petitioners view with apprehension the introduction of the Totalizator Bill into the Legislative Assembly, believing that should it become law it would tend to increase rather than minimise gambling, and praying the House to vote against the Bill when it is next brought forward.  
Petition received.

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

*"To His Excellency Sir HARRY HOLDSWORTH RAWSON, Admiral in the Royal Navy, Knight  
Grand Cross of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, 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 measures to be submitted to us.

"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 the insertion of the following words, to stand paragraph 2:—

"But we regret to have to inform Your Excellency that the conduct of Your Advisers in connection with certain recent public appointments, involving as it does a breach of the law and a sacrifice of public interests, has forfeited the confidence of the House."

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

Mr. O'Sullivan moved, That the proposed amendment be amended by adding thereto the words 'Furthermore we have to inform Your Excellency that the present Government, by holding two brief Sessions of Parliament in succession, instead of the long Session usual to the year, have deprived the people's Representatives of their full privilege of obtaining redress of grievances before the granting of Supplies.'

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

Debate continued.

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.

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11th March, 1908.

3. INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES BILL :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Wade, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

HARRY H. RAWSON,  
*Governor.*

*Message No. 15.*

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 provide for the constitution of Boards to determine the conditions of employment in certain industries; to define the powers, jurisdiction, and procedure of such Boards, and to give effect to their awards; to prohibit lock-outs and strikes, and to regulate employment in industries; to preserve certain awards, orders, directions, and industrial agreements; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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Sydney, 11th March, 1908.*

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

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 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. 3.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 12 MARCH, 1908.

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

*Disorder*: The Honorable Member for Bega, Mr. Wood, Colonial Secretary, having disregarded directions from the Chair to desist from disorderly interjections, was, by direction of Mr. Speaker, removed from the Chamber by the Serjeant-at-Arms.

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—

"Richard Thomas Bull, Esquire,  
"Matthew Charlton, junior, Esquire,  
"Daniel Levy, Esquire,  
"Robert Davidson, Esquire,  
"Donald Macdonell, Esquire,

Mark Fairles Morton, Esquire,  
Frederick William Arthur Downes, Esquire,  
John Roland Dacey, Esquire, and  
William Arthur Holman, Esquire,—

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

"Given under my hand, at the Legislative Assembly Chamber, Macquarie-street, Sydney,  
"this twelfth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and  
"eight.

"WILLIAM McCOURT,  
"Speaker."

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

*To His Excellency Sir HARRY HOLDSWORTH RAWSON, Admiral in the Royal Navy, Knight  
"Grand Cross of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, 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 measures to be submitted to us.

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

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Upon which Mr. McGowen had moved, That the Address be amended by the insertion of the following words, to stand paragraph 2 :—

“ But we regret to have to inform Your Excellency that the conduct of Your Advisers in connection with certain recent public appointments, involving, as it does a breach of the law and a sacrifice of public interests, has forfeited the confidence of the House.”

To which amendment Mr. O'Sullivan moved the addition of the words “ Furthermore, we have to inform Your Excellency that the present Government, by holding two brief Sessions of Parliament in succession instead of the long Session usual to the year, have deprived the people's Representatives of their full privilege of obtaining a redress of grievances before the granting of Supplies.”

And the Question being again proposed,—That the words proposed to be added to the amendment be so added.

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

*Disorder—Personal Explanation and Apology:* The Premier, Mr. Wade, referring to the incident that had occurred earlier in the sitting, informed the House that his colleague, the Colonial Secretary, Mr. Wood, was prepared to make an explanation, if permitted to do so. Whereupon Mr. Wood was, by direction of Mr. Speaker, readmitted, and made an explanation to the House, expressed his regret for what had taken place, and stated that he had had no desire to reflect upon the Chair.

Debate continued.

And the House continuing to sit after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 13 MARCH, 1908, A.M.

Debate continued.

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

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 30.

Mr. Dacey,	Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Holman,	Mr. Estell,
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. McNeill,
Mr. Peters,	Mr. McGarry.
Mr. Treflé,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Charlton,
Mr. Carmichael,	Mr. Macdonell.
Mr. Beeby,	
Mr. Nicholson,	
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	
Mr. Meehan,	
Mr. Horne,	
Mr. Gus. Miller,	
Mr. Price,	
Mr. Kelly,	
Mr. Meagher,	
Mr. Mercer,	
Mr. Burgess,	
Mr. G. A. Jones,	
Mr. McGowen,	
Mr. John Storey,	
Mr. Page,	
Mr. Grahame,	
Mr. O'Sullivan,	

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Mr. Mahony,	Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Perry,	Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Oakes,	Mr. John Miller,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Hindmarsh,
Mr. Wade,	Mr. Fell,
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. McCoy,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Donaldson,	Mr. Brinsley Hall,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Moxham,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Levy,	Mr. Fallick,
Mr. Davidson,	Sir James Graham,
Mr. Robson,	Mr. David Storey,
Mr. Downes,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Wood,	Mr. Morton,
Mr. Ball,	Mr. McFarlane,
Dr. Arthur,	Mr. Hunt,
Mr. Brown,	Mr. Henley,
Mr. Gillies,	Mr. Broughton.
Mr. Latimer,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Robert Jones,	Colonel Ryrie,
Mr. Barton,	Mr. Gilbert.
Mr. W. Millard,	

And so it passed in the negative.

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

Mr. Wade informed the House that he had ascertained it to be the pleasure of the Governor to receive their Address in Reply to His Excellency's Opening Speech on Tuesday, 24th March instant, at half-past Four o'clock, at the State Governor's Offices, Macquarie-street.

3. COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY :—Mr. Wade moved, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into the Committee of Supply.  
Question put and passed.

4. COMMITTEE OF WAYS AND MEANS :—Mr. Wade moved, That this House will, on its next sitting day, resolve itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.  
Question put and passed.

5. BUSINESS DAYS—PRECEDENCE OF BUSINESS (*Sessional Order*) :—Mr. Wade 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, and that Government Business shall take precedence of General Business on each sitting day.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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6. **STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE (Sessional Order):**—Mr. Moore, *on behalf of Mr. Wade*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Standing Orders Committee for the present Session consist of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Nielsen, Mr. Cann, Mr. Cohen, Mr. McGowen, Mr. Mahony, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Levy, Mr. Holman, and Mr. Wade, 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. Moore, *on behalf of Mr. Wade*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Library Committee for the present Session consist of Mr. Speaker, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Hollis, Mr. Broughton, Mr. Latimer, Mr. Gus. Miller, Mr. Arthur Griffith, Mr. Collins, Mr. Norton, and Mr. Wade, with leave to sit during any adjournment and authority and power to act jointly with the Library Committee of the Legislative Council, in accordance with the Assembly's resolution of the 6th August, 1862.  
Question put and passed.
8. **REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE (Sessional Order):**—Mr. Moore, *on behalf of Mr. Wade*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Refreshment Committee for the present Session consist of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Briner, Mr. Gillies, Mr. Page, Mr. Macdonell, Mr. Edden, Mr. Brinsley Hall, Colonel Rylie, Mr. Levien, and Mr. Wade, 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. Moore, *on behalf of Mr. Wade*, moved, pursuant to Notice,—  
(1.) That the Printing Committee for the present Session consist of Mr. Robson, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Morton, Mr. Henley, Mr. G. A. Jones, Mr. Estell, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Charlton, Mr. McLaurin, and Mr. Wade, 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.  
(3.) That the Committee have leave to sit during the sittings of the House.  
Question put and passed.
10. **CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES:**—Mr. Mahony moved, pursuant to Notice, That John Jacob Cohen, Esquire, be Chairman of Committees of the Whole House for the present Session.  
Question put and passed.  
Whereupon Mr. Cohen made his acknowledgments to the House.
11. **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS:**—Mr. Wade moved, pursuant to Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the introduction and proceeding with—  
(1.) Industrial Disputes Bill,  
(2.) Improvement Leases Cancellation (Declaratory) Bill,  
as far as the second reading at one sitting of the House.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.
12. **INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES BILL:**—  
(1.) Mr. Wade moved, pursuant to *Amended Notice*, That this House will, immediately, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the constitution of Boards to determine the conditions of employment in certain industries; to define the powers, jurisdiction, and procedure of such Boards, and to give effect to their awards; to prohibit lock-outs and strikes, and to regulate employment in industries; to preserve certain awards, orders, directions, and industrial agreements; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.  
Question put and passed.  
(2.) Whereupon Mr. Wade moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to provide for the constitution of Boards to determine the conditions of employment in certain industries; to define the powers, jurisdiction, and procedure of such Boards, and to give effect to their awards; to prohibit lock-outs and strikes, and to regulate employment in industries; to preserve certain awards, orders, directions, and industrial agreements; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.  
Question put and passed.  
Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee 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 the constitution of Boards to determine the conditions of employment in industries; to define the powers, jurisdiction and procedure of such Boards, and to give effect to their awards; to prohibit lock-outs and strikes, and to regulate employment in industries; to preserve certain awards, orders, directions, and industrial agreements; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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

- (3.) Mr. Wade then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to provide for the constitution of Boards to determine the conditions of employment in industries; to define the powers, jurisdiction, and procedure of such Boards, and to give effect to their awards; to prohibit lock-outs and strikes, and to regulate employment in industries; to preserve certain awards, orders, directions, and industrial agreements; 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.

13. IMPROVEMENT LEASES CANCELLATION (DECLARATORY) BILL:—

- (1.) Mr. Wade moved, without Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to explain the operation of the Improvement Leases Cancellation Act, 1906; to remove doubt as to the validity of a certain certificate, and all acts, things, and proceedings done and held under the said Act; and for other purposes.

Question put and passed.

- (2.) Mr. Wade then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to explain the operation of the Improvement Leases Cancellation Act, 1906; to remove doubt as to the validity of a certain certificate, and all acts, things, and proceedings done and held under the said Act; and for other purposes*,"—which was read a first time.

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

14. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Wade moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at ten minutes before Four 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.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 17 MARCH, 1908.

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

*Personal Explanation*—(*Removal of the Honorable Member for Bega, Mr. Wood, the Colonial Secretary, from the Chamber*):—Mr. Wood, as a personal explanation, and referring to his removal from the Chamber by Mr. Speaker's order on Thursday last, called attention to the report of the incident in the *New South Wales Parliamentary Debates* which afforded no explanation of the reason for his removal; he assured Mr. Speaker that he had no intention of reflecting upon the Chair, while admitting that he brought himself within the pale of the Standing Orders by interjecting, and asked whether, without sacrificing dignity or losing authority in the Chair, Mr. Speaker could say that, under the circumstances, the removal was ordered under a misapprehension.

Mr. Speaker said after the explanation he was satisfied now that the Honorable Member was removed from the Chamber under a wrong impression. He felt sure the Honorable Member had no intention whatever to reflect upon the Chair.

2. 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 13th day of March, 1908, and signed by His Excellency the Governor, empowering John Jacob Cohen, 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 Sir HARRY HOLDSWORTH RAWSON, Admiral in the Royal Navy, Knight  
Grand Cross of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, 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 HARRY HOLDSWORTH RAWSON, as Governor of the State of New South Wales, do hereby authorise John Jacob Cohen, 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 thirteenth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eight, and in the eighth year of the Reign of His Majesty King Edward the Seventh.

“HARRY H. RAWSON,  
“Governor.

*“By His Excellency's Command,  
“CHARLES A. LEE.”*

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## 3. QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Subsidy to Families for Educational Purposes:—Mr. Peters asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Does he favour subsidising, for educational purposes, families of three or more children to the extent of £5 per child per annum where such families reside more than three miles from the nearest school ?

*Mr. Waddell* answered,—No. It is found to be impracticable to pay subsidies for the teaching of single isolated families ; but, where there are two or more families entirely out of reach of existing schools, and unable to supply the minimum attendance for a Provisional or Half-time School, subsidy to the extent of £5 per child up to a maximum of £50 is granted to assist such families to employ a teacher.

- (2.) Areas for Permanent Occupation, Deniliquin Electorate :—Mr. Peters asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House a return showing,—

- (1.) What areas within the Deniliquin Electorate are reserved from permanent occupation ?
- (2.) Where such areas are situated, and for what purposes they are so reserved ?
- (3.) What tenure they are now held under, and at what rental ?

*Mr. Moore* answered,—There are numerous areas in the Deniliquin Electorate reserved from permanent occupation for such purposes as travelling stock, camping, commons, forestry, water supply, &c., detailed particulars of which could only be obtained by an examination of all the parish maps, which would take considerable time, and involve a large expenditure. If the Honorable Member desires information regarding any particular area, I will have it supplied upon being furnished with particulars of same.

- (3.) Improvement Leases, Murray Forest Reservations, Deniliquin Electorate :—Mr. Peters asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House a return showing,—

- (1.) What areas are held under improvement lease tenure within the Murray Forest reservations in the Deniliquin Electorate by the following holdings, viz. :—Tuppall, Aratula, Morocco, Cornalla, Moira, and Pericoota ?
- (2.) At what rentals these leases are held, and when they expire ?

*Mr. Moore* answered,—Yes ; and I will presently lay the desired information upon the Table of this House in the form of a return.

- (4.) Invalidity and Accidents Pensions Application Form :—Mr. Peters asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Has his attention been drawn to the Invalidity and Accidents Pensions application form ?
- (2.) If so, will he consider whether it is too intricate for ordinary applicants to master, and have it simplified, or have officers appointed to interpret it ?

*Mr. Waddell* answered,—

- (1.) Although the form is somewhat lengthy, it has been made as simple as possible, having in view the particulars which it is necessary that applicants should supply.
- (2.) A printed memorandum of instructions is given out with every application form, and, if further information is desired, there is an inquiry office attached to the Old-age Pensions Office at which full information can be obtained. If applicants are unable to make personal inquiry, full information will be furnished by letter.

- (5.) Franco-British Exhibition—Furniture Exhibits from Sydney Firms :—*Mr. Estell*, for *Mr. Holman*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Has any assistance been given, in connection with the Exhibition in London, to Sydney firms sending home samples of furniture locally made ?
- (2.) Has any assurance been obtained that furniture so despatched has been made by white labour ?
- (3.) Is it a fact that one firm has despatched a suite of bedroom furniture for exhibition made entirely by Chinese labour ?
- (4.) Was any assistance given to send this exhibit to London ?
- (5.) Will the Government take steps to see that the exhibit, when displayed in the Colonial Court of Exhibits, is plainly marked as the product of Chinese labour ?

*Mr. Wade* answered,—

- (1.) Freight and packing expenses have been paid—as in the case of other exhibits—in connection with samples of furniture made entirely of New South Wales timber.
- (2.) No.
- (3.) No.
- (4 and 5.) See answers to Questions 1 and 3.

- (6.) Court-house, Gunnedah :—*Mr. Horne* asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—Has the matter of improvements to the Court-house at Gunnedah been finally dealt with ; and, if so, when will the work be proceeded with ?

*Mr. Wade* answered,—No final decision in this matter has yet been arrived at. It is under consideration.

- (7.) Removal of *Mr. Keele* from Water and Sewerage Board :—*Mr. O'Sullivan* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Why was *Mr. Keele* removed from the Water and Sewerage Board ?
- (2.) Was *Mr. Keele* incompetent ?
- (3.) Did *Mr. Keele* neglect his duty ?
- (4.) Has *Mr. Keele* advised any steps to be taken which have been proved a mistake ?
- (5.) Is the Water and Sewerage Board a Commission not under the control of any Government Department ?

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- (6.) Will he consider whether it is in the public interest that Mr. Keele should have pointed out the deficiency of the present water catchment, and suggested the Woronora and George's River additions?
- (7.) Will he consider whether it is advisable that a high pressure system should be afforded to the City of Sydney and suburbs, for protection from fire, and whether such high pressure would guard the metropolis from the danger of being suddenly deprived of water by a break-down in the existing means of supply?
- (8.) Was Mr. Keele charged with any offence before his removal; and, if so, was he asked for any explanation of such offence?
- (9.) What other offices has Mr. Keele been called on to resign, and for what reason?
- (10.) If such offices interfere with Harbour Trust works, why has Mr. Hickson held similar ones for so long?

Mr. Lee answered,—

- (1.) Because the Cabinet thought it a necessary step to take.
- (2.) No.
- (3.) No.
- (4.) I am not aware.
- (5.) No.
- (6.) I have already dealt with this matter.
- (7.) Will be considered.
- (8.) No.
- (9.) The Board of Reference, and on the Managing Committee of the Dock, for the reason these positions do not now constitute portion of his salary.
- (10.) Mr. Hickson is not on the Reference Board, but holds office as Chairman of the Managing Committee.

- (8.) Consumptive Hospital, Waterfall:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) Who chose the site for the Consumptive Hospital?
- (2.) Did Mr. Carruthers decide on it when he chanced to visit the spot on a motor excursion?
- (3.) Will he have inquiry made as to whether it is prudent to so place people infected with tuberculosis that they can wander on to the suggested water catchment, and where the drainage of the hospital, probably infected, will flow towards the streams of the National Park?

Mr. Wood answered,—

- (1 and 2.) The late Premier decided upon the site after due inquiry.
- (3.) It is not expected that there will be any difficulty in confining the hospital inmates to the hospital enclosure, which is entirely situated on a quite different watershed from that which it has been proposed to utilise as a catchment area. The drainage from the hospital will be discharged at a point which is 2½ miles distant, at least, from the nearest part of the Hacking River; it will be efficiently purified before being discharged, and then run on to a cultivation area. As the quantity cannot be large, it is considered to be extremely improbable that any part of the purified effluent will travel beyond the cultivation area, and certain that none of it can reach even near the river.

- (9.) Inebriate Institution, Hawkesbury River:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) What is the number of resolutions passed by various public bodies which have been received at his office, or any Department of Government, since January, 1906, in favour of the completion and utilisation of the Inebriate Institution partially established on the Hawkesbury River?
- (2.) By what public bodies were such resolutions sent on?
- (3.) What were the dates upon which they were received?

Mr. Wood answered,—

- (1.) Nineteen copies of the resolution referred to have been received.
- (2.) Women's Political Educational League including six branches, three Church Congregations or Parishioners, New South Wales Alliance, one Borough Council, one Good Templars' Lodge, one Mothers' Union (also one branch), one branch of Women's Christian Temperance Union, one Infant's Home Committee, one Women's Prayer Union, and one Ladies' Sanitary Association.
- (3.) Between the 14th May and 25th October, 1906.

- (10.) Oyster Leases held by F. J. Gibbens, Hunter River:—Mr. Estell asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) What is the number of leases held by F. J. Gibbens on the Hunter River?
- (2.) What is the total area held?
- (3.) The amount of rent paid per annum for such leases?

Mr. Wood answered,—

- (1.) Fifty oyster leases.
- (2.) 28,588 yards.
- (3.) £291.

- (11.) Teachers' Residences, Bective and Carroll Gap, and School at Keepit:—Mr. Levien asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Have tenders been accepted for the teacher's residence at Bective Public School, and when will this work be proceeded with?
- (2.) Have tenders been accepted for repairs to the teacher's residence at Carroll Gap, and when will this work be proceeded with?
- (3.) Have tenders been accepted for the provisional school at Keepit, and when will this work be proceeded with?

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Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1 and 2.) Approval has been given to the acceptance of a tender in each of these cases, and necessary action has been taken to enter into contracts.

(3.) No tenders were received in response to advertisements, and steps have, therefore, been taken to invite fresh tenders for this work.

(12.) Appointment of Mr. Lance, Sydney Harbour Trust:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Regarding the appointment of Mr. Lance to the Harbour Trust, does priority of *Gazette* Notice give priority in office?

(2.) If so, why was Mr. Lance gazetted as senior to Mr. Keele?

(3.) If Mr. Hickson retire, will it not necessitate the junior (Mr. Keele) being made President over the senior (Mr. Lance)?

(4.) Apart from being a dairy expert, what qualification has Mr. Lance for the position of a member of the Sydney Harbour Trust?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1 and 2.) This is a matter which may require a legal interpretation and which also involves an expression of opinion.

(3.) I do not feel called upon to answer a hypothetical question.

(4.) Mr. Lance is a man of high character and great business ability, and his general knowledge specially fits him for a position of this kind.

(13.) Habitual Attendance in Criminal Courts during hearing of certain Cases:—Mr. Carmichael asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Has his attention been drawn to the statement in the *Sydney Morning Herald* of 21st ultimo concerning the large habitual attendance in criminal courts during the hearing of cases of a disgusting character?

(2.) Will he have inquiries made with a view to clearing the courts during such cases?

Mr. Wade answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) Yes.

(14.) Dredge Service:—Mr. Carmichael asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Is it a fact that all new appointments to the Dredge Service are to be temporary only; and, if so, why?

Mr. Lee answered,—Yes; because it was considered such an arrangement would be much more economical.

(15.) Dissensions amongst Railway Commissioners:—Mr. Carmichael asked the Colonial Treasurer,—Is it a fact that there are serious dissensions amongst the Railway Commissioners in regard to certain important matters; if so, will he have the papers laid upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I am informed that there is no foundation whatever for the statement.

(16.) Salary of ex-Students, Department of Education:—Mr. Davidson asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—Has he considered the request of ex-students in the Department of Education to receive their salary for January at the rate of their classification as teachers?

Mr. Waddell answered,—This Question has been already considered, and it has been decided to pay ex-students of the College salaries at ex-student rates, from the 1st January.

(17.) Municipal Tar Distillery, Woolloomooloo Bay:—Mr. Nobbs, for Mr. Broughton, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the City Council has a tar distillery at Woolloomooloo Bay?

(2.) Is it a fact that the head teacher and pupils of the Plunkett-street Public School have been made ill by the powerful fumes emanating from the said tar works?

(3.) Do the owners and occupants of property near by complain of the works being situated in a densely-crowded part of the city?

(4.) Will the Government have a report furnished with a view of action being taken to have the works closed?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Complaints have been made that several of the teachers have been made ill by the fumes, which are said to be at times most offensive, if not injurious.

(3.) I am not aware.

(4.) A report will be obtained.

4. TOTALIZATOR BILL:—Mr. Barton presented a Petition from the Women's Christian Temperance Union, Dubbo, representing that Petitioners view with alarm the introduction of the Totalizator Bill into the Legislative Assembly, believing that should it become law it would tend to increase rather than minimise gambling, and praying the House to vote against the proposed Bill.

Petition received.



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## 5. IMPROVEMENT LEASES CANCELLATION (DECLARATORY) BILL:—

(1.) Mr. James presented a Petition from James Lindsay Haynes, John Hain, Richard Yeomans, and Frank Mack, representing that they were holders of or beneficially entitled to certain improvement leases duly signed and under the great Seal of the State; that they have expended large sums of money in effecting improvements; that, on the 27th February, 1907, a report and certificate purporting to have been made by Mr. Justice Owen, under the Improvement Leases Cancellation Act, were published and notified in the *Government Gazette*, which it is contended cancel these leases, the legality of this contention is disputed, and your Petitioners have instituted proceedings to have their rights declared; that Petitioners were not called upon to show cause why the certificate should not be granted; that the special Board appointed under the Improvement Leases Cancellation Act, held that they had no power, in determining whether they should grant or refuse applications for improvement leases under that Act, to take into consideration the conditions of the land applied for at the date of the granting of the original improvement leases, and that the circumstances surrounding the granting of the cancelled lease and the equities of the case could only be considered if it was proved that the land was, at the date of the application to the Board, land which might properly be leased under an improvement lease or under section 18 of the Crown Lands Act, 1903; that the Bill which has been introduced and read a first time directly affects the personal rights and interests of your Petitioners; and praying that due provision may be made in the Bill for protecting their rights and interests; and that leave be given them to appear by Counsel at the Bar of the House and be heard in support of their claim.

Petition received.

At the request of Mr. Cann, the Petition, by direction of Mr. Speaker, was read by the Clerk.

(2.) Colonel Onslow presented a Petition from Arthur Stirling Barton and Edward Darvall Kater, Trustees and Executors of the late Edward Harvey Kater, representing that by improvement leases, dated 31st December, 1903, certain land in the parishes of Mumblebone and Geerigan, county of Gregory, was granted to Henry Edward Kater and Arthur Stirling Barton, Edward Darvall Kater, and Frances Maria Kater, their executors, administrators, and assigns, for a term of twenty-eight years; that, in pursuance of the powers in that behalf contained in the will of the late Edward Harvey Kater, Frances Maria Kater, Arthur Stirling Barton, and Edward Darvall Kater, agreed with the Honorable Henry Edward Kater for the partition of certain co-partnership property, and such partition was completed with the result that the property now known as "Mumblebone Estate," or "Mumblebone Station," became vested in the executrix, executors, and trustees, for the purposes of the will, and the partition was carried out on the assumption that the improvement leases were valid; that subsequently Edward Darvall Kater and Frederick Charles Kater agreed to purchase, as a going concern, Mumblebone Station, and under the agreement the purchasers had to take over all existing contracts; that the improvement leases were cancelled by the certificate of Mr. Justice Owen, and without your Petitioners being heard; that the leases having been cancelled, application was in due course made to the Improvement Leases Cancellation Board for the regranting of the said improvement leases; that the application for the leases was set down for hearing among the "Midnight Leases," and came before the Improvement Leases Cancellation Board, who determined that the former lessees should have a preferential right to such leases at a reduced currency of ten years; that a Bill has been introduced to validate all acts, things, and proceedings, done or held or purporting to have been done or held under the Improvement Leases Cancellation Act; that the Bill if made law will seriously prejudice and affect the rights and interests of Petitioners, and praying to be heard by Counsel at the Bar of the House.

Petition received.

## 6. SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS—LEAVE TO APPEAR AT BAR OF THE HOUSE.

(1.) Colonel Onslow moved, without Notice, That it is a matter of urgent necessity that the House should forthwith consider the prayer of the Petition presented from A. S. Barton and E. D. Kater, to be heard by Counsel at the Bar of this House in reference to the Improvement Leases Cancellation (Declaratory) Bill.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 38.

Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Wade,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Oakes,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Wood,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. James,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Hindmarsh,	Mr. John Miller,
Mr. Hunt,	Mr. Gilbert,
Mr. Nobbs,	Sir James Graham,
Mr. Downes,	Mr. Henley,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Hollis,
Mr. W. Millard,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Davidson,	Mr. McLaurin,
Mr. Thomas,	Mr. Charlton.
Mr. Barton,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Robert Jones,	Mr. Collins.
Colonel Ryrie,	

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Mr. Stuart-Robertson,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Carmichael,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. Lynch.
Mr. Treflé,	
Mr. Cann,	
Mr. Dooley,	
Mr. Peters,	
Mr. G. A. Jones,	
Mr. E. M. Clark,	
Mr. Macdonell,	
Mr. Mercer,	
Mr. John Storey,	
Mr. Burgess,	
Mr. Nicholson,	
Mr. Estell,	
Mr. Grahamc,	
Mr. Page,	
Mr. Holman,	
Mr. Beeby.	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Whereupon Colonel Onslow moved, without Notice, That so much of the Standing and Sessional Orders be suspended as would preclude the consideration, forthwith, of a motion that so much of the prayer of the Petition presented this day from A. S. Barton and E. D. Kater, praying to be heard by Counsel at the Bar of this House, in reference to the Improvement Leases Cancellation (Declaratory) Bill, be granted.

Debate ensued.

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Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 41.

Mr. Levy,	Mr. Levien,
Colonel Ryrie,	Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Wade,	Mr. Barton,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Downes,
Mr. Holman,	Mr. Hunt,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Moxham,
Mr. Hindmarsh,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Charlton,
Mr. McCoy,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. James,	Mr. Hollis,
Mr. Fallick,	Sir James Graham,
Dr. Arthur,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Davidson,	Mr. Brinsley Hall,
Mr. Wood,	Mr. Henley,
Mr. Gilbert,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Horne,	Mr. Thomas.
Mr. Robert Jones,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. John Miller,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. Broughton.
Mr. Fell,	
Mr. Mahony,	

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Mr. Cann,
Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Dooley,
Mr. Peters,
Mr. Mercer,
Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Estell,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. John Storey,
Mr. G. A. Jones,
Mr. Page,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Price.

*Tellers,*

Mr. Carmichael,
Mr. Treflé.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Colonel Onslow then moved, without Notice, That so much of the prayer of the Petition presented this day from A. S. Barton and E. D. Kater, praying to be heard by Counsel at the Bar of this House, in reference to the Improvement Leases Cancellation (Declaratory) Bill, be granted.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 43.

Mr. Levy,	Mr. Levien,
Colonel Ryrie,	Mr. Hollis,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Wade,	Mr. Barton,
Mr. Broughton,	Mr. Downes,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Hunt,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Moxham,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Hindmarsh,	Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Wood,	Mr. Charlton,
Mr. Gilbert,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Davidson,	Mr. Henley,
Mr. Fallick,	Dr. Arthur,
Mr. James,	Mr. Brinsley Hall,
Mr. Robson,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. McCoy,	Sir James Graham,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Horne,	Mr. Thomas.
Mr. Robert Jones,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. John Miller,	Mr. Holman,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. Price.
Mr. Fell,	
Mr. Mahony,	

Noes, 18.

Mr. Dacey,
Mr. Cann,
Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Treflé,
Mr. Carmichael,
Mr. Dooley,
Mr. Peters,
Mr. Mercer,
Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Estell,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Page,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Lynch,
Mr. G. A. Jones.

*Tellers,*

Mr. Burgess,
Mr. Stuart-Robertson.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

(2.) Mr. James moved, without Notice, That it is a matter of urgent necessity that the House should, forthwith, consider the prayer of the Petition presented from James Lindsay Haynes, John Hain, Richard Yeomans, and Frank Mack, to be heard by Counsel at the Bar of this House in reference to the Improvement Leases Cancellation (Declaratory) Bill.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 42.

Mr. Lee,	Mr. Barton,
Colonel Ryrie,	Mr. Henley,
Mr. Perry,	Dr. Arthur,
Mr. Wade,	Mr. Brinsley Hall,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Levy,	Sir James Graham,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Hindmarsh,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Levien,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Fell,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Holman,
Mr. James,	Colonel Onslow,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. John Miller,	Mr. Gilbert,
Mr. Horne,	Mr. Fallick,
Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Davidson,
Mr. Charlton,	Mr. Wood,
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Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Page,
Mr. Lynch.

*Tellers,*

Mr. G. A. Jones,
Mr. Estell.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Whereupon

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Whereupon Mr. James moved, without Notice, That so much of the Standing and Sessional Orders be suspended as would preclude the consideration, forthwith, of a motion that so much of the prayer of the Petition presented this day from James Lindsay Haynes, John Hain, Richard Yeomans, and Frank Mack, praying to be heard by Counsel at the Bar of this House in reference to the Improvement Leases Cancellation (Declaratory) Bill, be granted.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 42.

Mr. Lee,	Mr. Moxham,
Colonel Ryrie,	Mr. Hunt,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Wade,	Mr. Hindmarsh,
Mr. Levy,	Mr. Fallick,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Davidson,
Mr. Broughton,	Mr. Wood,
Mr. Robert Jones,	Mr. Gilbert,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. Henley,
Mr. Fell,	Dr. Arthur,
Colonel Onslow,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Downes,
Mr. Mahony,	Sir James Graham,
Mr. McCoy,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. John Miller,	Mr. Brinsley Hall,
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Thomas,
Mr. Horne,	Mr. W. Millard.
Mr. McGowen,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Charlton,	Mr. James,
Mr. Holman,	Mr. Barton.
Mr. Price,	

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Mr. G. A. Jones,
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Mr. Estell,
Mr. Nicholson,
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Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Page.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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Mr. Wade,	Mr. Levien,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Levy,
Mr. Wood,	Mr. Holman,
Mr. Lonsdale,	Mr. Mahony,
Mr. Barton,	Mr. McCoy,
Mr. Fell,	Mr. Downes,
Mr. Gilbert,	Mr. McLaurin,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Dr. Arthur,
Mr. James,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Hollis,
Mr. Robert Jones,	Sir James Graham,
Mr. Davidson,	Mr. John Miller,
Colonel Onslow,	Mr. McGowen,
Mr. Hindmarsh,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Thomas,	Mr. O'Sullivan.
Mr. Collins,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Broughton,
Colonel Ryrie,	Mr. Henley.
Mr. Nobbs,	

Noes, 19.

Mr. Burgess,
Mr. G. A. Jones,
Mr. Macdonell,
Mr. Scobie,
Mr. Treflé,
Mr. Peters,
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Dacey,
Mr. Cann,
Mr. Nicholson,
Mr. Page,
Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Edden,
Mr. Estell,
Mr. Dooley,
Mr. Mercer,
Mr. Kelly.
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Lynch.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

## 7. PAPERS:—

Mr. Lee laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) By-laws of the Municipalities of Lithgow, Nyngan, and Ballina, under the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1905.
- (2.) By-laws of Bourbah Bore Water Trust, under Water and Drainage Act, 1902.
- (3.) Amended Regulations under the Water and Drainage Act, 1902, and the Water and Drainage and Artesian Wells (Amending) Act, 1906.
- (4.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for and in connection with the construction and establishment of a Timber Dépôt at Irvington.
- (5.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for and in connection with the Murrumbidgee Northern Irrigation.
- (6.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for and in connection with the Supply of Water to Medlow Bath.
- (7.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the construction of a Weir and Canal at Berrembed in connection with the Murrumbidgee Northern Irrigation.

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- (8.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for and in connection with the construction and establishment of a Ground for Public Recreation at Newington.
- (9.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for and in connection with the construction of the East to West Maitland Tramway.
- (10.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for and in connection with the reclamation of certain Areas at the head of Kogarah Bay.
- (11.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for and in connection with the construction of the Boo-bora Bore.
- (12.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the construction of a Reservoir for Water Supply Purposes in connection with the Gundagai to Tumut Railway.
- (13.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for and in connection with the construction of a Road from Sutherland to Woronora River.
- (14.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for and in connection with the construction of the Coolleearlee Bore.
- (15.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for and in connection with the construction of the Baroma Bore.
- (16.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for and in connection with the Supply of Water to the Town of Gundagai.
- (17.) Report of the Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board, for the year ended 30th June, 1907.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Wood laid upon the Table—

- (1.) Regulations under the Careless Use of Fire (Amendment) Act, 1906.
- (2.) Additional Regulation under the Dentists' Act.
- (3.) Amended Regulation under the Police Regulation Act, 1899.
- (4.) Amendment of General Rule No. 10, under the Mines Inspection Act, 1901.
- (5.) Proclamation declaring Talc, including Steatite (Soapstone), to be a mineral within the meaning of the Mining Act, 1906.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Moore laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return of Leases granted under the provisions of section 18, Crown Lands Act Amendment Act, 1903.
- (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 Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.
- (4.) Abstract of Alterations of Designs of Cities, Towns, and Villages, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.
- (5.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorised to be dedicated to Public Purposes, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.
- (6.) Notice of intention to declare that Additional Conditional Purchase 00-24 and Conditional Lease No. 30,225, Land District of Gunnedah, being portions 136 and 105, parish of Dubbleda, county of Pottinger, respectively, applied for by Thomas Foreman, shall cease to be voidable.
- (7.) Notice of intention to declare that Additional Conditional Purchase 07-53, Land District of Grafton, being portion 20, parish of Orara, county of Fitzroy, applied for by James Porter, shall cease to be voidable.
- (8.) Notice of intention to declare that Additional Conditional Purchase 02-7, Land District of Corowa, being portion 192, parish of Gordon, county of Home, applied for by Mary Ann Roe, shall cease to be voidable.
- (9.) Notice of intention to declare that the Auction Purchase of allotment 1, section 23, village of Capertee, purchaser Joseph Jabour, shall cease to be voidable.
- (10.) Cancellation of Regulations and Forms under the Closer Settlement Acts, and substitution of new Regulations bearing Nos. 1 to 43 and new Forms bearing Nos. 1 to 32, therefor.
- (11.) Particulars of Leases issued under the Western Lands Act from 18th December, 1907, to 4th March, 1908.
- (12.) Return showing what Areas are held under Improvement Lease Tenure within the Murray Forest Reservations, in the Deniliquin Electorate, by the following Holdings, viz. :—Tuppal, Aratula, Morocco, Cornalla, Moira, and Pericoota.
- (13.) Copies of Papers setting forth the reasons for departure from the ordinary procedure laid down in Public Service Regulation No. 149, in connection with the promotion of Messrs. Peter John Dowling, Draughtsman-in-Charge, Miscellaneous Charting Branch, Head Office, to the position of Inspector, Head Office, Department of Lands, and Ernest Stafford Vautin, Draftsman-in-Charge, Miscellaneous Compiling Branch, Head Office, to the position of Draftsman-in-Charge, Compiling Division, Head Office, Department of Lands.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Wade laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Despatch from the Secretary of State for the Colonies transmitting Copies of a Revised Edition of the Memorandum prepared by the Home Office with regard to Procedure in Extradition Cases, and Cases under the Fugitive Offenders Act, 1881.
- (2.) Regulations under the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1901.
- (3.) Amended Regulations under the Habitual Criminals Act, 1905.
- (4.) Amended Regulations under the Inebriates Act, 1900.
- (5.) Amended Regulations under the Prisons Act, 1899.
- (6.) Amended Regulation No. 334, under Public Service Act, 1902.

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- (7.) Minute of the Public Service Board regarding the appointment of Mr. Milton Sydney Love, Stipendiary Magistrate, Newcastle, as Senior Stipendiary Magistrate, Parramatta.  
(8.) Minute of the Public Service Board, regarding the appointment of Mr. William Clark, Relieving Police Magistrate, as Stipendiary Magistrate, Newcastle.  
(9.) Minute of the Public Service Board regarding the appointment of Mr. Charles Jennings, Chief Clerk, Central Police Office, as Police Magistrate, Forbes.  
(10.) Return (*in part*) to an Order, made on 17th March, 1892,—“Convictions under the Licensing “Act.”

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

8. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Wade moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
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.*

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New South Wales.

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OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 18. MARCH, 1908.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Police Buildings at Somerton :—Mr. Levien asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Have tenders been called for new police buildings at Somerton; and, if not, when will they be?

(2.) Will he have the new buildings erected on the most modern principle?

Mr. Lee answered,—

(1.) Tenders will be invited in *Gazette* of 25th instant.

(2.) Yes.

- (2.) Hopkins Lease, near Millthorpe :—Mr. Beeby asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) What portions of the Hopkins lease, near Millthorpe, have been made available for settlement; on what tenures, and in what areas?

(2.) What portions have been gazetted and subsequently withdrawn, and what is the reason for withdrawal?

Mr. Moore answered,—

(1.) Areas of 200 and 280 acres respectively were, on 5th February, 1908, set apart with a view of allowing selectors in the vicinity to extend their holdings, but before these areas became available the district surveyor suggested an amendment in their position, and a consolidated area of 410 acres was notified 26th February, 1908, in lieu, and became available on the 5th instant.

(2.) The balance of the lease is now being measured for original holdings, and the district surveyor has been instructed to expedite action as much as possible.

- (3.) Quirindi and Wallabadah Stations for Closer Settlement :—Mr. Horne asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the town of Quirindi is completely hemmed in by large estates, and that these areas, by reason of their rainfall, rich soil, and proximity to railroad, are admirably adapted for closer settlement?

(2.) Has his attention been called to some successful appeals against Shire valuations recently heard at Gunnedah before Judge Gibson, in which the unimproved values of Wallabadah and Quirindi stations were fixed by the owner at £1 8s. per acre, and £2 10s. per acre respectively?

(3.) Is it a fact that Quirindi station surrounds the town on three sides, and contains the pick of the famed Liverpool Plains country, and that several small properties adjoining Wallabadah station, and stated to be inferior in quality to that holding have been recently sold at prices ranging from £3 10s. to £4 per acre?

(4.) In view of the valuations placed on Quirindi and Wallabadah stations by the owner, and of the facts mentioned, will he consider the advisability of requesting the Northern Advisory Board to inquire into the suitability of these estates for closer settlement, with the object of bringing about this early resumption?

Mr. Moore answered,—

(1.) No report has yet been received from the Advisory Board respecting estates in the neighbourhood of Quirindi.

(2 and 3.) No information has been furnished respecting these matters.

(4.) The Advisory Boards will be advised of the names of any estates that are brought under the notice of the Department as being suitable for closer settlement.

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(4.) Pilliga Scrub Lands:—*Mr. Estell*, for *Mr. Burgess*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) How many acres of land is the Government having cleared by contract in the Pilliga Scrub?
- (2.) What amount of money is being paid for the clearing?
- (3.) What is the nearest railway station to the land being cleared?
- (4.) When will the land be ready for settlement?
- (5.) Under what form of tenure does the Government propose to offer the land when it is ready?
- (6.) What is the total amount of money expended by the Government on Pilliga Scrub, to date, including *Mr. W. W. Davis'* report?

*Mr. Moore* answered,—

- (1.) About 5,000 acres, being 250 acres in each of twenty blocks, ranging in area from about 680 to 1,600 acres.
- (2.) £1 7s. 6d. per acre, with the plant supplied by the Government.
- (3.) The land has frontage to the railway line from Narrabri to Walgett. The nearest railway stations are Round Swamp and Narrabri West, the former is distant from 3 to 10 miles, and the latter from 6 to 12 miles.
- (4.) The contract provides for the completion of the clearing operations early in 1909. It will, however, probably be possible to have the blocks made available in batches as the work of clearing progresses.
- (5.) Conditional purchase lease.
- (6.) About £5,400, which includes about £4,000 for plant, which will be available for further work of a similar character on completion of contract.

(5.) Pensions under Invalidity and Accidents Pensions Act:—*Mr. Estell*, for *Mr. Burgess*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) How many applications have been received asking for pensions under the provisions of the Invalidity and Accidents Pensions Act?
- (2.) Have any of these applications received consideration; and, if so, how many?
- (3.) What number of pensions have been granted under the Act?

*Mr. Waddell* answered,—

- (1.) In the Metropolitan District to date, 966. In the country districts to 1st instant, 882.
- (2.) In the Metropolitan District to date 323 cases have been finally dealt with, and in the country districts to 1st instant, eighty-six. In addition, a large number of cases in both the Metropolitan and country districts are in course of being dealt with, but are not finally completed.
- (3.) In the Metropolitan District to date, 119. In the country districts to 1st instant, twenty-seven.

(6.) Newcastle Bar, and work of dredge "Jupiter":—*Mr. Gilbert* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) What effect has the recent fresh in the Hunter River had on the Newcastle Bar?
- (2.) Has the work done by the "Jupiter" proved satisfactory?
- (3.) Is there any immediate prospect of securing a minimum depth of 25 feet on the bar at low water?

*Mr. Lee* answered,—

- (1.) There has been no improvement noticeable so far as the bar is concerned as the result of the fresh, the depth remaining at twenty-two feet at low-water spring tides; but the inner shoals which previously carried twenty-two feet of low water were scoured out to twenty-five feet.
- (2.) The dredge "Jupiter" has not been engaged on the work long enough to enable a definite opinion being given, but there is no reason to doubt that she will be able to do what was anticipated of her.
- (3.) Soundings are now being taken over the whole entrance for the purpose of ascertaining the exact extent of the change resulting from the fresh. Until these are to hand, no definite opinion can be expressed as to the immediate prospect of securing the depth on the bar mentioned.

(7.) Tramway Loop-line, Milson's Point:—*Mr. Nobbs*, for *Mr. E. M. Clark*, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that, some years ago, a Committee of Inquiry recommended that a loop should be constructed at Milson's Point, to better facilitate the tramway service; and, if so, what steps, if any, were taken to give effect to such recommendation?
- (2.) Is it a fact that, owing to the absence of the loop, cars coming on the down line have frequently to run inside cars on the up line, compelling passengers to scramble over the latter to reach the ferry-boat?
- (3.) Is it a fact that there is considerable overcrowding at times on these trams, and that some cars, owing to the congestion, have to pull up a considerable distance from the ferry?
- (4.) Will the Railway Commissioners take steps to ensure that the comfort and the safety of the travelling public of the northern suburbs does not suffer, as compared with other suburbs, by consulting their interest as against the terms of a private company?

*Mr. Waddell* answered,—

- (1.) I am informed that the question of a loop was considered some years ago, but the advantages were not sufficient to justify the cost that would be involved.
- (2.) When the "up" line at Milson's Point terminus is occupied by trams, incoming cars take the cross-over and run to stop-blocks on the "down" line, alongside of which is a footway, so that passengers have access to the ferry-boats without the necessity for crossing the "up" line.
- (3.) The service of cars at Milson's Point reasonably meets the requirements of the traffic. The terminal arrangements provide for two trams to stand on each line, and no considerable distance has to be walked to join trams from ferry.
- (4.) The Railway Commissioners are at all times anxious to secure the safety and comfort of the travelling public.

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(8.) Blue's Point to Crow's Nest Tramway :—*Mr. Nobbs*, for *Mr. E. M. Clark*, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) When was the extension of tramway from Blue's Point to Crow's Nest authorised?
- (2.) Is it a fact that the work of construction has been delayed to enable the Sydney Ferries Company to acquire certain freehold rights at McMahon's Point, on to which the tram will run?
- (3.) What provision does he intend to make to ensure that sufficient public rights of access shall be assured outside the Ferry Company's property, with due consideration to the prospective increase of traffic, and the protection of the travelling public and the Railway Commissioners from the Company's dictation?

*Mr. Lee* answered,—

- (1.) 2nd July, 1907.
- (2.) This is substantially correct.
- (3.) The absolute right for public ingress and egress free from interference on the part of the Sydney Ferries or other persons. I have further to add that the delay in constructing the tramway has been due to acquiring the land, but that is now practically settled and immediate action will be taken.

(9.) Pleasure Traffic, Prince's Steps, Circular Quay :—*Mr. Nobbs*, for *Mr. E. M. Clark*, asked the Premier,—

- (1.) In reference to *Mr. E. M. Clark's* Question of 19th December, 1907, is it a fact that negotiations are either pending or have been completed between the Harbour Trust and Sydney Ferries Company for the use of the Prince's Steps Wharf, Circular Quay?
- (2.) Is it a fact that the traffic that will be run by this Company from this wharf will be purely a pleasure one, and that all other traffic of a like character has to be run from Fort Macquarie?
- (3.) What special reason is there that the Harbour Trust should treat this Company differently to other pleasure-boat proprietors?
- (4.) Will he take steps to inquire into and prevent any further granting of wharf rights to this Company, as well as any further congestion or mixing of local ferry and pleasure traffic at the Circular Quay?

*Mr. Waddell* answered,—The Harbour Trust Commissioners have furnished me with the following information :—

- (1.) Negotiations have been completed.
- (2.) No.
- (3 and 4.) The vessels which it has been arranged to accommodate at the premises in question are those engaged in a regular service and conducting a traffic similar to that carried by the Manly, Watson's Bay, Lane Cove River and Parramatta River boats.

(10.) Alleged Irregularities with Government Subsidy by Enfield Council :—*Mr. Parkes* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Did he recently appoint a Commission under the Local Government Act to inquire into certain alleged irregularities in connection with a certain Government subsidy by the Enfield Council?
- (2.) Is he aware that the parties to such inquiry were informed by wire at the last moment that the proposed inquiry could not take place, although subpoenas had been issued to all witnesses to attend?
- (3.) Is it a fact that, although the parties, through their respective solicitors, requested a departmental inquiry into the alleged misrepresentation made by the Enfield Council as to the expenditure of the said Government subsidy, such inquiry was refused?
- (4.) If so, what was the reason for the inquiry being refused?

*Mr. Lee* answered,—

- (1 and 2.) At the request of both parties to the dispute, two officers were appointed to hold an inquiry; but, when it was found that the subject matter for investigation occurred just before the Local Government Act came into operation, the inquiry was cancelled, as the officers had no jurisdiction.
- (3 and 4.) The request was refused, because the officers to be appointed would not have jurisdiction under the Act.

(11.) Subsidy to a Western Australian Band, to attend at Franco-British Exhibition,—*Mr. Parkes* asked the Premier,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the Boulder City Band, Western Australia, has been selected to receive subsidy, and to represent the Australian States, at the Franco-British Exhibition, in London?
- (2.) What was the method upon which the Boulder City Band was selected?
- (3.) Is he aware that the Newtown Band has won the Championship of all Australia—and at the present time holds that distinction?
- (4.) Was there any reason for the eligibility of the Newtown Band being overlooked?

*Mr. Wade* answered,—

- (1.) The Premier of Western Australia has submitted to me a proposal that a combination consisting of picked members of the Boulder City and Perth City Bands should be subsidised to proceed to London for the purpose of providing music in the Australian Court at the Franco-British Exhibition, also intimating that the Government of Victoria was willing to contribute.
- (2.) As far as this State is concerned, the band named has not been selected.
- (3.) Yes.
- (4.) The eligibility of the Newtown Band has not been overlooked. Representations have been made to me in favour of this band being selected, and the matter is now receiving consideration. I have intimated that as local claims have arisen, this State cannot contribute towards the expenses of the Western Australian Band.



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- (12.) Rules Governing Racing Clubs:—*Mr. Nobbs*, for *Mr. E. M. Clark*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—  
Have the copies of the rules governing racing clubs, required by the Regulations of the Betting and Gaming Act, been lodged with him; if so, will he lay upon the Table of this House those of Kensington, Ascot, and Rosebery Park Clubs?

*Mr. Wood* answered,—A copy of the rules, which were certified to be identical for the three Clubs named, was duly lodged. There will be no objection to lay a copy of the same upon the Table of this House, if moved for in the usual way.

- (13.) Derailments, New South Wales Government Railways:—*Mr. O'Sullivan* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) How many derailments of trains, portions of trains, or engines, have occurred on the New South Wales Government Railways during the past twelve months?

(2.) How many were passenger, and how many freight trains to which these accidents occurred?

(3.) What inquiries have been held on the cause of such accidents?

(4.) How were the Boards making these inquiries constituted?

(5.) In how many instances did results fatal to human life occur; and how many in each case?

(6.) In how many were persons injured, although not fatally, in these occurrences; and the number in each case?

(7.) Is the evidence taken and the finding at these inquiries available for the information of the public, who are vitally interested in the particulars of occurrences affecting the safety of railway travelling?

(8.) By whom is the evidence and report of each inquiry finally dealt with?

(9.) Is it a fact that only the most perfunctory information is given by the Railway Commissioners through their Secretary to requests for definite information as to these accidents?

*Mr. Waddell* answered,—It would not be practicable to give the information in the form of a reply to a Question to-day—it will necessitate considerable inquiry. The information should be moved for in the form of a return, in the usual way.

- (14.) Obstruction to persons following lawful occupations:—*Colonel Onslow* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that in Sydney, on Monday, 16th instant, certain persons were wilfully obstructed in the pursuit of their lawful occupations, passage through the public streets denied them, and goods forcibly taken from vehicles in their charge?

(2.) Was this done because certain other persons were pursuing their ordinary and lawful occupations in accordance with an award of the Arbitration Court?

(3.) If so, (a) has the Inspector-General of Police been instructed to take any necessary measures to prevent a recurrence of these disorders; (b) has he taken steps for the arrest of the guilty persons; (c) is there any reason why the disorders were not immediately stopped by the police?

*Mr. Wood* answered,—

(1 and 2.) Interference with individuals did occur, but it was promptly checked by the Police and steps taken to prevent its repetition.

(3.) All precautions deemed necessary have been taken by the Inspector-General of Police to prevent disorder and interference with persons following their lawful occupations. I may tell the Honorable Member that I am happy to say there is a condition existing in Sussex-street which is very satisfactory at the present moment.

2. IMPROVEMENT LEASES CANCELLATION (DECLARATORY) BILL:—*Mr. Peters* presented a Petition from *Howard Speight*, Secretary of the Settlers' Defence League, representing that certain persons, late lessees of improvement leases, have obtained permission to be heard through Counsel at the Bar of this House; that Petitioner is the representative of a number of persons desiring to acquire land, and who are affected by such Petition; that Petitioner has a personal knowledge, from inspection, of all the lands forfeited; and praying that, in support of the case of persons who are entitled to the areas recently forfeited, he may be heard in person at the Bar of this House.

Petition received.

At the request of *Mr. Peters*, the Petition, by direction of *Mr. Speaker*, was read by the Clerk.

3. URGENCY—SUSPENSION OF STANDING AND SESSIONAL ORDERS:—*Mr. Peters* moved, without Notice, That it is a matter of urgent necessity that the House should forthwith consider the prayer of the Petition presented from *Howard Speight*, Secretary of the Settlers' Defence League, to be heard by Counsel at the Bar of this House in reference to the Improvement Leases Cancellation (Declaratory) Bill.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 24.

Noes, 30.

Mr. Stuart-Robertson,	Mr. Lynch,	Mr. Davidson,	Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Peters,	Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Levy,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Scobie,	Mr. G. A. Jones,	Mr. Oakes,	Mr. Fallick,
Mr. Estell,	Mr. McGarry,	Mr. Moore,	Mr. Barton,
Mr. Treloar,	Mr. Charlton,	Mr. Wade,	Mr. Fleming,
Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. John Miller,	Mr. Waddell,	Mr. McCoy,
Mr. Cann,		Mr. Lee,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Carmichael,	Tellers,	Mr. Perry,	Mr. Gillies,
Mr. Dacey,	Mr. Mercer,	Mr. Wood,	Mr. Brown,
Mr. Edden,	Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Downes,	Mr. Brinsley Hall,
Mr. Arthur Griffith,		Mr. Hindmarsh,	Mr. W. Millard,
Mr. Horne,		Mr. Latimer,	Mr. Thomas,
Colonel Rylie,		Mr. Cohen,	Tellers,
Mr. O'Sullivan,		Sir James Graham,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. McGowen,		Mr. Robert Jones,	Colonel Onslow.
Mr. Meagher,		Mr. Levien,	

(17) And so it passed in the negative.

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## 4. PAPERS:—

Mr. Perry laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Cancellation of Regulation under the Stock Act, 1901, and new Regulation in lieu thereof.
  - (2.) Proclamation *re* the introduction of loose stock into this State from Queensland, within 50 miles of Mitchell, under the Stock Act, 1901.
  - (3.) Proclamation declaring Queensland, West Australia, and Northern Territory of South Australia to be infested with Tick Fever; and prohibiting the introduction of stock from the Northern Territory of South Australia, West Australia, and Queensland under the Stock Act, 1901.
  - (4.) Proclamation under the Stock Act, 1901, amending the limit in regard to stock from Queensland from 30 miles to 50 miles.
  - (5.) Proclamation under the Stock Act, 1901, respecting the introduction of stock into this State from Queensland, and limiting to 30 miles of Mitchell.
  - (6.) Regulation and Schedule under the Stock Diseases (Tick) Act, 1901.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Amended Regulations under the Stock Registration Transfer Act, 1906.
  - (2.) Regulations under the Navigation Act, 1901.
  - (3.) Additional Regulations under the Government Savings Bank Act, 1906.
  - (4.) Proclamation of the date of the commencement of the Invalidity and Accidents Pensions Act, 1907.
  - (5.) Regulations under the Invalidity and Accidents Pensions Act, 1907.
  - (6.) Report of the proceedings of the Pharmacy Board during 1907.
  - (7.) Notification of appropriation and resumption of land, under the Public Works Act of 1900, for the construction of a Ballast Siding on the Coonamble line, near Gular.
  - (8.) Notification of the resumption of land, under the Public Works Act of 1900, for improving the traffic on the Great Western Railway at Zig Zag.
  - (9.) Notification of appropriation and resumption of land, under the Public Works Act of 1900, for provision of new Coal Siding and extending Engine Shed at Bullock Island, Newcastle.
  - (10.) Notification of resumption and appropriation of land, under the Public Works Act of 1900, for Marshalling Sidings between Clyde and Auburn.
- Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Moore 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.

5. IMPROVEMENT LEASES CANCELLATION (DECLARATORY) BILL:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read, Colonel Onslow moved, without Notice, That Adrian Knox, Esquire, K.C., Counsel learned in the law, be now heard at the Bar of this House in support of the Petitions presented by Arthur Stirling Barton and Edward Darvall Kater, and by James Lindsay Haynes, John Hain, Richard Yeomans, and Frank Mack, in reference to the Improvement Leases Cancellation (Declaratory) Bill.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 33.		Noes, 23.	
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Davidson,	Mr. Arthur Griffith,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Wade,	Mr. Downes,	Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Trefé,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Fallick,	Mr. Stuart-Robertson,	Mr. Cann.
Mr. Wood,	Mr. E. M. Clark,	Mr. Scobie,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Levien,	Mr. Peters,	
Mr. Oakes,	Mr. Barton,	Mr. Edden,	Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. G. A. Jones,	Mr. Estell.
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. Thomas,	Mr. Grahame,	
Sir James Graham,	Mr. Robert Jones,	Mr. Price,	
Mr. Latimer,	Mr. Henley,	Mr. Fleming,	
Mr. Donaldson,	Mr. W. Millard,	Mr. McGarry,	
Mr. Mahony,	Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. Carmichael,	
Colonel Onslow,	Mr. Meagher.	Mr. Kelly,	
Mr. Cohen,	<i>Tellers,</i>	Mr. Mercer,	
Mr. John Miller,		Mr. Mechan,	
Mr. Nobbs,	Colonel Ryrie,	Mr. Page,	
Mr. Levy,	Mr. Parkes.	Mr. Burgess,	
Mr. Hindmarsh,		Mr. Nicholson,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The learned Counsel (Adrian Knox, Esquire, K.C.) was then, by direction of Mr. Speaker, conducted by the Serjeant-at-Arms to the Bar of the House, and having been informed by Mr. Speaker of the resolution of the House under which he had been admitted, addressed the House on the Bill under consideration, and then withdrew.

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. Scobie, 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.

The House adjourned at Eleven 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 TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 19 MARCH, 1908.

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

## QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Hairdressers in Country Towns:—Mr. Fleming asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that in many country towns hairdressers suffer severe loss through having to close early on Saturdays?

(2.) Will he take steps to relieve the country hairdressers of this disability?

Mr. Hogue answered,—

(1.) Not that I am aware of. There are only five country shopping districts, out of a total of 194, whose 1 o'clock closing day is Saturday.

(2.) Provision is already made in the Act whereby a poll can be taken for a change in the 1 o'clock closing day for non-schedule shops.

- (2.) Muswellbrook-Merriwa Railway:—Mr. Fleming asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he submit the proposed Muswellbrook-Merriwa Railway to the Public Works Committee at as early a date as possible?

Mr. Lee answered,—No decision has yet been arrived at as to what references will be made to the Public Works Committee next Session.

- (3.) Schools at Forbes, Tomingley, and Class-rooms at Peak Hill:—Mr. Lynch asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) When are tenders to be called for the construction of the Forbes Public School?

(2.) When will the new school building be commenced at Tomingley?

(3.) Have the plans been prepared for the new class-rooms at Peak Hill; if so, when will tenders be called?

Mr. Hogue answered,—

(1.) Tenders will be invited after completion of the necessary plans and specifications of the building, for which a sketch plan has been prepared.

(2.) Tenders have already been invited and will be opened in the Department of Works on the 30th instant.

(3.) A sketch plan has been prepared, and further action will be taken when it has been approved of.

- (4.) Payment of Pensions:—Mr. Lynch asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) When does he contemplate paying pensions by post in country districts?

(2.) Is it a fact that in many instances old people have to walk 15 miles to receive their pension?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) I am now going fully into the question of the system of paying Old-age and Invalidity and Accident Pensions with a view, if possible, of adopting some more economical and convenient system. In connection therewith, the possibility of paying pensions through the post in country districts will be considered.

(2.) I am not aware. Any such cases must be due to exceptional circumstances. The Act makes full provision for any pensioner obtaining payment of his pension through a nominee approved by the District Board. At the present time pensions are paid at 114 bank offices and at 423 post offices in the State. A pension can be made payable to any pensioner or his authorised nominee at any post office in New South Wales where a money order office has been established.

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(5.) Traffic in Land Tenures :—Mr. Meehan asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) In relation to the legal provisions of the 1884 Land Act, which does not include several new descriptions of land tenure which have been called into existence by subsequent land legislation, is it his intention, by amendment or regulation, or otherwise, to make it a penal offence to traffic in any way in such new systems of tenure?

(2.) If he is prepared to do this can he intimate when?

Mr. Moore answered,—The matter will receive consideration.

(6.) Narromine to Peak Hill Railway :—Mr. Lynch asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has the new railway line, Narromine to Peak Hill, been surveyed; if not, why not?

(2.) When are tenders to be called for construction of this line?

(3.) In view of promises made by the Minister, what is the reason for the delay in getting this work started?

Mr. Lee answered,—

(1.) No. Because a surveyor will not be available for the work until end of this month.

(2.) About October next.

(3.) There was considerable difficulty in obtaining qualified surveyors.

(7.) Survey for Molong to Cumnock, *via* Norah Creek, Railway :—Mr. Lynch asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When is the promised survey of line from Molong to Cumnock, *via* Norah Creek, to be undertaken?

Mr. Lee answered,—The exploration promised will be carried out as soon as an officer is available.

(8.) Royal Commission regarding Estate of the late S. M. Swift :—Mr. Parkes asked the Premier,—

(1.) Is it a fact that in view of the report of a Parliamentary Select Committee, a former Government appointed Mr. Brierley, an accountant, as a Royal Commission to investigate the allegation of evasion of probate duty by the Trustees in connection with the estate of the late S. M. Swift?

(2.) Did Mr. Brierley for some length of time proceed with the inquiry?

(3.) Did Mr. Brierley conclude his inquiry and furnish his Report?

(4.) If not, why not?

(5.) Will the present Government take steps to bring to a conclusion this unsettled matter?

(6.) Will he lay upon the Table of this House the whole of the correspondence with Mr. Brierley and other documents in connection with the case from first to last?

Mr. Wade answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2 to 4.) Mr. Brierley had just commenced to act under the Commission when he was instructed by the Acting Premier of the day to discontinue proceedings under the Commission until further instructed.

(5.) Inquiries have been made into the matter by the Audit Department, and the question will shortly be brought before the Cabinet.

(6.) There is no objection to the papers being laid upon the Table of this House, if moved for in the ordinary way.

(9.) Schools in the Manning and Gloucester Districts :—Mr. Price asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the schools in the Manning and Gloucester Districts are not in a proper condition as regards accommodation, shelter, and sanitation?

(2.) What is the cause of the delay in carrying out the necessary repairs and alterations to such schools?

(3.) What has caused the delay in calling for and acceptance of tenders for the proposed new schools?

(4.) Is it a fact that the health of the children is being impaired, in consequence of the want of proper ventilation, accommodation, and shelter; will he be good enough to expedite these matters?

Mr. Hogue answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) I am not aware that there has been the delay represented.

(3.) As the Honorable Member has omitted to state the names of the proposed new schools to which he refers, I am unable to say whether there has been any delay.

(4.) No. The health of the children is carefully guarded by the Department in these respects. I desire to add that, while no serious fault can be found with the condition of our school buildings generally, the Department is constantly making considerable additions to, and improvements in, the accommodation, with the funds voted by Parliament for that purpose. In those districts for instance, to which the Questions refer, works of the kind—not of an extensive character, as the schools are not large ones—are in progress at at least eight places, and the new school and residence at Gloucester are now ready for occupation.

(10.) Unsatisfactory State of the Postal Service :—Mr. Price asked the Premier,—Will he submit representations to the Federal authorities,—

(1.) As to the unsatisfactory mail service and delivery of letters in the City and Country?

(2.) That casual hands (boys) are employed at rates of from 1s. 8d. per day who are entrusted with the delivery, collection, and handling of valuable letters and documents?

(3.) As to whether any precautions are taken by the Postal authorities in reference to the character and previous conduct of such casual hands?

(4.) That important letters and documents have not been delivered, and that persons making complaints are required to pay for stamps for inquiry?

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Mr. Wade answered,—

(1 to 3.) It will be necessary, before I can make representations, that I should be in possession of definite information on the matters referred to in these Questions.

(4.) The facts referred to constitute good grounds for making representations to the Federal authority.

(11.) Federal Capital:—Mr. Price asked the Premier,—

(1.) In view of the answers furnished by him last Session in reply to the Honorable Member for Gloucester, will he take steps to see that the promises of the Federal Government in relation to the Federal Capital are carried out?

(2.) Have any further representations been made by him to the Federal authorities; if so, will he be good enough to lay the papers upon the Table of this House?

(3.) Is it a fact that steps have been, and are now being, taken to concentrate the Federal work in Victoria; and, if so, will he submit further protests in connection with the question?

Mr. Wade answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) Whenever it has come to the knowledge of the Government that attempts are being made to unduly concentrate Federal work in Victoria, protests have been made. Strong representations were made by the State recently against the proposal to print stamps in Melbourne, and I am glad to say they were successful.

2. PRINTING COMMITTEE:—Mr. G. A. Jones, as Chairman, brought up the First Report from the Printing Committee.

3. IMPROVEMENT LEASES CANCELLATION (DECLARATORY) 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 explain the operation of the Improvement Leases Cancellation Act, 1906; to remove doubt as to the validity of a certain certificate, and all acts, things, and proceedings done and held under the said Act; and for other purposes.*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to explain the operation of the Improvement Leases Cancellation Act, 1906; to remove doubt as to the validity of a certain certificate, and all acts, things, and proceedings done and held under the said Act; and for other purposes,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*

*Sydney, 19th March, 1908.*

4. LEASE CONVERSION AND LAW AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. E. M. Clark moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Lease Conversion and Law Amendment 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 next.

5. SERVANTS REGISTRY BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. E. M. Clark moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Servants Registry 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 next.

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

(1.) Amended By-laws of the University of Sydney.

(2.) Minute of the Public Service Board regarding the appointment of Mr. J. V. Connolly as Superintendent of the Industrial Farm Home, Mittagong.

(3.) Minute of the Public Service Board regarding an increase in the salary to Captain W. H. Mason, Commander and Superintendent of Nautical Schoolship "Sobraon."

(4.) Notifications of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for Public School Purposes at Canberra, Eusdale, O'Connell, Morebringer, Yowrie, Myocum, Mongogaric, and Keerong.

(5.) Amended Regulations under the Public Instruction Act, 1880.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

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

Debate ensued.

Mr. Arthur Griffith 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 all other business.

The House adjourned, at twenty-five 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.

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## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 24 MARCH, 1908.

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

ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR'S OPENING SPEECH:—The Assembly proceeded to the State Governor's Offices, there to present to the Governor their Address in Reply to the speech His Excellency had been pleased to make to both Houses of Parliament on opening the Session,—

And being returned,—

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

State Government House, Sydney.

To the Honorable the Speaker and the

Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales,—

I beg to thank you for your Address and to express my gratification on receiving the renewed assurance of your unfeigned attachment to His Most Gracious Majesty's Throne and Person.

I am glad to receive your assurance that earnest consideration will be given to the measures to be submitted to you, and I have every confidence that, under Divine Providence, your zealous labours will conduce to the general welfare and happiness of all classes of the community.

HARRY H. RAWSON,

Governor.

24th March, 1908.

2. 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 Thursday, 12th March, 1908, 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*:—Daniel Levy, Esquire, Robert Davidson, Esquire, Donald Macdonell, Esquire, Frederick William Arthur Downes, Esquire, John Rowland Dacey, Esquire, William Arthur Holman, Esquire, came to the Table, and were sworn by the Clerk as Members of the Committee.

3. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Intelligence Department:—*Mr. O'Sullivan*, for Mr. Levien, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that part of the office accommodation in the building known as Challis House, Martin-place, is at present occupied by the Intelligence Department?

(2.) Will he state the nature and terms of the lease, if any, or the amount of money paid by the Government for its occupation of these premises so far as regards the Intelligence Department?

(3.) (a) What is the total cost per annum of the Intelligence Department; (b) of whom are the clerical and professional staffs composed, and what is the official designation and the remuneration of each?

(4.) What has been the total cost, during the past three years, to the State for—(a) assisted passages granted to immigrants; (b) refunds paid to immigrants, who had originally paid their own passage money?

(5.) What is the total number of arrivals under the auspices of the Intelligence Department, and what is the total amount disbursed by the Government, in refunds and assisted passages, in respect of immigrants and others who have received concessions under "nominated passages"?

(6.) What is the total cost of all assisted or reduced railway fares granted to immigrants and other new comers?

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(7.) (a) What is the total cost for the printing and distribution of literature in connection with the Government Immigration policy ; (b) has any literature been printed in a foreign language ?

(8.) Is it a fact that an official of the Intelligence Department has practically repudiated the views of the Honorable the Minister for Agriculture as expressed by the latter with respect to the utility of a training farm for those desirous of acquiring a knowledge of agricultural labour ?

(9.) Is it correct that a statement has been made by the late Director, Mr. Anderson, and by Mr. Hunter, that £750 is the minimum of capital required for those who wish to embark in farming in this State ?

*Mr. Wade* answered,—This information will be laid upon the Table of this House in the form of a return.

(2.) Harbour Picnic and Pleasure Traffic, Fort Macquarie and Circular Quay:—*Mr. E. M. Clark* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that direct harbour picnic traffic has to be conveyed only from Fort Macquarie ; and, if so, what are the daily wharfage charges for steamers so plying ?

(2.) Is it a fact that, although the tram-line is extended to this point, the Railway Commissioners declined to run a regular service there ; and, if so, why ?

(3.) Is it a fact that considerable picnic traffic is carried from that portion of the Circular Quay at or about where the present tramway service terminates, and that overcrowding and congestion result ?

(4.) Will he urge upon the Railway Commissioners the necessity for the extension of a more extended service to Fort Macquarie without additional fare ?

(5.) Will he urge upon the Harbour Trust the necessity for making better provision than at present for the separation of purely passenger from picnic and pleasure traffic ?

*Mr. Waddell* answered,—

(1.) (a) Yes ; (b) vessels with a capacity of not more than fifty passengers, 2s. 6d. per day or a portion of a day ; vessels with a capacity of not more than 100 passengers, 5s. per day or a portion of a day ; vessels with a capacity for more than 100 passengers, 10s. per day or a portion of a day.

(2.) Yes. Up to the present the traffic has not been considered sufficient to warrant a daily service.

(3.) The Harbour Trust Commissioners state that it is not a fact, but that on certain holidays there is a considerable amount of traffic from each jetty at the Quay by the regular steamers.

(4.) The traffic does not at present justify a further extension of the service. The fare between the Quay and Fort Macquarie has recently been reduced to a penny for the double journey.

(5.) It is not practicable to entirely separate the ordinary passenger traffic from pleasure traffic by the regular ferry steamers.

(3.) Prince's Stairs Wharf, Circular Quay:—*Mr. E. M. Clark* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is a lease being granted to the Sydney Ferries Company of the wharf known as Prince's Stairs, Circular Quay ; if so, for what purpose, at what rental, and for what term ?

(2.) Have leases been lately extended to the Sydney Ferries Company of Jetties Nos. 4, 5, 6, and 7 ; if so, for what term, and at what rentals respectively ?

(3.) Have the rentals for these wharves been increased ; and, if so, to what amount ?

(4.) Are these different wharves let for refreshment and bookstall purposes ; and, if so, what rentals are separately obtained from the different wharves and tenants occupying same ?

*Mr. Waddell* answered,—The information asked for by the Honorable Member will be prepared and laid upon the Table in the form of a return.

(4.) Tramway-car Examiners:—*Mr. Meehan* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) How many tramway-car examiners are there in the Government Service ?

(2.) What are their rates of pay ?

(3.) What duties are they required to perform ?

(4.) From what class of the tramway employees are they selected ?

*Mr. Waddell* answered,—It is assumed the Honorable Member refers to ticket examiners, and I am informed,—

(1.) There are thirty employed.

(2.) Sixty shillings per week.

(3.) The examination of tickets held by passengers, and conductors' running journals ; regulation of traffic when required.

(4.) From the traffic staff who have had experience with the cash-fare system.

(5.) Claim of Electric-tram Driver Arthur Simpson:—*Mr. Parkes* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a Select Committee of Parliament reporting in November, 1906, on the claim of Electric-tram Driver Arthur Simpson, for certain improvements invented and fitted to steam motors, recommended favourable consideration to Arthur Simpson's claim in the following terms:—

“ Your Committee, therefore, in view of the saving that has resulted to the Railway Commissioners by the adoption of the aforesaid improvements, recommend Mr. Simpson's claim to the favourable “ consideration of the Government ” ?

(2.) Has this recommendation received consideration by the Government ?

(3.) If yes, will he state what decision has been arrived at ?

(4.) If no, will the Government give consideration to the Report at an early date ?

*Mr. Waddell* answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2, 3, and 4.) The matter is now under consideration, and a decision will be arrived at at an early date.

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(6.) Franco-British Exhibition—Remuneration to Mr. Carruthers :—Mr. Carmichael asked the Premier,—What is the total amount of remuneration to be paid Mr. Carruthers by the Government in connection with his proposed visit to Great Britain and France?

Mr. Wade answered,—Mr. Carruthers has been appointed as sole Executive Commissioner to officially represent this State at the forthcoming Franco-British Exhibition. A sum of £1,200 has been sanctioned to meet all expenses that will be incurred by him. Mr. Carruthers has also been commissioned by the Government to negotiate with the Bank of England and the London and Westminster Bank to secure an alteration of the existing agreement with regard to loans, which presses hard upon the State. He is also to inquire into the general scheme of immigration and the working of the Agent-General's Office.

(7.) Resumption of Land between George's and Woronora Rivers for Military Purposes :—Mr. Downes asked the Premier,—

(1.) Has he received any communication from the Federal Government in reference to a large area of land between George's River and the Woronora River being resumed for military purposes?  
(2.) If so, will he place the facts before this House?

Mr. Wade answered,—Yes ; but no decisive step will be taken without the most careful and thorough investigation.

4. INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES BILL :—Mr. Holman presented a Petition from certain Members of the Executive Committee of the Amalgamated Journeymen Tailors' Association of New South Wales, representing that Petitioners believe that the Industrial Disputes Bill which has been introduced into the Assembly will not facilitate the proper settlement of industrial disputes, and will operate harshly against trades unionism, and praying for certain amendments.  
Petition received.

5. TOTALIZATOR BILL :—The following Petitions, representing that Petitioners view with alarm the provisions of the Totalizator Bill, believing that should it become law it would tend to increase rather than minimise gambling, and praying the House to vote against the proposed Bill, were presented by the Members named :—

(1.) By Colonel Ryrie—From the Women's Christian Temperance Union, Queanbeyan.

(2.) By Mr. Parkes—From the Women's Christian Temperance Union, Campsie.

Petitions received.

6. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day were postponed :—

(1.) Lease Conversion and Law Amendment Bill ; second reading. [*Mr. E. M. Clark*] ;—until Thursday next.

(2.) Servants Registry Bill ; second reading. [*Mr. E. M. Clark*] ;—until Tuesday next.

7. PAPERS :—

Mr. Lee laid upon the Table,—Report of the completion of the Little Coogee Stormwater Channel, Contract No. 701.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Wade laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Report of the Executive Committee of the New South Wales Public Disaster Relief Fund for 1907.

(2.) Twenty-sixth General Report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Wood laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Report of the Miners' Accident Relief Board for 1907.

(2.) Amended Regulation under the Miners' Accident Relief Act, 1900.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

8. INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on 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,—

WEDNESDAY, 25 MARCH, 1908, A.M.

*Disorder* : The Honorable Member for The Darling, Mr. Meehan, having disregarded directions from the Chair to desist from disorderly interjection was, by direction of Mr. Speaker, removed from the Chamber by the Serjeant-at-Arms.

Debate continued.

Mr. Charlton 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 all other business.

9. 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 One 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. 8.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 25 MARCH, 1908.

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

## QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Superannuation Allowances:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Regarding the claims of retired Civil Servants for superannuation or retiring allowances, is it a fact that various promises have been made by Ministers, but none of them have been kept, and that latterly some requests for deputations have been declined?

(2.) Is this an attempt upon the part of the Administration to shut the door in the face of Civil Servants with a grievance?

Mr. Wade answered,—(a) Not that I am aware of; (b) a request has been submitted that a deputation on this subject be received by me, and, in reply, prior to fixing a date for the deputation, I asked to be furnished with further particulars. This information has not yet come to hand.

(2.) Sewer for the Western Districts:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Public Works,—  
(1.) Has his attention been directed to an article in a newspaper called *Building*, in which it is stated that a huge constructional blunder has been made with regard to the sewer for the Western Districts as proposed by the Public Works Department?

(2.) Is it a fact that a competent engineer stated before the Public Works Committee that the sewer, instead of being 1 in 4,400 feet, would be more like 1 in 5,400 feet, owing to the various losses in head and its course?

(3.) Is it a fact that the work involves an expenditure of £600,000?

(4.) What steps does he propose to take in connection with this matter?

(5.) Has his attention been further directed to an article in the same newspaper in favour of the removal of the Water and Sewerage Board from political control?

Mr. Lee answered,—

(1.) From a paragraph I read in a daily paper, I believe that some such erroneous article had appeared in the publication referred to.

(2, 3, and 4.) There is a proposal in connection with the Western Suburbs Sewerage now being reported upon by the Public Works Committee; but I decline to express an opinion upon the merits or demerits of this or any other work referred to, and while under investigation by that Committee.

(5.) No.

(3.) Pensions to Civil Servants retired in 1896:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—

(1.) Is it a fact that at a deputation received by him from representatives of Civil Servants retired in 1896 the following requests were preferred:—

(1) That, having by deduction from pensions allotted under the Superannuation Act of 1899 refunded the amount of gratuities paid on retirement in 1896, several are entitled to have their pensions recast and full pension paid;

(2) That compensation be made for leave of absence due but not enjoyed;

(3) That the period of leave to which those now contending were entitled be added to the pension period?

(2.) Did his reply contain an undertaking that Nos. 1 and 3 would be inquired into by the Public Service Board in the light of the representations made by the deputation; that No. 2 would also be again considered by the Public Service Board, and that the Crown Law Authorities would, if found necessary, be consulted on the legal aspect of the matter?

(3)

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(3.) Was an undertaking also given by him that one gentleman or more, representing those interested, would be permitted to attend before the Public Service Board when the investigation in relation to "full pensions" is in progress?

(4.) What steps, if any, have been taken by him to carry out these promises?

Mr. Wade answered,—

(1.) A deputation was received by the late Premier on the 29th March, 1906, at which the requests mentioned were referred.

(2, 3, and 4.) The attention of the Honorable Member is invited to copy of papers relative to the claims of these officers laid upon the Table of this House, and printed No. 24 Report from the Printing Committee, 13th December, 1906. Certain cases involving points under the Civil Service and Public Service Acts are now before the Privy Council and the High Court. If the decisions in these cases alter the interpretation of the law hitherto acted on, the cases of the officers now asking for reconsideration will be further inquired into.

(4.) Revenue of Tramways—Marrickville to Dulwich Hill, and Newtown to Cook's River:—Mr. Parkes asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What was the revenue for last year derived from the last section of the Dulwich Hill tram, viz., from Marrickville to Dulwich Hill?

(2.) Similar information with regard to the last section of the tram running from Newtown along Cook's River road to Cook's River?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I am informed that detail earnings in regard to all sections on the Tramways are not kept separately, and it is not, therefore, possible to give the information desired.

(5.) Enfield-Burwood Tramway Extension to Dulwich Hill and Botany:—Mr. Parkes asked the Secretary for Public Works,—In view of the great suburban outskirts settlement now taking place, will he have an examination made and report furnished as to the wisdom of connecting the Enfield-Burwood tram from Milton-street, Ashfield, with the New Canterbury road, to Dulwich Hill, and then by a second connection linking Marrickville-road tram through Sydenham to the Botany tram-line, thus making a through line from the suburbs on Parramatta River to the Eastern Suburbs, Botany, and La Perouse?

Mr. Lee answered,—Investigation will be made of the route suggested by the Honorable Member and considered in connection with the general policy of tramway extension.

(6.) Proposed Bridge from Tom Ugly's Point to Sylvania, and Como Railway Bridge:—Mr. Parkes asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Has any Departmental inquiry or approximate estimate been made with regard to a proposed bridge over George's River from Tom Ugly's Point to Sylvania?

(2.) If so, what is the approximate estimated cost of such a bridge and approaches at that position?

(3.) What is the width of river span between the above points?

(4.) What is the span of the George's River at the Como Railway Bridge, less the approaches to the bridge, viz., from shore to shore?

(5.) What was the complete cost of the railway bridge at Como?

(6.) Has the Department a knowledge of the nature of the bed of the river at Tom Ugly's Point; and, if so, what depth of mud deposit exists there before arriving at a solid sub-strata?

(7.) What was the greatest depth to which the cylinders of Como Bridge were dropped before solid foundation was obtained?

(8.) What was the depth of mud deposit found at that position?

Mr. Lee answered,—

(1 and 2.) Approximate estimate (made in 1891), £100,000.

(3.) Width of water at high-water spring tides, about 1,530 feet.

(4.) Nine hundred and fifty-four feet.

(5.) £69,026 4s. 1d.

(6.) I am informed no such information is recorded.

(7.) Sixty-five feet cylinders founded.

(8.) Rock was found, 117 feet.

(7.) Commission for inquiring into Public Transit Developments:—Mr. Parkes asked the Premier,—

(1.) Referring to the appointment of a Commission for the important purpose of examining into the questions of constructing and regulating the public transit developments of the next twenty years, will the Government invest that Commission with wide comprehensive powers, encompassing the questions of aqueous and sub-aqueous transit, as well as terrestrial, together with the development of great supplies of electric power for such, in the following manner:—(1) (a) By inquiring into the possibility and wisdom for purposes of water carriage, of constructing a canal in the channel of Cook's River through Flemington and Homebush Bay to Parramatta River; (b) by inquiring into the possibility and wisdom of carrying a canal from Prospect Creek, George's River, 3 miles, to Duck River, and thence through Duck River to Parramatta River; (c) also of carrying a canal, 2 miles long, through Woolooware Bay, Botany Bay, to Ewey Bay, on Port Hacking; (2) by inquiring into the possibility and wisdom of constructing sub-aqueous vehicular and electric-train tunnels under Sydney Harbour, connecting North Sydney, Balmain, and the City by a circuitous route; (3) by inquiring into the possibility and wisdom of utilising the waters of the Nepean, the Grose, the Colo, and the Warragamba Rivers for the generating of electricity for the supply of the great motive power that will certainly be required in the near future, and the necessity of making the required reservations of land and water rights at the present day for such future purposes?

(2.) In view of the great development which must take place in the general traffic of the future and which may change the whole present condition of affairs, will the Government abstain from taking any steps to complete the Sydney Railway Station Building?

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- Mr. Wade answered,—
- (1.) The Commission will be invested with wide and comprehensive powers, and any information or proposal that will tend to help the members in their investigation will I am sure be carefully considered.
  - (2.) No steps are contemplated at present.
- (8.) Police Quarters, Harwood Island, Clarence River:—Mr. McFarlane asked the Colonial Secretary,—What steps are being taken for the erection of police quarters at Harwood Island, Clarence River?
- Mr. Wood answered,—The completion of arrangements for transfer of the proposed site has caused delay in this matter. When the site has been transferred to the Crown, steps will be taken with a view to expediting the erection of buildings.
- (9.) Nymboida Water Supply Scheme:—Mr. McFarlane asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When will an officer be sent to Grafton to report on the proposed Nymboida Water Supply Scheme?
- Mr. Lee answered,—An officer will be available in about six weeks' time to undertake the survey work necessary before a report can be supplied.
- (10.) Lithgow Public School:—Mr. Dooley asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—
- (1.) When does he intend to have the additions to the Lithgow Public School completed?
  - (2.) Does he intend to make temporary provision to shelter the children at present in the yard?
  - (3.) Will he have the extra ground available fenced in immediately, so as the children may have the use of it during the alterations?
- Mr. Hogue answered,—
- (1.) A tender has already been accepted for carrying out the contract for these additions.
  - (2 and 3.) A report is being obtained with reference to both matters.
- (11.) Tramway Extension to Bronte:—Colonel Onslow asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Has any survey been made for a tramway extension to Bronte; if so, by what route or routes?
  - (2.) Has any route been referred to the Railway Commissioners for a report?
  - (3.) Has an extension from Bondi to Bronte ever been considered?
- Mr. Lee answered,—
- (1 and 2.) Yes, a survey has been made for a tramway from Macpherson-street down Lugar-street and Nelson's Bay road to Bronte Park, and this route has been referred to the Railway Commissioners for report.
  - (3.) No.
- (12.) Deaths of Queensland Cattle in Flemington Sale-yards:—Mr. Hindmarsh asked the Minister for Agriculture;—Has he caused inquiry to be made as to the deaths of certain cattle recently consigned to Flemington Sale-yards from Queensland, and alleged to be due to "arsenical poisoning" as the result of dipping at Wallangarra?
- Mr. Perry answered,—The matter has been fully investigated. Chemical analysis of the dipping solution proves it does not contain arsenic in excess of the standard formula that has been used in both Queensland and this State for a considerable number of years; and the fact that local stock have been dipped at Wallangarra in the same solution without suffering ill-effects, clearly indicates that the cause of the trouble is due to the stock being trucked a long distance and exposed to hardships without adequate rest after dipping—a procedure quite contrary to the advice of the Department.
- (13.) Invitation to 'United States' Battleship Fleet:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Premier,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that a resolution passed by the City Council "That the Corporation of Sydney extend a hearty welcome to Rear-Admiral Evans in command of the United States Battleship "Fleet now on a cruise to the Pacific and invite him to visit the Mother City of the Australian Commonwealth," was transmitted to the Premier the first week in February?
  - (2.) Did he at an interview, as published in the *Sydney Morning Herald*, 6th February, 1908, say that it was very likely the President would consider an invitation of the character proposed in the City Council if it came from the Government of New South Wales, rather than from the City Corporation, and that, if the City Council thought it worth while to make an invitation on behalf of the State, he would be very glad to convey the invitation through the official channels to the President?
  - (3.) Did the City Council forward the above resolutions to him in conformity with such interview?
  - (4.) Did he communicate with the Federal Premier thereon, and will he have any objection to lay upon the Table of this House the communications which passed between them?
  - (5.) Did he, after a lapse of considerable time, forward a communication to the City Council to the effect that it is contrary to all precedent and recognised practice that the State Government should act as the agent of the Municipal Council of Sydney for the purpose of transmitting an invitation from that body to the American fleet to visit Sydney, and that he cannot see his way to accede to the request of the Council?
  - (6.) Is it a fact that prior to the action of the City Council there was no communication of any kind from the Federal Government to the State Government in connection with the invitation to the American fleet?
- Mr. Wade answered,—
- (1 and 5.) The Town Clerk's letter reached me on the 11th February, and was answered on the 17th idem.
  - (2.) Through a mistaken use of negatives, the purport of my remarks was entirely changed. I wished to emphasise the fact that the President of the United States of America was a stickler for etiquette,

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etiquette, that such an invitation as proposed should initiate with the Commonwealth, and should pass through them to the United States, it being a Commonwealth matter, that the City Council had mistaken their position, and the State could not act as their agent in this respect.

- (3.) I am not prepared to say.
- (4.) Communications passed between myself and Mr. Deakin on the subject of an invitation being extended by the Commonwealth to the United States fleet. The details are confidential.
- (6.) Yes; but a communication had been previously made by the Commonwealth to the United States Government on the subject.
2. **TOTALIZATOR BILL**:—Mr. McGowen presented a Petition from the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, Redfern, representing that Petitioners view with alarm the provisions of the Totalizator Bill, believing that should it become law it would tend to increase rather than minimise gambling, and praying the House to vote against the proposed Bill.  
Petition received.
3. **PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS** (*Office Accommodation for the Registrar-General's Branch, Chancery-square*):—Mr. Ball, on behalf of the Chairman, in accordance with the provisions of the Public Works Act, laid upon the Table, Report, together with Minutes of Evidence and Plans, relating to the proposed Office Accommodation for the Registrar-General's Branch in Chancery-square.  
Ordered to be printed.
4. **COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—Members sworn**:—Richard Thomas Ball, Esquire, and Matthew Charlton, junior, Esquire, came to the Table and were sworn by the Clerk as Members of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.
5. **INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES 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 put.  
The House divided.

Ayes, 28.

Mr. Morton,	Mr. Brinsley Hall,
Mr. Wood,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. James,	Mr. Robert Jones,
Mr. Wade,	Mr. Fallick,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Davidson,	Mr. Hunt,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Brown,
Mr. Lee,	Colonel Ryrie,
Mr. Robson,	Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Latimer,	Mr. Fleming,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. David Storey.
Mr. McFarlane,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Mahony,
Colonel Onslow,	Mr. John Miller.
Mr. Hindmarsh,	

Noes, 26.

Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Mercer,
Mr. Kelly,	Mr. Cann,
Mr. Dooley,	Mr. Lynch,
Mr. Peters,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,	Mr. Page,
Mr. Treflé,	Mr. McNeill,
Mr. Carmichael,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Beeby,	Mr. Burgess,
Mr. O'Sullivan,	Mr. G. A. Jones.
Mr. Horne,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Estell,
Mr. Charlton,	Mr. McGairy.
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	
Mr. Gus. Miller,	
Mr. Nicholson,	

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 To-morrow.

The House adjourned, at twenty 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. 9.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 26 MARCH, 1908.

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

QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Closer Settlement Areas, Upper Clarence, and Bridge at Lilydale :—Mr. McFarlane asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is there a large area of rich Crown lands on the Upper Clarence suitable for closer settlement?
- (2.) Will he take early steps to have a bridge constructed across the Clarence River at Lilydale?

Mr. Lee answered,—I am awaiting receipt of information from the Department of Lands as to the character and extent of land available for closer settlement before deciding about the erection of a bridge at Lilydale.

(2.) Adulteration of Local Products :—Mr. Nobbs, for Mr. Fell, asked the Premier,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that, under the Commonwealth Adulteration Act, all imports are closely scrutinised as to their true contents, whereas regarding local production, no supervision, except in foodstuffs under the Health Act, is exercised?
- (2.) Will he consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill in order to protect the consuming public in this respect?

Mr. Wade answered,—The provisions of the Pure Food Bill introduced last Session will, if passed into law, give extended powers of inspection, &c., in connection with food, drink, and drugs. The question of taking powers of the nature indicated with regard to other articles will be considered.

(3.) North Shore Bridge :—Dr. Arthur asked the Secretary for Public Works,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House copies of all designs for approaches to the North Shore Bridge which were supplied in response to the Government's invitation in 1900 and have been retained?

Mr. Lee answered,—The first and second prize designs are in the Department, and there will be no objection to lay them upon the Table if moved for in the usual way, but they are open to inspection at the Department.

(4.) Letter from Mrs. E. A. Doyle referring to a Forged Mortgage :—Mr. McLaurin, for Mr. O'Sullivan, asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—Has he received a letter from Mrs. E. A. Doyle in reference to a forged mortgage; if so, what action does he propose to take in reference to the matter?

Mr. Wade answered,—The Department has received a number of communications from Mrs. Doyle on the subject mentioned. She has been informed that the matter is not one in which the Department can render her any assistance.

(5.) Letter from Mr. P. J. Shoppee referring to a Court Case :—Mr. McLaurin, for Mr. O'Sullivan, asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—Has he received a letter from Mr. P. J. Shoppee in reference to a certain case recently tried in Court?

Mr. Wade answered,—Yes; on 24th instant. The receipt of Mr. Shoppee's letter was duly acknowledged.

(6.) Royal Commission on Administration of Lands Department—Persons circularised as to Fees paid to Land Agents :—Mr. Estell, for Mr. Peters, asked the Secretary for Lands,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House,—

- (1.) A list of the persons circularised by Mr. Houston, Secretary to the Royal Commission on Administration of the Lands Department, asking for information as to fees paid to land agents?
- (2.) A list of the names and addresses of those who replied?

Mr. Moore answered,—I will consult the Royal Commissioner, Sir William Owen, as to whether this information can be made available.

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2. **TOTALIZATOR BILL**:—The following Petitions, representing that Petitioners view with alarm the provisions of the Totalizator Bill, believing that should it become law it would tend to increase rather than minimise gambling, and praying the House to vote against the proposed Bill, were presented by the Members named:—  
 (1.) By Mr. James—From the Women's Christian Temperance Union, Goulburn.  
 (2.) By Mr. John Miller—From the Women's Christian Temperance Union, Bathurst.  
 Petitions received.
3. **INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES BILL**:—The following Petitions, representing that Petitioners believe that the Industrial Disputes Bill, which has been introduced into the Assembly, will not facilitate the proper settlement of industrial disputes, and will operate harshly against trades unionism, and praying for certain amendments, were presented by the Members named:—  
 (1.) By Mr. Holman—From certain Members of the District Committee of the Amalgamated Society of Engineers.  
 (2.) By Mr. Edden—From certain Members of the Executive Committee of the Federated Iron, Brass, and Steel Moulders' Union of Australasia, New South Wales District.  
 Petitions received.
4. **PRINTING COMMITTEE**:—Mr. G. A. Jones, as Chairman, brought up the Second Report from the Printing Committee.
5. **LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO MEMBERS**:—Mr. Wade (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That leave of absence during the remainder of the present Session be granted, on account of urgent private business, to the following Members, viz.:—  
 George Stuart Briner, Esquire,—Member for Raleigh.  
 Niels Rasmus Wilson Nielsen, Esquire,—Member for Yass.  
 John Norton, Esquire,—Member for Darling Harbour.  
 Question put and passed.
6. **PAPERS**:—  
 Mr. Wade laid upon the Table,—Further Correspondence between the Commonwealth Government and the Government of New South Wales respecting the Federal Capital Site (*In Supplementation of Documents laid upon the Table, 19th December, 1907, and previously*).  
 Ordered to be printed.  
 Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—  
 (1.) Return of Rentals paid in respect of Premises at Circular Quay under the control of the Sydney Harbour Trust.  
 (2.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the extension of the Kogarah-Sans Souci Tramway.  
 Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
7. **INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read for the further consideration in Committee of this Bill,—  
 Mr. Wade (*by consent*) 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. Wade, the report was adopted.  
 Ordered (*by consent*), That the Bill be forthwith recommitted.  
 On motion of Mr. Wade, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the reconsideration of the Bill.  
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on the next sitting day.
8. **ADDITIONAL SITTING DAY (MONDAY)**:—Mr. Wade (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That Monday next be a sitting day of this House; that the House meet at 4 o'clock p.m., and that Government Business only be taken.  
 Question put and passed.
9. **IMPROVEMENT LEASES CANCELLATION (DECLARATORY) BILL**:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—  
 MR. SPEAKER,—  
 The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to explain the operation of the Improvement Leases Cancellation Act, 1906; to remove doubt as to the validity of a certain certificate and all acts, things, and proceedings done and held under the said Act; and for other purposes*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.  
 That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should forthwith take action towards granting to Kater's Trustees' Improvement Leases, which shall expire on the 31st day of December, 1931, in lieu of Improvement Leases 1,356, 1,357, 1,358, recommended by the Improvement Leases Cancellation Board.  
 That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should forthwith take action towards granting to the New Zealand and Australian Land Company (Limited) leases of the land comprised in the cancelled Leases Nos. 943 and 944 for the same term, and at the same rent, and subject to the same conditions as those mentioned in the cancelled Leases.  
 Legislative Council Chamber,  
 Sydney, 26th March, 1908.
- 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 twenty-five minutes after Eight o'clock, until *Monday next*, at Four o'clock.

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No. 10.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

MONDAY, 30 MARCH, 1908.

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

PAPERS :—

Mr. Wade laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Amended Regulations under the Public Service Act, 1902.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

(2.) Correspondence between the Premier of New South Wales and the Prime Minister of the Commonwealth, respecting the proposal of the Federal Government to concentrate the printing of Postage Stamp Issue of the Commonwealth in Melbourne.

(3.) Correspondence between the Prime Minister of the Commonwealth and the Premier of New South Wales, respecting the advertising of Australia in Great Britain and elsewhere as an Inducement to Immigration.

(4.) Further Correspondence between the Prime Minister of the Commonwealth and the Premier of New South Wales, respecting the Federal Capital Site.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Wood laid upon the Table,—Report of the Department of Mines for 1907.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

2. INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES 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 reconsideration of the Bill.

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

3. PRECEDENCE OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS :—Mr. Wade (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That Government Business only be taken To-morrow.  
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned, at eighteen 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. 11.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

TUESDAY, 31 MARCH, 1908.

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

QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Tramway-car Examiners :—Mr. Meehan asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) How many tramway-car examiners are there in the Government Service?
- (2.) What are their rates of pay?
- (3.) What duties are they required to perform?
- (4.) From what class of the tramway employees are they selected?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

- (1.) One car examiner is employed.
- (2.) Nine shillings per day.
- (3.) He examines the steam cars on the branch lines. The examination of the electric cars is carried out in the car sheds nightly by the repairing staff, who consist of fitters, pitmen, controller-men, and labourers.
- (4.) The examiner was selected from the steam-car lifters.

(2.) Stanwell Park Railway Accident :—Mr. McLaurin asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) What inquiry has been held as to the cause of the wheel shifting on the axle which the Coroner's Jury found resulted in the derailing of the bogie car occasioning the fatal accident at Stanwell Park?
- (2.) What are the names of the officials who conducted this inquiry?
- (3.) What are the names of the witnesses who were examined at it?
- (4.) What was the chief cause of the shifting of this wheel as reported to the Chief Commissioner?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

- (1, 2, and 3.) I am informed that the report was submitted by the Chief Mechanical Engineer in regard to the matter, and he advised that a shifted wheel was the cause of the accident. A special inquiry was also held by the Assistant Mechanical Engineer, the Superintendent of the Lines, and the Divisional Engineer, as to whether there was any neglect by the train men in regard to the opportunities the driver, fireman, and guard had of observing the occurrence. No witnesses were examined. It is also to be borne in mind that a coronial inquiry was held into the accident and a large number of witnesses were examined. In view of the thorough investigation at the Coroner's inquiry no further formal report was considered necessary.
- (4.) In regard to the cause of the shifting of the wheel, please see reply to Question No. 3 on the same accident, answered to-day.

(3.) Stanwell Park Railway Accident—Condition of Rolling-stock :—Mr. Hollis asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) How many years had the derailed bogie car in the Stanwell Park railway accident been running on the Railways, prior to the accident?
- (2.) Is it the practice in the Railway Service to examine wheels and rails daily to ascertain if they are to gauge and in good running order and condition; if not, at what intervals are same examined?
- (3.) Was it sworn in evidence, by the railway officials examined at the Coroner's inquiry at Wollongong, that the wheels of the derailed bogie car were examined at Wollongong on the day of the accident and immediately prior thereto, and found to be in order?
- (4.) Is it a fact that the Chief Mechanical Engineer, New South Wales Railways, stated (as recorded in a report to the Railway Commissioners, dated 18th February, 1907) that it is no uncommon thing for wheels to shift on their axles; if so, has he directed special inquiry into the actual causes of wheels slipping on their axles?
- (5.) Will he state what are the actual causes of wheels slipping?

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- Mr. Waddell answered,—
- (1.) I am informed that the car in question had been running since January, 1897.
  - (2.) It is the practice to examine the wheels of passenger stock or rails daily or oftener; but not necessarily to gauge.
  - (3.) Evidence, I understand, was given that the wheels were examined before the car left Wollongong, and found to be in order.
  - (4.) The Chief Mechanical Engineer so stated. Effective inspection is the most reliable means to detect loose wheels. The Chief Mechanical Engineer is looking into the question of getting a special machine for checking the efficiency of the grip between the wheels and axles. Such machines are not in use at present, but it would be an additional security if one were in use.
  - (5.) Wheels slip on their axles when the frictional grip of the boss of the wheel upon the axle is insufficient to resist the lateral stresses set up between the wheel and the axle by pressure between the wheel flanges and the rails due to centrifugal force. There are other slight disturbing forces, which are set up by application of the brake and the adjustment of distance travelled by the two wheels on one axle moving over a curve.
- (4.) Appointment of Under Secretary and Director, Department of Agriculture:—Mr. McLaurin asked the Minister for Agriculture,—
- (1.) When will steps be taken to appoint a permanent Under Secretary to the Department of Agriculture?
  - (2.) Has he considered the necessity of appointing a Director of Agriculture?
  - (3.) If not, will he do so, and take into consideration the necessity for appointing a Director with practical knowledge of Agriculture in its various branches?
- Mr. Perry answered,—
- (1.) Now being done.
  - (2 and 3.) Yes.
- (5.) Rocks Resumed Area—Revenue and Expenditure:—Mr. Parkes asked the Colonial Treasurer:—
- (1.) What has been the expenditure upon the Rocks Resumed Area outside of that portion controlled by the Harbour Trust, since the date of resumption by Sir William Lyne's Government to the 1st January of this year, including cost of managing staff, officers, and men, the cost of street and surface improvements, pulling down, and rebuilding, and all other items of expenditure in connection therewith?
  - (2.) What was the total sum paid by the Government for resumption of the abovementioned area?
  - (3.) What was the revenue derived from this area during last year; also for each of the years 1902, 1903, 1904, 1905, and 1906?
  - (4.) How many residential dwellings have been built on this area by the Government?
  - (5.) What has been the total cost of such structures, inclusive of the value of the land upon which they stand?
  - (6.) What rental was obtained from these dwellings during the year 1907?
- Mr. Waddell answered,—
- (1.) £123,206 1s. 4d.
  - (2.) £1,081,040 13s. 5d.
  - (3.) 1902, £51,077 16s. 5d.; 1903, £57,460 9s. 6d.; 1904, £49,518 7s. 10d.; 1905, £48,504 8s. 1d.; 1906, £50,442 3s. 2d.; 1907, £44,403 9s. 2d.
  - (4.) Thirty-two residential buildings.
  - (5.) £22,338.
  - (6.) 12th August to 31st December, 1907, £502 9s. 6d.
- (6.) Registration of Dairy Farmers:—Mr. Davidson, for Dr. Arthur, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—
- (1.) Is it the practice of Shire Councils to see that all dairy farmers are registered?
  - (2.) If so, will he authorise the printing of a list of the dairy farmers in this State?
- Mr. Wood answered,—
- (1.) It is not the duty of Shire Councils to see that all dairy farmers are registered.
  - (2.) There are probably between 12,000 and 14,000 registered dairymen in this State; it would take a long time to procure copies of names on the registers of the many local authorities; the printing alone would be a very expensive business. The uses of any such list—which would be current only for the time at which it was made—are not evident.
- (7.) Printing of the New South Wales Federal Rolls:—Mr. Estell, for Mr. Beeby, asked the Colonial Secretary,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that arrangements are being made to transfer the printing of the Federal Rolls to Melbourne?
  - (2.) Will he cause inquiries as to whether or not the New South Wales Rolls could be printed as cheaply and as expeditiously in Sydney as in Melbourne?
- Mr. Waddell answered,—
- (1.) The Government has not received any official intimation to that effect.
  - (2.) I have no doubt but that the work can be done as cheaply here as in Melbourne.
- (8.) Advances to Workers for erection of Dwellings:—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Premier,—
- (1.) Has his attention been directed to the fact that the New Zealand Government have introduced a measure providing for advances up to £350 to workers who desire to erect dwellings on urban or suburban lands, on the condition that the applicants are not in receipt of more than £200 per year, and the loan to be repayable in thirty-six years?
  - (2.) Will he consider the desirableness of introducing such a law in New South Wales?
- Mr. Waddell answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
  - (2.) The question is now receiving the attention of the Government.

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(9.) Revocation of Timber Reserves, Armidale and Bendemeer Districts :—*Mr. Estell*, for *Mr. G. A. Jones*, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it a fact that several timber reserves in the Armidale and Bendemeer Districts are being thrown open to selection, and thereby much valuable timber is being sacrificed?

(2.) Is it a fact that a petition was sent in by Messrs. Missen and other residents of the Bendemeer District, protesting against the revocation of these reserves, and urging that grazing rights only be granted in these areas?

*Mr. Moore* answered,—

(1.) Several timber reserves in the Armidale Land District are to be thrown open to selection, the revocations having been approved on the recommendations of the District Surveyor and a special Forestry Board, after very thorough inspection. Much valuable timber is not being sacrificed.

(2.) Yes; a petition was received protesting against revocation of several reserves, and is now with the district surveyor for consideration and further report.

(10.) Parliamentary Refreshment Bar :—*Mr. Cann* asked the Premier,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the takings at the Parliamentary Refreshment Bar have fallen off considerably of late years?

(2.) What is the average amount spent by members per week since the beginning of the present Parliament?

(3.) Is it a fact that members frequently treat visitors to the House, and that a large proportion of the above expenditure is due to this fact?

*Mr. Wade* answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) £28 2s. 5d. This amount includes payment for all meals served, in addition to bar takings.

(3.) Not so frequently as to affect the income in any great proportion.

(11.) Newcastle Harbour and Bar :—*Mr. E. M. Clark* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that ships leaving Newcastle at times bump the bar owing to the shallowness of water, and, in cases, sink at sea, and will he have inquiries made into the truth or otherwise of such allegations?

(2.) Is it a fact that Newcastle Harbour has been for some time decreasing in depth owing to silting from the Hunter and other tributaries, and what are the present depths at high tide?

(3.) Did correspondence on the question of deepening, and practically making this harbour safe for shipping, pass between *Mr. Carruthers*, when Premier, and a *Mr. Wallace*; and, if so, were any reports obtained on the subject?

(4.) Is it a fact that *Mr. Wallace* has offered to make and deepen the harbour to a permanent maximum depth of 40 feet with an undertaking that if the work is not carried out satisfactorily he will ask no payment; and, if so, will consideration be given to this offer?

(5.) If not at Newcastle Harbour, will an effort be made to test the scheme on one or other of the rivers of the State?

*Mr. Lee* answered,—

(1.) I am not aware that such is the case.

(2.) As the result mainly of the extensive dredging operations, the Harbour is generally deeper than at any time previously. The depths, of course, vary in different parts of the Harbour, the maximum being about 47 feet at high water.

(3.) Yes. The scheme was considered and reported upon by the Board of Reference.

(4 and 5.) *Mr. Wallace* made such an offer. His scheme is opposed to the principles of harbour construction, and, if carried out, would be disastrous to the Port; therefore, his offer has been repeatedly declined.

(12.) Resumption and Purchase of Land, Sydney Ferries (Limited) :—*Mr. E. M. Clark* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) What sum was paid as compensation to the Sydney Ferries Company for land resumed for the purpose of extension of railway from St. Leonards to Milson's Point?

(2.) Is it a fact that the property known as McMahon's Point is now being purchased by the Sydney Ferries Company, with his approval or sanction, for the purpose of extending the Government tram to Blue's Point, and will he consider whether it is expedient that the Government should construct and run a tram on private property?

(3.) Has the Department ever considered this site as necessary for pier or other purposes in connection with the extension of a bridge from Dawes to McMahon's Point, and in the event of this work being carried out would it necessitate the resumption of this land by the Government?

(4.) Will he consider the expediency of placing the matter of the resumption of this property before the Cabinet as necessary for public purposes?

*Mr. Lee* answered,—

(1.) £15,500.

(2.) The Sydney Ferries (Limited), have purchased certain land at McMahon's Point, and have agreed to give the Government the use of the portion necessary for tramway purposes on a perpetual lease, at £1 per annum.

(3.) If the site should at any time be required for a pier or a bridge, some resumption would be necessary.

(4.) See answer to No. 2.

(13.) Payments by Railway Commissioners to the Sydney Ferries (Limited) :—*Mr. E. M. Clark* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Do the Railway Commissioners pay rental to the Sydney Ferries Company for the right of using any portion of the Company's property at Milson's Point; and, if so, what amount?

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(2.) Is it a fact that the lighting of the approach to the Company's wharf is carried out solely by the electrical power of the Commissioners; what is the cost annually, and has the Sydney Ferries Company ever been asked to contribute?

(3.) Is it a fact that the installation of lighting by electricity a long railway tunnel at Lavender Bay has been approved by the Commissioners, but that the work has been delayed for the want of funds; what would be the cost, and when will funds be available?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) Yes; £21 per annum.

(2.) Yes; £32 per annum. The Sydney Ferries Company has not been asked to contribute to the lighting, as it was installed for tramway purposes.

(3.) Yes. Funds are now available, and the work has been put in hand. The cost of installation is estimated at £275.

(14.) Police Force—Length of Service Pay:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that some time ago it was decided that policemen, having completed seven years' service, should receive an additional pay of 6d. per day?

(2.) Is it a fact that a large number of police who have completed this service are not receiving same; and, if so, what is the cause of delay?

(3.) Is it a fact that at or near the time when men are, or are likely to become entitled to this concession, they are subjected to considerable restrictions and conformity with regulations; is this done with a view to avoid the payment, or to cause, for breaches of discipline, the dismissal of those so entitled?

(4.) Will he have strict investigation made in regard to these allegations, with a view to immediate remedy and prompt payment of a promised concession?

Mr. Wood answered,—

(1.) It was decided that all police maturing seven (7) years' service with good conduct and favourable report of officer for attention to duty should get an increase of 6d. per diem. When report is not favourable consideration is deferred.

(2.) No, it is not a fact. The Inspector-General of Police only knows of two instances in the Metropolitan District. The case of one constable was deferred for thirteen days; the other for three months; the latter not deserving, and has a bad record sheet.

(3.) The Inspector-General of Police reports that this is absolutely without foundation.

(4.) In view of my reply to No. 3 no investigation is required.

(15.) Charge against a Foreman, Locomotive Department, Eveleigh:—*Mr. Estell*, for Mr. McNeill, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a charge was made against a foreman of the Locomotive Department at Eveleigh?

(2.) If so, who made the charge, and what was the nature of it?

(3.) Was there a Departmental inquiry; if so, was Mr. H. Howe, Works Manager, called; if not, why?

(4.) If such inquiry was held, what was the result?

Mr. Waddell answered,—If the Honorable Member will state the name of the foreman in question, further inquiry will be made.

(16.) Railway Stock Trucks:—Mr. Fleming asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that there is a constant demand for at least one-third more stock trucks than are at present in use?

(2.) What steps, if any, are being taken to make good the deficiency?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) No. The stock trucks available are not sufficient to meet the sudden and heavy demands recently made in connection with the removal of starving stock from one district to another; but the position has been relieved by the allocation of 400 open trucks to the stock traffic.

(2.) A contract was recently let for the building of 100 sheep vans, and 50 cattle wagons are being built in the railway workshops.

(17.) Charge against a Fitter and Cleaner, Electrical Branch, Government Tramways:—Mr. Hollis asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Was an inquiry recently held by an officer of the Electrical Branch, Government Tramways, into a charge laid by a labourer at Ultimo Depôt of alleged stealing of materials, the property of the Chief Commissioner for Railways, by a leading fitter and leading cleaner?

(2.) If so, will he lay copies of the papers upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) There will be no objection to lay copies of the papers upon the Table of this House, if moved for in the usual way.

(18.) Railway and Tramway Officers' Appeals for Promotion:—Mr. Hollis asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that although the Government Railways Act provides that when an officer of the Railway or Tramway Department appeals to the Commissioners with regard to his right to promotion, his appeal shall be heard in person, several labourers, at different times, who are employed at Waverley Tramway Depôt, have made appeals with regard to their right to promotion, and have been refused a hearing, replies being sent "No direction can be given in their favour"?

(2.) If so, will he see that the provisions of the Act are obeyed?

Mr. Waddell answered,—In the absence of information as to the specific cases referred to, details are not available; but I am informed that the conditions of the Railways Act in regard to appeals generally are observed.

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(19.) Ferry and Tramway Service, Circular Quay and Fort Macquarie:—Mr. Mercer asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that to add to the safety of navigation in the bay which is served by the Circular Quay, the Harbour Trust Commissioners have directed excursion vessels, Government launches, and other casual steamers to take in passengers at Fort Macquarie?
- (2.) Have the Harbour Trust Commissioners, as a consequence of this change and in the interest of public convenience, made application to the Chief Railway Commissioner to so extend the tramway service over the existing line that the public will be able to get to the steamers referred to by tram conveyance instead of being compelled to do so by walking, or horse vehicles, and that the request has been refused?
- (3.) Is it a fact that trams frequently run past the new berthing-place of these steamers though they do not carry passengers?
- (4.) Will he invite the Chief Railway Commissioner to report to him the reasons upon which he has refused to comply with the request of the Harbour Trust Commissioners, and when he has obtained such report lay it upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Waddell answered,—I am informed:—

- (1.) Vessels engaged in picnic and excursion traffic embark and disembark their passengers at Fort Macquarie. The launches used by the various Government Departments and other vessels which now make use of No. 1 Jetty, Circular Quay, will berth at Fort Macquarie as soon as the accommodation in course of construction there shall have been completed.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) A number of trams run between Circular Quay and Fort Macquarie car shed, which do not carry passengers; but a regular service of cars is run between these points on Saturdays and Sundays, and on special occasions when large picnic excursion parties are proceeding by steamer from the wharves at Fort Macquarie.
- (4.) The cost of extending all trams now terminating at the Circular Quay would be considerable, and the revenue to be obtained would not be in any way commensurate. It is considered that the facilities afforded by the local service adequately meet requirements.

(20.) William Obadiah Phillips' Improvement Lease, Warialda:—Mr. Estell, for Mr. G. A. Jones, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the fine imposed upon William Obadiah Phillips on the 21st October, 1907, in respect of improvement lease No. 1,540, Warialda, was unanimously held by the Full Court to have been invalid?
- (2.) Is it a fact that the Crown Solicitor, in respect of the unanimous judgment of the Full Court, has lodged notice of appeal to the High Court?
- (3.) Will he take steps to prevent defendants in Crown cases from being harassed by expenses of appeals to the High Court of Australia?

Mr. Moore answered,—

- (1.) The Full Court granted a prohibition against the conviction and fine imposed upon W. O. Phillips in respect of the ringbarking of timber on improvement lease.
- (2.) It is a fact that the Crown Solicitor is appealing from that decision to the High Court.
- (3.) Each case is dealt with on its merits. In the present case a very important principle was involved, which justified reference to the High Court.

(21.) Grant of Land for Licensed Watermen, Circular Quay:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that a grant was made by Governor Phillip of a portion of land at Circular Quay for the use of an area of the Circular Quay by licensed watermen; and, if so, was it vested in trustees?
- (2.) Is the right of this grant still existing?

Mr. Moore answered,—There is no record of such a grant having been made.

(22.) Prince's Stairs Wharf, Circular Quay:—Mr. E. M. Clark asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) With reference to the Questions of Mr. E. M. Clark on the 19th December and 18th March last respectively, did the Harbour Trust on the date first named furnish him an answer "No," and on the latter date answer in the affirmative, the following Question:—"Is it a fact that negotiations are either pending or have been completed between the Sydney Harbour Trust and the Sydney Ferries Company for the use of Prince's Stairs Wharf?"
- (2.) Can the Harbour Trust Commissioners reconcile the answers to the above Questions?
- (3.) When were negotiations first entered into for this lease, and were others engaged in similar traffic asked to compete; if not, why?

Mr. Waddell answered,—The Harbour Trust Commissioners have furnished me with the following replies:—

- (1.) On the 19th December last, the Honorable Member asked:—"Is it a fact that negotiations are in progress or have been completed between the Company and the Harbour Trust to lease that portion of the Quay now used by the Government boats for the purpose of running picnic traffic; and, if so, what is the term of lease, rental, and special reasons for congesting this kind of traffic at Circular Quay?" The Colonial Treasurer, at the instance of the Harbour Trust Commissioners, made the following reply:—"No. The Commissioners have been advised that the Company's traffic to Athol Bight, Clifton Gardens, Balmoral, and the Spit does not come within the category of "picnic traffic." On the 18th March last, Mr. Nobbs (for the Honorable Member) asked:—"In reference to Mr. E. M. Clark's Question of 19th December, 1907, is it a fact that negotiations are either pending or have been completed between the Harbour Trust and Sydney Ferries Company for the use of the Prince's Steps Wharf, Circular Quay?" The Colonial Treasurer, at the instance of the Harbour Trust Commissioners, stated that "Negotiations have been completed."
- (2.) The answer given in each case was correct, as the Commissioners have not leased the premises in question "for the purpose of running picnic traffic."

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(3.) (a) Towards the end of last year ; (b) public tenders were not invited for the lease, for the reasons :—(1) (a) That the transfer of the Athol-Clifton-Balmoral-Spit ferry service from No. 4 to No. 1 Jetty is being effected in order to reduce the congestion of traffic in Sydney Cove and to obviate the inconvenience caused to the patrons of the Neutral Bay and Mosman's ferry services by the overcrowding of No. 4 Jetty ; (2) (b) that there were no "others engaged in similar traffic," there being only one ferry service to the places mentioned.

(23.) Staff Surveyors, Moree Land Board District :—Mr. Collins asked the Secretary for Lands :—

- (1.) How many staff surveyors are attached to the Moree Land Board District ?
- (2.) Is it a fact that the land business of the district is being very much hampered by the insufficiency of the staff, and that a large area of land in the district ready for settlement cannot be made available pending the appointment of more surveyors ?
- (3.) Will he take immediate steps to have this state of affairs remedied as soon as possible ?

Mr. Moore answered,—

- (1.) Four staff surveyors are employed in the Moree District.
- (2 and 3.) The district surveyor requires the services of another contract surveyor, and to that extent the work has been hampered. Inquiries have been, and are still being made, with a view to getting one to undertake the work. Great difficulty is experienced in obtaining the services of competent licensed surveyors, and every effort has been made by this Department, both by correspondence and advertisements in the newspapers, to obtain the required assistance. An examination of candidates for license to survey has, however, just been held, and it is expected that the services of several surveyors will be available almost immediately.

(24.) Junee Vale Half-time School :—Mr. Collins asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

- (1.) Is it a fact there are over twenty children attending the Junee Vale Half-time School, and when is it proposed to have same converted into a full-time school ?
- (2.) What action is being taken towards the erection of a new school in this locality in a more convenient position, so as to avoid the necessity, at present existing, of the children having to cross the Baradine Creek ?

Mr. Hogue answered,—

- (1.) At Junee Vale twenty-two children are enrolled, average attendance seventeen. It is proposed to convert this school to full time, but the question of site is involved, it having been suggested that a more suitable site can be obtained on the opposite side of the creek. A report has been called for on this question.
- (2.) A new building will be erected when the site has been determined upon.

2. TOTALIZATOR BILL :—The following Petitions, representing that Petitioners view with alarm the provisions of the Totalizator Bill, believing that should it become law it would tend to increase rather than minimise gambling, and praying the House to vote against the proposed Bill, were presented by the Members named :—

- (1.) By Mr. McCoy—From the Women's Christian Temperance Union, Marrickville.
- (2.) By Mr. Thomas—From the Women's Christian Temperance Union, Inverell.
- (3.) By Mr. Estell—From the Women's Christian Temperance Union, Wallsend.
- (4.) By Mr. Thomas—From the Women's Christian Temperance Union, Emmaville.

Petitions received.

3. DERAILMENTS ON THE RAILWAYS (*Formal Motion*) :—Mr. O'Sullivan moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—

- (1.) The number of derailments of trains, portions of trains, or engines, which have occurred on the New South Wales Government Railways during the past twelve months.
- (2.) How many were passenger and how many freight trains to which these accidents occurred.
- (3.) What inquiries have been made as to the cause of such accidents.
- (4.) The constitution of the Boards making these inquiries.
- (5.) The number of instances in which the results were fatal to human life, and how many cases in each instance.
- (6.) The number of instances in which persons were injured, although not fatally, and the number of cases in each instance.
- (7.) The evidence taken and the finding at these inquiries available for the information of the public, who are vitally interested in the particulars of occurrences affecting the safety of railway travelling.
- (8.) By whom the evidence and report of each inquiry is finally dealt with.

Question put and passed.

4. PAPER :—Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—Regulations under the Sydney Harbour Trust Act, 1900.  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

5. INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES 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 reconsideration 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.

6. PRECEDENCE OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS :—Mr. Wade (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That Government Business only be taken To-morrow.  
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned, at twenty-three minutes 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.*

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SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY, 1 APRIL, 1908.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Prosecutions under the Sunday Observance Act:—*Mr. Nobbs*, for *Mr. E. M. Clark*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—

(1.) Is it a fact that in one police division of the City prosecutions under the Sunday Observance Act are prohibited, while in other divisions they are strongly enforced; if so, why?

(2.) Is it the duty of the Inspector-General of Police to maintain the observance of the law of the State?

*Mr. Wood* answered,—I have to invite the Honorable Member's attention to my reply to his Question of 7th November, 1907.

- (2.) Police Residences, Dungog:—*Mr. Nobbs*, for *Mr. Brown*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—When will tenders be called for repairs, urgently required, to police residences at Dungog?

*Mr. Lee* answered,—Tenders will be invited in next Wednesday's *Gazette*.

- (3.) Agricultural College, Hunter River:—*Mr. Nobbs*, for *Mr. Brown*, asked the Minister for Agriculture,—Has any definite action been taken with regard to selecting a site for an agricultural college on the Hunter River?

*Mr. Perry* answered,—A number of offers of farms have been made the Department, but no definite action has yet been taken.

- (4.) Police Force:—*Mr. Nobbs*, for *Mr. E. M. Clark*, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it a fact that, owing to the strike, a very large number of police have been withdrawn from duty in the suburbs for city work; and, if so, what steps does the Inspector-General of Police propose to take for a proper enforcement of order and protection of citizens' rights in suburbs isolated like North Sydney and other places?

*Mr. Wood* answered,—Yes, it was necessary to do so. All suburbs have reduced police supervision at present. I am not aware of any disorder arising in consequence of the reduction of strength, which is only temporary.

- (5.) Railway Line from Wellington or Dubbo, connecting Western and Northern Trunk Lines:—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What consideration (if any) has been given the question of connecting the Western and Northern Trunk Lines of Railway by a cross-country line from Wellington or Dubbo, to Werris Creek?

(2.) Is it a fact that the construction of such a line would very materially assist stock-owners, by enabling them in a dry season to truck starving cattle and sheep to the more favoured districts?

*Mr. Lee* answered,—

(1.) The proposed railway from Wellington to Werris Creek was reported on by the Public Works Committee in June, 1904, with the result that it was not recommended to be carried out.

(2.) Doubtless it would do this.

- (6.) Construction of German's Hill Deviation, Orange to Cargo Road:—*Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Was the sum of £500 some time ago set apart for the construction of a deviation at German's Hill, Orange to Cargo road; and, if so, why was this amount not expended?

(2.) Will he, knowing the circumstances under which this amount was transferred, make a fresh grant of a similar sum, so that the proposed deviation may be carried into effect?

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Mr. Lee answered,—

(1.) Yes, but not expended owing to opposition to the acquisition of land for the deviation, and the transfer of the road to the control of the Shire Council, at whose request the grant of £500 was made available for the Cadia Hill deviation in lieu of German's Hill.

(2.) The matter is in the hands of the Shire Council, and until they secure the establishment of the deviation, the determination as to a grant towards the work cannot be arrived at.

(7.) Mail Contractors and Shire License Fees:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it within his knowledge that under the Shires Act, mail contractors who carry passengers are compelled in some instances to pay as many as three license fees, the route over which they travel going through parts of three distinct Shires?

(2.) Will he take steps to have this grievance on the part of mail contractors remedied?

Mr. Lee answered,—

(1.) No such case has come under my notice; but if three Shires acquired power to license public vehicles, owners of public vehicles passing through the three Shires would be required to obtain a license from each.

(2.) I will be glad to be furnished with the particulars of cases that have arisen.

(8.) Myall Creek Resumed Lands:—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) How many blocks of Myall Creek resumed land have been taken up in all, and into how many blocks was the estate divided in the first instance?

(2.) How many of the original holders are still in possession, and how many have sold out?

(3.) Has it come to his knowledge that one of the original holders recently disposed of his block at an advance of £2 16s. per acre on the price he paid for it?

(4.) What provision is made under the Closer Settlement Act to prevent the purchase of resumed lands by mere speculators, to the detriment of would-be *bona fide* settlers?

Mr. Moore answered,—

(1.) The estate was subdivided into 139 farms, all of which have been selected, five having been taken as additional areas.

(2.) One hundred and twenty-one of the original holders are still in possession, thirteen having sold out.

(3.) No, but blocks have been disposed of at considerable advance on the purchase prices. In most cases valuable improvements have been effected by the transferees, who had also paid substantial sums off the purchase money.

(4.) The Act provides that a transferee must be a person qualified to make an application for a settlement purchase. Further that the Minister's consent to transfer must be obtained. When the consent is applied for a report is obtained from the Local Land Board as to the merits of the transaction and whether the transferee would be a suitable settler. Consideration has been given to the question of providing further restrictions to prevent trafficking in this tenure, and will probably be included in an Amending Closer Settlement Bill to be introduced next Session.

(9.) Wyangla Irrigation Scheme:—Mr. Lynch asked the Secretary for Public Works,—When does he contemplate submitting the Wyangla Irrigation Scheme to the Public Works Committee for investigation and report?

Mr. Lee answered,—As soon as the matter is sufficiently advanced it will be considered by the Government as to when it should be submitted to the Public Works Committee.

(10.) Railway Transit of Stock in Drought-stricken Districts:—Mr. Lynch asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is there any provision being made by the Railway Commissioners for the supply of stock trucks in drought-stricken parts of the State?

(2.) Is he aware that many sheep and cattle are dying in the Central Division, and no trucks are available for the transit of such stock to grass country?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) Yes, by the allocation of 45 per cent. of the available stock trucks and 400 "D" trucks.

(2.) The Chief Commissioner is aware that loss of live stock may occur pending the supply of stock trucks, but every effort is being made to relieve the position, and it is pointed out that more timely arrangements should have been made by owners for the removal of the stock.

(11.) North Coast Railway:—Mr. Davidson asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) When will tenders be called for the remaining portions of the first section of the North Coast Railway from Maitland to Taree?

(2.) When will the survey be commenced on the second section of the North Coast Railway from Taree to Kempsey?

Mr. Lee answered,—

(1.) For that portion from Gloucester to Tarce, about August, 1908, and the portion from Dungog to Gloucester, about January, 1909.

(2.) About July next.

(12.) Tram, King-street to Ocean-street, Woollahra:—Mr. Latimer asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What was the length of the cable tram from foot of King-street to Ocean-street, Woollahra, and what was the cost of construction?

(2.) By what amount per annum is the capital cost on that line being written off?

(3.) Is the whole capital cost of that line (cable) to be paid for out of the earnings of the present line (now electric)?



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(4.) If so, when the capital cost of the cable from foot of King-street to Ocean-street is paid off, will the Railway Commissioners devote the whole of the nett earnings on that line to the reduction of fares on that line?

(5.) What number of grades are there on this line of a steeper grade than 1 in 12, and where situate, between Ocean-street and foot of King-street?

(6.) What are the various grades on the Milson's Point line between Milson's Point and Ridge-street, and what is the distance?

(7.) What is the fare between Milson's Point and Ridge-street on the North Shore system of tramways?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) 2 miles 32 chains. Cost of construction, £175,721.

(2 and 3.) £50,000 is the sum to be written off capital and charged to working expenses. £35,000 has already been written off, and the balance will probably be written off within the next year.

(4.) The Chief Commissioner is unable to give any promise at the present time.

(5.) Thirteen grades steeper than 1 in 12, namely :—Between foot of King-street and Sussex-street, one ; in William-street, between Rosebank and Broughton streets, one ; in Bayswater-road, between Princes and Kellet streets, one ; in William-street, between Womerah-avenue and Victoria-street, six ; between Roslyn-street and Barcom-street, four.

(6.) Nineteen various grades, ranging from 1 in 13 (which is 9 chains long) to 1 in 200. The length of this line is 1 mile 31 chains.

(7.) One penny.

(13.) Railway Commissioners, and the Arbitration Court Award :—Mr. Hollis asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Railway Commissioners are ignoring, in the matter of wages, the award of the Court of Arbitration given in the case of the Ironworkers' Assistants, although the secretary of the union posted a copy of the *Gazette* containing the award?

(2.) If so, will he see that the Railway Commissioners pay the wages provided for in the said award.

Mr. Waddell answered,—The Ironworkers' Assistants Union recently communicated with the Chief Commissioner, asking that their award be recognised in connection with the railway and tramway service. The point pressed by the union was that adults should be paid 7s. per day. The Chief Commissioner agreed to pay 7s. per day to adult ironworkers' assistants, but in regard to shop boys reaching adult age, the wages would be increased to 7s. per day after serving six months at 6s. per day, and a similar term at 6s. 6d. per day. The conditions of employment generally in regard to these men employed in the railway and tramway service, are more liberal than those obtaining in private establishments.

## 2. PAPERS :—

Mr. Lee laid upon the Table,—Report of the completion of the Sewerage Works for Newcastle and Suburbs, Contract No. 635.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Moore 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 authorised to be dedicated to Public Purposes, under the Crown Lands Act of 1884.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

3. INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES 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 reconsideration of the Bill.

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

4. PRECEDENCE OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS :—Mr. Wade (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That Government Business only be taken To-morrow.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned, at nine 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. 13.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 2 APRIL, 1908.

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

QUESTIONS :—

(1.) School Boards :—*Mr. Nobbs*, for *Mr. E. M. Clark*, asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) How many school boards now exist in the State, and of what use is the present system of appointments in the administration of the Public Schools Act?

(2.) Will he consider the advisability of abolishing present school boards, and appointing Municipal and Shire Councils to take up the work?

*Mr. Hogue* answered,—

(1.) Three hundred and twenty-six public school boards have been appointed. Their duties are defined in section 19 of the Public Instruction Act and the regulations framed thereunder. These duties are voluntary and honorary, and do not touch the internal management of schools, but in other directions the active co-operation of the boards can be the means of great benefit to the schools under their supervision, and of profitable assistance to the administration of the school system.

(2.) I do not deem it necessary to abolish the present boards, but will consider the suggestion with regard to the Councils.

(2.) Collarenebri Public School :—*Mr. Collins* asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the attendance at the Collarenebri Public School has largely increased since the advent of the railway to that town, that the present building has outlived its usefulness, and the accommodation is totally inadequate for the number of children at present attending that school?

(2.) Will he take steps to see that no delay occurs in the erection of suitable additions to the building in order that the children may be educated with some degree of comfort, and with some regard for their physical well-being?

(3.) Can he say when tenders are likely to be invited for this work?

*Mr. Hogue* answered,—

(1 and 2.) The existing school accommodation is not inadequate, but the building is unsuitable. A sketch plan of a new building has been approved, and it has been specially designed to meet the climatic conditions of the locality.

(3.) As soon as full plans and specifications are prepared, tenders will be invited.

(3.) Junee Vale Half-time School :—*Mr. Collins* asked the Minister of Public Instruction,—With reference to the Question asked by *Mr. Collins* on 31st March, regarding the conversion of the Junee Vale Half-time School into a full-time, will he, in view of the number of children at present attending the half-time school, see that the full-time school is established without delay, pending the choice of a new site, and the subsequent erection of a new building thereon?

*Mr. Hogue* answered,—As provision will have to be made for the companion school at Kienbri, the question of conversion of Junee Vale to a full-time school will be dealt with upon receipt of the report, which the local Inspector has been asked to furnish as soon as possible.

(4.) Crown Land for Settlement, Killarney Holding, Narrabri :—*Mr. Collins* asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it a fact that notice was sent to the Department by the Chairman of the Local Land Board at Narrabri, recommending the gazetting of 2,028 acres, parish of Narrabri, county of Nandewar, on Killarney Holding, for original settlement?

(2.) Is it a fact that applications were lodged for this land on the strength of the Chairman's representations?

(3.) Can he say why this land was not gazetted?

(4.) Will he take steps to have same gazetted for settlement immediately?

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Mr. Moore answered,—The Chairman of the Moree Land Board was asked to furnish a date on which the Narrabri Board could deal with applications for an area of 2,028 acres, parish Narrabri, county Nandewar, then ready for gazettal, and a date was furnished but could not be availed of. There was some unavoidable delay but the area was notified in *Gazette* of yesterday, 1st April, to become available as an original settlement lease, on Thursday, 7th May next. I have no knowledge of any applications having been lodged.

(5.) Occupation of Land, Neutral Bay, by North Shore Gas Company :—*Mr. Nobbs*, for Mr. E. M. Clark, asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Is it a fact that he has refused to sell the rescission of reservation of certain lands at Neutral Bay to the North Shore Gas Company?

(2.) Is it a fact that, notwithstanding this determination, he is considering the question of leasing or granting a permissive occupancy of the land to this Company?

(3.) Will he, in the public interests, refuse to lease this land or grant any permission for occupation?

Mr. Moore answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2 and 3.) The North Shore Gas Company was informed that an application for a special lease would be considered on its merits. Up to the present no such application has been received.

(6.) Enforcement of the Gaming and Betting Act :—*Mr. Nobbs*, for Mr. E. M. Clark, asked the Colonial Secretary,—Is it a fact that, notwithstanding the provision of subsection (a), clause 23, of the Gaming and Betting Act prohibiting the offering or making of bets with persons under the age of 21, youths under that age are permitted to act as bookmakers' clerks on racecourses, and will he take steps to enforce the law?

Mr. Wood answered,—The Metropolitan Superintendent of Police reports that no instance has come under notice where youths or persons under 21 years of age have been found making or offering to make bets on racecourses or acting as bookmakers' clerks. I may inform Honorable Members that the police have been instructed to be on the look out for cases of this kind.

(7.) Lock-up and Police Station, Jerilderie :—*Mr. Peters* asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the sum of £200, or more, was placed upon the Estimates a considerable time ago for improvements to Jerilderie Lock-up and Police Station?

(2.) If so, why has the work not been carried out?

(3.) Will he order that it be taken in hand without loss of time?

Mr. Lee answered,—

(1.) I approved of £207 being expended on this work some months ago.

(2.) I cannot say, as the papers are with the local officer who will be called upon to explain the cause of delay.

(3.) The local officer has been wired to to-day to carry out the work.

(8.) Railway Stock-trucks, Southern Line :—*Mr. Edden*, for Mr. McLaurin, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that it is impossible to obtain trucks, especially for cattle, for the removal of stock on the Southern Line?

(2.) If so, will he take steps to have this fact brought before the Commissioners for Railways?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) No; the stock is being removed as expeditiously as the circumstances will permit, but, as owners deferred sending the stock away, and subsequently desired simultaneous transit by rail, it follows that delays must occur to some consignments.

(2.) The Chief Commissioner is aware of the difficulty, and every effort is being made to expedite transit.

(9.) Latrine Accommodation on Stock Trains :—*Mr. Edden*, for Mr. McLaurin, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Is it a fact that no latrine accommodation is provided on stock trains?

(2.) If so, will he take steps to see that such is provided on all stock trains travelling long distances?

(3.) Is it a fact that, owing to the absence of latrine accommodation, the seats and cushions are often found to be in a filthy condition?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

(1.) It is not the general practice to provide latrine accommodation for drovers on live-stock trains.

(2.) In the majority of cases the drovers travel in the passenger compartment of the guard's van or in the brake van, and they have the same opportunities as the guards for obtaining latrine accommodation at the stations where the trains are timed to stop.

(3.) The Chief Commissioner is not aware that any complaint has been made in this respect.

2. TOTALIZATOR BILL :—The following Petitions, representing that Petitioners view with alarm the provisions of the Totalizator Bill, believing that should it become law it would tend to increase rather than minimise gambling, and praying the House to vote against the proposed Bill, were presented by the Members named :—

(1.) By Mr. Nobbs—From the Women's Christian Temperance Union, Burwood.

(2.) By Mr. Parkes—From the Women's Christian Temperance Union, Dulwich Hill.

Petitions received.

3. PRINTING COMMITTEE :—*Mr. G. A. Jones*, as Chairman, brought up the Third Report from the Printing Committee.

4. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS—*Member Sworn* :—*Mark Fairles Morton*, Esquire, came to the Table, and was sworn by the Clerk as a Member of the Elections and Qualifications Committee.

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## 5. PAPERS:—

Mr. Lee laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) By-laws of the Florida Bore Water Trust, under the Water and Drainage Act, 1902.  
 (2.) By-laws of the Youendah Bore Water Trust, under the Water and Drainage Act, 1902.  
 Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Wood laid upon the Table,—Report of the Police Department for 1907.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

## 6. INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES 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 reconsideration 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 2° with further amendments, and an amended Title.

Mr. Wade moved, That the report be *now* adopted.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

And the House continuing to sit until—

MONDAY, 6 APRIL, 1908.

*(Mr. Speaker having left the Chair at 5.28 o'clock a.m. on Friday until 2 o'clock p.m. on Monday).*

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 4 and 40,"—instead thereof.

Debate ensued.

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 4 and 40,—

Mr. McGowen moved, That the Question be further amended by adding the words "and clauses 14, 26, 45, and Schedule Two."

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 25.

Mr. Nicholson,	Mr. Hollis,
Mr. Meehan,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Gus. Miller,	Mr. John Storey,
Mr. Lynch,	Mr. McGarry.
Mr. Peters,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Bechy,	Mr. Stuart-Robertson,
Mr. Treflé,	Mr. Mercer.
Mr. Estell,	
Mr. McGowen,	
Mr. Cann,	
Mr. Dacey,	
Mr. G. A. Jones,	
Mr. Meagher,	
Mr. Grahame,	
Mr. Charlton,	
Mr. Burgess,	
Mr. Page,	
Mr. E. M. Clark,	
Mr. O'Sullivan,	

Noes, 36.

Mr. Mahony,	Mr. Robert Jones,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Wade,	Mr. Hindmarsh,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. Downes,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Wood,	Mr. Barton,
Mr. Oakes,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. McCoy,
Mr. James,	Mr. Fleming,
Mr. Broughton,	Mr. John Miller,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Levy,
Dr. Arthur,	Mr. McLaurin,
Sir James Graham,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Brinsley Hall,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. W. Millard.
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Colonel Onslow,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Moxham,	Mr. Price.
Colonel Rylie,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Question then,—That the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of clauses 4 and 40,—put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 38.

Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Robert Jones,
Mr. Wood,	Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Wade,	Mr. Price,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Moore,	Mr. John Miller,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Fleming,
Mr. Waddell,	Mr. McCoy,
Mr. Oakes,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Nobbs,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Gilbert,	Mr. Barton,
Mr. Broughton,	Mr. Levy,
Mr. James,	Mr. Moxham,
Mr. Hindmarsh,	Mr. Ball,
Dr. Arthur,	Mr. McLaurin,
Mr. Hunt,	Mr. Brinsley Hall,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. W. Millard.
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Sir James Graham,	Colonel Rylie,
Colonel Onslow,	Mr. Collins.
Mr. Mahony,	

Noes, 25.

Mr. Stuart-Robertson,	Mr. Carmichael,
Mr. Hollis,	Mr. Edden,
Mr. Cann,	Mr. McGarry.
Mr. Treflé,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Bechy,	Mr. Gus. Miller,
Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Page.
Mr. Estell,	
Mr. Dacey,	
Mr. Grahame,	
Mr. Mercer,	
Mr. Meagher,	
Mr. Burgess,	
Mr. G. A. Jones,	
Mr. O'Sullivan,	
Mr. Lynch,	
Mr. Meehan,	
Mr. Nicholson,	
Mr. Charlton,	
Mr. John Storey,	
Mr. Peters,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

On

2nd April, 1908.

On motion of Mr. Wade, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill 3<sup>d</sup> with further amendments.

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

Mr. Wade then moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

## Ayes, 40.

Mr. Waddell,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Robert Jones,	Mr. McCoy,
Mr. Wade,	Mr. Mahony,
Mr. Moore,	Sir James Graham,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Latimer,
Mr. Oakes,	Mr. Collins,
Mr. Perry,	Mr. Price,
Mr. Wood,	Mr. McFarlane,
Mr. Fell,	Mr. Fleming,
Mr. Hogue,	Mr. Barton,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Robson,
Mr. John Miller,	Colonel Ryrie,
Mr. Brinsley Hall,	Mr. E. M. Clark,
Mr. Gilbert,	Mr. Hunt,
Mr. Moxham,	Mr. Ball,
Mr. James,	Mr. Broughton,
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. W. Millard.
Dr. Arthur,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Levy,	
Colonel Onslow,	Mr. Nobbs,
Mr. Hindmarsh,	Mr. Downes.

## Noes, 29.

Mr. Grabame,	Mr. Dooley,
Mr. Burgess,	Mr. Dacey,
Mr. McGowen,	Mr. Beeby,
Mr. Macdonell,	Mr. O'Sullivan,
Mr. Stuart-Robertson,	Mr. McGarry,
Mr. Treflé,	Mr. G. A. Jones.
Mr. Holman,	<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Arthur Griffith,	
Mr. Peters,	Mr. Kelly,
Mr. McNeill,	Mr. Lynch.
Mr. Hollis,	
Mr. Page,	
Mr. Gus. Miller,	
Mr. Mercer,	
Mr. Meehan,	
Mr. Estell,	
Mr. John Storey,	
Mr. Charlton,	
Mr. Cann,	
Mr. Carmichael,	
Mr. Edden,	

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 provide for the constitution of Boards to determine the conditions of employment in industries; to define the powers, jurisdiction, and procedure of such Boards, and to give effect to their awards and appoint a Court; to prohibit lockouts and strikes, and to regulate employment in industries; to preserve certain awards, orders, directions, and industrial agreements; 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 constitution of Boards to determine the conditions of employment in industries; to define the powers, jurisdiction, and procedure of such Boards, and to give effect to their awards and appoint a Court; to prohibit lockouts and strikes, and to regulate employment in industries; to preserve certain awards, orders, directions, and industrial agreements; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,*

*Sydney, 6th April, 1908, p.m.*

7. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT—PRECEDENCE OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS:—Mr. Wade (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That this House, at its rising this day, do adjourn until Thursday next, and that Government Business only be taken on that day.

Question put and passed.

8. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Wade moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned accordingly, at twenty-seven minutes after Eleven o'clock, until *Thursday next*, at Four o'clock.

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 TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, 9 APRIL, 1908.

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

NURSES AND PRIVATE HOSPITALS BILL—MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY AS A WITNESS BEFORE COUNCIL SELECT COMMITTEE:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having appointed a Select Committee on the "Nurses and Private Hospitals Bill," and that Committee being desirous to examine David Fell, Esquire, a Member of the Legislative Assembly, in reference thereto, requests that the Legislative Assembly will give leave to its said Member to attend and be examined by the said Committee, on such day and days as shall be arranged between him and the said Committee.

*Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 6th April, 1908.*

F. B. SUTTON,  
President.

Mr. Wade moved, That David Fell, Esquire, have leave to attend and give evidence before the Select Committee of the Legislative Council on the "Nurses and Private Hospitals Bill," if he think fit.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

In answer to the Message from the Legislative Council, dated the 6th April, requesting leave for David Fell, Esquire, a Member of the Legislative Assembly, to attend and be examined before a Select Committee of the Legislative Council, on the "Nurses and Private Hospitals Bill," the Assembly acquaints the Council that leave has been granted to its said Member to attend and be examined by the said Committee, if he think fit.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 9th April, 1908.*

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Improvement Leases:—Mr. Peters asked the Secretary for Lands,—

(1.) Would he be willing to review improvement leases that are held over land which is not improvement lease country, with a view to their resumption?

(2.) Is it a fact that in some cases the rentals clearly show the land to be of first-rate quality?

(3.) In the event of contemplated resumption, what form would the inquiry take, and how would it be conducted?

Mr. Moore answered,—

(1 and 3.) If evidence should be forthcoming that any such improvement lease was obtained in an improper manner, such action will be taken as the circumstances of the case demand. I may add that the fullest inquiry will be made as to the desirability of making necessary provision for the resumption of land held under improvement lease which may be suitable and required for settlement.

(2.) The high rentals in some cases would appear to justify such a conclusion; but it may be mentioned that some improvement leases were granted over areas covered wholly or partly by necessary reserves, which could not, in the public interest, be made available for settlement, but which it was considered desirable to place for the time being under a tenure carrying improvement conditions.

(2.)

9th April, 1908.

(2.) Royal Commission of Inquiry into the Administration of the Lands Department :—Mr. Peters asked the Secretary for Lands,—

- (1.) Is he in favour of endeavouring to alter the determination of Sir William Owen to withhold a list of those persons communicated with in connection with the Lands Inquiry ?
- (2.) Is it a fact that only the cases of those who chose to reply were dealt with, and that those who withheld answers practically escaped ?
- (3.) Will he consider whether this is likely to defeat the Inquiry into the late Administration of the Lands Department ?

Mr. Moore answered,—

- (1.) I am not in favour of reviewing the procedure which Sir William Owen saw fit to adopt.
- (2.) No. Such an assumption is entirely erroneous. Cases were dealt with by the Royal Commissioner quite irrespective of whether replies were received or not. As a matter of fact, in some of the worst cases inquired into, no communications whatever were received from the lessees. For further information on this point, I would refer the Honorable Member to the Royal Commissioner's Report.
- (3.) See answer to No. 2.

(3.) Connection of Finley and Tocumwal by Railway :—Mr. Peters asked the Secretary for Public Works,—In view of the fact that New South Wales sanctioned and contributed to the cost of constructing the Strathmerton-Tocumwal Railway, thereby allowing the Victorian system to cross the Murray, Victorian officials to control our traffic, and Victoria to tap our resources, what reason does his Department advance for allowing a gap of thirteen miles to exist in the railway system between Finley and Tocumwal ?

Mr. Lee answered—The matter has been thoroughly investigated, and it is not proposed to undertake this extension at present.

(4.) Government Savings Bank :—Mr. McLaurin, for Mr. O'Sullivan, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Was the Savings Bank in Moore-street established to help the people to practise thrift ?
- (2.) If so, is a charge of 1s. made for each bank-book, and for what reason ?
- (3.) Does this Bank also charge 1s. per year to every depositor for keeping his account ?
- (4.) Do the Commissioners of this Bank offer to give the people 3 per cent. interest ?
- (5.) Is it a fact that when a person pays £3 in the first year he receives no return ?
- (6.) Is it a fact that when a person has 30s. in the Bank he is charged interest for keeping his account there ?
- (7.) Does he know of any other Bank that imposes such terms upon its clients ?
- (8.) Will he explain how this policy encourages thrift ?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

- (1.) Yes ; but to be run on business lines.
- (2.) No.
- (3.) No.
- (4.) Yes, up to £500.
- (5.) No.
- (6.) No.
- (7.) The Queensland Government Savings Bank charges 1s. on every account that earns 1s. interest. The Commissioners are not aware of the practice obtaining in the other States.
- (8.) Depositors in the Government Savings Bank are allowed interest at the rate of 3 per cent. per annum if the money be lodged for even the short space of one calendar month. This is practically allowing interest on money at call. Money deposited in any of the ordinary banks for a similar period, or at call, bears no interest, and the depositor, no matter how small the amount of his deposit, is required to pay 10s. per annum for the keeping of his account. As against this, the Savings Bank Commissioners only charge their customers 1s. where the interest earned on the sum deposited amounts to not less than 6s. in the year. The charge of 1s. for opening an account is only made where the sum deposited exceeds £5. Moreover, the bank offers substantial advantages to its depositors in providing facilities for them to deposit and withdraw their moneys at any place in the State they may desire.

(5.) Accidents and Railway Management :—Mr. McLaurin, for Mr. O'Sullivan, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that notwithstanding the Blandford railway accident, trains are still being worked by the same method that caused that accident ?
- (2.) Is it a fact that neither with regard to passenger or stock trains, do we carry out the safe systems practised on the British railways ?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

- (1.) No.
- (2.) The systems of safe working on the New South Wales Government Railways are identical with those in use on British railways.

(6.) Enforcement of Vine and Vegetation Diseases (Fruit Pests) Act :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Minister for Agriculture,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the number of inspectors appointed under the Vine and Vegetation Diseases (Fruit Pests) Act is altogether too small to permit of the efficient performance of such duties as attach to the positions, and will he take steps to increase the number ?
- (2.) Will he introduce legislation which will provide for a penalty for infringement by growers who fail to carry out the duties imposed upon them by the Act ?
- (3.) Is it a fact that the majority of the growers are themselves favourable to the introduction of a penalty clause ?

Mr. Perry answered,—Amendments of the Fruit Pests Act are being prepared which will enable the Department to more effectually deal with fruit pests. The Bill will be dealt with early next Session.

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(7.) Application for Equipment Allowance by Mr. V. J. S. Blomfield, Shire Engineer, Blayney:—  
Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Has application been lodged by Mr. V. J. S. Blomfield, Shire Engineer at Blayney, for two months' (February and March, 1907) equipment allowance under Regulation 104?
- (2.) Has such application been disallowed, and, if so, for what reason?
- (3.) By what right does his Department discriminate between officers who accepted work under the Shires and those who entered upon private practice, seeing that Regulation 104 is mandatory, and not optional?
- (4.) Will he have further consideration accorded this matter?

Mr. Lee answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Yes; because in every case where district works officers were employed by Shire Councils, the Departmental equipment allowances ceased on the date of their services and equipment being dispensed with.
- (3 and 4.) An officer leaving the Service is entitled to two months' equipment allowance, but on taking up Shire work his equipment is taken over by him, and becomes a matter for annual maintenance by the Shire.

(8.) Municipal Tar Distillery, Woolloomooloo Bay:—*Dr. Arthur*, for Mr. Broughton, asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) Has the promised report respecting the alleged nuisance near the Bourke-street Public School been obtained?
- (2.) If not, will he expedite same, and cause it to be laid upon the Table of this House?

*Mr. Hogue* answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) I will presently lay copies of the papers upon the Table.

(9.) Federal Capital Sites, Canberra and Dalgety:—*Mr. Meehan*, for Mr. Gus. Miller, asked the Premier,—In view of the fact that the State Government has had views of Canberra forwarded to the Federal Parliament, will he give immediate instructions for views of Dalgety Federal Site and surroundings to be forwarded to the Federal Parliament for the information of Members?

*Mr. Wade* answered,—The Government possess only one view of Dalgety, which is not satisfactory. From statements appearing in the Melbourne Press, I was led to believe until a few days ago that Mr. Chapman intended obtaining views of Dalgety. It is too late to do anything now as the Capital Site Bill is now before the Federal Parliament.

(10.) Justices of the Peace and the Shires Roll:—*Mr. Stuart-Robertson* asked the Colonial Secretary,—

- (1.) What number of Justices of the Peace have been struck off the Roll owing to their actions in regard to the compilation of the Shire Rolls?
- (2.) The numbers of those who have resigned owing to complaints brought against them?
- (3.) The names of such Justices of the Peace, and their former standing as men of business, &c.?

*Mr. Wood* answered,—

- (1.) None.
- (2.) Two.
- (3.) It is not deemed desirable to publish their names.

(11.) Employment of Assisted Immigrants on Railways and Tramways:—*Mr. Stuart-Robertson* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

- (1.) What is the number of assisted immigrants employed upon the Railways and Tramways of New South Wales?
- (2.) How long were they in the country before being employed by the Railway Commissioners?
- (3.) By what means were the said immigrants induced to come to New South Wales?

*Mr. Wade* answered,—

- (1 and 2.) Neither the Railway Commissioners nor the Intelligence Department are aware of any assisted immigrants being employed in the Railway or Tramway Services of this State.
- (3.) At no time has any inducement been offered to persons to emigrate to New South Wales in the hope of securing employment in any branch of the Public Service of the State.

(12.) North Coast Railway—Wages of Chainmen and Field Hands:—*Mr. McLaurin*, for Mr. O'Sullivan, asked the Secretary for Public Works,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the chainmen, field hands, and others employed in the survey camps on the route of the proposed North Coast Railway are only paid 6s. 6d. per day?
- (2.) Is he aware that, owing to the all-round increase in the price of commodities, the men referred to have very little left after each pay-day?
- (3.) Can he see his way to increase the pay of these men by 1s. per day, so as to give them a fair chance to live and keep their wives and children in comfort?

*Mr. Lee* answered,—

- (1.) Yes, with camp and cook provided, in accordance with the rate fixed by the Honorable Gentleman, on 18th October, 1900.
- (2.) I am not aware.
- (3.) See answer to No. 1.

(13.) Release of Margaret Jackson from Bathurst Gaol:—*Mr. McLaurin*, for Mr. O'Sullivan, asked the Premier,—

- (1.) Will he state on what grounds the petitions presented to him for the release of Margaret Jackson, now serving a sentence of six years' imprisonment in Bathurst Gaol for the manslaughter of Gertrude Hanlon, were refused?
- (2.)



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- (2.) Is it a fact that, before the appeal of the Crown to the High Court, he stated in reply to the Question,—“Would she be recommitted to prison, and would she, in the meantime, be called upon to enter into a bond for reappearance if required?” he answered,—“No; she would never go back again. Her release was unconditional. The only question involved in the appeal was that of having the law on the point declared.”
- Mr. Wade answered,—
- (1.) Petitions for the release of prisoners are decided by His Excellency the Governor, and it is not usual to supply information as to the grounds upon which refusal by His Excellency is based.
- (2.) Yes. I was referring to release of prisoner by the Supreme Court; but, as subsequently stated by me, the High Court, in dealing with the appeal against the judgment of the Supreme Court, gave its specific order in a form which maintained the conviction, and I, under the circumstances, deemed it my duty to order her re-arrest.
- (14.) Royal Commission on Prevention of Fire in Sydney and Suburbs :—*Mr. McLaurin*, for *Mr. O'Sullivan*, asked the Premier,—
- (1.) Will he, if the consent of the Select Committee of the Legislative Council now sitting on the question of the danger of Sydney and suburbs by fire, is given, appoint the gentlemen composing it a Royal Commission, to enable it to proceed with the inquiry during the ensuing recess, which it will otherwise be unable to do after the prorogation of Parliament until it reassembles?
- (2.) Will he consider whether it would save valuable time, and promote the objects of the inquiry, if the Committee were thus enabled to carry on the investigation, as was done on former occasions—amongst others that of the case of William Cresswell?
- Mr. Wade answered,—I will look into the matter.
- (15.) Municipal Council Rates :—*Dr. Arthur* asked the Premier,—
- (1.) Is he aware that a Municipal Council has been advised that it cannot impose a rate on the unimproved value, and at the same time on the improved value, but must first serve the rate notices regarding the unimproved value before it can decide to impose anything on the improved value?
- (2.) Will he consider whether this is a correct interpretation of the Act?
- (3.) Is he aware that several Councils have decided to impose rates on both the unimproved and the improved values?
- (4.) Is it a fact that the late Government represented that it would be left to the Councils and the ratepayers to decide the incidence of rates over and above the 1d. in the £ on the unimproved value, and what steps does he intend to take in this matter?
- Mr. Lee* answered,—
- (1.) I have not been officially informed to this effect, but have read it in the newspapers.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) Yes.
- (4.) Yes, that was the intention.
- (16.) “In Australian Tropics,” by *Mr. Alfred Searcy* :—*Mr. Levy*, for *Mr. Broughton*, asked the Premier,—
- (1.) Has his attention been directed to a work entitled “In Australian Tropics,” by *Mr. Alfred Searcy*, now an officer of the South Australian Parliament, and formerly for fourteen years Collector of Customs, Port Darwin, on the possibilities of the Northern Territory as a field for immigration, and in reference to the defence of Australia?
- (2.) If so, will he consider the desirableness of obtaining copies of the work for the Department of Intelligence, and the office of the Agent General for distribution to emigration centres?
- Mr. Wade answered,—Without in any way questioning the excellence of the work referred to as far as the subjects it deals with are concerned, I may say that it is not regarded by the Government as being of a character calculated to materially assist in promoting immigration to New South Wales.
- (17.) Derailment Railway Accidents—Appointment of Board of Inquiry :—*Mr. Hollis* asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that he stated in the House, on the 12th March last, in discussing the Blandford railway accident, that “if there seems to be any doubt whatever as to the cause of an accident, or any information missing which should be obtained in the public interest, the Government will appoint a Board as the Government Railways Act indicates”?
- (2.) Is it a fact that the jury, at the coronial inquiry at Wollongong concerning Stanwell Park accident, found that the cause of the accident was the shifting of a wheel on its axle?
- (3.) Is it a fact that the Chief Mechanical Engineer relied on the finding of the jury, and reported that a shifted wheel was the cause of the accident?
- (4.) Is it a fact that no inquiry has been held as to the actual or primary cause of the wheel shifting on its axle?
- (5.) If so, will the Government appoint a Board as indicated by the Government Railways Act, 1901, to inquire and report upon the actual cause which shifted the wheel in question, in view of the fact that the Chief Mechanical Engineer reports that “it is no uncommon thing for wheels to shift on their axles,” and that therefore similar accidents to that at Stanwell Park may occur on the Railways at any time?
- Mr. Waddell answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) No.
- (4.) As it was reported by the Chief Mechanical Engineer that the wheel had shifted, and that was really the cause of the accident, a formal inquiry was not considered necessary.
- (5.) As all the facts were elicited, further action was not deemed necessary.

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3. **SERVANTS REGISTRY BILL**:—Mr. E. M. Clark presented a Petition from certain residents of New South Wales, representing that the Servants Registry Bill will give a much sought for relief to a very large number of workers in this State now at a disadvantage, as compared with the legislation of a like character in other States, and praying that the Bill may speedily be passed into law.  
Petition received.
4. **TOTALIZATOR BILL**:—The following Petitions, representing that Petitioners view with alarm the provisions of the Totalizator Bill, believing that should it become law it would tend to increase rather than minimise gambling, and praying the House to vote against the proposed Bill, were presented by the Members named:—  
(1.) By Mr. Gilbert—From the Women's Christian Temperance Union, Newcastle.  
(2.) By Mr. Nobbs—From the Women's Christian Temperance Union, Nowra.  
Petitions received.
5. **PAPERS**:—  
Mr. Waddell laid upon the Table,—Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for improving the Station Yard at Rockdale.  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
- Mr. Wade laid upon the Table,—  
(1.) Further Correspondence between the Prime Minister of the Commonwealth and the Premier of New South Wales, respecting the Federal Capital Site.  
Ordered to be printed.  
(2.) Amendments in the Scale of Fees to be charged on Proceedings in District Courts.  
(3.) Additional Regulations under the Justices (Fees) Act, 1904.  
(4.) Minute of the Public Service Board respecting the Appointment of Mr. William Le Brun Brown, Clerk of Petty Sessions and Chamber Magistrate, Broken Hill, to be Police Magistrate at Inverell.  
(5.) Return of the Number of First Offenders released under the Provisions of the Crimes Act, 1900.  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
- Mr. Hogue laid upon the Table,—  
(1.) Correspondence respecting Complaints of Nuisance to the Plunkett-street Public School, caused by the City Council Tar Distillery at Woolloomooloo Bay.  
(2.) Report of the Trustees of the National Art Gallery for 1907.  
(3.) Report of the Senate of the University of Sydney for 1907.  
(4.) By-laws, Rules, and Orders of the Australian Museum.  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
- Mr. Lee laid upon the Table,—  
(1.) By-laws of the Three Corners Bore Water Trust, under the Water and Drainage Act, 1902.  
(2.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the construction of Sewerage Works for the Illawarra Suburbs.  
(3.) Notification of resumption of land, under the Public Works Act, 1900, for the construction of certain Drainage Works for the Western Suburbs.  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
- Mr. Moore laid upon the Table,—Amended Regulation under the Crown Lands Acts.  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
- Mr. Wood laid upon the Table,—Proclamation under the Mining Act, 1906, declaring certain Lands to be Private Lands.  
Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.
6. **PRINTING COMMITTEE**:—Mr. McLaurin brought up the Fourth Report from the Printing Committee.
7. **ADDITIONAL SITTING DAY (FRIDAY)**:—Mr. Wade (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That Friday next be a sitting day of this House, that the House meet at 2 o'clock p.m., and that Government Business only be taken.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.
8. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. Wade moved, That this House do now adjourn.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.
- The House adjourned accordingly, at sixteen minutes before Twelve o'clock, until *To-morrow, at Two o'clock.*

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Speaker.*

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SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT.

FRIDAY, 10 APRIL, 1908.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Rockdale Railway Station :—Mr. Beeby asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) What is the total cost of the alterations made during the past eighteen months to Rockdale Railway Station, and the tracks adjacent thereto?
  - (2.) What is the estimated amount of the sum necessary to complete the alterations now in progress at Rockdale Station?
  - (3.) What saving or advantage is expected to result from the foregoing alterations?
  - (4.) Why were the tracks at Rockdale Station altered last year and this year as well?
  - (5.) Was the curvature and the condition of the tracks at Rockdale Station after being altered last year so dangerous that the speed of trains had to be reduced in passing Rockdale; and was it found necessary to reduce the curvature and improve the tracks?
  - (6.) If so, who was responsible for the dangerous condition of the tracks after the alterations made last year?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

- (1.) £6,838 10s.
  - (2.) £1,270 10s.
  - (3.) A saving of £120 per annum has been effected and considerably increased accommodation has been provided so as to make Rockdale a terminal station for trains.
  - (4.) To afford the increased accommodation referred to in the previous Question and Answer.
  - (5.) No.
  - (6.) The condition of the tracks is not dangerous.
- (2.) Locomotives supplied by Messrs. Beyer, Peacock, and Company :—Mr. Beeby asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Has it been found necessary to put new boilers, or new fire-boxes, in any of the locomotives supplied during the last four or five years by Messrs. Beyer, Peacock, and Company?
  - (2.) If so, how many engines which have only been in work four years have required new fire-boxes, and how many have required new boilers; also, how many which have only been in work five years have required new fire-boxes, and how many new boilers?
  - (3.) How many of the locomotives supplied by Messrs. Beyer, Peacock, and Company require either new fire-boxes or new boilers at the present time; also the length of service of each of the engines whose fire-box or boiler now require renewing?

Mr. Waddell answered,—

- (1.) No; but four new boilers have been fitted for exchange purposes in order to get the engines promptly back into traffic, which would otherwise have to stand doing nothing until repairs to their own boilers could be effected. Such boilers, when repaired, are in their turn exchanged on to engines whose boilers likewise require heavy repairs. This is in accordance with the best modern English practice.
- (2.) (a) No engines delivered during the past four years have required new fire-boxes or boilers, except for exchange purposes referred to in Answer No. 1; (b) no engines delivered during the past five years have required new fire-boxes or boilers, except for exchange purposes referred to in No. 1.
- (3.) None of the engines require new fire-boxes at the present time, but four now out of service require new boilers, which are being constructed at Eveleigh. These are goods engines that have been in the service 25, 28, 30½, and 30¾ years respectively.

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- (3.) Design of Locomotives used on New South Wales Railways :—Mr. Beeby asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Who designs the locomotives used on the New South Wales Railways?
  - (2.) Is the design of the locomotives used on our railways considered by the Railway Department to be up-to date and equal to the design of the best locomotives in other parts of the world?
  - (3.) Is the design of the engines, which have been ordered from Messrs. Beyer, Peacock, and Company since the present Chief Commissioner was appointed, the same as the design of engines of similar class now used in New South Wales?
- Mr. Waddell answered,—
- (1.) The Chief Mechanical Engineer.
  - (2.) The design is considered to be thoroughly up-to-date, and equal to the requirements of the New South Wales Railways.
  - (3.) Yes.
- (4.) Case of Mr. Jackson, of Kirkconnel, summoned by Bathurst Pastures Protection Board :—
- Mr. Beeby asked the Minister for Agriculture,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that, early in February, a Mr. Jackson was summoned by the Bathurst Pastures Protection Board for failure to destroy rabbits on his land at Kirkconnell, as prescribed by law?
  - (2.) Is it a fact that on the 24th March last Mr. Jackson, having previously interviewed him, wrote him a long letter, and such letter was forwarded to the Chairman of the Bathurst Pastures Protection Board and a report asked thereon?
  - (3.) Will he consider whether such interference with the administration of the Pastures Protection Act by the Pastures Protection Boards is advisable; and, if so, on what grounds?
- Mr. Perry answered,—I replied to these Questions fully in the debate on the adjournment last night :—
- (1.) Yes.
  - (2.) Yes.
  - (3.) Generally speaking the policy of the Department is to avoid interference with the administration of the Pastures Protection Act by the Boards, but statements were made which called for reports, and in this case the information asked for was necessary.
- (5.) Amendment of the Civil Service Act of 1884 :—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Premier,—Is it the intention of the Government to have section 55 of the Civil Service Act of 1884 amended, so as to grant the net pensions after payment of 4 per cent. for a certain number of years?
- Mr. Wade answered,—No. Under the section mentioned, it is competent for an officer, as an alternative to having annual abatements made from his pension, to pay in one sum, or by instalments extending over three years, the amount of his liability to the Superannuation Fund, and it is entirely in his own option which of these courses he adopts. It may happen that the deductions made from the pension of a pensioner living over the average period may exceed the capital sum, but this is a risk he takes, and is more than balanced, so far as the Fund is concerned, by deaths before the completion of the average period.
- (6.) Railway Concessions to Friendly Societies :—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Colonial Treasurer,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that the Railway Commissioners have refused to make concessions to the delegates to the annual conference of the Independent Order of Oddfellows?
  - (2.) Is it a fact that the excursion trains referred to in the reply of the Commissioners do not fit in with the dates of the conference?
  - (3.) Is it a fact that within the past six weeks two friendly societies have held their annual conferences, and no objection was raised to either of these societies obtaining the privileges which have been granted for many years past?
- Mr. Waddell answered,—
- (1.) Yes, during the Easter holidays.
  - (2.) Intimation has been made to this effect, but the dates of the excursions trains have been fixed to meet the requirements of the general public.
  - (3.) Yes. It is the practice of the Commissioners to grant concession rates to delegates attending conferences, but owing to the heavy passenger traffic which is anticipated at Easter time the Commissioners have decided that ordinary fares, which are much lower than those obtaining last Easter, are to apply by ordinary trains during the Easter holidays.
- (7.) Myall Creek Closer Settlement Lands :—Mr. O'Sullivan asked the Secretary for Lands,—Is it a fact that 40 per cent. of the instalments due on the Myall Creek Closer Settlement Lands are still unpaid?
- Mr. Moore answered,—No.
- (8.) Legislation regulating dealing in Wool, Skins, and Hides in Country Districts :—Mr. McLaurin asked the Attorney-General and Minister of Justice,—
- (1.) Has his attention been called to the necessity that exists for the passage of a Bill to regulate dealing in wool, skins, and hides in country districts?
  - (2.) If so, will he, as soon as possible, introduce a measure to provide for the licensing of all country dealers in wool, skins, and hides?
- Mr. Wood answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
  - (2.) The matter is under consideration with a view to seeing if it can be satisfactorily dealt with by legislation.

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(9.) Enforcement of the Vine and Vegetation Diseases (Fruit Pests) Act :—Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick asked the Minister for Agriculture,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a number of the inspectors recently appointed under the Vine and Vegetation Diseases (Fruit Pests) Act have received notifications that their services are to be dispensed with; and, if so, for what reason is this course adopted?

(2.) Does he not consider it quite as necessary that orchards should be subjected to as close inspection during the off season as during the period when fruit is being marketed?

(3.) Is there any inspection of fruit at the Markets, in Sydney; and, if not, why not?

Mr. Perry answered,—

(1.) Yes. Nine inspectors were notified, and nineteen retained.

(2.) The inspection of deciduous orchards for fruit-fly and codlin moth would be of little value now, and a sufficient number of inspectors have been retained to inspect the citrus orchards. Next Spring the inspection of deciduous trees will be resumed.

(3.) Yes; a careful inspection is made.

(10.) Tenders for wood and iron received and accepted by Railway Commissioners:—Mr. Stuart-Robertson asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) What tenders have been received, and what accepted by the Railway Commissioners during the past three (3) years for wood and iron work, such as rolling stock, &c., also brass work, boiler mounting, &c., and steel work?

(2.) The names of tenderers and prices submitted?

Mr. Waddell answered,—The information asked for should be moved for in the form of a return.

(11.) Employment of Assisted Immigrants on Government Railways :—Mr. Stuart-Robertson asked the Colonial Treasurer,—

(1.) Will he have inquiry made as to the number of assisted immigrants, if any, employed upon the Government Railways?

(2.) The dates upon which they arrived in this country and the names of the vessels in which they came?

Mr. Wade answered,—The Honorable Member's attention is invited to reply given by me to Questions asked by him on this subject yesterday.

2. PAPERS :—

Mr. Hogue laid upon the Table,—Report of the Trustees of the Public Library of New South Wales for 1907.

Referred by Sessional Order to the Printing Committee.

Mr. Wade laid upon the Table,—Papers respecting the reorganisation of the Colonial Office and proposed establishment of an Imperial Secretariat.

Ordered to be printed.

3. INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES 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 provide for the constitution of Boards to determine the conditions of employment in industries; to define the powers, jurisdiction, and procedure of such Boards, and to give effect to their awards and appoint a Court; to prohibit lock-outs and strikes, and to regulate employment in industries; to preserve certain awards, orders, directions, and industrial agreements; 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, 10th April, 1908.

F. B. SUTTON,  
President.

INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 10th April, 1908.

JOHN J. CALVERT,  
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, clause 2. At end of clause *add*—

" Provided that the provisions of this Act relating to the registration of trade-unions under this Act and the election of persons for members of boards and for assessors, and the constitution of the Industrial Court, and the appointment of the industrial registrar, and the exercise of their powers so far as is necessary for carrying out the above purposes, shall come into force on the passing of this Act."

Page 3, clause 4, line 28. *Omit* "means" *insert* "includes"

Page 3, clause 4, line 31. *Omit* "done"

Page 3, clause 4, line 42. *Omit* "means" *insert* "includes"

Page 3, clause 4, line 42. *Omit* "a" *insert* "any"

Page 4, clause 4, line 2. *Omit* "done"

Page 4, clause 4, line 4. *After* "employment" *insert* "or with a view to enforce compliance with demands made by them or other employes on employers"

Page 4, clause 6, lines 11 and 12. *Omit* "on the recommendation of the Industrial Court" *insert* "on resolution passed by both Houses of Parliament"

Page 4, clause 6. At end of clause *add* "Provided that no such amendment or addition shall include domestic servants."

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- Page 4, clause 7, line 20. *After* "such" *insert* "award, order, or"
- Page 4, clause 7. At end of clause *add* "and for the purposes of any appeal from the registrar, references to the Court of Arbitration shall be read as references to the Industrial Court."
- Page 5, clause 9, line 16. *After* "objections" *insert* "on the above ground"
- Page 5, clause 9. *After* subsection (5) *insert* the following new subsection:—  
The registrar may for any reasons which appear to him to be good cancel any such registration.
- Page 5, clause 9, line 21. *After* "refusal" *insert* "or cancellation"
- Page 5, clause 11, line 33. *After* "board" *insert* "or of the Industrial Court"
- Page 7, clause 14, line 12. *After* "membership" *insert* "and registered"
- Page 7, clause 16, line 28. *After* "Where" *insert* "the employers or"
- Page 7, clause 16, line 31. *Omit* "such" *insert* "employers or"
- Page 7, clause 16, line 31. *After* "employees" *insert* "in such industry or group of industries"
- Page 7, clause 16, line 33. *After* "such," first occurring, *insert* "employers or"
- Page 8, clause 17, line 13. *Omit* "make any such nomination" *insert* "elect"
- Page 8, clause 17, line 14. *Omit* "nominated" *insert* "elected"
- Page 9, clause 21, line 26. *After* "fifteen" *insert* "sixteen"
- Page 9, clause 23. At end of clause *add* the following new subsection:—  
Where a person is appointed to any such vacancy, the board as newly constituted may, if no member of the board objects, continue and hear and determine any part-heard case.
- Page 10, clause 24, line 1. *After* "chairman" *insert* "or assessors"
- Page 10, clause 24, line 6. *After* "chairman" *insert* "or assessors"
- Page 10, clause 27, line 29. *Omit* "by its award"
- Page 10, clause 27. *After* line 29 *insert*—  
" (1) decide all disputes;  
" (2) rescind or vary any of its awards,  
" and in carrying out any of the above purposes the said board may"
- Page 10, clause 27, line 41. *After* "grant" *insert* "or provide for the granting of"
- Page 11, clause 27. *Omit* subsections (f) and (g) *insert* "Provided that under this section it shall not in any case be obligatory to grant any preference of the kind mentioned in subsection (d) of the definition of 'Industrial matters' in section four of this Act, and each claim under the said subsection shall be dealt with on its merits"
- Page 11, clause 28, line 4. *After* "Act" *insert* "and to such conditions and exemptions as the board may, and is hereby authorised to determine and direct"
- Page 11, clause 29, line 9. *After* "any" *insert* "award or"
- Page 11, clause 31. *Omit* clause 31.
- Page 12, clause 36, lines 22 to 27. *Omit* the Proviso *insert* "and the provisions of the said section shall apply in respect of the proceedings of the board: Provided that no person shall be required without his consent to produce his books, or to disclose any matters relating to any trade secret, or to the profits, losses, receipts, outgoings, or financial position of himself or any other person, or to give evidence relating thereto. No such books need be produced nor matters disclosed nor evidence given except in private, and no person shall inspect such books except the chairman and members of the board, who shall not divulge any information so acquired"
- Page 12, clause 37, line 36. *Omit* "or member presiding at a meeting of a board"
- Page 12, clause 38, lines 41 and 42. *Omit* "or deputy chairman, or in their absence a member of the board appointed by a majority of those present"
- Page 12, clause 38, line 44. *Omit* "deputy chairman or presiding member"
- Page 13, clause 38, line 4. *Omit* "or deputy chairman"
- Page 13, clause 38, line 12. *Omit* "or deputy chairman"
- Page 13, clause 39, line 17. *Omit* "making" *insert* "publication in the Gazette"
- Page 13, clause 39, lines 20 and 21. *Omit* "constituted as hereinbefore provided"
- Page 13, clause 39, line 36. *After* "boards" *insert* "and the chairmen of boards"
- Page 13, clause 39, line 37. *After* "jurisdiction" *insert* "including power to appoint assessors"
- Page 14. *After* clause 39 *insert* the following new clauses:—  
The Industrial Court only may rescind or vary any award or order made by it, or any award of a board which has been amended by such court, or any award, order, or direction of the Court of Arbitration.
- The Crown may, where, in the opinion of the Minister, the public interests are or would be likely to be affected by the award, order, or direction of a board or of the Industrial Court—
- (a) intervene in any proceedings before such board or court, and make such representations as it thinks necessary in order to safeguard the public interests;
- (b) at any time after the making of an award by a board apply for leave to appeal and appeal from such award to the Industrial Court.
- Page 14, clause 40, line 8. *After* "board" *insert* "or by the Industrial Court"
- Page 14, clause 41, line 31. *After* "or" *insert* "in default to"
- Page 15, clause 42, line 3. *Omit* "he shall be liable" *insert* "the court in its discretion may, in lieu of imposing such penalty, sentence the said person"
- Page 15, clause 45, line 34. *Omit* "one" *insert* "two"
- Page 15, clause 45, line 43. *Omit* "through its officers"
- Page 15, clause 45, lines 43 and 44. *Omit* "public announcements in a newspaper or other"
- Page 16, clause 46, line 13. *Omit* "forty-one"
- Page 16, clause 46, line 13. *Omit* "or"
- Page 16, clause 46, line 13. *After* "three" *insert* "or forty-four"
- Page 16, clause 47, line 19. *Omit* "one" *insert* "two"

Varying award.

Intervention

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- Page 16, clause 47, line 19. *Omit "three" insert "four"*
- Page 16, clause 51, line 42. *After "whatsoever" omit remainder of clause.*
- Page 17, clause 55, line 16. *Omit "discharge" insert "have"*
- Page 17, clause 55, line 16. *After "prescribed" insert "powers and"*
- Page 17, clause 57, line 30. *After "arbitration" insert "or an award or order of the Industrial Court"*
- Page 18, clause 58, line 8. *Omit "his" insert "its"*
- Page 18, clause 58, line 9. *After "award" insert "by the said person or union and its members, and may require from any such person or union security to its satisfaction to answer any amount for which such person or union might be liable under sections forty-two and forty-six in case of a lockout or strike"*
- Page 18, clause 58. *At the end of clause add "any such security shall be deposited with and held by the said court, and may be disposed of as prescribed."*
- Page 19, clause 60, line 10. *After "Inspectors" insert "and regulating the registration under this Act of trade-unions"*
- Page 19, clause 60. *After paragraph (l) insert new paragraph:—*  
 (m) regulating the giving of security under this Act, and the disposal, return, and forfeiture of security so given.
- Page 20, Schedule One. *After line 27 insert—*  
 "Dressmaking and millinery ... Dressmakers, shirt, blouse and costume makers, milliners, hat-designers, trimmers, and bonnet-makers."
- Page 20, Schedule One, line 28. *Omit "electrical works" insert "manufacturing, fitting, overhauling, repairing, or installing electrical apparatus, or in the maintenance of electrical installations or running electrical plant, and assistants engaged in such industry"*
- Page 21, Schedule One, line 9. *After "yardmen" insert "and employes of milk vendors and dairymen"*
- Page 21, Schedule One. *After line 30 insert—*  
 "Storemen and packers ... Storemen and packers"
- Page 21, Schedule One, line 46. *Omit—*  
 "Wool and basil workers ... Wool scourers, basil workers, and labourers"
- Page 22, Schedule Two, line 12. *Omit "shall" insert "may"*
- Page 22, Schedule Two, line 35. *Before "members" insert "employees who are"*
- Page 22, Schedule Two, line 39. *Before "Every" insert "subject to paragraph 10 of this Schedule"*

Examined,—

W. J. TRICKETT,  
 Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, by Mr. Speaker, That the amendment made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be forthwith taken into consideration.

Whereupon, 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, disagreed to other, and agreed to the remainder of 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 having had under consideration the Legislative Council's Message, dated 10th April, 1908, requesting its concurrence in certain amendments made by the Council in the Industrial Disputes Bill,—

Disagrees to the amendment in clause 6, which adds a proviso,—because it is not fair that, whilst other industries may be added to the Schedule by resolution of both Houses, yet domestic servants should be deprived of an equal right.

Agrees to the amendment in clause 36, but proposes to amend it by omitting all the words after the word "that" in line 3 of the proviso to the end of the paragraph, and inserting the following words:—"unless a person raises the objection that the profits of an industry are not sufficient to enable him to pay the wages or grant the conditions claimed, no person shall be required without his consent to produce his books, or to give evidence with regard to the trade secrets, profits, losses, receipts, and outgoings of his business, or his financial position.

"Where a person raises such objection he may be required, on the order of the chairman, to produce the books used in connection with the carrying on of the industry in respect of which the claim is made; and to give evidence with regard to the profits, losses, receipts, and outgoings in connection with such industry, but he shall not be required to give evidence regarding any trade secret, or, saving as hereinbefore provided, his financial position. No such evidence shall be given without his consent, except in the presence of the members of the board alone, and no person shall inspect such books except the chairman, who may report to the board whether or not his examination of such books supports the evidence so given, but shall not otherwise disclose the contents of such books."

Disagrees to the amendment in clause 51,—because, that to ensure such success there should be as few appeals as possible; thus is obtained finality, expedition, and uniformity. An appeal from the Industrial Court will lead to delay and further expense.

Agrees

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Agrees to the amendment in line 23 of Schedule One, but proposes to amend it by adding thereto the words "and makers of underclothing."

Agrees to the other amendments made by the Council in the Bill.

And the Assembly requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council in its disagreements from and amendments upon the Council's amendments in the Bill.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 10th April, 1908.*

4. PRINTING COMMITTEE:—Mr. Charlton, *on behalf of Mr. McLaurin*, brought up the Fifth Report from the Printing Committee.

And the House continuing to sit after Midnight,—

SATURDAY, 11 APRIL, 1908, A.M.

5. INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES BILL:—

- (1.) 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 10th April, 1908, in reference to the Industrial Disputes Bill,—

Insists upon its amendment in clause 51, disagreed to by the Assembly,—because procedure by way of prohibition is the only way of correcting errors made by the Judge of the Industrial Court as to the extent of his own jurisdiction.

Does not insist upon its other amendments disagreed to by the Assembly, and agrees to the Assembly's amendments upon the Council's amendments in this Bill.

*Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 11th April, 1908, A.M.*

F. B. SUTTON,  
President.

Ordered, by Mr. Speaker, that the Legislative Council's Message be taken into consideration in Committee of the Whole at a later hour of the Day.

*Mr. Speaker left the Chair at 12-17 o'clock a.m. until 11 o'clock a.m.*

- (2.) 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 Legislative Council's Message of 11th April, 1908, 8 a.m., in reference to the amendments in this Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee insists upon its disagreement to the Council's amendment in clause 51 of the Bill.

Mr. Wade moved, That the report be *now* adopted.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Ordered (*by consent*) 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 11th April, 1908, a.m., in reference to the Industrial Disputes Bill,—

Insists upon its disagreement from the Council's amendment in Clause 51 of the Bill, and requests the Legislative Council to reconsider the amendment to Clause 51 insisted upon by the Council.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,  
Sydney, 11th April, 1908, a.m.*

- (3.) 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 11th April, 1908, a.m., in reference to the Council's amendment in the Industrial Disputes Bill, disagreed to by the Assembly and insisted on by the Council,—no longer insists upon its said amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 11th April, a.m., 1908.*

F. B. SUTTON,  
President.

6. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Wade moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker stated that he had had handed to him a Proclamation proroguing Parliament.

Mr. Speaker thereupon left the Chair, at twenty-two minutes after Twelve o'clock p.m.

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

WILLIAM McCOURT,  
*Speaker.*





PROCLAMATION

NEW SOUTH WALES,  
to wit.

(L.S.)

HARRY H. RAWSON,  
*Governor.*

} By His Excellency Sir HARRY HOLDSWORTH RAWSON, Admiral in the Royal Navy, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor of the State of New South Wales and its Dependencies, in the Commonwealth of Australia.

**W**HEREAS 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 HARRY HOLDSWORTH RAWSON, the Governor aforesaid, in pursuance of the power and authority so vested in me, do hereby prorogue the said Legislative Council and Assembly until Tuesday, the twenty-sixth day of May next, and the same stand so prorogued accordingly.

Given under my Hand and Seal, at Sydney, this eleventh day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eight, and in the eighth year of His Majesty's Reign.

By His Excellency's Command,

W. H. WOOD.

GOD SAVE THE KING!

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## BUSINESS UNDISPOSED OF AT THE CLOSE OF THE SESSION.

(PROROGUED, 11 APRIL, 1908.)

## QUESTIONS :—

1. DR. ARTHUR *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Will he, in the case of those Shires which have imposed the full ratable amount allowable under the Act, recognise their claims to any subsidy on a more generous scale than in the case of those Shires which have struck much lower rates?
2. MR. PAGE *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
  - (1.) The number of persons who have applied for pensions under the Invalidity and Accidents Pensions Act?
  - (2.) The number of persons who have received pensions under the same Act?
  - (3.) The number of persons who have been refused?
3. MR. O'SULLIVAN *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
  - (1.) Is it a fact that old-age pensions are often delayed in payment until the fifth of the month, causing great inconvenience and distress?
  - (2.) Will he see that old-age pensioners are paid with the same promptitude as other State pensioners?
4. MR. TREFLE *to ask* THE PREMIER,—
  - (1.) Is it proposed to appoint a separate staff of officers to carry out the clerical work attached to the Premier's office?
  - (2.) If so, in view of the fact that the proposed branch will be a new one, will applications for the positions therein be called for throughout the Service, in accordance with the requirements of the Public Service Act?
  - (3.) Was a proposal submitted to the Public Service Board some years back for the appointment of a separate staff to carry out the work of the office mentioned?
  - (4.) What was the result of such proposal?

## GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Supply ; House to resolve itself into Committee. [*Mr. Wade.*]
2. Ways and Means ; House to resolve itself into Committee. [*Mr. Wade.*]

## GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. E. M. CLARK *to move*, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all correspondence which took place between the Solicitor to the Railway Commissioners, the Coroner, or any other person, in relation to the recent fatal railway accident at Stanwell Park.
2. MR. E. M. CLARK *to move*, That an Address be presented to the Governor praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House a copy of all the proceedings at the inquest on the late Mrs. Morris, who was killed in the recent accident consequent on the derailment of a car upon the railway near Stanwell Park, including the depositions, the finding of the jury, and any correspondence by any persons with the Coroner, or his deputy, who held it, relating to such accident, or its probable cause.
3. MR. STUART-ROBERTSON *to move*, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—The tenders received and accepted by the Railway Commissioners during the past three (3) years for wood and iron work, such as rolling stock, &c., also brass work, boiler mounting, &c. and steel work, together with the names of tenderers and prices submitted.

4. MR. E. M. CLARK to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers in connection with resumptions at Parsley Bay, showing the number and portions of lots resumed, the names of owners, the amounts of compensation claims put in by owners, the amounts offered by the Crown in settlement, and list of claims paid.
5. MR. J. C. L. FITZPATRICK to move,—  
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon matters affecting the Western Lands Royal Commission of 1900; the work and report of such Commission, and the introduction of the Western Lands Bill (based on the report of such Commission); the methods adopted to secure the passage of that Bill; the effects of the Act upon the general taxpayer; the results which accrued under same to the Crown tenants or their mortgagees.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Moore, Mr. Gilbert, Mr. Charlton, Mr. Gus. Miller, Mr. McFarlane, Mr. Downes, Mr. Brinsley Hall, Mr. Meagher, Mr. Fallick, and the Mover.
6. MR. PRICE to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—  
 (1.) The number and area of all improvement leases granted since the passing of the Crown Lands Act of 1895, showing locality, area, price, and conditions.  
 (2.) The names of the Ministers dealing with such papers and leases.  
 (3.) The names of the solicitors appearing in such cases.  
 (4.) The names of the land agents who dealt with same.  
 (5.) The like information regarding exchanges of land.  
 (6.) The whole of the papers placed before the Royal Commission of Inquiry into the Administration of the Lands Department, by Mr. R. A. Price, together with the replies to such by the clerk of the Land Court.  
 (7.) The reasons which induced the Royal Commissioner to state, through Mr. Houston, in reply, that the papers had not been sent for as the Royal Commissioner's power did not cover such cases.
7. MR. HOLLIS to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers referring to a charge against two leading officials of stealing at Ultimo the property of the Railway Commissioners, as reported by a labourer and inquired into.
8. MR. E. M. CLARK to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of the rules for 1907-8 of the Kensington, Ascot, and Rosebery Park Racing Clubs.
9. MR. J. C. L. FITZPATRICK to move, That, in the opinion of this House, steps should be taken to resume so much of the alienated foreshores of Sydney Harbour as will amply provide for all public requirements.
10. MR. PARKES to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all papers and documents in connection with the estate of the late S. M. Swift.
11. MR. J. C. L. FITZPATRICK to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the time has come for the introduction of legislation providing for the resumption of certain portions of the alienated foreshores of Sydney Harbour.
12. MR. E. M. CLARK to move,—  
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the Coupon System.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Wade, Mr. Edden, Mr. Robert Jones, Mr. Dooley, Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Briner, Mr. Gilbert, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Moehan, and the Mover.
13. MR. E. M. CLARK to move,—  
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the claims of Norman Selfe in connection with designs supplied by him to the Government for the North Shore Bridge.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Lee, Mr. McGowen, Mr. Dacey, Mr. Ball, Mr. Briner, Mr. Fell, Dr. Arthur, Mr. Nobbs, and the Mover.
14. MR. HOLLIS to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return (referring to the return, Claims of Retired Civil Servants, laid upon the Table of this House on 13th December, 1906, page 13) showing,—  
 (1.) The date of first appointment to the Service of each person named in that list.  
 (2.) The average annual salary and emolument of office paid to each of them for the last three years of service.  
 (3.) The amount deducted in each case for the 4 per centum per annum on salary received, prior to 1885.  
 (4.) The respective amount in each case owing to the Superannuation Fund, 30th September, 1907.  
 (5.) What amount would be required to be placed on the Estimates for a sum equal to the total amount owing to the fund by these persons, and also for compensation in lieu of leave of absence due, but not given prior to their retrenchment in 1896.
15. MR. HOLLIS to move,—  
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the grievances of Henry Harding, William Stephen Stead, and others, arising from alleged negligence and error on the part of the Registrar-General in connection with Certificate of Title, volume 61, folio 224, dated 4th February, 1868.  
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Wade, Mr. Holman, Mr. Briner, Mr. Gilbert, Mr. Broughton, Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Charlton, Mr. Nobbs, and the Mover.  
 (3.) That the Reports from the Select Committees of the Second Session of 1904, and of Session, 1906, together with the Proceedings of the Committees, Minutes of Evidence, and Appendices, be referred to such Committee.

16. MR. HOLLIS to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a return showing,—
- (1.) How many electric motor drivers are employed on the Government Tramways of New South Wales.
  - (2.) How many conductors there are in the same Service.
  - (3.) How many electric motor drivers suffered loss of conduct holidays for the year ended 30th June, 1906.
  - (4.) The same information for the year ended 30th June, 1907.
  - (5.) How many conductors suffered loss of conduct holidays in each of these two years, showing each year separately.

**ORDERS OF THE DAY :—**

1. Servants Registry Bill ; second reading. [*Mr. E. M. Clark.*]
2. Lease Conversion and Law Amendment Bill ; second reading. [*Mr. E. M. Clark.*]

*Legislative Assembly Office,  
Sydney, 11th April, 1908.*

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

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## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

## NEW SOUTH WALES.

ATTENDANCES OF MEMBERS IN DIVISIONS AND COUNTS-OUT  
DURING THE SESSION OF 1908.

	Divisions in the House.	Divisions in Committees.	Counts-out.	Total.
Arthur, Richard, Esq., M.D. ....	9	34	.....	43
Ball, Richard Thomas, Esq. ....	5	29	.....	34
Barton, Charles Hampden, Esq. ....	12	32	.....	44
Beeby, George Stephenson, Esq. ....	6	31	.....	37
Briner, George Stuart, Esq. ....	0	0	.....	0
Broughton, Ernest Clement Vernon, Esq. ....	9	18	.....	27
Brown, William, Esq. ....	3	24	.....	27
Burgess, George Arthur, Esq. ....	12	29	.....	41
Cann, John Henry, Esq. ....	12	27	.....	39
Carmichael, Ambrose Campbell, Esq. ....	11	32	.....	43
Carruthers, The Hon. Joseph Hector	0	0	.....	0
Charlton, Matthew, junior, Esq. ....	11	35	.....	46
Clark, Edward Mann, Esq. ....	6	22	.....	28
Cohen, John Jacob, Esq. ( <i>Chairman of Committees</i> )	8	0	.....	8
Collins, Albert Ernest, Esq. ....	11	34	.....	45
Dacey, John Rowland, Esq. ....	9	32	.....	41
Davidson, Robert, Esq. ....	10	35	.....	45
Donaldson, Robert Thomas, Esq. ....	4	21	.....	25
Dooley, James, Esq. ....	8	35	.....	43
Downes, Frederick William Arthur, Esq. ....	11	33	.....	44
Edden, Alfred, Esq. ....	12	18	.....	30
Estell, John, Esq. ....	13	35	.....	48
Fallick, James, Esq. ....	10	34	.....	44
Fell, David, Esq. ....	7	31	.....	38
Fitzpatrick, John Charles Lucas, Esq. ( <i>Temporary-Chairman of Committees</i> )	3	29	.....	32
Fleming, William Montgomerie, Esq. ....	6	23	.....	29
Gilbert, Owen, Esq. ( <i>Temporary-Chairman of Committees</i> )	9	19	.....	28
Gillies, John, Esq. ....	2	0	.....	2
Graham, Sir James, Kt., M.D. ....	12	17	.....	29
Grahame, William Calman, Esq. ....	13	35	.....	48
Griffith, Arthur, Esq. ....	10	34	.....	44
Hall, Brinsley, Esq. ....	12	35	.....	47
Henley, Thomas, Esq. ....	8	1	.....	9
Hindmarsh, George Thomas, Esq. ....	13	35	.....	48
Hogue, The Hon. James Alexander, Esq. ....	5	34	.....	39
Hollis, Robert, Esq. ....	12	35	.....	47
Holman, William Arthur, Esq. ....	8	11	.....	19
Horne, Henry Edwin, Esq. ....	7	3	.....	10
Hunt, John Charles, Esq. ....	10	34	.....	44
James, Augustus George Frederic, Esq. ....	10	33	.....	43
Jones, George Alfred, Esq. ....	13	24	.....	37
Jones, Robert, Esq. ....	13	27	.....	40
Kelly, Andrew Joseph, Esq. ....	6	24	.....	30
Latimer, William Fleming, Esq. ....	8	35	.....	43
Lee, The Hon. Charles Alfred, Esq. ....	12	35	.....	47
Levien, Robert Henry, Esq. ....	7	0	.....	7
Levy, Daniel, Esq. ....	11	32	.....	43
Lonsdale, Edmund, Esq. ....	2	23	.....	25
Lynch, John Patrick, Esq. ....	12	32	.....	44
Macdonell, Donald, Esq. ....	4	30	.....	34
Mahony, William Henry, Esq. ....	11	34	.....	45
McCourt, The Hon. William, Esq. ( <i>Speaker</i> )	.....	.....	.....	.....
McCoy, Richard Watson Walker, Esq. ....	9	34	.....	43
McFarlane, John, Esq. ....	12	10	.....	22
McGarry, Patrick, Esq. ....	7	24	.....	31
McGowan, James Sinclair Taylor, Esq. ....	12	34	.....	46
McLaurin, Gordon Ranald, Esq. ....	4	13	.....	17
McNeill, John, Esq. ....	3	26	.....	29
Meagher, Richard Denis, Esq. ( <i>Temporary-Chairman of Committees</i> )	5	14	.....	19

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Meehan, John Charles, Esq. ... ..	5	27	.....	32
Mercer, James Ballantine, Esq. ... ..	13	35	.....	48
Millard, William, Esq. ... ..	12	35	.....	47
Miller, Gustave Thomas Carlisle, Esq. ... ..	5	24	.....	29
Miller, John, Esq. ... ..	13	12	.....	25
Moore, The Hon. Samuel Wilkinson, Esq. ... ..	13	35	.....	48
Morton, Mark Fairles, Esq. ... ..	2	15	.....	17
Moxham, Thomas Robert, Esq. ... ..	9	34	.....	43
Nicholson, John Barnes, Esq. ... ..	12	23	.....	35
Nielsen, Niels Rasmus Wilson, Esq. ( <i>Temporary-Chairman of Committees</i> ) ... ..	0	0	.....	0
Nobbs, John, Esq. ... ..	13	35	.....	48
Norton, John, Esq. ... ..	0	0	.....	0
Oakes, The Hon. Charles William, Esq. ... ..	8	35	.....	43
Onslow, Colonel James William Macarthur... ..	13	35	.....	48
O'Sullivan, The Hon. Edward William ... ..	9	13	.....	22
Page, Frederick Joseph, Esq. ... ..	12	34	.....	46
Parkes, Varney, Esq. ... ..	13	28	.....	41
Perry, The Hon. John ... ..	12	35	.....	47
Peters, Henry John Frederick, Esq. ... ..	13	35	.....	48
Price, Richard Atkinson, Esq. ... ..	9	5	.....	14
Robson, William Elliott Veitch, Esq. ... ..	7	20	.....	27
Ryrie, Colonel Granville de Laune ... ..	13	23	.....	36
Scobie, Robert, Esq. ( <i>Temporary-Chairman of Committees</i> ) ... ..	9	32	.....	41
Storey, David, Esq. ... ..	2	11	.....	13
Storey, John, Esq. ... ..	12	33	.....	45
Stuart-Robertson, Robert James, Esq. ... ..	13	35	.....	48
Thomas, Follet Johns, Esq. ... ..	9	25	.....	34
Treffé, John Louis, Esq. ... ..	13	35	.....	48
Waddell, The Hon. Thomas, Esq. ... ..	13	35	.....	48
Wade, The Hon. Charles Gregory, Esq., K.C. ... ..	13	35	.....	48
Wood, The Hon. William Herbert, Esq. ... ..	13	35	.....	48

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## 15. Sittings of the House:—

Return of the number of days on which the House sat in the Session of 1908, 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		Entries in Votes.
					of Sitting.	after Mid-night.	
					h. m.	h. m.	
1	10 March	Tuesday	{ 12 noon	12:15 o'clock p.m.	0 15	...	8
2	11 "	Wednesday	{ 4 o'clock p.m.	10:55 " "	6 55	...	4
3	12 "	Thursday	4 " "	3:50 " a.m.	11 50	3 50	14
4	17 "	Tuesday	4 " "	10:45 " p.m.	6 45	...	8
5	18 "	Wednesday	4 " "	11:0 " "	7 0	...	5
6	19 "	Thursday	4 " "	11:35 " "	7 35	...	7
7	24 "	Tuesday	4 " "	1:28 " a.m.	9 28	1 23	9
8	25 "	Wednesday	4 " "	10:40 " p.m.	6 40	...	5
9	26 "	Thursday	4 " "	8:25 " "	4 25	...	10
10	30 "	Monday	4 " "	11:42 " "	7 42	...	3
11	31 "	Tuesday	4 " "	3:37 " a.m.	11 37	3 37	6
12	1 April	Wednesday	4 " "	11:51 " p.m.	7 51	...	4
13	2 "	Thursday	4 " "	{ 11:27 " " } 6 April	10 27	35 27	8
14	9 "	Thursday	4 " "	11:44 " p.m.	7 44	...	8
15	10 "	Friday	2 " "	{ 12:22 " " } 11 April	22 22	12 :2	6
Total					227 44	116 44	105

Average length of sitting daily, 15 hours 11 minutes.

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